

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL
IMPORTANT ITEMS.

FINISH A HOT ONE

NAVIGATION CONGRESS WAS NOT
ALL HARMONY.

Call is Made Secretary—Beall Hat
Had His Eye on the Same Office—
Yankton Gets the Next Convention,
Which Meets in 1909.

Midst scenes of confusion, precipitated by a spectacular contest for the presidency, and lived by a creditable performance on the part of the "distinguished guests," the Missouri River Navigation congress ended its first annual convention at Sioux City, Ia., at 6 o'clock Thursday evening.

The fight for office was between Congressman Edgar C. Ellis, of Kansas City, and Geo. C. Call of Sioux City. The "notable" who misbehaved was Mayor James Dahlman, of Omaha, who was escorted from the convention by Sheriff Dilley upon the instant demand of the delegates.

Unable to decide on a feasible way to proceed to a direct vote on the presidency in the convention, a committee composed of a special representative from each state was selected, and it decided on the big Missourian, and its choice later was ratified by the delegates.

The selection of the Kansas City congressman was made only after a strenuous session, and with the compromise understanding that Mr. Call should be strongly recommended to the executive council for secretary-treasurer. The executive council, composed of the president and the vice presidents from the seven states, at a meeting later in the evening at the Hotel West formally gave the Sioux City man the place.

Yankton, S. D., captured the 1909 convention after the cleverest kind of a campaign. Because of its deals with other delegations on matters pertaining to the organization of the new body it was practically without opposition.

POLICE READY FOR TROUBLE.

Chicago Chief Masses His Men Down Town.

Wednesday afternoon a fight occurred between the police and a column of "unemployed" at State and Madison streets, Chicago, in which several men were beaten.

A portion of the crowd formed another column at Clark street and Jackson boulevard, and again were charged by the police. Several men were clubbed and the crowd scattered. Dr. Reitman, who led the second detachment, was placed under arrest after being somewhat roughly handled. When the crowds were scattered at many points people who were ignorant of the real cause of the disturbance were hustled about and some of them were trampled upon.

Immediately following the brushes with the crowd the chief of police called the reserves from nearby stations down into the business section, but the trouble was over before they arrived.

WHIPPED BY WHITECAPS.

Alleged Wifebeater Ordered to Leave the Country.

Information received at Brookfield, Mo., is that Dr. W. E. Carter, a veterinary surgeon of Meadville, was waylaid by whitecaps, strung up by the thumbs and thrashed on the bare back until he was exhausted in an effort to wring from him a confession to the charges of wifebeating and petty theft.

He was called eleven miles into the country, ostensibly to treat a sick animal, and was waylaid on the trip. After punishment the masked assailants commanded him to leave the country within thirty days. Carter is confined to his bed because of his injuries. He denies the charges emphatically and expresses a determination not to leave.

Died Phoning Undertaker.

Joseph Blatchford, of Salem, Mass., a veteran of the civil war, dropped dead while making arrangements for the funeral of his wife, who had died only a few minutes before. While telephoning to an undertaker he staggered and gasped for breath, then suddenly fell to the floor unconscious, and died in a few minutes.

Illinois Veterinary Men Meet.

The Illinois Veterinarian Medical and Surgical association held its annual session at Decatur, Ill., recently with fifty members present. It was shown by the reports that there is little contagious diseases among live stock at this time.

Indictment for Physician.

The grand jury of Fulton county, Ill., has indicted two men charged with a criminal assault on Mary Hewitt, a 14-year-old inmate of the poor farm, and Dr. J. A. Logan, of Canton, Ill., with performing a criminal operation on the girl.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$4.85; top hogs, \$4.20.

RIVER CONGRESS ON.

Opened at Sioux City, Ia., Wednesday Afternoon.

With delegates in attendance from seven states, including governors, congressmen, mayors and other prominent men from the principal cities of the Missouri valley, the first annual convention of the Missouri River Navigation congress was opened Wednesday afternoon at the New Grand theater at Sioux City, Ia.

The interior of the playhouse was tastefully decorated for the occasion with a profusion of bunting and flags. The spirit of the "booster" was in the air. For a half hour before the opening of the exercises a steady stream of delegates and those interested in the movement for improved waterways had entered the building and nearly every seat was occupied.

Mr. Call, as chairman of the executive committee, called the meeting to order and spoke a few words of welcome to the delegates, who occupied the entire first floor of the theater. He said that the vital question was a broad one and that it meant more to the whole country than to any one section. He reviewed the history of the waterways improvement movement, telling of the meetings held at Washington to induce congress to make an appropriation. He urged that all the delegates work together on a broad basis and in a broad spirit for the good of the whole association.

