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## ANARCHIST IS SHOT

### Chicago Chief of Police Kills Man Who Attacked Him.

### OFFICIAL'S SON BADLY WOUNDE

### Saves Father's Life, but Gets Two Bullets in Chest.

### —CHMAN IS ALSO SHOT

### NO' Escapes With Slight Stab in Shoulder.

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### FINAL NOT YET IDENTIFIED

### WE Has Been Attending Anarchist ...ings and is Apparently an Indic Italian or Slav—Many D Arrests Made.

...AGO, March 2.—Chief of Police ...e M. Shippy, his son Harry and his ...r, James Foley, were wounded by an ...Mchist who attempted to assassinate ...Os police official in the hall of the latter's ...residence, 31 Lincoln Court, shortly after 9 o'clock this morning. The desperate struggle, in which Mrs. Shippy and her daughter Georgietta joined, was terminated when the chief drew his own revolver and killed his assailant. Attempts to identify the dead man have thus far resulted in failure.

The attack is believed to have been the result of a widespread conspiracy to harm officials who have been active in suppressing manifestations of anarchists in this community. Other city officials are said to have been threatened, and a police spy, who recognized the corpse of the man who invaded Shippy's home as that of a person who regularly attended anarchists' meetings, asserted that the man was chosen by lot to do away with not only the chief of police, but Mayor Busse as well. The ramifications of the plot are said to extend to other cities and to be closely connected with the killing of Rev. Leo Heinrichs, a Roman Catholic priest who was sho tdown at the altar of his church

**Young Shippy May Die.**

Harry Shippy is the most severely hurt of those injured in today's affray. He was shot through the breast twice and was probably fatally wounded. His father was stabbed in the arm, while Foley received a bullet in the wrist. Mrs. Shippy was kicked by the desperado, but her hurts are slight.

Following the attack squads of police were sent into the Italian and Ghetto districts of the city. Places known as headquarters of secret societies suspected of anarchistic tendencies were raided and before midnight a score or more of arrests had been made. A coroner's inquest over the body of the anarchist was also started and State's Attorney Healy announced that the March grand jury of Cook county, which was convened today, will be given an opportunity to investigate anarchistic organizations in an attempt to fasten responsibility for the attack upon its instigators. It was also reported that Mayor Busse intends to issue an order forbidding all street meetings, the allegation being made that such gatherings, whether of a political or religious nature, are often made the occasion for vicious attacks upon the social order.

**Chief Describes Attack.**

That the attempt to kill Chief Shippy resulted in failure was due largely to the policeman's quickness in anticipating the purpose of his visitor's presence. The man had twice called at the house and asked for the chief—first, yesterday when he was told that Mr. Shippy was at work and, again early this morning, when a servant informed him that the chief could not be seen before 9 o'clock. When he rang the doorbell at the latter hour, the chief himself answered the call.

"As I opened the door," said Mr. Shippy later, describing the attack, "the man raised his hat and I allowed him to step into the hallway. He handed me an envelope. I glanced at it and then the thought struck me that the man was up to some wrong. He looked like an anarchist. I grabbed his arms and called to my wife, who was in another room. When she ran into the hallway, I said: 'Mother, see if this man has a revolver.'

"She felt one of his back pockets and said that he had.

"I tried to hold him with one hand and draw my revolver with the other, but he jerked away and fell against the door. I caught him again, and while we were struggling, my son, who was upstairs, started to my aid. He was only a few steps from the bottom of the stairs when the man freed one hand, drew his revolver and fired two shots at Harry. Then Foley, who had been summoned by my daughter, stepped into the hallway and the man shot him. The anarchist kicked my wife to one side and by this time I had secured my own revolver, and both Foley and I opened fire. At my first shot, which struck him in the head he fell. But I fired three more, one in his head and two in his body. Two of Foley's shots also struck the assassin."

Policemen from all sections of the city were at once put to work on the case. Ambulances and physicians were summoned, and Foley and Harry Shippy were taken to a hospital.

**Body Not Identified.**

The body of the anarchist was removed to a morgue. A search of the corpse failed to reveal any marks by which it might be identified. In a pocket of the man's coat, however, the polic ediscovered a small box of lozenges, the package bearing a label inscribed "Trowbridge Confectionery company, Meadville, Pa." The lozenges were sent to a chemist for analysis, the police being of the opinion that they might contain poison. It is thought that it was the intention of the anarchist to commit suicide had he been arrested.

