

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

SUES EXPRESS LINES

GOVERNMENT ALLEGES VIOLATION OF POSTAL LAWS.

Suit Filed in Cincinnati Opening Gun in Crusade Which Government Will Wage to Stop Carrying of First Class Mail Matter by Express Companies.

Violation of the postal laws by carrying first class mail matter was charged against the American Express company in a suit filed in the United States district court at Cincinnati, O., Thursday by District Attorney McPherson.

This suit was the first gun fired in a campaign which the government proposes to wage against common carriers for carrying first class mail matter contrary to law. In the information which Attorney McPherson filed he alleges that the American Express company on Jan. 6 carried a letter from Belton, Tex., to Cincinnati, of Belton, and in it she ordered from a glove company twelve pairs of gloves and enclosed an express money order for \$2.47 in payment.

Attorney McPherson claims that the letter did not relate to the business of the express company and that the envelope did not bear a postage stamp, as required by law. The penalty for violation of this provision of the federal statutes is \$100.

Col. Holmes, postoffice inspector in charge, said:

"The government is very jealous of its rights to carry the mails, and insists on it always. When public carriers carry letters not bearing postage stamps and not pertaining to the business of the carrier they are preventing the government from deriving revenue for the sale of stamps.

"About four or five years ago the government waged war against carriers for such an offense. It is the opinion of the government officials that common carriers are becoming too lax in reference to carrying mail matter not properly stamped and that prosecution of a few cases is necessary to bring to their attention the fact that they are violating the law."

CALIFORNIA PIPE DREAM.

Japs with Cannon Seen on Bluffs Near Santa Monica.

On an unfrequented bluff which marks the northern limit of Santa Monica bay, Cal., a party of seven Japanese, with a small canon in their possession, have for several days past, it is reported, engaged in experiments that have aroused the suspicions of the settlers, as it is presumed that a portion of the American battleship fleet will spend several days in the bay. The Japanese have been engaged in making maps of the cliffs along the bay, and a small pivot gun, mounted on a cliff 185 feet above the sea, was fired first in one direction and then in another. There is not even a theory as to the purposes of the party.

JAP SOLONS IN A RIOT.

Stormy Scene in the House of Representatives.

After an exciting debate lasting six hours, which developed into a riot on the floor of the Japanese house of representatives, the financial budget was passed by a majority of 102.

The speakers on both sides occupied a long time and towards the last they howled at the chair charges of favoritism. The opposing members demanding an apology, the chair suspended the session for half an hour and upon resuming the chair apologized handsomely to the opposition.

Insane About Women.

When the trial was resumed at Clinton, Ill., Thursday the \$2,000,000 suit instituted by Richard Snell, to break the will of his father, Col. Thos. Snell, more love letters written to the aged millionaire were introduced in evidence. It is said the purpose of the reading of the letters is to show Col. Snell was insane about women.

Drops 200 Feet; Unhurt.

John Grant, of New York, an unemployed printer, jumped from the Brooklyn bridge Thursday. Although he landed among the ice cakes in the river 200 feet below, he escaped with only a few minor hurts. He is now under arrest charged with attempted suicide.

Stourx City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Stourx City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$4.85. Top hogs, \$4.30.

Brig. Gen. Carroll Dead.

Brig. Gen. Henry Carroll, U. S. A., retired, a veteran of the civil war and the Spanish-American war, and an Indian fighter, is dead at his home in Colorado Springs, Colo., after a brief illness, aged 79 years.

Admiral Fletcher Dead.

Rear Admiral Montgomery Fletcher, a retired chief engineer in the navy, died at his residence in Washington, D. C., Thursday.

TRY TO KILL AMERICANS.

Wholesale Slaughterer is Attempted at Sonora, Mex.

News of an attempt to kill every American at the Santa Rosa mine, in Sonora, twenty miles south of Douglas, has been received. Mexican employes placed a stick of dynamite under a boarding house at the company's store and the foreman's and superintendent's residences. The fuses attached to the dynamite were timed for explosions to follow each other in quick succession. The hour selected was during the evening meal, when all the American miners were in the boarding house. The store and boarding house were demolished and fifteen men who were eating were blown through the roof of the boarding house sustaining broken legs and arms, but there were no fatalities. At the foreman's residence the dynamite failed to ignite. The superintendent's office was demolished but he escaped injury.

The rurals were early on the scene. Eighteen Mexicans are under arrest. The attempt to destroy the Americans is believed to be the work of sympathizers with the revolutionists at present under arrest at Los Angeles, who believe the prisoners are being persecuted by the Americans.

