

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Gen. Reyes, Mexican minister of war, has resigned.

An anonymous admirer of Abraham Lincoln is going to place busts of the great war president in every public school in New York city.

Indications are that the convention of the National Live Stock association to be held in Kansas City in January will be very largely attended.

After General Miles, General Young will be lieutenant general five months and then General Chaffee will serve about two years at the head of the army.

Every employe in the clerical department of the Chicago & Alton railway has been granted an increase of 10 per cent in wages, dating from December 1.

Charles E. Osborne, formerly a country newspaper man in Wisconsin, has been offered \$2,000,000 for an iron mine in Ontario, of which he is the principal owner.

Winnie O'Connor, a young jockey, will get \$25,000 a year for the next three years. He will ride on foreign tracks for Baron de Rothschild and M. De Bloch.

Mrs. George A. Graves of Ogden, Utah, has just received a check from the United States government for \$250 in settlement of a claim that has been pending for 125 years.

Societies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the different countries have been amalgamated into one body, whereby all will be brought under the same governing board.

A pool room in Hot Springs, Ark., was wrecked the day before Christmas by an explosion of gasoline, resulting in the death of two men and serious accident to several others.

Newton Thorp is designing the monument in Union square, San Francisco, which will be erected to commemorate Admiral Dewey's victory of Manila bay. It will cost about \$45,000.

When the Missouri Savings bank balanced its public schools account last week, the books showed that the 1,239 children who have accounts there had \$12,159.64 to their credit. This is just about \$10 apiece.

For the second time in fifteen years President Roosevelt did not act as Kris Kringle in person at the Cove school, Oyster Bay, where his children were taught prior to his elevation to the head of the nation.

Emperor William spent Christmas in his usual way. His majesty took a walk in the afternoon in the Sans Souci park, Berlin, and distributed bright gold pieces from the mint among the gardeners and watchmen.

The Missouri supreme court has denied the Wiltmer school of magnetic healing of Nevada, Mo., a rehearing in the suit against C. M. Bishop for libel. The court holds that the business is not legitimate and that the company is not entitled to the protection of the libel laws.

The cabmen of St. Louis went on a strike Christmas eve. As a result, the street cars have been providing transportation to many people who usually patronize the cabbies. Seventeen funerals on Christmas day were deprived of carriages and the mourners went to the cemeteries in the street cars.

Ex-Chief Sparheeder, of the Creek Indians, died suddenly tonight at Okmulgee, I. T., at the age of 90 years. He had been prominent in Creek affairs for three score years and has been connected with every treaty of importance between the United States government and the Indians during that time.

J. Pierpont Morgan has been summoned to appear in the district municipal court to answer in a suit brought against him for \$250 damages. The claimant, a tenant in a house owned by Mr. Morgan, asks these damages on the ground that he caught a severe cold through the house not being heated, owing to the lack of coal.

It is stated on good authority that Grant G. Gillett, the fugitive Kansas cattle king, who has been in Mexico for more than three years, has gone to New York to perfect a mining deal. Since taking refuge in Mexico Gillett has not recrossed the border into the United States, but has turned his attention to mining. His recent rich strike near Chihuahua has made him a millionaire again.

The members of the Studabaker family of South Bend, Ind., have decided to mark the anniversary of the death of Clem Studabaker by giving to the Epworth hospital in their city \$50,000 in addition to former gifts for a hospital building.

The great grandfather of Mrs. Mary Jane Pairo, who has just died in Baton Rouge, was a member of the Boston tea party, and in her home hangs the mirror which hung in the hall of the house from which the Boston tea party started on its expedition.

Robert S. McCormick, retiring United States ambassador to Austria, will have his farewell audience with Emperor Francis Joseph on December 29. He will then leave Vienna for St. Petersburg to assume the duties of American ambassador to Russia.

All the women teachers in the Portuguese LaFrarie schools except one have gone on a strike to enforce a demand for better wages. The teachers are supported by practically every leading man in town. The trustees are advertising for new teachers.

NEW MAN GETS IN

EX-GOVERNOR RICHARDS SLATED FOR GOOD JOB.