The police are firm in the belief that the attack on the chief was due to an anarchistic plot. Theories that the man may have had a personal grievance against the official because of an arrest or some similar matter were given up when detectives of the department failed to recognize the corpse as that of a known criminal. Two members of the force asserted that they had seen the man at a meeting of anarchists in a hall on the north side of the city about ten days ago. The testimony of the police spy confirmed this view of the case.

**Boy Saves Father's Life.**

Both the chief and Mrs. Shippy assert that the former's life was saved by the bravery of her son. Hhe young man, who is 18 years old, is a student at Culver Military academy, Culver, Ind. He was at home because of illness and hastened to his father's aid when he heard the struggle in the hall.

"The man had drawn a great knife and

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## SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Tuesday, March 3, 1908.

**THE WEATHER.**

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Tuesday and Wednesday fair.

FORECAST FOR IOWA—Fair Tuesday; rain Tuesday night or Wednesday.

Temperatures at Omaha yesterday:

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|---|---|
| 5 a. m. | 25 |
| 6 a. m. | 24 |
| 7 a. m. | 24 |
| 8 a. m. | 24 |
| 9 a. m. | 27 |
| 10 a. m. | 28 |
| 11 a. m. | 32 |
| 12 m. | 35 |
| 1 p. m. | 35 |
| 2 p. m. | [illegible] |
| 3 p. m. | 39 |
| 4 p. m. | 41 |
| 5 p. m. | 42 |
| 6 p. m. | 41 |
| 7 p. m. | 39 |
| 8 p. m. | 38 |
| 9 p. m. | 37 |




**DOMESTIC.**

Chief of Police Shippy shoots and kills an anarchist who invaded his home Monday morning, shooting his son and coachman and wounding the chief in an effort at assassination. **Page 1**

Illinois Central stockholders' meeting delayed a day because of inability of proxies committee to prepare same. **Page 2**

Delegates gather for Ohio state convention, the platform having been submitted to Secretary Taft and approved by him. **Page 1**

President Roosevelt finds that Judge L. Wilfley of the United States court at Shanghai is entitled to credit instead of censure for his acts. **Page 2**

Thomas B. Wanamaker dies at Liverpool. **Page 1**

King Rex of the Mardi Gras carnival at New Orleans opens the carnival. **Page 1**

Trial of Beach Hargis begins at Jackson. **Page 1**

Prize offered for the suggestion of a more humane way to slaughter animals. **Page 1**

Railroads terminating in St. Louis have placed in effect regulations that will reduce expenses $1,500,000 a month. **Page 2**

Many granite men in Vermont are out of work as a result of a suspension from wage trouble. **Page 1**

Interstate Commerce commission decides the nine-hour law must stand without favor to any of the roads. **Page 1**

**FOREIGN.**

Pope Pius gives absolution in funeral ceremonies held at Rome for the late king of Portugal and the crown prince, who were assassinated. **Page 1**

**NEBRASKA.**

State accountant files report on finances of Milford Soldiers' home and Lincoln Insane asylum. Commandant at Grand Island home says there will be no shortage there. **Page 3**

**LOCAL.**

Attorneys for James H. Edmisten, who was indicted for land frauds, now say that their client is seriously ill in Florida, which explains failure of the ex-reformer to appear in federal court in Omaha. **Page 1**

Scoring the proscribed district in Omaha, the Douglas county grand jury has gone over a long list of wrongs and made sweeping recommendations for the prevention and cure of vice. **Page 10**

Mayor James Charles Dahlman of Omaha says that if he goes after the nomination for governor on the democratic ticket and then keeps up the effort for the election there is little doubt of his success. **Page 5**

The Missouri Pacific Railroad company has ordered the closing of local offices in a number of cities as a retrenchment measure, but President George Gould denies that the road is apt to go into the hands of a receiver. **Page 5**

**SPORT.**

Chick Autrey has been secured by Pa Rourke and will hold down first base for Omaha this season, the Chicken having made a big hit in winter base ball with San Diego during the winter. **Page 9**

**COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.**

Live stock markets. **Page 7**

Grain markets. **Page 7**

Stocks and bonds. **Page 7**

**MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.**

| Port. | Arrived. | Sailed. |
|---|---|---|
| NEW YORK | Caledonia | ..... |
| LIVERPOOL | Bohemian | ..... |
| LIVERPOOL | Etruria | ..... |
| SOUTHAMPTON | New York | ..... |
| QUEENSTOWN | .. | Cymric. |
| QUEENSTOWN | .. | Lucania. |
| MOVILLE | ..... | Columbia. |
| BOSTON | Canadian | ..... |

## POPE PIUS GIVES ABSOLUTION

### Funeral Ceremony Held at Rome for Repose of Souls of King and Son.

ROME, March 2.—In the hall of the beatifications a great funeral ceremony was held for the repose of the souls of the late King Carlos of Portugal and Crown Prince Luis Philippe, who were assassinated on the streets of Lisbon February last.