MEYER JARS SENATE.

Postal Chief Has Own Notions About Appointments.

Postmaster General Meyer Wednesday informed the senate that he believed he has the right to continue a postmaster in office even if the nomination formally has been rejected by the senate. This position raises an issue between an executive department and the senate over the constitutional provision relating to appointments and confirmations of federal officeholders. The communication from the postoffice department relates to the case of William Northup, postmaster at Pensacola, Fla. Senator Talliferro declared that Mr. Northup is still drawing the salary of postmaster, despite the fact that his nomination was rejected nearly a year ago. At his suggestion the senate called on the postmaster general for an explanation. The response was brief. Mr. Meyer declares that under the regulations governing appointments he has the authority to continue Northup in office until his successor has been appointed. His position undoubtedly will create discussion in executive session.

ROBBERS MAKE GOOD HAUL.

Bandits Loot Vault of Another Missouri Bank.

Securing \$23,000 in cash after dynamiting and totally wrecking the Farmers and Manufacturers bank, five bandits, heavily armed, terrorized the citizens at Rich Hill, Mo., early Wednesday morning and after exchanging shots with the sheriff's posse escaped to the rough country north of there. No one was injured. The terrific explosion caused by the dynamiting of the vault of the bank awakened the town just about midnight, and the population hurried to the building. Some citizens opened fire on the fleeing bandits and the robbers returned the fire. Cashier Jamison said all the available cash in the bank was secured by the robbers. The bank building was badly damaged by the explosion. The Bank of Willard, of Willard, Mo., was looted of \$10,000 by five robbers recently.

BIG OHIO FIRM FAILS.

Implement Makers are in Hands of Receivers.

P. P. Mast & Co., agricultural implement manufacturers, of Springfield, O., were Wednesday placed in the hands of receivers by an action begun in the United States circuit court. The receivers were directed to continue the business of the company, but to wind it up as speedily as possible. The assets are given as \$1,000,000, and the indebtedness \$400,000. The financial stringency is given as the reason for the receivership, the company's attorney declaring the firm will be able to pay all of its debts as soon as money becomes easier.

Many Women go to Jail.

Nearly fifty women suffragists Tuesday made a raid on the British house of commons and Wednesday were sentenced to pay a fine or a month's imprisonment. All but two women preferred to go to jail rather than pay fines.

Smuggler of Chinese Sentenced.

James H. Lehmann, of Brookline, Mass., alleged to have been the head of the band who carried on extensive operations in smuggling Chinese into New England, was sentenced Wednesday to four months in jail.

Nine Miners Killed.

Nine miners were killed and one other fatally injured by an explosion of gas in the mine of the Moody Coal company at South Carrollton, Ky., Monday afternoon.

Coal Miners Strike.

One thousand coal miners went on strike at Duquoin, Ill., Wednesday. Their grievance is dissatisfaction with the alleged inferior grade of blasting powder being sold them for use in the mine.

Indian Bill is Passed.

The Indian appropriation bill, after days of consideration on the floor, was passed Wednesday by the house practically in the form recommended by the committee.

MRS. McDONALD FREE.

Found Not Guilty of Murder of Webster Guerin.

Mrs. Dora McDonald, who has been on trial at Chicago since Jan. 20 on the charge of murdering Webster Guerin, was acquitted by the jury in the criminal court Tuesday night. The verdict was reached after six and a half hours of deliberation, the jury having retired at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

The defendant, who is the widow of Michael C. McDonald, a former millionaire gambling king and political leader in Chicago, received the verdict without apparent emotion. During the trial she had frequently collapsed, and on several occasions the case had been interrupted in order that she might receive medical attention. However, Mrs. McDonald was the least moved of any of the persons concerned in the defense, her attendant being so overcome that Mrs. McDonald was compelled to exchange roles with her and try to quiet the woman.

Members of the jury took an oath before reporting their finding not to reveal the history of their deliberations. The first ballot, they said, stood 8 to 4 for acquittal, but subsequent developments were carefully kept secret.

After Mrs. McDonald had been discharged she was taken to a hotel by relatives. It was announced later that she will retire to a sanitarium. Despite her nervous and physical condition during the trial and the months following the tragedy no hint of insanity was offered as a defense at the trial.

Webster Guerin was shot and killed in his studio in the Omaha building, La Salle and Van Buren streets, Feb. 21, 1907. Mrs. McDonald was alone with him when the tragedy occurred and was immediately arrested and charged with murder.

