

CASHIER GOES WRONG

FORT SCOTT BANK ROBBED OF \$50,000.

All But Two Thousand Dollars in Cash Stolen by the Cashier—The Best Securities Rediscounted—The Embuzzler Too Ill at Present to Be Placed Under Arrest—Depositors of the Bank Greatly Excited—How the Money Was Lost.

Was Robbed of \$50,000.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Oct. 18.—The aggregate of the embezzlement from the closed State bank of this city of ex-Cashier J. R. Coleen is declared by Vice President J. S. Stewart to be fully \$50,000. This has renewed the excitement and shattered the hopes of many of the depositors and all of the stockholders. The amount stolen is two-thirds of the paid up capital stock and more than the other third will be required to collect on the securities.

Coleen literally robbed the bank of all the cash except \$2,000 of the reserve fund and realased on \$20,000 of the best securities by rediscounting them.

The recent cashier has made a statement to Vice President Stewart, telling from which accounts he took the money and says that most of it was taken since he made his last statement in July. He confessed having robbed the following accounts:

Kansas City banks (cash) \$5,600; St. Louis banks (cash) \$4,200; New York banks (cash) \$2,500; reserve fund, \$9,000; deposits on certificates (cash) \$3,400, rediscounted notes \$11,000.

The examination has resulted in the development that Coleen, in his confession, did not tell all, as \$20,000 of the best notes cannot be found and some of them are known to have been rediscounted in St. Louis.

In his last statement Coleen said that he went to St. Louis for the express purpose of confessing to President Coon, realizing that his robbery had so crippled the bank that it could run only a few days longer and that an exposure was inevitable. He insisted that he had lost all the money, having dealt largely through the stocks and bonds commission house of Gaylord & Blessing in St. Louis.

The bank officers still promise a payment in full to all depositors, but it is admitted that the stock is literally wiped out. The fact that the robbery was systematically perpetrated under the very eyes of the officers and that the defalcation so far exceeds the sum first announced has created consternation.

Coleen will be arrested as soon as he recovers sufficiently to be taken to jail. He is still helpless from nervous prostration and is perfectly childish.

The full extent of the shortage will not be known till outstanding drafts and the foreign accounts are fully reported.

A DENIAL FROM DEPEW.

Vanderbilts Not Seeking to Absorb the Union Pacific.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Chauncey M. Depew, president of the New York Central railway, when asked regarding the report that the Vanderbilt interests would predominate in the reorganization of the Union Pacific system, and that the result would be that the Vanderbilts would secure control of the road and so would satisfy a long cherished wish to own a transcontinental line, replied:

"We saw the story printed while in the West, but there is not the slightest truth in it. The report may have grown out of the fact that Mr. Houghtall and myself were appointed members of the reorganization committee, but that is the only framework on which to build the story. We are not trying to work any scheme of that kind."

It is said that among the provisions of the Union Pacific reorganization are these:

An assessment of \$15 on stock for which preferred stock may be given.

An issue of \$100,000,000 of four percent bonds for the first and the government debt.

An issue of \$75,000,000 of preferred stock.

Bondholders will get new bonds at par and five shares of preferred stock for each \$1,000 of bonds. The common stock will remain unchanged. People who are now applying for an interest in the Union Pacific under writing syndicate are told that they are too late, and that earlier applicants are getting much less than the amount applied for. The plan will probably announced at once.

Must Extend the Tax.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 18.—The supreme court handed down an opinion in the case brought by the attorney general to compel the county clerk of Franklin county, to extend a state university tax, holding that the order of the state board of equalization for the extension of the tax was authorized by the legislature last winter, which set aside \$100,000 for the university, but did not specifically authorize an assessment. According to custom the board of equalization ordered the assessment. The county clerk of Franklin county refused to comply because the legislature had not ordered it. The case went to the supreme court with the result as stated.

A Tacoma Bank Closed.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 18.—The Commercial National bank, of which Judge Allyn is president, failed to open yesterday. The cause of the failure is the sudden demand of the city for \$6,000 of its deposits.

EX-PRIEST: WAGNER.