"Sioux City welcomes you," he said, "and has nothing more to ask than that you get together and work."

BOY FOUND IN LAKE.

Murder of Unknown Woman Mystifies Police of Chicago.

Floating in the lake at the foot of Sixteenth street, Chicago, the body of a woman was found. The body was almost headless, and there was no clothing. The lack of clothing is believed to indicate murder.

Two clean cuts were found directly under the heart, and there was a gash nine inches long across the abdomen. A few wisps of blonde hair were found on the back of the neck, which may aid in identification.

The body, which was that of a woman weighing about 135 pounds, had probably been in the water two months. She was about 5 feet 4 inches in height and between 25 and 35 years old.

The police are investigating the disappearance of Mrs. Mary Mushina, who has been missing for several days. Mrs. Mushina and the woman whose body was found in the lake have blonde complexions and the descriptions in some other respects agree.

The body is so badly mutilated that identification may be impossible. All of the facial features are gone, with the exception of the lower jaw.

TRAMPLES ON THE FLAG.

A Young Englishman Insults the Stars and Stripes.

The story that a young Englishman who is employed by one of the large life insurance companies in New York, trampled on an American flag in the company's offices, has aroused the ire of the members of the Star Spangled Banner association, which has formally demanded of the company that the man be discharged. It is said that following the incident of the insult to the flag two American clerks in the office gave the Englishman a thrashing. The association, which has for its object the punishment of insults to the flag, has elected the two Americans to honorary membership.

DEATH RIDES ON RAILS.

Casualty Figures Show an Alarming Increase.

Startling figures appear in the accident bulletin just issued by the interstate commerce commission at Washington, covering the months of July, August and September, 1907. The report shows that the number of casualties on railroads during that quarterly period were 23,063, including 1,239 killed and 21,724 injured. This is an increase of 157 in the number killed and 3,666 in the number injured as compared with the corresponding period of 1906.

WANT SALOON CONTROL.

"Dry" Wave No Sign People Are for Temperance.

The first speaker of Wednesday's session of the Model License League convention at Louisville, Ky., was T. Quinn Tuohy, secretary of the Law Enforcement Society of New York city. The passing of local option in Kentucky and the going dry of numerous states means nothing. It is by no means an indication that the people of the country want temperance, but that they want the control and the manner of running saloons changed.

Collide in Dense Fog.

The steamer Amsterdam, belonging to the Great Eastern Railway company, and the British steamer Akminster, from New York on Dec. 30, collided Tuesday night near Nieuwe Waterweg. Both vessels were badly damaged.

Chicago Bank Fails.

The private bank of A. C. Tisdale, of Chicago, suspended payment to depositors Wednesday. A call was sent to police headquarters for officers to quell a disturbance around the office, but there was no trouble of any kind.

Proudfit is Named.

The president Wednesday sent to the senate the name of Samuel V. Proudfit, of Iowa, to be assistant commissioner general of the Iowa land office.

WANT "MODEL" SALOON.

Liquor Dealers and Reformers Confer at Louisville.

The Model License league opened its first annual session at Louisville, Ky., Tuesday with delegates present from ten of a liquor license law and the many parts of the United States. The object of the convention is the adoption of a liquor license law and the inauguration of a campaign for its enactment by various legislative and city governments. The law will have for its purpose the elimination of low saloons, removal of the saloon from politics by placing the proprietors out of the reach of "bosses," and the restriction of the number of saloons to conform to a certain standard of population. The delegates include legislators, brewers, distillers, city and state officers and publicists.

At the afternoon session Rev. J. M. Wasson, of Riverhead, L. I., was introduced by President Gilmore. Rev. Mr. Wasson began by saying that it is high time for the church people who are not extremists to take a hand and settle the liquor question on a national basis.

"Pious church people have ostracized the saloonkeeper, laid all sines at his door and have warned people away from him as from the mouth of hell," said Rev. Mr. Wasson. "In the face of all this they come along with the hypocritical cant that the atmosphere of the saloon is bad. What, I ask you, have the church people done to better the condition of the saloon?"

"The real question before the American people today is, What kind of saloons shall we have—shall we have open, legitimate saloons, or underground dives and dens?"

"I believe that the church and the liquor trade should stand shoulder to shoulder in this great fight. We need each other. There must be cooperation without interference with the liberties and rights of American citizens."