COUNT BONI IS FOUND GUILTY.

Fined Twenty Dollars for Assaulting De Sagan.

Count Boni de Castellane was Tuesday found guilty of criminal assault and battery on Prince Helle de Sagan, his cousin, and fined \$20. The prince was awarded 20 cents damages.

The encounter between Castellane and DeSagan, which resulted in the prince preferring charges against his cousin, took place on Jan. 2 in front of the church of St. Pierre de Chailfont, in Paris, where special memorial services had been celebrated in memory of Lady Stanley Errington, a relative of both of the fighters. The service had just ended and Count Boni and Prince Helle met on the steps.

Words were exchanged and then the two men came to blows. Boni swore at his cousin and spat in his face. The prince took the matter to court and made charges against Boni and his brother Jean. The charge against Jean was dismissed.

The cause of the fight is said to have been because Helle was paying attention to Madame Gould. This is supposed to have provoked Boni to assault.

SLAUGHTER OF ROBINS.

Nearly 1,000,000 Killed in Louisiana This Winter for Food.

The announcement that about 1,000,000 robins have been killed by hunters this winter in Louisiana was made Tuesday by Frank Miller, president of the Louisiana Audubon society, at New Orleans. Following this announcement George Howell, a government expert, sent there to investigate the habits of robins, said that the investigation may prove the eastward movement of the bird weevil has been facilitated by the reckless destruction of the robins. The birds are killed for food.

Trial of Hitchcock.

The trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, was set Tuesday for Feb. 24 despite the objection of his counsel and the affidavit of a report of his theatrical manager that Hitchcock has been booked to appear in various parts of the country up to March 6. Justice Dowling ruled that the financial loss to the manager was an extraordinary reason to advance for a delay in the prosecution of a criminal case.

Ordered Sent to Jail.

Because they refused to give bonds in answer to indictments requiring or permitting others to work on Sunday, Judge Wallace Tuesday ordered the following theatrical managers in Kansas City, Mo., sent to jail: O. D. Woodward, Auditorium; E. S. Brigham, Gillis; J. R. Donegan, Century; Martin Lehman, Orpheum.

Santa Fe Must Explain.

The Oklahoma corporation commission has ordered the Santa Fe railroad to appear before it and explain why the railroad officials ordered the recent cutting off of four trains on the main line.

Speaker Cole Cleared.

At Salem, Mass., the indictment against Speaker John N. Cole, of the Massachusetts representatives, charging him with violating the statutes by soliciting transportation below regular rates was quashed Tuesday.

Clemency to Mrs. Good.

The death sentence against Mrs. Violet Good, who, with her husband, Vere St. Ledger Good, was convicted of the murder of Emma Levin at Monte Carlo last summer, has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

Franco at Genoa.

Senor Franco arrived at Genoa, Italy, Tuesday evening. He appeared very much worn out and retired to his hotel, refusing to see anyone.

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POLICE FIND STOLEN GOODS.

Loot from Mail Boxes Found in Room of Joe Jones at Nebraska City.

The police, accompanied by a postal officer, searched the home of Joe Jones, the colored man arrested at Nebraska City on the charge of robbing mail sacks at the Missouri Pacific depot found a leather pocketbook which had been taken from the Seventy-third street mail box. The pocketbook was open and robbed that night and all of the mail taken out, and after being ripped open was returned to the boxes. Among the letters were daily reports of insurance agencies and express agents.

A pocketbook recovered had been mailed by L. Wessell's Sons & Co., and several of the clerks identified it because it was broken and had been sent for repairs. Some rare coins were also found which had been taken from Allen's second-hand store, where they were on exhibition, early in December. They were secured by breaking open a window.

It is now claimed that the prisoner entered the book store of W. S. Hyer, Wessell's annex and Johnson Bros.' grocery store. At each place the burglar took only cash and secured something like \$10 in all. He refrained from taking any goods. Jones has been there two years and the police claim committed a number of burglaries during that time. He was taken to Omaha by a deputy United States marshal. He refused to say a word regarding the thefts even after being confronted with the goods and the evidence.

RENEWALS FIGHT FOR CHURCH.

Father Murphy Case Again in the Nebraska Supreme Court.

Father William Murphy, who for a number of years has been in litigation with Bishop Thomas Bonaeum, of the Lincoln diocese, over his right to preside as a priest in the Catholic church, has appealed to the supreme court from a judgment of the district court of Seward county ousting him from the parishes of Seward and Ulysses. Father Murphy is still in possession of the church property of the two towns and the church trustees are his partisans, refusing to give up the keys to any priest appointed by the bishop. Father Murphy was long ago excommunicated by Bishop Bonaeum and the case has twice been before the church authorities at Rome.

