

### BALLINGER UNDER FIRE

Hitchcock of Nebraska Makes Vigorous Attack in House.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Charging that "the real seat of the public land frauds is in the land office rather than outside," Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska, addressing the house, declared the situation called for a congressional investigation.

"My resolution to investigate is before the committee on rules," continued Mr. Hitchcock, "but there is no way to force the committee to report."

Mr. Hitchcock attacked Secretary Ballinger for his conduct in the Cunningham Alaska coal land cases and held up as a martyr L. B. Glavis, who was dismissed from the land office because "he had shown too much zeal in protecting the government against frauds." He said he pitied the "helpless subordinate official who was forced to choose between holding his position in silence and endangering it by open protest against frauds entrenched in power backed by influence."

### NEW BANK NOTE SWINDLE

Sleuths Discover Scheme by Which Uncle Sam is Defrauded.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—A scheme by which \$220 is made out of ten \$20 bank notes has been called to the attention of local banks by the St. Louis officers of the federal secret service.

The scheme is as follows: Ten \$20 bank notes are laid one on top of the other, with a quarter inch margin of each note showing at one end. All are then firmly held together and by one stroke with scissors or a sharp knife each note is divided into two parts, one of which is larger than the other. The pieces are then fitted together to make a note a trifle less than the regulation size.

There remain nine complete bills, and two portions of bills, each of which is more than three-fifths of a complete bill. The government redeems at full value a mutilated bill which is three-fifths of its proper size.

### CLARK RAPS HOUSE MAJORITY

Says Important Resolutions Are Smothered and Trivial Matters Pushed.

Washington, Dec. 17.—When a house resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of five to make an investigation to ascertain what useless papers were stored in the document rooms of the house was reported to the house, Representative Clark of Missouri, the minority leader, demanded to know when action was to be taken on important resolutions.

"It seems easy enough," criticized Mr. Clark, "to get a resolution reported for the disposal of worthless documents, but when an effort is made to get action on sugar trust frauds to see how much money has been stolen from the government and who is mixed up in it, and for an inquiry into the general land office, some kind of a smothering process goes on."

The worthless paper resolution was then adopted.

### HUNT RUNS INTO OBSTACLE

Investigation Into Big Four Embezzlement Checked.

Cincinnati, Dec. 18.—Another obstacle has been encountered by Prosecutor Hunt in his efforts to discover what became of the \$643,000 which was embezzled from the Big Four railroad, for which embezzlement Charles L. Warriner, former local treasurer, is at present in jail under indictment.

According to a statement given out by the prosecutor, Henry Clews & Co., the New York brokers through whom Warriner claims to have lost vast sums in speculation, have refused to allow their books to be examined by him.

### LODGEMEN IN MEETING

Representatives of A. O. U. W. Form New Supreme Body.

Kansas City, Dec. 16.—A meeting of representatives of the Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Arizona-New Mexico grand lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at a meeting here decided to form a new supreme lodge.

The meeting here is a culmination of the division in the A. O. U. W., which resulted from the effort of the supreme lodge to control the benefit funds of the various grand lodges.

### WOOD TO BE ARMY CHIEF

Secretary Dickinson Announces Choice of Former Surgeon to Succeed Bell.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Major General Leonard Wood, now in command of the Department of the East, will be the next chief of staff of the army. Secretary Dickinson made this announcement. General Wood will succeed General J. Franklin Bell, whose term at the head of the general staff will expire next spring.

### National League Fails to Elect.

New York, Dec. 17.—No president of the National League of Baseball Clubs was elected by the club owners in their five hour session in the Waldorf. Only one ballot was taken. This resulted in four votes each for John M. Ward and Robert W. Brown.

### Hawaiian Judge Resigns.

Honolulu, Dec. 16.—Arthur A. Wilder, associate justice of the supreme court of Hawaii, has cabled his resignation to President Taft and asked for its immediate acceptance.

### Cost of Chase is Thirty-four Lives.

Boston, Dec. 16.—At the close of the big game season it was found the cost of the chase was thirty-four lives.

### Earthquake in Mexico.

Mexico City, Dec. 17.—Mexico was shaken by a slight earthquake.

## COOK IN DENMARK

### Claim Made Explorer is Visiting at Christiansand.

### DATA FAILS TO SATISFY DANES

Generally Believed in Copenhagen That Report of University Committee Will Be Against Cook's Claim, on the Ground That Explorer's Polar Records Do Not Provide Basis for Well Founded Scientific Judgment.