He Offers to Pay \$1,000 in Settlement of Embezzlement Charge.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 18.—A story is in circulation about the court house to the effect that Dominick Wagner, late pastor of St. Mary's church, has made an offer to pay over to the church \$1,000 cash in the hope of having the charge of embezzlement pending against him dismissed. Bishop Burke, so it is said, declined to discuss the matter and pointedly refused to have anything to do with Wagner.

HIS GRANT NOT HOPELESS

Waller's Concession in Madagascar to Be Looted After.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Counselor Kennedy of the Waller case is of the opinion that the turn which the course of military affairs has taken in Madagascar in favor of the French will favorably affect the financial interests of the ex-consul in that island. He holds that the ownership of the land conceded to Mr. Waller by the Hova government is a question entirely separate from that of his guilt or innocence of the charge of aiding and abetting the Hovas in their war with the French. He bases this opinion upon the fact that the grant was made previous to the French conquest, and says that while France, at the time, questioned the right of the Hovas to make the concession, the government of the United States had not conceded France's right to interfere in the management of the internal affairs of Madagascar. When France assumes an undisputed protectorate in the island, as it is presumed she will, in view of the recent success of her arms in that quarter, it will find that various grants have been made to citizens of other countries, not only of England and Germany, and it is supposed that the Waller grant will be put on the same basis as these.

INSULTED A GOVERNOR.

Negro of Greeley, Colo., Tarred and Feathered by Indignant Citizens.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 18.—A negro named Marshall was tarred and feathered at Greeley last night for having insulted Governor McIntyre at the potato day celebration.

Governor McIntyre was surprised when informed of the incident at Greeley. He went to the bicycle races there Thursday with his wife and Lieutenant Bruce and wife. When they arrived at the stand for the team they found their way blocked by a long wagon to which was attached a team driven by Marshall. General Kice requested the negro to move his wagon so as not to take up too much room. Thereupon Marshall delivered a tirade of abuse, using the most insulting language. Finally, however, he did as requested. Governor McIntyre thought so little of the matter that he had not mentioned it to anybody since his return to Denver.

MAHOMMEDAN UNREST.

Storm Brewing Which Will Sweep Away the Hamidian Dynasty.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Times dwells upon the vague rumors current there and upon the feeling of unrest manifesting itself by decline upon the bourse, by long faces in the bazaar, and by mysterious whisperings of massacres in the provinces, which are wholly unsubstantiated. Mahomedans declare a storm is brewing which will sweep away the whole dynasty and liberate Islam from the thralldom of the hated Hamidian system, which cramps its energies and paralyzes all its forces. The activity at the Dardanelles continues, and 10,000 additional men are under orders to join the garrison. New batteries are building at Dardanelles, Namazie and Madjidieh, armed with heavy guns. All the flannel in town has been bought up for cartridge making, and all the whitesmiths are busy making lanterns and canteens. Many Mahomedans have been arrested in different parts of Stamboul for using seditious language.

Choctaw Council in Session.

TUSKOKOMA, Ind. Ter., Oct. 18.—Choctaw council is moving off slowly, although quite a number of bills have been introduced. Yesterday a bill was introduced into the house to compel the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway company, the St. Louis and San Francisco railway, the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf railway and the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railway company to pay 1 per cent royalty on rolling stock, depots and all other property within the limits of the Choctaw nation, and also to make express and railway companies pay the same royalty. The bill will pass as members in both houses favor it and it will add several thousand dollars to the general fund of the Choctaw nation.

Belva Held to the Grand Jury.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—A preliminary hearing of a criminal libel suit brought against Mrs. Belva Lockwood, a former presidential candidate, by Robert E. L. White, a lawyer, who accused her of tacking notices derogatory to his reputation on his office door, was held in police court yesterday. Mrs. Lockwood was held for the grand jury, although when on the witness stand she denied every allegation.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

There is a good deal of kicking over the works of the Dawes Indian commission on account of its slowness.

The annual report of the quartermaster general shows that the army is better cared for than any time since the civil war.

Postal receipts from thirty cities for the first quarter of this year show an increase of ten per cent over the same period of last year.

From the howl that is going up about the liability of congress to raise the beer tax it is supposed the brewers have cut off the funds of the lobbyists.

The National Convention of Liquor Dealers re-elected John W. Howard of St. Louis treasurer.