Cardinal Vincenzo Vannuttelli, arch priest of the Liberian basilica, who also holds among his other titles that of Protector of Portugal, celebrated mass. The pope himself gave absolution. The whole of the sacred college, the papal court, members of the aristocracy of Rome and several thousand others, including many Americans, were present at the function.

## GERMANY FEARS NO TROUBLE

### Situation in Hayti Not Looked Upon as Serious by the Foreign Office.

BERLIN, March 2.—The Foreign office does not believe that the differences of opinion between General Nord Alexis, the president of the republic of Hayti, and Germany' diplomatic and consular representatives there are likely to grow more serious. Germany has full confidence in the ability of the United States to bring about a settlement of the difficulties that shall be equable and satisfactory to all concerned.

**Johnson's Hearing Tuesday.**

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The preliminary examination of Donald B. Johnson, cashier of the Green Mountain Savings bank, who is under arrest on a charge of receiving deposits when he knew the bank to be insolvent, will have his preliminary examination Tuesday morning. His bond has been fixed at $24,000. Stuart B. MacDiarmid's hearing will follow, according to present arrangements.

## DELEGATES GATHER IN OHIO

### Republican State Convention Will Meet This Afternoon.

### PLATFORM ALREADY PREPARED

### It Will Favor Immediate Revision of Tariff Along Party Lines—Garfield to Be Temporary Chairman.

COLUMBUS, O., March 2.—The republican state convention will be called to order tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, although it is not expected that any important action will be taken before Wednesday. The first session, which will be brief, will be devoted to the work of organization and the chief interest centers about the speech of James R. Garfield, who will be the temporary chairman. An adjournment will be taken as soon as he has completed his address.

The platform has already been prepared and no contest worth mentioning is expected over any of its planks. So far there has appeared no sign of a disagreement upon any subject of national importance. The platform will, in effect, declare for the immediate revision of the tariff along party lines, the work to be done at a special session of the next congress. The policies of President Roosevelt will be endorsed and the demand will be made that there be no reaction in them and no decrease in the vigor in which they are to be carried through.

**Planks of Platform.**

The Ohio "representatives in congress, are recognized "for their standing and ability." No names will be mentioned.

The construction of the Panama canal will be approved and its speedy completion urged.

The services of Secretary William H. Taft will be eulogized and approved.

The establishment of a merchant marine, and the creation of a strong navy will be urged.

The enactment of a currency bill intended to meet the present needs of the country will be demanded.

The initiative and referendum will be favored in cases where the rights of the people and public property are involved.

Local option in the liquor trade will be favored.

Rehabilitation of the canals of the state will be urged.

The amendment of the state constitution permitting the classification of property for taxation will be endorsed.

The enactment of a compulsory primary election law will be asked, and the administration of Governor Harris will be commended.

It is expected also that the platform will include a plank relating to the colored people, but its exact nature has not yet been determined.

**No Slate on State Offices.**

The announcement that there will be no "slate," no prearrangement of any kind, and the nominations for the various offices are to be the result of a free-for-all fight and the prize of anybody who can get them, has greatly stimulated the interest in the convention.

The only offices for which there will not be a struggle are governor, where Governor Harris has no opposition; secretary of state, where the present incumbent, C. M. Thompson, will be nominated by acclamation, and dairy and food commissioner, for which office Rennick W. Dunlap will have a walkaway. It is also highly probable that Judges John A. Schauck and James L. Price, present members of the supreme court, will be nominated, although Judge Woldman of Norwalk is also a candidate.

The four delegates at large to the republican national convention have been selected and there will be no opposition to any of them. They will be Governor Harris, Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland, Arthur I. Vorys of Lancaster, the political manager of the Taft campaign, and Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, the brother of the secretary of war.

Governor Harris today gave out the following signed statement:

I am not a candidate for United States senator and have no expectations about it. I hope to be nominated and elected governor and serve out my full term to the best of my ability. I have no ambition beyond that.

### EIGHTH DISTRICT IS FOR TAFT

### Kansas Republicans Declare for Him at Welington.

WELLINGTON, Kan., March 2.—Republicans of the Eighth congressional district met here today and selected B. F. McLean of Wichita and George Hunter of Wellington as delegates to the national convention at Chicago, with instructions for Taft.

