

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

KIN IN GUTTER FIGHT

CASTELLANE WITH BROTHER'S AID WHIPS HIS COUSIN.

Count and Family Convinced De Sagan is Seeking to Marry Former's Divorced Wife, Despite Opposition of Gould Family.

Count Boni de Castellane, from whom his wife, who was Miss Anna Gould, of New York, was recently divorced, and Prince Helle de Sagan, who on several occasions was reported to be engaged to Madame Gould, had a personal encounter Thursday at the church of St. Pierre de Chalot in Paris, while a service to the memory of the Lady Stanley Errington, a relative of both men, who died lately in England, was in progress.

Then came the clash of canes and a rough and tumble fight on the pavement, which ended in the gutter, where the men were finally separated by a big butcher. Count Boni at the moment of intervention was holding down the well nigh insensible prince, while Jean, according to eye witnesses, was administering to him a severe kicking.

RIG ROAD IS EMBARRASSED.

Seaboard Air Line is in Receivers' Hands. R. Lancaster Williams, of Richmond, Va., and S. Davies Warfield, of Baltimore, Md., were Thursday appointed by the United States circuit court receivers of the Seaboard Air Line.

The effect of the receivership for the Seaboard Air line will have a far-reaching effect in Baltimore, where the securities of the company are more largely dealt in and held than any other trading center, not even excepting New York.

FOR POWDER FOR JAPS.

Big Purchases of Salt Peter Being Made in Chili. Passengers and officers who arrived in San Francisco by the Kosmos liner Neko brought news of great Japanese activity at the Port of Iquique, in Chili.

Glass Work Resumes. After being shut down for repairs the works of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company at Ford City, Pa., have resumed operations.

Sioux City Live Stock Market. Thrush's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top heaves, \$4.55. Top hogs, \$4.50.

Cuban Customs Receipts. The Cuban customs receipts for the year 1907 were the largest in the history of the island.

Divine Was Poisoned. Examination of the stomach of Rev. Gilbert Gish, pastor of the Christian church at Chambersburg, Ill., reveals that the sudden death recently was due to poison.

ENDS SAFE AND SANE.

Review of a Remarkable Year in Finance.

The year 1907 has been one in which there has been much making of financial history. It will go down with 1857 and 1873 and 1893 as one of the panic years in American finance.

BODY FOUND IN COFFIN.

Grave of Thomas Charles Druce Opened Monday.

The body of Thomas Charles Druce, in High Gate cemetery, London was exhumed Monday morning, just forty-three years to a day after its burial.

According to an official statement given out by representatives of the home office and others who were officially present the exhumation not only definitely disposes of the lead myth, but seems effectually to prove the body buried in 1864 was actually that of T. C. Druce.

The scene at High Gate cemetery Monday morning when the vault was opened was remarkable. Constables seemed to spring from everywhere. All the entrances to the cemetery were surrounded by cordons of police.

WOMEN WILL BE BARRED.

Not to Be Allowed to Attend Thaw Trial. All women, except the members of Thaw's family and women reporters, will be excluded from the court room during the second trial of Harry K. Thaw under an order issued by Justice Dowling Monday.

The reason given for the order is that the seating capacity of the court room has been reduced greatly since the first trial and will now accommodate only about 150 spectators.

IS ROBBED AND BURNED ALIVE.

Horrible Murder Committed in Ohio Town.

Edward Hutchinson, Baltimore and Ohio railroad station agent at Clarington, O., was robbed and murdered at an early hour Monday and the station burned over his head.

The burglars bound and gagged Hutchinson, taking his watch and money and then ransacked the station. The theory advanced to possibly explain the cold blooded murder of the agent is that the burglars recognized him and were recognized in turn.

Catholic Priest Becomes Baptist.

Father F. J. O'Callaghan, for many years priest of St. Mary's parish, San Antonio, Tex., renounced the Roman Catholic church and was baptized into membership in the First Baptist church in El Paso, Tex., Sunday.

Thousand Go to Work.

More than 1,000 men were made happy Monday when work was resumed at the plant of the Eastern Steel company at Pottsville, Pa. The managers say the plant will run five days a week.

Circus Freak Dies as Hermit.

Charles H. Perry, a "skeleton man," who traveled with circuses for sixteen years, was found dead in a hut in the outskirts of Providence, R. I. He lately had led a hermit's life. Death was due to natural causes.

J. A. Kasson Recovering.

John A. Kasson, of Iowa, the well known reciprocity expert who has been seriously ill in Washington for several days, is on the road to recovery.

JAPS IN WILD RIOT.

Foreign Horde Attacks Fireman at Vancouver, B. C.