The anti-foreign feeling in China is growing, and the Central Government is unable to assert its authority.

SIX HUNDRED KILLED.

Appalling Result of an Explosion on a Steamship at Kung Kai, China.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 18.—An explosion occurred yesterday on a steamship at Kung Kai, near Kim Chow. The steamer was loaded with troops, and it is reported that 600 of them were killed.

A Supreme Judge Dead.

FREEPORT, Ill., Oct. 18.—Judge Joseph M. Bailey, of the Illinois supreme court, died at 10 o'clock last night, after an illness of several weeks.

PRESIDENTIAL TALK.

SENATOR THURSTON INDULGES THEREIN.

San Francisco, Pittsburgh or Chicago Likely to Get the Republican National Convention—Thurston Says Harrison is Virtually Out of the Race—The Money Question to be One of Absorbing Interest—Too Early to Speculate Much.

The Political Situation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—"The location of the next Republican national convention lies between three cities—San Francisco, Pittsburgh and Chicago," said National Committeeman John M. Thurston of Nebraska, who is at present on the Pacific coast in the interest of the Union Pacific railroad. He stated that Joseph Manley, the national committeeman from Maine, had expressed the wish to him that San Francisco might be the next convention place of the Republican party, and that many of the other members of the Eastern delegation had expressed the same desire. "As for myself," he continued, "I have not made up my mind. It is sure to go to Chicago, Pittsburgh or San Francisco, and every one of the three places named will suit me."

What do I think of the probable nominees of the party?" Mr. Thurston went on. "Well, my state is rather inclined toward McKinley, but I hear Allison or Reed of Maine frequently referred to as available or safe for the party. Harrison, did you say? Never. He is entirely out of the question. I believe there was an attempt to work him into the fight, but it has about given up. Don't you recall that old line, 'Thou dost protest too much.' That applies to Harrison. He will never do. Will the Republican party give the West a free coinage plank? Yes, I think so. One similar to the plank of the last campaign, but I do not think the Republicans or the Democrats either will ever declare for the free and unlimited coining of silver without regard to any other country. I think the money question will have to be settled in such a way that there will never be any great disturbance in money values. I have always thought that way and cannot see it in any other light. So far as the political situation is concerned as a whole it is a little early to make any definite statements, as they would be somewhat in the nature of a conjecture."

THE NEW WOMAN.

A Fair Sample From the Sunflower State.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 18.—The divorce suit of Dr. Nannie A. Stevens against Ralph Stevens went to trial this forenoon in Judge Scarritt's court. Her husband lives in Wichita, Kan., and she lived there with him and practiced medicine there till two years ago when she brought her children to Kansas City and opened an office here.

On the witness stand Dr. Stevens said her husband called her a "she doctor" in a tone of voice that implied contempt. As an instance of his rough conduct toward her she related that once she was consulting with another doctor down stairs, when the baby, which was in bed with its father upstairs, began to cry. She went up and said to him: "Why didn't you put that baby to sleep?" and he told her he was not going to "feed her if she did not attend to her household duties."

At another time she had been up all night with a typhoid fever patient and in the morning telephoned to her husband to send the carriage for her. She had to walk home, and when she reproached him for it, he replied: "A little walk will do you good."

Dr. Stevens said that when she got home that morning he didn't even have breakfast ready. "And more than that, he just laid around and didn't help me get the dinner."

AFTER THE UNION PACIFIC.

The Vanderbilts Said to Be Figuring on the Controlling Interest.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Ever since the famous traffic contract was made between the Union Pacific and the Chicago and Northwestern railroads, whereby the former secured the right to dictate the through rates from the West to Chicago, and the latter the through rates from Chicago to points on the Union Pacific west of Omaha, rumors have been current that the Vanderbilts would soon secure full control of the Union Pacific property. A plan for the reorganization of the Union Pacific is now in course of preparation, and the preliminary steps already taken indicate a doubt that when the Union Pacific gets out of the hands of receivers it will be controlled and operated by the Chicago & Northwestern, which is one of the Vanderbilts roads.