## SMELTING DIVIDEND IS LESS

### Decrease of One Per Cent in Profits of Company, According to Declaration.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Directors of the American Smelting and Refining company today declared a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent on the company's common stock. This compares with a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent on the common stock for the last previous quarter. The directors today also declared a quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock, which is unchanged from the last previous quarter.

## FIRE RECORD

**Jacob Roast's Residence.**

RED OAK, Ia., March 1.—(Special.)—The home of Jacob Roast, southwest of town, was completely destroyed last night by fire. Mr. Roast and family were attending a social about a mile and a half from their home. A neighbor saw the fire, but the roof fell in just as he got there. Insurance $300, which doesn't near cover the loss.

**Fire Loss of $90,000.**

ALBERT LEA, Minn., March 2.—Fire which started in Lembke's dry goods store today destroyed one of the largest business buildings in the city, entailing a loss on the building, four mercantile firms, the Northwestern Telephone Exchange company and six other tenants of $90,000.

**Ten Horses Burned.**

VERMILION, S. D., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Ten horses, several hundred bushels of grain, a quantity of harness and machinery were consumed in a fire which destroyed a large barn on the John Gunderson farm today. Total loss, $4,000.

**Big Farm Loss at Marshalltown.**

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Fifteen cattle, eight horses, forty tons of hay in two barns on the J. F. Yetley farm at the edge of Marshalltown burned early this morning. Loss, $4,000, partly insured.

**Breckenridge Hall.**

DANVILLE, Ky., March 2.—Breckenridge hall, one of the largest dormities of Central university, was destroyed by fire today.

## REX REACHES NEW ORLEANS

### Arrival of the King of Mardi Gras is the Signal for Carnival Opening.

NEW ORLEANS, March 2.—Today marks the arrival of Rex in the festivities attendant upon Mardi Gras and the formal opening of the New Orleans carnival. The king of the carnival is received with elaborate ceremonies by the mayor and other officials this afternoon and taking the keys to the city rules supreme until midnight Tuesday. The jewels which will be worn during the carnival by Rex and his queen have been on exhibition in their capital city, New Orleans, for several days. The king's crown is of gold, set with diamonds and emeralds and lined with red velvet. The scepter is of gold and ivory and studded with handsome gems of many varieties. A heavy rope of pearls and diamonds set with amethysts will be worn across the monarch's breast.

The queen's jewels are of diamonds and emeralds and consist of girdle, necklace, bracelets and brooches. There is a tiara of unusual beauty, which is set with these gems. The scepter is of gold and pearl, studded with many handsome stones.

The identity of those who play the parts of the merry monarchs in the carnival is supposed to be kept secret until the day following the ball of Rex tonight, when all local newspapers publish pictures of the king and his queen. While Rex is always some prominent business man, the queen is usually the daughter of some representative citizen. To be chosen as either king or queen is considered a great honor, and many thousands of dollars are spent upon the robes and the gowns of the monarchs whose reign lasts less than thirty-six hours.

During these thirty-six hours the merry subjects of Rex and his queen give themselves over to mirthful celebrations. Following the naval pageant and parade attendant upon the reception of Rex the parade and ball of Proteus are held tonight. Tomorrow morning there is the parade of Rex and tomorrow evening the parade and the ball of the Mystic Krewe of Comus and the ball of Rex, which bring the carnival to a close.

## THOMAS B. WANAMAKER DEAD

### Son of John Wanamaker and Owner of Philadelphia North American Passes Away.

LIVERPOOL, March 2.—Thomas B. Wanamaker of Philadelphia, son of former Postmaster General John Wanamaker, died suddenly at the Hotel Liverpool here today. Mr. Wanamaker arrived here on Thursday, from Egypt, where he had been traveling with his mother in search of health.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2.—Mr. Wanamaker had long been a sufferer from rheumatic gout, complicated with other ailments. Mr. Wanamaker for a long time had not been feeling well and about the first of the year sailed for Egypt in search of health. On February 1 public announcement was made that Mr. Wanamaker had retired from the firm of John Wanamaker. The reason for his retirement was not given and his father declined to make any statement. It was generally believed, however, that the son's retirement was due to his ill health.

While it was known that Mr. Wanamaker was quite ill, it was not believed that h's condition was dangerous until yesterday, when the family received a cablegram stating that he was dying. His mother, his sister, Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton and his niece, Miss Fernanda Wanamaker, the daughter of his brother, Rodman Wanamaker, were with him when he died.