New York, Dec. 19.—Intimate friends of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, who are on pins and needles, as it were, pending the decision on his data at Copenhagen, said that in their belief Dr. Cook is at the home of friends in Christiansand, Norway, within easy call of Copenhagen.

It is thought that Dr. Cook left this country on the steamer United States, which sailed on Thanksgiving day. Walter Lonsdale, the explorer's secretary, is known to have sailed on the vessel.

### Will Report Against Cook.

Copenhagen, Dec. 19.—The general belief is held here that the commission having charge of the investigation of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's polar records will report that Dr. Cook's papers do not provide a basis for any well founded scientific judgment.

### TO INDICT THREE SISTERS

Eccentric Relatives of Ocey Snead Must Face Trial.

New York, Dec. 19.—Three eccentric sisters—Miss Virginia Wardlaw, Mrs. Mary Snead and Mrs. Caroline W. Martin—all charged with the murder of Ocey Snead, whose emaciated body was found in a bath tub at East Orange, N. J., will be indicted by the Essex county (N. J.) grand jury tomorrow, according to the program made out by the county authorities.

Immediately thereafter application for the extradition of Mrs. Snead and Mrs. Martin, now held in the Tombs here, will be made. It is believed that the two sisters in New York, on the advice of counsel, will consent to go to New Jersey for trial without a legal battle.

Prosecutor Mott of Essex county says that he has positive evidence that both Mrs. Snead and Mrs. Martin were instrumental in engaging the house in which Ocey Snead died.

### EAST ST. LOUIS CAR RUNS WILD

Negro Highwayman Shoots Motorman and Conductor, Then Escapes.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 19.—An uncontrolled street car bearing a dead motorman and a dying conductor ran wild through four miles of city streets here. The men were shot by a negro highwayman, who escaped with a small sum taken from the conductor. According to the few words spoken by N. P. O'Brien, the conductor, who is desperately wounded, the negro boarded the car near Fireworks station, in the southeastern part of the city. The conductor refused to obey the highwayman's order to hold up his hands and a struggle ensued.

E. V. Goody, the motorman, is supposed to have started to O'Brien's assistance. From the position of the bodies in the car it is inferred that he was shot down while still some paces from the negro.

### WOULD LIFT BAN ON CATTLE

High Price of Meat Starts Cry for American Beef in Germany.

Dresden, Dec. 17.—Discussing the increased price of meat, a subject raised in the second chamber by a radical interpellation, Herr Koch, a radical member, said that German agriculture, which was protected by high tariffs, was unable to supply sufficient beef to feed the population, which, as a result, was underfed. He demanded that the embargo on American and Danish cattle be raised.

### "CORPSE" HALTS FUNERAL

Wakes Up in Time to Tell Undertaker He is Feeling Better.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 17.—Edward Murphy, 125 Park street, apparently is on the road to recovery, although his relatives had expected a funeral. He had been seriously ill for some time and the nurse announced he was dead. An undertaker was called and was preparing the body for burial when Murphy raised up and announced that he felt much better.

### Brokaw Divorce Case.

New York, Dec. 19.—This week may see the Brokaw vs. Brokaw case completed and it may not, was the indefinite statement of counsel in Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw's suit for a separation from her husband, W. Gould Brokaw. If Mr. Brokaw takes the stand the case is likely to be further drawn out, as Attorney Baldwin has indicated that he will subject the defendant to a lengthy cross-examination if he gets the chance.

### Mae Wood Gets Bail.

New York, Dec. 17.—Mae C. Wood of Omaha, charged with perjury and forgery in connection with a suit for divorce which she brought against Thomas C. Platt, was released from the Tombs under \$1,000 bail.

### Manufacture of Explosives Explodes.

Naples, Dec. 19.—A manufacture of explosives exploded near Caserta, five persons being killed and five injured.

### THOUSANDS AT LEOPOLD'S BIER

Remains of King of Belgians Lie in State in Palace.

Brussels, Dec. 19.—The body of King Leopold lay in state in the royal palace while thousands, who had patiently waited their turn to be admitted, filed in before the catafalque and paid homage to their late sovereign in the presence of Prince Albert and the officers and dignitaries of the court and government, the coffin had



PRINCE ALBERT O. FLANDERS

been borne to the mortuary chamber while priests chanted the Miserere and a procession of nuns, with bended heads, tolled the rosary for the king.

Passing up the broad marble staircase, embarked with magnificent floral pieces and across the vast reception hall, those who had come to the palace found themselves in a room of state, the draperies of which were black with silver fringe.