FOR WIFE DESERTION.

Frank Brokaw, of Plainview, is Under Arrest.

Frank Brokaw, a young married man, was taken to West Point Sunday evening by Sheriff Malchow to face a charge of wife desertion. The arrest was made in the country near the town of Plainview. The wife is the daughter of Henry Schmitz, of West Point, and has been in town for some weeks. Brokaw brought her to the town a month ago, rented a house, paying a year's rent in advance, sent her some chickens and a little money and then hid himself back to Pierre county. The charges are desertion and bigamy. The woman made the complaint which resulted in his arrest.

JUGGLING IS ALLEGED.

Polyholders of Insurance Company File Charges.

Three polyholders in the Guarantee Fund Life association, of Omaha, Tuesday afternoon charged that the concern had not made a correct report to the state auditor and they filed a demand for a hearing. They assert that no entrance fee is collected and that the amount designed as collected from membership fees was transferred from the mortuary fund. They demand formal answer to the charges. The three polyholders are H. B. Stephenson, M. B. Bacon and W. X. Barton, of Lincoln.

BRICKS PROVE TO BE BOGUS.

Pacific Express Company Admits It Bit on the Old Game.

The two gold bricks which were found in the ruins of the Tobin building at Sidney and last week sent to St. Louis by Superintendent George Patterson, of the Pacific Express Company, under the impression that the gold bricks were stolen in the robbery of the express office in March, 1886, have been pronounced bogus. The whole proceeding is now looked upon as a huge joke, and shows how gullible the Pacific Express company was in assuming that these were the stolen bricks. The bunco men will probably now feel justified in working a few more suckers on their celebrated game.

No Primary in Adams.

At a meeting of the Republican county central committee at Hastings recently it was decided to hold a county convention on Saturday, Feb. 29, to elect delegates to the state convention. There was a good attendance at the meeting, and the matter of using the Pacific system at this time was thoroughly discussed, but it was not thought advisable at this time.

Farmer Found Dead in Home.

Helrich Albrecht, a prominent German farmer living near Beatrice, was found dead on the floor of his home. Death was due to a ruptured blood vessel. He was 63 years of age and leaves a widow and four children.

Commercial Club Meeting.

Preliminary announcements of the fourth annual meeting of the State Association of Commercial clubs, to be held in Grand Island March 18 and 19, have been sent out and promise a fine program for the annual convention.

Farm House Burns.

The farm house occupied by Mrs. Herzberg and son, southwest of Plattsmouth, was destroyed by fire recently, together with all the furniture, household goods and clothing, while the family were away.

WIFE SAYS HARNET SET FIRE.

Serious Charge Being Investigated by County Attorney.

"Death by suffocation" was the verdict of the coroner's jury which investigated the fire in the Streator lodging house at South Stourx City early Saturday morning. No new information was brought out at the inquest.

County Attorney Fred Berry, of Emerson, however, has taken a hand in the matter and will vigorously investigate the charge made by Mrs. Harnet against her husband. Mrs. Dolly Harnet fell from a telephone pole and broke her leg. At the Samaritan hospital, Stourx City, where she was taken, she told the police surgeon that she suspected her husband set the place on fire. He had had trouble with her and other people in the house during the day and had threatened to revenge himself.

Twenty people were in the building when the fire was discovered. Edward Streator and Albert Albertson were burned to death.

LOOT FROM STOLEN MAIL SACK.

Colored Man at Nebraska City Tries to Sell It.

On Dec. 17, 1907, several mail sacks which were in the baggage room at the Missouri Pacific depot at Nebraska City were taken out and rifled, the thief gaining entrance by breaking out a window. Saturday a negro named Joe Jones, who has been about the city for the last two years and who has anything but a savory record, offered a ring to a jeweler, who at once recognized it as one of the rings which he had sold and which was in the mail that went out that night. He at once notified Chief of Police Grant Yates, who arrested the negro. He was turned over to Postal Inspector Grogan, who came and looked up the case. The mail boxes have been robbed at Nebraska City twice and no clue was obtained against anyone until this ring turned up.

SHELTER IN HORSE CARCASS.

A Nebraskan Finds Strange Haven During Blizzard.