Spiritualists in Convention.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The National Spiritualist association began its third annual session here to-day and will continue until Thursday. There will be three sessions each day and it has been arranged to have the evening meetings addressed by some of the most noted speakers and best mediums in the country.

Port Wayne's Centennial.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 18.—The celebration of the 100th anniversary of Fort Wayne's existence as a city, which is to continue for four days, was begun this morning with large crowds in attendance from Northern Indiana, Southern Michigan and Northwestern Ohio.

RICHILL'S BAPTIST CHURCH BURNED.

RICHILL, Mo., Oct. 18.—The First Baptist church and parsonage were burned to the ground here this morning at 3 o'clock. The parsonage was unoccupied. Trouble has existed in the church, and the fire is supposed to have been incendiary.

A Railroad Builder Dead.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Oct. 18.—Colonel T. L. Wilson, who conceived the idea of building a railroad from St. Louis to Denver, Texas, in 1856, which resulted in the construction of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road, died in this city to-day.

Mrs. Cleveland Leaves Gray Gables.

BUZZARD'S BAY, Mass., Oct. 18.—Mrs. Cleveland and children left Gray Gables on a special train at 8:05 o'clock this morning for Washington.

EPISCOPAL STATISTICS.

The State of the Church in America Set Forth in a Report.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 16.—The Rev. H. C. Duncan of Louisiana, in his report on the state of the church said that since the last conference in 1895, 19, bishops had died and 14 had been consecrated, 4 of whom went to missionary districts. The church now had 78 bishops, 4,544 clergymen, 467 candidates for lay orders, 19,820 baptisms in the past year and 131,475 confirmations. There were now 618,500 communicants, 5,117 church edifices and nearly 500 institutions of a benevolent or educational character. Contributions from all sources had reached \$38,000,000.

Dr. Duncan showed that the body of communicants was growing more than the number of clergy. The increase in the last three years had been 65,701, while the list of priests had grown but 157, a fact he attributed to "insufficiency and diminution of stipends." The income for the three years was \$35,000 less than for the preceding period. The committee made recommendations for patriotic services on the Fourth of July, for stricter regard for the divorce law of the church, "As for myself," he continued, "I have not made up my mind. It is sure to go to Chicago, Pittsburgh or San Francisco, and every one of the three places named will suit me."

THE DEFaulTER A WRECK.

J. R. Coleen Very Sick in His Fort Scott Home—His Wife's Sacrifice.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Oct. 16.—J. R. Coleen, the defaulting cashier of the State bank of this city, which was compelled to close its doors yesterday, arrived here this morning accompanied by his wife and little daughter and his wife's brother, R. D. McArthur of Jacksonville, Ill. He came voluntarily from St. Louis as he promised President D. F. Coon he would when sent for. He is a mental and physical wreck and it was necessary to carry him from the train to a carriage. He is now in bed at his hand-somely furnished home, unable to talk. His physicians say that he can not live long.

Mrs. Coleen has given up her diamonds and paid up life insurance of several thousand dollars and all she has to the bank.

REFORM IN ST. LOUIS.

Police Commissioner Lee Will Try to Enforce the Sunday Closing Law.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 16.—Police Commissioner Lee has sent a letter to each of the ministers of the city asking them if they will uphold him in an heroic effort to enforce the Sunday law which has been a dead letter since 1857.

He says that he is anxious to identify himself with the law loving element and to enforce "a decent and orderly observance of the first day of the week."

Nearly all of the ministers have promised the commissioner their zealous support, and a hard and bitter fight is looked for.

TO BE TRIED NEXT MONTH.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 16.—Dominic Wagner, the ex-priest, was arraigned in the criminal court this morning, but in application of his attorneys the case was continued until the November term, at which he will be tried on the charge of embezzlement and possibly of rape and kidnapping. No mention was made of bail, as Wagner does not desire to be released, but will remain in jail pending trial.

GERMAN REFORMERS AGAINST TAMMANY.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—It is said that Dr. H. A. C. Anderson will resign the presidency of the German-American Reform union at the meeting to be held to-night on account of the action of the general committee in co-operating with Tammany in the municipal campaign. The meeting is to be a protest against this coalition and will be addressed by Theodore Sutro, Carl Schurz and others.

MISSOURI MASON'S MEET.

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