Thomas B. Wanamaker was born in this city and was in his 48th year. He graduated from Princeton and soon afterward became a member of the firm of John Wanamaker and was the executive head in the absence of his father. He was interested in many enterprises and was the proprietor of the Philadelphia North American, having purchased the newspaper from Clayton McMichael in 1899.

Mr. Wanamaker leaves a widow and two young sons. Mrs. Wanamaker did not go abroad with her husband because one of the children has been operated upon for appendicitis and it was deemed inadvisable to take the boy across the ocean at that time.

## HUMANE WAY TO SLAUGHTER

### Prize Offered for Suggestions of Better Method Than That Used at Present.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Henry Bergh, nephew of the founder of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, in a letter in connection with the offer of a prize of $500 by the society for an invention for the humane slaughter of animals for food, objects to present slaughter methods as cruelty. "In all the relations of man to the lower animals there is nothing," says the letter, "involving so much suffering as the raising and killing of those used for market purposes."

To mitigate as far as possible the sufferings inflicted on them committees have been appointed by the American humane association and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to investigate the various methods of slaughtering throughout this country and Europe.

Electricity for the purpose has been considered objectionable because of the danger to human life, its questionable humanity especially in unskilled hands, and its possible injurious effects on the fresh of the animal."

Concluding the letter says that in the competition for the prize drawings and models, either or both, accompanied by a typewritten description, must be delivered at the offices of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 50 Madison avenue, before meeting on Monday, June 1, 1908.

## BEACH HARGIS' CASE IS ON

### Citizens of Jackson Retain Lawyer to Assist in Prosecution of Young Man.

JACKSON, Ky., March 2.—The case of Beech Hargis, charged with the murder of his father, former Judge James F. Hargis, one of the principals in the Breathitt county feuds, was called today before Judge Adams. Attorney A. Floyd Byrd was engaged by the citizens of Jackson to prosecute Hargis and will assist the state.

**Dakota Debaters Selected.**

VERMILLION, S. D., March 2.—(Special.)—It has finally been decided who shall represent the University of South Dakota in the two debates to be held this month. Messrs F. P. Denholm, B. F. Mintner and Harry P. Ilsley will go against North Dakota, and R. H. Driesbach, A. L. Sherin and M. W. Murphy will look after the university's interests in the contest with Creighton university. The North Dakota debate will occur at Grand Forks, March 9, while the one with Creighton will be held in this city on March 16.

## HEPBURN ANTI-OPTION BILL

### Iowa Man Introduces Measure Taxing Sales of Stocks.

### MANY SUBJE T ARE DEBATED

### Mr. Clark of Florida Makes Sensational Attack on Prosecutions for Peonage by Attorney General.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, introduced a bill in the house today intended to discourage margin trading in securities. It imposes a tax of 50 cents per 100 shares on all sales of stocks and agreements to sell.

A variety of subjects was considered by the house today. A resolution was passed authorizing the immigration committee to investigate charges of peonage in certain states. In the debate on that subject Mr. Clark of Florida, denounced Assistant Attorney General Russell, in connection with certain prosecutions in Florida and referred sarcastically to Attorney General Bonaparte. There followed a lively discussion over a bill to deport, after serving their sentences, of all aliens convicted of felony. The measure was defeated.

Four hundred pension bills and a few other private bills were passed, and the balance of the time was consumed in considering the postoffice appropriation bill, which will be discussed for several days.

Consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill was begun in the house of representatives today. As presented, the bill carries a total appropriation of $220,765,392, which is $9,675,624 less than the estimates.

Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, explained the provisions of the measure, the main feature of which already has been published. An understanding was reached whereby general debate is to continue indefinitely. The bill had only been briefly discussed when it was laid aside and the house at 5:06 p. m. adjourned.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

**William Alden Smith Speaks Against Aldrich Currency Bill.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, today spoke against the railroad bond feature of the Aldrich currency bill pending before the senate. Most of the day was devoted to the passage of bills on the calendar which are not of general importance.

A bill to recognize the consular service of the United States was passed. Mr. Lodge stated that the net result of the measure is to save about $1,000 to close twenty-eight consulat and to create seventy new ones. No consul will be dropped as a result of this legislation, which will take effect July 1, 1908.

The senate today passed a bill authorizing the entry under the homestead law of 320 acres of land instead og 160, as at present, when the land is arid and incapable of irrigation.

**Kansas Man to Guatemala.**

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The president sent to the senate today the nomination of William Heimek of Kansas to be minister to Guatemala.