Inside the carcass of a dead horse, protected by it sun dried hide which was stretched tight across the bare bones, Clifton Prouty, a Nance county farmer, found shelter from the fierce winds of the blizzard which swept Nebraska a few days ago. Losing his way in the blinding snowstorm he fell and rendered himself helpless. In this predicament he stumbled across the carcass of the horse and the thought struck him that he would give the shelter he needed. In this strange haven he spent the entire night and the greater part of the following day. He was discovered by one of his own dogs after the storm had abated. The dog's barking brought Prouty's son to the rescue.

OMAHAS WANT A CONSTITUTION.

Several Meetings Held, but So Far with Little Actual Result.

The Omaha tribe has held several meetings recently for the purpose of organizing a more permanent council. Little has been accomplished. Other meetings are to be called and it is hoped beneficial results will follow. Hiram Chase, who is a prominent member of the tribe and also an attorney at Pender, has prepared a constitution and bylaws for the tribe which he is endeavoring to have adopted. He expects if his new regulations go into effect conditions on the reservation will be much improved.

New Factory for West Point.

Another new factory is in prospect for West Point. It is proposed to establish a plant for the manufacture of sulky plows. The plow proposed to be manufactured is patented and is a marked improvement upon the old style sulky plow in that the draft is directly upon the plow instead of indirectly, the plow going one way and the team pulling in a tangent direction. The draft upon an 18-inch plow of this design is less than that upon a 16-inch plow of any other make. The project is backed by local capitalists who have the means to insure success.

Will Attempt to Oust Saloons.

At a largely attended meeting held at Lincoln Friday night to discuss the question of the continuance of saloons, a resolution was adopted by a decisive vote declaring for absolute prohibition in Lincoln, beginning with the new municipal election to be submitted at a special election to be held at a date fixed by the city council, probably in April.

Wife Gets \$19,000 Alimony.

The sensational divorce case of Calvin Chapman against his wife, Harriet, was decided in the district court at Nebraska City Friday evening, and Mr. Chapman was given a decree conditioned that he deed over to his wife one-third of his holdings, which are estimated at \$58,000. The court rendered the decree giving Mrs. Chapman \$19,000 as her alimony.

Peru Coal Mine is on Fire.

The Peru coal mine is on fire. It has been burning for three weeks. The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion of coal dust which accumulated in an old room no longer used. At times the fire is so hot that the miners are compelled to quit work and close the mine so that the fire cannot get air, and in this way it is smothered.

Fossil Remains Unearthed.

Fossil bones, which seem to form almost an intact skeleton of a mastodon, are being exhumed in a pit near Red Cloud. It is reported that sixteen feet of the frame has been exposed and it appears to extend many feet farther under the sand.

Sale of Indian Lands.

A sale of Omaha Indian heirship lands was held at the agency at Walthill Friday. Fifteen bids were submitted on eight pieces of land. The total bids aggregated over \$40,000.



The state railway commission has ordered the Rock Island railroad to construct a depot at University Place and install an agent. The order gives the railroad six months, beginning July 1, to construct the station, and provides the plans and specifications must be on file with the commission by April 1. The depot is to contain 500 feet of floor space. As a preliminary to the order Commissioner Clarke wrote an exhaustive brief answering all the points raised by the defendant railroad company, which challenged the right of the commission to make such an order, but holding that the commission could do only what the legislature specifically provided it could do. Mr. Clarke held in his opinion that the commission derived its powers from the people who adopted the constitutional amendment and that the legislature had the power only to regulate the procedure of the commission in conducting hearings and proceedings. He quotes from decisions of courts to uphold his contention that the commission could act under the authority granted by the constitution, and until the courts hold otherwise the commission expects to act accordingly.

The state railway commission has not yet issued a formal answer to the creamery men who held a hearing on a rehearing on its recent order in the service case and a modification of that order. The creameries desire the commission to compel the railroads to give receipts for empty cans returned. When the commission issued its order regarding the rate for shipping cream nothing was said about receipts for cans. Commissioner Clarke, however, filed an opinion agreeing to the majority opinion insofar as it related to rates, but he decided that the shippers were entitled to receipts for the empty cans shipped. He held the one fact that in the past cans had been shipped at the risk of the owners was no reason why the shippers should not be made in a businesslike way now, and that the owners of the cans were entitled to the receipts in order to be able to place responsibility when cans were missing or lost. The other two commissioners, however, refused to agree to this opinion and so far they have not changed their minds.