Frank H. Farris, a state senator from Missouri, spoke after the Rev. Mr. Wasson. He said that he is not a manufacturer or a dealer, and therefore should properly come in the category as "a consumer." He said that he was apposed constitutionally to prohibition, because it is a deprivation of rights.

TRICKED BY RAILROADS.

Leader of Stockmen Claims They Broke Faith.

President McKenzie's annual address before a meeting of stockmen at Denver was devoted largely to a criticism of the treatment of stockmen by the railroads. He charged the railroads had broken faith with shippers of live stock by taking selfish advantage of the change in the hours of the transit "law," which, through the efforts of the American Live Stock association, were increased from twenty-eight to thirty-six—the maximum time during which live stock could be kept in a car without being unloaded for feed, water and rest. He said the railroads, instead of increasing their speed, as promised, consumed thirty-six hours in running between feeding stations, which delayed the arrival of shipments at points of consignment, with consequent great loss to the shipper. He favored the passage of a law by which the railroads could be punished for failing to give reasonable speed to live stock in transit and suggested that the interstate commerce commission should be given power to enforce such a law.

JAPAN NOT TO BLAME.

British Columbia Riots Due to Acts of Canadians.

The report of W. L. Mackenzie King, the royal commissioner appointed to inquire into the influx of oriental labor into Canada, has been presented to parliament. After a searching inquiry into the vexed problems of Japanese immigration the commissioner throws a new light on the responsibility for the sudden increase of Japanese landing in British Columbia during the last summer.

The report of Mr. King establishes that the Japanese government had been observing the agreement to restrict immigration and that the departure of the Japanese foreign office in April last from the regulations hitherto in force was made only at the instance of the Canadian-Panipon Sully company, backed by the Canadian Pacific railway and other influential Canadian interests, which represented at Tokyo that Japanese labor was needed and desired in this country.

Modifies Riding Test.

Secretary of War Taft announced at Washington Tuesday night that the president had decided to modify the riding test regulations by providing that all permanent staff officers engaged in purely civil duties who are, on account of age, not likely to be called upon for field operations may, at their own request, be excused from the test.

Jap "Spies" Arrested.

Two Japanese found loitering in the west battery of Fort Stevens, Ore., were arrested Tuesday. This place is rarely visited except by special permission from the department.

Fined \$1,000 Each.

At Kansas City, Mo., David H. Kregler and William A. McGowan, pleaded guilty to obtaining rebates in violation of the state law last December were fined \$1,000 each Tuesday by Judge Smith McPherson in the federal court.

A Paris Dispatch Says that a Petition in Favor of Female Suffrage Sent in France has been Signed by 50,000 French Women.

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ALLEGED CLEW TO OLSON GIRL.

Story that Missing Child is in Gypsy Camp at Angus.

A special from Angus, Neb., says that Lillie Olson, who disappeared from her home at Rosalie, a month ago, was found with a gypsy band at that place. Sheriff Jones, of Nelson, who visited the gypsy camp at Angus, said he was not sure the child is Lillie Olson, but believes it is possible. The gypsies offered no objection when he had the little girl's picture taken. While none of the band was arrested, the sheriff will see that they are not allowed to leave the county until the girl's identity is definitely known.

Lillie Olson disappeared from her home near Rosalie, in the northern part of the state, more than a month ago. A careful search of the whole country was made by posses, under the direction of law officers, but without success and the conclusion was reached that the girl died of exposure, or had been murdered and the body hidden.

DEMOCRATS LOSE CASE.

No Grounds for Contest for County Assessorship at Pierce.

After many delays and postponements the contest over the office of county assessor went to trial before County Judge Kelley at Pierce. The attorneys for the Democratic contestant spent the whole day running around trying to find evidence to support his claim of fraud. He obtained the consent of the county judge to adjourn court until in the evening so he could go to Plainview to hunt up evidence. He came back in the evening without any. When the contestants had rested their case, W. W. Quivey, attorney for E. D. Pulsifer, the Republican nominee who was elected on the face of the returns, moved that the case be dismissed for want of evidence on the part of the contestants. Judge Kelley ruled in his favor and dismissed the case.

PURSUING GIRL'S ASSAILANT.

Call for Bloodhounds to Aid Posse Near Lincoln.