## CADAVERS FRIGHTEN MODEL

### Young Woman's Eyes Uncovered to Scene that Sends Her Into Serious Condition.

CHICAGO, March 2.—The Record-Herald today says that Miss Frances Kingsnorth, an artists' model, was led blindfolded into a room filled with cadavers yesterday and was photographed for a picture to be entitled "Asleep with the Dead." She fainted when the bandage was removed and her eyes opened on the grinning hulks of human forms that surrounded her. Her collapse was followed by hysterics, in which she screamed and struggled to free herself from what seemed to her a living tomb until she fell in an unconscious heap on the floor of the anatomical laboratory.

For hours after her experience she was in a precarious condition at the home of a physician, whither she was removed following the scene created as the result of an effort to obtain a photograph that would eclipse all the imaginative horrors conceived by art. Miss Kingsnorth previously had nerved herself to waltz with an articulated skeleton and to pose with the same bony remnant of a departed personality upon her lap and several pictures were taken.

## CONCERT BY MAENNERCHOR

### German Singing Society is Assisted by Martha Schwartz, Soprano, and Marie Meek, Pianist.

At the concert and ball given Sunday night in Metropolitan hall by the Omaha Maennerchor, assisted by Martha Schwartz, soprano, and Marie Meek, pianist, several hundred friends of this popular German singing society attested their appreciation by repeated encoring. Prior to the ball a program of twelve numbers was given, which included soprano and bass solos, selections of Steinhauser's orchestra and numerous songs by the Maennerchor, under the able direction of Henry Haubens. Owing to the absence of F. Lehmann, who was to sing a tenor solo, his place was filled by Peter Laux, who accommodated with a bass solo.

## BANCROFT WOMAN ENDS LIFE

### Mrs. C. E. Robinson Drinks Carbolic Acid While Alone in Daughter's Home.

BANCROFT, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Mrs. C. E. Robinson, an old resident of this place, committed suicide today, taking carbolic acid. She had been living with her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Presser, and while the latter was down town shopping, she drank the acid. Mrs. Robinson leaves two daughters and one son, Mrs. W. F. Presser of Bancroft, Mrs. J. E. Blenkison of Sioux City and Frank Robinson of Ponca.

## NINE-HOUR LAW MUST HOLD

### Interstate Commerce Commission Refuses All Requests of Railroads for Extension.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Interstate Commerce commission today decided by a unanimous vote to deny all petitions for the extension of time within which to comply with the so-called hours of service laws—the nine-hour law. The reasons will be stated in a report which is now in course of preparation and will be announced in a few days.

**Call to Toledo Case Accepted.**

LA PORTE, Ind., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Rev. W. W. Daupon of Omaha, who was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood Friday by Right Rev. Bishop White of this diocese, today accepted an unanimous call voted him by St. John's Episcopal church of Toledo, O. He will begin his labors at once.

## TAFT VOTE CONTIUES TO GROW

### Already Has Overwhelming Majority in the State Convention.

**REPUBLICAN INSTRUCTIONS.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Total delegates in state convention | 925 |
| Total delegates already chosen | 709 |
| **FOR TAFT:** | |
| Adams | 15 |
| Antelope | 13 |
| Boone | 12 |
| Butler | 11 |
| Cass | 18 |
| Cedar | 12 |
| Chase | 7 |
| Clay | 14 |
| Colfax | 8 |
| Custer | 18 |
| Dakota | 6 |
| Dodge | 19 |
| Douglas | 102 |
| Dundy | 3 |
| Fillmore | 13 |
| Franklin | 8 |
| Furnas | 10 |
| Gage | 29 |
| Hamilton | 12 |
| Hayes | 3 |
| Hitchcock | 4 |
| Holt | 12 |
| Howard | 8 |
| Johnson | 11 |
| Kearney | 8 |
| Kimball | 1 |
| Madison | 18 |
| Nance | 8 |
| Nemaha | 13 |
| Otoe | 17 |
| Pawnee | 12 |
| Phelps | 10 |
| Platte | 13 |
| Richardson | 17 |
| Rock | 4 |
| Saline | 16 |
| Sarpy | 7 |
| Seward | 15 |
| Stanton | 6 |
| Thayer | 13 |
| Washington | 12 |
| York | 17 |
| **Instructed for Taft** | 574 |
| **Uninstructed for Taft** | 38 |
| **Total for Taft** | 612 |
| **FOR ROOSEVELT:** | |
| Lancaster | 54 |
| Polk | 8 |
| Scott's Bluff | 4 |
| **Total for Roosevelt** | 66 |
| **UNINSTRUCTED:** | |
| Cheyenne | 5 |
| Dawes | 5 |
| Dawson | 11 |
| Jefferson | 14 |
| Pierce | 7 |
| Sheridan | 4 |
| Wayne | 10 |
| **Total uninstructed** | 56 |
| **Uninstructed for Taft** | 38 |
| **Uninstructed scattering** | 31 |