Allen Anderson, a fireman, is dying, and two other young men, also members of the city fire department, are badly wounded as the result of a fight Wednesday in the Japanese quarter of Vancouver, B. C., with an overwhelming number of subjects of the mikado. The fight was the worst in the city since the September riots.

Anderson, accompanied by J. Frost and T. McDonald, were passing a Japanese store, when Frost stumbled and fell hard against the plate glass window front. The glass was smashed and the fragments were still rolling on the sidewalk when a score of Japanese appeared from the inside and rushed at the trio of whites.

PUZZLES GOTHAM POLICE.

All Clews Fall in Case of Woman Found Dead in Pond.

The mystery involving the murder of the "woman in red" is seemingly as impenetrable today as when the nude body was first discovered on Christmas day, partially concealed in the water and slime of a lonely pond near Harrison, N. J.

SUTTON HAS HAD A GOOD YEAR.

Most Substantial Improvements in History of City. Sutton made a larger growth last year in both business blocks and residences than for many years past.

DEATH WINS THE RACE.

Maxwell Spencer, aged 26, of New York, a young man of evident wealth, died on an eastbound Burlington train as it due Springs last Saturday night.

Guard Company is Disbanded.

Capt. Penrod, of Company C, Nebraska National Guard, located at Beatrice, has announced that the company, comprising 44 men, would be disbanded in a few days.

Trying to Break Will.

The will of Miss Mary Hager, who died in Due Springs last Saturday, bequeathing \$500 to the Evangelical church of Beatrice, is being contested in the county court by her only surviving heirs, Mrs. Pearl Wilson and Miss Grace Hager, both of Blue Springs.

Teamster's Strike.

Because the hay, grain, ice and coal dealers of Brockton, Mass., refused to advance wages from \$2.37 1/2 to \$2.50 a day, 125 teamsters struck.

Test of Veterinary Law.

Attorney M. D. Carey of Seward filed a complaint in Justice Archer's court charging Dr. A. P. Barnes, of Plattsmouth, with having violated the statute by practicing as veterinarian without a certificate from the state board of examiners.

Ashland's New Depot Opened.

The formal dedication of the Burlington's new passenger station at Ashland was held recently under the direction of the Business Men's association.

News of Nebraska

ATTEMPT TO ROB MAIL WAGON.

Unsuccessful Holdup Reported by Driver of Wagon in Omaha.

Postoffice authorities have just revealed what purports to be another attempt at United States mail robbery in Omaha. L. F. Carlie, driver of a mail wagon, says two men attempted to hold up his wagon on Eleventh Street between Harney and Howard Tuesday evening.

Carlie was on his way from the postoffice to Union station with a load of mail. It was about 8 p. m. and a dark night, especially, he says, at the point where the attempted robbery occurred.

BLAIR MEN NEATLY WORKED.

Old Army Comrade Story Brings Reward to One Man.

A \$30,000 real estate deal was to have been closed up at Blair on last Friday evening. M. J. St. Clair, purporting to be from Bloomington, Ind., dropped into Blair the first of the week and renewed his acquaintance with the Blair men.

RESCUE HOME GETS PROPERTY.

Judge Kelligar Construes the Will of Sarah Brandon.

Recently the Sarah B. Brandon will case was tried in the Johnson county district court and it excited some little notice. Judge W. H. Kelligar heard the evidence and has now given his decision.

TOM WORRALL TIRES OF LIFE.

Leading Nebraska Politician Found Dead in Office.

Thomas D. Worrall, one of the best known men of Lincoln and eastern Nebraska, committed suicide in his office by swallowing carbolic acid. He had been dead several hours when found. Letters left to members of his family—consisting of a wife and two sons—and to Thomas S. Allen, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, showed that the act was premeditated.

FALSE CLUE IN THE OLSON CASE

Child Discovered Near Adams Not the Missing Homicide Girl.

Monday a traveling band, composed of one man, two women and three children, was detained at Adams because one of the children seemed to resemble the published picture of Lillie Olson. The party proved to be of French and Indian blood and it was shown to the satisfaction of people there that the girl was not the Olson child.

GIRL IS SERIOUSLY BURNED.

Merna Nelson, of Beaver Crossing, Injured, but Will Recover.

Merna Nelson, daughter of George Nelson, a farmer living near Beaver Crossing, was painfully burned when her dress suddenly caught fire and burst into a flame, enveloping her. She was sitting close to a hot stove at the time. Her parents were away. The child ran into the yard and rushed, a human torch, to the cattle corral, jumped into a tank of water. When the shock of the flesh was cooled, she will recover.

Fairbury Gets a Library.