Lincoln police Monday night received a request from the town of Wellfleet for the Lincoln bloodhounds to help run down a man who Monday afternoon murdered a girl. The girl was found and left for dead. Later advice from the scene area to the effect that a 15-year-old daughter of George Schickley, a farmer six miles from Wellfleet, while alone in the home was visited by an unknown man, who criminally assaulted her, and then held her over the head with a beer bottle. She regained consciousness and was able to give a description of the man.

HALL WAS UNGRATEFUL.

Curses the Man Who Saved His Life.

Hans Hall was found lying asleep on the Union Pacific railroad tracks at Omaha Saturday morning by Special Watchman Tighe, who awoke him only a short time before the passing of a train and sent for the patrol wagon. Hall was not especially thankful to the man who probably saved his life, as he stood and cursed him until the patrol wagon arrived. Hall was in police station some time ago on the charge of being drunk and received a thirty days' sentence.

RESTRAINS THE A. O. U. W.

Temporary Injunction is Granted at Lincoln.

Asserting that a technical misappropriation of funds had taken place, William Gray and other secured a temporary injunction against the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. Gray asserts that the Texas grand lodge has assumed superiority without incorporating and all payments to the alleged supreme body are illegal. The case will be argued Jan. 27.

Young Farmer Commits Suicide.

Cleve Cope, a young farmer living two miles north of Humboldt, committed suicide by shooting himself in the side very near the heart. Death resulted nearly four hours later. The act is supposed to be the result of temporary insanity, superinduced by ill health.

Feed High and Scarce.

The open winter has been very favorable for farmers and stock feeders on account of feed of all kinds being high and scarce. Alfalfa is worth \$10 per ton in stock. Corn is now selling for 60 cents per bushel; hogs, \$3.90 per hundred.

Gets in Game Early.

J. W. Baker, of Decatur, has written Gov. Sheldon applying for the position of pilot on the Missouri river. He asserts that the navigation congress will soon meet and he wishes the job of piloting the Missouri river fleet.

Successful Wolf Hunt.

There are still some wolves in the section of the country tributary to Republican City, and of late there have been three well organized and successful hunts. The results were thirteen wolves and 200 rabbits, besides much smaller game.

Ninety Days for Murderous Assault.

Henry Buford, colored, of Omaha, charged with making a murderous assault on Emma Terrill last November, changed his plea in the district court from not guilty to guilty Monday morning and was sentenced to ninety days in jail.

Boarding Home for Bad Boys.

A boarding home for boys who can't get along in the homes of their parents is to be started in Omaha. It is one of the avenues along which the juvenile workers are walking.

FRANK BARKER IS HANGED.

Webster County Double Murderer Forecasts Life on Gallows.

Frank Barker, the Webster county double murderer, was hanged in the state penitentiary at Lincoln Friday afternoon. The trial was sprung at 2:57 o'clock and nine minutes later he was dead. His execution occurred just three minutes before the time expired in which he could legally be hanged, the mandate of the court having ordered the warden to execute the man between the hours of 11 o'clock and 3 o'clock. The execution was delayed until the last minute that Barker's attorneys would have every opportunity to secure a stay of execution, either from the governor or from the courts.

Frank Barker was convicted of the murder of his brother-in-law, Daniel Barker, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Daniel Barker, on the night of Feb. 1, 1904. The Barkers lived on a farm a few miles from Inavale in Webster county. Upon reaching home Frank Barker shot his brother who opened the door for him and then turned to the room where Mrs. Barker slept and shot her. He then carried the bodies to a cow shed on the premises and buried them in a shallow grave in this shed.

RETRENCHMENT AT WEST POINT.

Cuning County Officers Adopt New Policy.

The policy of the new republican board of supervisors of Cuning county has been announced as one of retrenchment and reform. While in charge of extravagance can be had been made against the outgoing board, it is realized that the cost of running the county has materially increased in recent years. The first step taken in this direction was in cutting down the amounts allowed to county officers for clerical help. The amount of \$240 was deemed sufficient. Sheriff Armstrong's salaries were fixed at \$1,200.

DETECTIVE ON TRAIL.

Working at Porn on Trail of Fergoo Letman.

A government detective has been in Peru investigating the alleged forged letters which were earlier filed against the postmistress charging inefficiency. Inspector Grogan, of Kansas City, found no cause for the complaints which had been made against the postmistress. He was not satisfied to let the matter rest without foretelling out the parties who had used the names of outside parties in order to trump up a case against the postmistress. No word has as yet been heard here from Congressmen Pollard and Yuana, a Gypsy who arrived Sunday from St. Louis. Yuana told the police that Mitchell had stolen his two daughters, Miranda and Matilda, and \$600 while the band was in St. Louis, and when he arrived at Omaha a fight followed and he was stabbed in the arm. His wound, which is not serious, was dressed by the police surgeon and he was allowed to go.

KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Geo. W. Robertson Thrown from Automobile Near Falls City.

Geo. W. Robertson, a traveling man from Council Bluffs, was thrown from an automobile between Falls City and Tulo Friday night and instantly killed. He was being driven from Tulo to Falls City by E. Blakney. At a high rate of speed the machine rounded a sharp corner and Mr. Robertson was thrown out, struck on his head and death was almost instantaneous. He was traveling for the Westinghouse electric company and was making this part of his territory in an automobile. Blakney was not injured.

Corn Husker a Success.

The corn harvester and husker patented by F. W. Wellensiek, of Beatrice, and built by the Beatrice Iron works, was given a tryout recently in the field of Charles Green, south of the city, and proved satisfactory. The machine is built strong, yet light enough in weight so that it can pull it with ease. It can gather from eight to ten acres of corn a day.

Burns Best War Eagle.

"Farmer" Burns won the wrestling match from War Eagle, the Blackfoot athlete, taking the last two falls. War Eagle won the first fall in 17 minutes. Burns took the second in 8 and the third in 5 minutes. Burns weighed 170 pounds, while the Indian was eighty pounds heavier. The attendance was the largest ever seen at a similar entertainment in Omaha.

Fire at Nebraska City.

At Nebraska City fire destroyed the roof of the home of Miss Jennings Thursday. It was only by hard work the firemen succeeded in saving the two-story building. Loss \$300, with considerable damage done by water. The loss was covered by insurance.

Prominent Politician Expires.

Isaac N. Haswell, one time acting governor of Nebraska, and for many years one of the most prominent republican politicians in the state, died at Omaha Saturday.

STARK CAPITAL

One of the most interesting meetings of the entire week at Lincoln was that of the dairymen's association.

In his report Secretary Bissett reviewed the dairy industry of the state and submitted statistics showing the growth of the business for a number of years. Mr. Bissett said it is practically impossible to gather reliable statistics of the amount of butter sold and the number of milk cows, because milk cows are kept on all of the 121-100 farms in the state, to say nothing of the amount of butter manufactured by the various creameries. The most reliable statistics, he said, are those gathered by the government on this number of milk cows for a period of years beginning with 1880, when there were 151,187; 1890 there were 505,045; in 1900 there were 512,544; in 1907 there were 629,334, and in 1907 the estimated number is \$70,135. The amount of creamery butter manufactured during the same years was 65,772 pounds, 6,376,735 pounds, 11,726,190 pounds, 21,646,270 pounds, and in 1907, 30,000,000 pounds.

Auditor Searle's bonding company was the subject of an all morning discussion of the board which passes on the bonds given by state depositors Monday. This board is composed of the governor, treasurer and secretary of state. This company has a paid up capital of \$50,000 and the board is considering whether it is a safe proposition for the state to permit a company with such a small paid up capital being security for very many depositors. Another question was whether it is legal to make a contract with a company in which a state officer is one of the principal stockholders. The constitution prohibits a state officer from having any interest in any contract in which the state is a party, and it is a question with the depositary board whether it has any legal right to accept bonds issued by this company. So far, no decision has been reached in the matter.

When the boats start up and down the Missouri there will be plenty of pilots to steer them from the hands of Governor Sheldon has already received one application for a job. The letter reads as follows: "Decatur, Burt county. Mr. Gov. Sheldon: As I am told you have made several appointments on the Missouri river, if there is a chance for me to give me a chance, I am acquainted with the river pretty well. I have a government license as pilot and engineer's license. You can get reference at Decatur of Mr. Ed. Beck and Charley Barlow—Joe Gieswood. Write at Decatur farm to F. W. Baker."

On behalf of the secretary of state, Attorney General Thompson has filed his answer in the supreme court to the petition filed by J. E. Cobby to compel the secretary to buy \$3,000 worth of the Cobby statute book. The answer sets out that the secretary of state must buy "annotated" statutes, and there is an annotated statute besides the Cobby statutes, and these can be bought for \$2.50 each, while the Cobby statutes cost \$3.

J. H. Butler, of the Adams express, came down from Omaha Tuesday to explain to the state railway commission why the recent tariff sheets sent out by the express company provided for a charge of one-half the merchandise rate for the return of cloth covered chicken coops, which were returned for nothing. Mr. Butler explained this was a mistake and he would at once notify his agents that the rate does not apply in Nebraska.