The mahogany casket, in which the king lay, was half draped with the colors of the Grenadier regiment and surrounded by his daughters' floral wreaths. It was guarded on either side by three officers, in uniforms glittering with gold and swords brought up to the royal salute. In front of the coffin were kneeling nuns and priests. For three hours the stream of people passed through the palace, witnesses of the impressive scene.

The Belgian episcopate issued a pastoral letter eulogizing King Leopold as the apostle of peace and justice, the glorifier of the Catholic faith, and the promoter of Christian civilization, through the founding and development of the Congo independent state.

On the other hand, the general socialist organization has issued a proclamation in favor of a republic and condemning Leopold for imposing upon the country the costly burden of the Congo. The proclamation adds that the socialists decline to swear allegiance to Albert, who as monarch is bound "to represent the oppression of those who labor by those who fatten on the fruits of labor."

Princess Louise, who has commenced an active legal battle for the estates of King Leopold, and Baroness Vaughan, have not yet arrived here.

### FINAL CROP ESTIMATES

Year's Corn Yield is 2,772,376,000 Bushels and Wheat 737,189,000.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture estimates the average weight per measured bushel of various crops to be as follows:

Spring wheat, 57.1 pounds; winter wheat, 58.4 pounds, and oats, 32.7 pounds, against 57.3, 58.8 and 29.8 pounds respectively last year. The quality of corn is 84.2 per cent, against 86.9 last year.

The final estimate indicates the acreage and production of important farm crops of the United States in 1909 and 1908, to have been as follows:

	Acreage	Production
	acres	bushels.*
Corn 1909.....	108,771,000	2,772,376,000
Corn 1908.....	101,788,000	2,668,651,000
W'r wheat '09..	28,230,000	446,366,000
W'r wheat '08..	30,249,000	437,108,000
S'g wheat '09..	18,393,000	290,823,000
S'g wheat '08..	17,208,000	226,694,000
All wheat 1909	46,723,000	737,189,000
All wheat 1908	47,557,000	664,602,000
Oats 1909.....	32,204,000	1,007,053,000
Oats 1908.....	32,244,000	807,156,000
*Bushels of weight.		

### ARBUCKLES PAY UP

Shortage of Nearly \$700,000 in Duty Payments on Sugar.

New York, Dec. 16.—Assistant Attorney General Stimson announced as a result of a federal investigation as to weights on which duties were paid on sugar landed here by the Arbuckle Brothers, sugar refiners, it was ascertained there had been a shortage in duty payments by that firm amounting to \$695,573. Mr. Stimson stated this sum had been repaid in cash to the United States treasury by the Arbuckle Brothers.

### STARTS ANTI-TRUST CASE

Topeka Fruit, Produce and Commission Men Face Charge.

Topeka, Dec. 17.—On complaint of Attorney General Jackson, all the fruit, produce and commission men of Topeka were arrested, charged with being members of the Topeka Produce and Fruit exchange, and violating the anti-trust laws of the state. It is alleged that the organization has for its purpose control of the prices of food.

### Cardinal Satolli is Ill.

Rome, Dec. 19.—Cardinal Satolli has suffered a relapse from nephritis. Extreme weakness has been marked and he is often delirious. The doctors fear a fatal issue.

### BAYARD ITEMS.

J. H. Jackson was in Bridgeport Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Conover spent Tuesday in Bridgeport.

Will Waitman of Morrill is spending a few days in town.

Miss Lera Remender spent the week in town visiting friends.

John Adams was visiting friends in town the last of the week.

The new seats are being placed in the M. E. church this week.

W. F. Taylor of Minatare was down here on a business trip Saturday.

Mrs. W. E. Covington is in Laramie, Wyo., this week visiting relatives.

The Ladies Aid society gave a fair and oyster supper Saturday, the 17th. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leytham left Monday to visit at points in central Nebraska and Iowa.

Mrs. E. F. Kelley and little daughter, Helen, leave on Thursday to spend Christmas with friends at Osceola.

Miss Lena Rehn was obliged to give up her school on account of sickness and return to her home in eastern Nebraska.

Miss Grace Lipska of Alliance and Miss Luella Lipska of Sidney are spending the holiday vacation with Mrs. Benton.

On Sunday, Dec. 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Flower, occurred the wedding of their daughter, Miss Marion, to R. W. Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace left Tuesday for their home in Belle Fourques, S. D.

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