SCHUYLER, Neb. March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—At the republican county convention in Colfax county, the administration of President Roosevelt and Taft's candidacy were indorsed and the following delegates to the state convention were instructed for Rosewater and Sheldon for delegates at large: Otto Zuelow, W. I. Walling, William Gibson, George Wertz, Levi Adams, James Palik, George Spence and J. E. Arnold. The delegates to the congressional convention are: O. Van housen, D. McLeod, J. H. Polper, F. J. Hrubesky, J. D. Wolfe, H. P. Peterson, J. D. Woods and John Hansen.

## THRONG AT PRIEST'S BURIAL

### Thousands Gather at Paterson During Ceremony for Father Leo.

PATERSON, N. J., March 2.—An immense throng of people attended the funeral services today at St. Bonaventure's church, this city, of its former pastor, Father Leo Heinrichs, who was assassinated in Denver.

Thousands of men and women who were unable to enter the church stood for two hours in the rain until they saw the casket containing the body of the dead priest carried from the church to be taken to the cemetery.

Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Edward Blecke, provincial of the Franciscan order, assisted by priests who were former classmates of Father Heinrich. The eulogy was delivered by Dean McNulty, pastor of St. John's church, who was a warm personal friend of the dead man. He said that the lesson to be learned from the murder is "that our societies ought to labor to counteract the evil lessons taught by the anarchists and socialists. Instead of dinners and euchres and games let us have lectures on moral and social topics. Let us be able to answer and to convert the wild agitators."

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY TOO SLOW

### Judge Bethea Urges Federal Official to Hurry Rebate Prosecutions.

CHICAGO, March 2.—Judge S. P. Bethea of the United States district court today took action which may result in the dismissal of several criminal prosecutions on which District Attorney E. W. Sims has been engaged. The court told Mr. Sims that only a week more of time would be given him in which to arrange for the trial of a hundred or more cases. Many of these have been delayed so long that defendants are complaining.

In the list are three cases against the Standard Oil company of Indiana, rebate cases against the Santa Fe Railway company and the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railway company, and one case in which the E. H. Stafford Manufacturing company and several other concerns are accused of having formed a combination to restrict competition in the furniture trade.

"We are about a year behind in the work of our office," said Mr. Sims. "It is simply a case of having too small a staff."

## HOLMES TAKES HIS OWN CASE

### Young Lawyer Disregards His Attorneys and Files New Motion Himself.

Disregarding the advice of his attorneys William H. Holmes, the young attorney convicted of embezzlement last week, has taken charge of his own case and Monday afternoon he filed an independent motion for a new trial. His attorneys, A. S. Ritchie and Charles S. Smoyer, filed the same motion Saturday, but Holmes was not satisfied and he declares he will act for himself. Monday afternoon he appeared in the district clerk's office and signed a long affidavit in which he declares County Attorney English with saying things in his argument not based on the evidence.

Mr. Ritchie said he was not out of the case, as he still believes Holmes is insane and not responsible for what he is doing.

"Under ordinary circumstances," he said, "I would withdraw from the case, but believing Holmes is insane I feel it my duty to remain in the case. This last action is a strong indication that he is insane.

**Wife Thinks Husband Innocent.**

CHICAGO, March 2.—On the eve of the trial of Seaton W. Sangster, a commerical traveler, charged with having attempted to kill his wife and his young daughter, by sending them poisoned candy, the accusing wife, Lina E. Sangster, on whose testimony Sangster was indicted, declared that she believes it was a woman's hand that filled the candy with a deadly poison—arsenic—and all but worked the death of mother and child. She believes her husband to be innocent.

## EDMISTEN IS SICK

### Fails to Appear in Federal Court as Promised by His Attorney.

### SENDS A DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE

### States He is Confined to His Bed and Cannot Come to Nebraska Now.

### FAMILY DOCTOR BACKS IT UP

### No Cases Being Ready for Trial, the Term of Court is Adjourned.

### NEXT TERM COMMENCES APRIL 6

### No Intimation Whether or Not Edmisten Will Be Ready for Trial on Land Fraud Charges at That Time—Railroads First.

The promises of his attorney, E. C. Strode of Lincoln, that he would certainly show up to the contrary notwithstanding, James H. Edmisten, former chairman of the state populist committee and former deputy state oil inspector, failed to put in an appearance in the United States district court Monday morning. He was represented by his other attorney, W. S. Summers, who produced a telegram from Dr. J. M. Jones at Interlachen, Fla., stating that Mr. Edmisten was confined to his bed there and that to have him come to Nebraska at this time would endanger his life. A similar statement was produced from Dr. Fred Eiche of Lincoln, the family physician of Mr. Edmisten.