Notification has been received from Andrew Carnegie that he had donated \$10,000 for a public library for Fairbury under the usual conditions—the donation of a site and appropriation of \$1,000 a year for maintenance.

Valentine Votes School Bonds.

By a vote of 201 to 16 at a school election held at the court house in Valentine it was decided to issue \$5,000 bonds for enlarging the Valentine school house so as to add a twelfth grade to the high school course.

For Heavier Track.

The Missouri Pacific has been undertaking the new heavy steel for its track between Nebraska City and Lincoln and Omaha. It will be placed in position as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

SAYS ERRORS IN NAVY UNFIT IT FOR BATTLE

Expert Declares the Boasted Fighting Ships are Merely Death Traps.

ARMOR BELT IS TOO LOW.

Defects in Construction Pointed Out and Promotion System is Scored.

Henry Reuter Dahl, associate of the United States Naval Institute and American editor of "Fighting Ships," is the author of a startling article on "The Needs of Our Navy" in the January McClure's. Mr. Reuter Dahl's expertness on naval matters is not disputed and neither is his patriotism. He agrees with President Roosevelt that a navy must be built "and all its training given in time of peace" and with this in view he exposes defects in our first-class battle ships and armored cruisers which all but make them useless as efficient units in a fleet on heavy sea and in real action.

Mr. Reuter Dahl's criticisms appear to be the more amazing on account of the contention that most, if not all of the weak points he emphasizes, will be acknowledged by sea-going officers, "or, if the reader is sufficiently interested, by the testimony of his own eyes."

That the shell-proof armor of the American battle ships is virtually below the water line where it will do no good, leaving the broad side of the vessel exposed to the shells of the enemy. That this defect has been pointed out time and again; that other nations years ago recognized it as fatal and now have armor wrapped around the sides of their war vessels from five to seven feet above the water line.

A BLOT ON THE LAST CHAPTER.



board our ships, the Navy Department year after year has approved of plans by which the greatest guns on the ships are directly above an open shaft leading to the powder magazine.

That other nations long since recognized the criminal stupidity of thus endangering the lives of officers and men and have remedied the defect by use of common sense and ordinary precautionary measures.

That, without regard to the protests of experts, our battle ships have been built so low that if the sea is heavy and ships are in action, the sea would wash over the vessels, render some of their most effective guns useless and practically leave the ship to the mercy of the enemy.

The officers in the American navy who command the battle ships and squadrons are too old; that under existing conditions young men cannot attain command, and that the service is badly crippled as a result.

That there is too much "bureau management" in Washington; too much red tape in the Navy Department; that American genius is stifled because of the bureau's immersion in details, and that with the Secretary of the Navy a civilian, he should have a board of expert advisers.

Other matters are dwelt on, but the foregoing are by far the most important. An afternoon's fight on water sealed Russia's fate in the recent war with Japan, says Mr. Reuter Dahl, and the same may well be true of the next war into which this nation is plunged. The issue is so important and the stake so tremendous that the sea power which is prepared in every respect to meet the crisis will be the victor.

Accidents Lessened by Publicity.

According to the report of the New York public service commission, the number of street railway accidents in that city for November shows a steady decrease since the commission began to keep a record four months ago.

Mrs. John R. McMahon, known in literary work as Margherita Arlina Harnan, is dead of pneumonia in New York.

DEARNESS WITH ACK.

DEFERS IN RECENT YEARS.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Location, and Value. Lists various locations and their corresponding values from 1904 to 1907.

4,000,000 Christmas Trees a Year.

In discussing the effect on the forests of the country by the use of Christmas trees, of which it is estimated that 4,000,000 are used each year, Gifford Pinchot, United States forester, says that the effect is infinitesimal compared with the destruction caused by forest fires and wasteful lumbering.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Replying to this declaration, Mrs. John S. Crosby, president of the Women's Democratic club of New York, pointed out that there is little in the training of children that the man, as well as the woman, ought not to learn, and that if womanhood were restricted to the rearing and teaching of children she would be deprived of many of the best opportunities for learning how to do that very work.

President Wilson of Princeton, in a bold address before the convention of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools at New York, got after the prevailing school and college methods with a sharp stick.

By orientation he meant the power to organize one's knowledge and see things with perspective. What our age needed most was the dreamers and creators. More information did not educate, and it might impede the mind.

The faculty of the Cornell university medical college at New York announced that hereafter the usual high school preparation for the study of medicine would not enable students to enter there.

Candidates for admission would have to be graduates of approved colleges or scientific schools, seniors in good standing at Cornell or any other like university which would permit the substitution of the first year of the medical course for the senior year.