The monthly report of State Treasurer Rickard for the month of January shows total receipts of \$27,800.77; payments, \$911,399.31; balances, \$68,406.82. In the educational funds there is a total of \$234,919.63. The balances in the educational funds and city banks are large at this time owing to the fact that the \$218,900 worth of state bonds purchased not long since were to have been delivered the first of this week, but the parties from whom these bonds were purchased have only delivered \$13,900, leaving \$205,000 which will have to be taken care of within a few days, and these large balances in the educational funds and the city banks will be depleted upon the delivery of these bonds. The item of \$44,372.40 unwritten receipts is money received from county treasurers in final settlement. The money was deposited in the banks pending the checking up of the receipts by the state auditor. The report shows the state debt drawing interest is now \$1,023,380.82.

The bills for water furnished by the city of Lincoln to the state university and the university farm for an indefinite period have been filed with the auditor. Covering a period of not more than three months for certain departments the bills amounted to \$347.39; for six months for other departments \$751.48, and for a nine months period there was an item of \$2.21. The total amount of \$11,108.05. The largest item was for \$212.74 for 189,100 gallons for the boilers. One item read that the meter was dead and the average for two years, \$50, was inserted in the bill. Whether the \$50 was for six months or six minutes was not set out.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Colonel John J. Ryder will visit the various labor organizations in Omaha and Lincoln and solicit their co-operation in gathering statistics of a nature suggested by the name of the bureau. He will urge the various unions to give him information regarding wages paid workmen, rent they have to pay, homes owned by members of unions, expenses of a family, benefits paid to sick members, insurance arrangements, rules governing apprentices and other information which the bureau have or can secure. The work of securing agricultural statistics is well under way.

The Nebraska state band located at Creighton, is anxious to be officially recognized as the official state band. To get this recognition a letter was sent to the governor signed by numerous business men, who said in return for the official recognition of the band it would be willing to play on all state occasions without pay or expense to the state. The governor has not yet had time to consider the matter.

The car shipments reported to the railway commission for July, August, September and October show that the railroads of Nebraska during these four months shipped a total of 14,916,400 bushels of wheat, 20,199,600 bushels of corn, 7,444,900 bushels of oats and other grain products. These totals are based on the number of cars shipped.

Thomas McGuigan, a nature to the penitentiary for sixteen years for the murder of a man named Murphy at Omaha; George Britt, the attorney who defended him, and Judge Lee S. Estelle, before whom the case was tried, appeared before Gov. Sheldon and made a plea to have the man's sentence commuted. McGuigan wants his time commuted to ten years, which, with his good time allowance, will secure his release this month.

EARL OF YARMOUTH LOSES HIS RICH WIFE

Countess, Who Was Alice Thaw, Wins Decree in London Court Nullifying Her Marriage.

NO DEFENSE IS PUT FORTH.

Husband Fails to Appear and Hearing Held in Private—Married Less than Five Years Ago.

Sir Birrell Barnes, president of the Divorce Court, in London granted the Countess of Yarmouth, who was Miss Alice Thaw of Pittsburg, a decree nullifying her marriage to the Earl of Yarmouth. The case was heard in private. At the time fixed for the opening of the proceedings everyone not actually concerned in the matter was excluded from the courtroom. The case was practically undefended, and the hearing lasted only half an hour.

It has been known for two years that the domestic affairs of the Yarmouths were unhappy. The earl's companions and his manner of living, it was said, were such that he could not give his wife the place in society which she had a right to expect. She paid large sums to defray her husband's extravagances, and her friends say she conducted herself with dignity through-



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out the troubles resulting from this unhappy union and the difficulties of her brother, Harry Kendall Thaw. The wedding of Lord Yarmouth and Miss Thaw was a prominent event in Pittsburg society. The ceremony was delayed several hours and it was reported that the delay was due to negotiations with regard to the marriage settlement from the Thaw family. The earl is declared to have insisted upon an increase, and the papers had to be drawn up before the marriage.

The former Miss Thaw always has been popular among her associates both in Pittsburg and New York, and her married life has been followed with great interest.

Coal Men to Cut Wages.

At a meeting of the leading soft coal operators of the Pittsburg district held recently it was decided that the miners must accept a reduction of 10 cents a ton. A committee of the operators left for the convention of miners, being held in Indianapolis, to propose this reduction.

America Gets Historic Flag.

The flag captured on the American frigate Chesapeake at the time of her famous fight with the British ship Shannon in 1813 has been purchased for American buyers at an auction sale in London, the price paid being \$4,250. It is said the flag is for J. P. Morgan. At the same sale parties said to represent American buyers purchased for \$1,500 the banner upon which was sounded the order for the famous charge of the Light Brigade in the battle of Balaclava.