The state railway commission Tuesday, by vote of 12 to one, refused to order a reduction in express rates of 25 per cent of what is classified as "general specials." Commissioner Williams made the motion to order the reduction, and justified his action by saying the list of articles comprised in "general specials" is only 60 per cent of the total business done by the commission, and is not included in the reduction covered by the Sibley law of 25 per cent.

An order was issued by the supreme court Tuesday afternoon directing Leo February 3 and show cause why his brief, filed in the case of Lucy A. Colby against Mary J. Foxworthy, should not be stricken from the files for the "contemptuous, insolent and scurrilous language contained therein."

A. C. Leffang, of Lexington, has reported to the Nebraska telephone commission that the Nebraska Telephone Co. charged \$1.25 to talk with Omaha, while the sum of the two calls for the same distance was only \$1.15. He wanted the commission to compel the telephone company to use the pruning knife. The commission will talk it over with the telephone company.

The state railway commission has prepared a contract to file with the interstate commerce commission against the Missouri Pacific railroad to compel that line to reduce its grain rates from interior points in Nebraska to St. Louis. The reduction asked is about 2 cents per hundred.

The board of educational lands and funds on Tuesday bought bonds with the permanent school fund to the amount of \$218,900.

Secretary of State Junkin is anxious for the next legislature to pass a bill requiring corporations other than banks and insurance companies, organized under the laws of the state, to pay an annual license fee to the state. California has such a law, Mr. Junkin said, and the revenue derived from its operations last year amounted to more than \$200,000. The way the records are now it is impossible to tell whether a corporation has gone out of business or whether it still does business, inasmuch as nothing is filed except the articles of incorporation.

BANKER WALSH GUILTY.

Former Financial and Political Chief in Chicago Is Convicted.

The jury in the case of John R. Walsh, the Chicago banker and politician, found the defendant guilty. The trial was one of the most bitterly contested legal struggles known in the history of the Chicago federal courts.

Walsh was a unique figure in the history of Chicago. His growth has been practically coincident with the growth of the city. As a boy he came there when the city was a village, and as a man the village that he knew has grown to as great proportions as himself. Irish emigrant, newsboy, small merchant, politician, banker, railroad president, and newspaper publisher mark the chapters in the life of John R. Walsh, central figure in the great trial recently closed. It was in 1860 that he made his first great stride toward his millions. The war coming, and Walsh was the first man in the west to see the great possibilities of general circulation of the newspapers. In partnership with McNally he founded the Western News Company.

Dec. 18, 1905, it was announced that Walsh's banking institutions had been declared insolvent by the authorities. With this announcement came the assurance that the banks of the city had rallied to the assistance of the depos-



JOHN R. WALSH. Chicago Post.

ors and would pay all indebtedness. Investigation of the failure continued until early in 1906, when matters became serious for Walsh, and he was arrested on complaint of the district attorney. The main charge on which Walsh was placed on trial is in effect that he on Nov. 18, 1905, in sworn report to the comptroller, understated the amount of the bank's loans to its officers and directors by nearly \$3,000,000, and overstated other loans to a generally similar amount. The result was to hide the fact of \$3,000,000 loans by Walsh to himself. Tragedy and scandal entered the case for the first time when Attorney Hamill was made the target for the weapon of Mrs. Beatrice Metcalfe, who followed the lawyer out of the courtroom and fired at him in an effort to kill him.

John R. Walsh's conviction of felony in the seventy-first year of his age came as a shock to the community where he has lived and prospered so long. Until a little over two years ago his position in Chicago was, and for many years had been, one of influence and respectability. He was supposed to be a very rich man. He had taken a part in every great enterprise for the building up of the city. His judgment was respected, his integrity unquestioned. And now, in his old age, twelve of his fellow citizens, after probing into his life, declare him guilty of a serious crime, punishment of which is imprisonment.

\$149,000,000 in Benefactions.

According to statistics collected by the Chicago Tribune, the sum of \$149,902,120 was given away for the good of mankind during the year 1907. Of this amount educational institutions received \$70,015,542; religious institutions, \$5,343,892; museums, art galleries and public improvements, \$17,247,400, and libraries, \$2,943,000. The heaviest donors were John D. Rockefeller, Mrs. Russell Sage and Andrew Carnegie, in the order named, although there were more than a dozen others who gave amounts above \$1,000,000 each, and it is