Edmisten's case, fraud in land deals, was called for trial last Monday and when he and his attorneys failed to appear in court Judge W. H. Munger declared the bond forfeited. Diligent effort was made to locate Edmisten. His attorneys refused to tell where he was and the court was given to understand he was between Lincoln and North Platte, while a rumor said he was in Mexico. It is believed those looking out for his interests have known all along just where he was and that other matters are also thoroughly understood. His brother of Lincoln is on his bond for $10,000.

The result was that, no cases being ready for trial, there was nothing for the court to do but to adjourn for the term. The jury was discharged.

The next term of court will begin April 6 in Omaha. The first of the cases to be called up at this term will be the twenty-eight-hour cases against the several railroads. Following the disposal of these the Babcock and Agnew cases will be called and on April 20 the Chicago ranch case will be called. It is not known at this time just when the Edmisten case will be called again, owing to the condition of Mr. Edmisten's health.

## TOBACCO GROWERS WARNED

### Dire Threats Are Made Against Men Who Plant Crops This Year.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 2.—W. B. Hawkins, the man who originated the tobacco growers' movement five years ago and was the first president of the Burley Tobacco association, tomorrow will publish in a card a warning to growers of their probable fate if they disobey the ultimatum of the Equity society on the crop of 1908.

The substance of the warning in part, follows:

When your plant bed is scraped or your barn burned, send to Governor Willson and he will let you have a battalion of soldiers and their gatling gun to protect your property, and maybe save you from a whipping. There is an old saying: "I do not care to buy a lawsuit." Do you care to buy trouble in this way in flying in the face of public opinion and in the face of determined men, who believe you their worst enemy and who will stop at nothing to right their supposed wrongs? The majority has said, "No crop in 1908."

What will you do? Sow your seeds and begin a year of torment, for it will be 365 days of h—— for you, sleepless nights, alarm at every noise. What are riders doing now? Are they only scraping plant beds, or are they after my barn, or, Oh, horrors! are they after my back with their damnable switches?

Do not hug to yourself a delusion and say, It won't come to me; hasn't it come to the highest?

Flee from the wrath to come, for if you plant tobacco, you are sowing a whirlwind. Mutterings and mumblings are heard on all sides and the outraged farmers will not stand persecution always, and I say to you, in my opinion, trouble will come to you if you plant a crop in 1908.

MOUNT STERLING, Ky., March 1.—A sensation was caused here today when it became known that many members of the Society of Equity in this, Montgomery county, had received threatening letters through the mails regarding tobacco raising. The letters bear the postmark of the local office. A copy of one of the letters was secured today by the Associated Press correspondent, which had been sent to J. M. Bigstaff, president of the Traders' bank, the wealthiest man in the county and a large land owner. He was formerly on the Equity board of this county. The letter was written on a typewriter and mailed in a white envelope and in the envelope with the letter was a brown envelope of smaller size which contained powder and matches. The notice read as follows:

Dear Sir: This is to notify you if there is any beds or any tobacco destroyed in Montgomery or Bath counties this year, you had better look out for your own property. (Signed) TENANTS.

Similar letters were received by other members of the society, and Harve Prewitt, Lucien Bridgeworth and other tobacco and cattle raisers received letters signed in the same way and written on the same kind of papers, saying: "If we cannot raise tobacco, you can't raise any cattle." Some of these letters were furned over to the postal authorities. This is the first instance of members of the Society of Equity being threatened. There has never been any trouble in this county, and it is reported tonight that the members of the Equity society will offer a large reward for the arrest and conviction of the author of authors of the threatening letters. Leading independent growers denounce the letter writer in bitter terms.

## MANY GRANITE MEN ARE OUT

### Differences with Employers Over Wages Result in Suspension in Vermont.

BOSTON, March 2.—More than 5,000 granite cutters, quarrymen and others employed in the granite industry and in surrounding centers of Barre, Vt., Montpelier, Vt., and Westerly, R. I., were affected by a suspension of work today, due to a failure by the unions and manufacturers to agree to the provisions of a new wage scale and working agreement to replace that which governed the industry up to Saturday.