AS HEAD OF LAND DEPARTMENT

Differences of Opinion Between the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner Hermann Brought About Latter's Resignation.

WASHINGTON.—Binger Hermann has resigned his position as commissioner of the general land office, to take effect February 1. For a long time there has been friction between Mr. Hermann and the secretary of the interior, largely growing out of differences of opinion as to the proper policy to be pursued regarding forestry and other important branches of the interior department service. The climax, however, was reached just before the convening of the present congress and an open breach resulted. Two weeks ago Secretary Hitchcock asked Mr. Hermann for his resignation, which was presented at once. Mr. Hermann said tonight: "I have intended withdrawing from my present position for over a year. In fact, I stated to President McKinley some time before his death that I wished to resign, but he asked me to remain until another place which might suit me could be provided. As the present year is drawing to a close, I decided to tender my resignation to the president, so my successor could be appointed and confirmed before the close of the present session of congress. I have held the place over six years, my term of office exceeding that of any of my predecessors with two exceptions."

It is believed here that William A. Richards, assistant commissioner of the general land office, will be appointed Hermann's successor. Richards' who was surveyor general and governor of Wyoming prior to the present governor, has held the assistant commissionership for four years, succeeding Congressman Frank W. Mondell. His conduct of the office has been exceptionally good, having during his term of office inaugurated reforms which have brought him praise from all over the country. Governor Richards knows the west and its needs, and his appointment to the position will be welcomed not only by the west, but by those who have business with the general land office.

BELIEVE MRS. LILLIE INNOCENT.

Relatives of David City Woman Now on Trial Swear by Her.

DAVID CITY, Neb.—The preliminary hearing of Mrs. Lena M. Lillie, charged with the crime of murdering her husband, Harvey Lillie, on the morning of October 24 of this year, is now in progress before County Judge C. M. Skiles. The county court room was too small to accommodate the large crowd in attendance, and the case is being heard in the district court room, which is crowded to its utmost capacity. The attorneys for the state are County Attorney Walling and County Attorney-elect Evans, and for the defendant, Judge Matt Miller. Mrs. Lillie is a woman of medium height, rather slender, small black eyes, dark hair, and has the appearance of a woman of refinement and one would not think she would even be charged with a crime so serious as that of murder in the first degree. She returned from Bellwood, accompanied by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hill, the latter of whom occupies a seat with her in the court room. A large crowd from Bellwood, the former residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lillie, is attending the trial. Sam Lillie and his aged mother occupy seats inside of the railing. They do not believe Mrs. Lillie guilty of the crime.

MASCAGNI WILL RESUME.

Will Give Another Performance in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Pietro Mascagni, the Italian composer, will appear in Chicago as temporary director of the Thomas orchestra. It was also determined that he will resume his tour of the United States and he is looking for a manager with sufficient capital to insure a successful journey. So many Chicagoans requested the composer to give another performance that it was impossible for him to refuse. Requests came from men and women in every walk of life. The concert will be held at the Auditorium theater.

Gobbed by the Trust.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—According to the Courier-Journal, Harry Weissinger, president of the Weissinger Tobacco company of this city, has closed a deal which has been pending for several days for the sale of his plant to the Continental Tobacco company for \$2,500,000. The papers have been signed and Mr. Weissinger will leave for New York to complete the details of the transaction. The company is one of the largest independent concerns of the kind in the country.

Entertaining General Miles.

PEKIN—The ladies of the American legation and Lieutenant General Miles and his party were entertained at luncheon Sunday by the dowager empress and the emperor. United States Minister Conger also gave a diplomatic dinner in honor of the general.

AVENGE POLICEMAN'S DEATH.

Mob Lynchs a Kansas Negro Who Committed Murder.

PITTSBURG, Kan.—Montgomery Godley, a negro, was taken from the jail here Thursday and lynched by a mob because early in the morning he shot and killed Milton Hinkle, a policeman, who was trying to protect himself against a crowd of unruly blacks.

The negro jerked the officer's pistol from the holster and shot him with it from behind. Two hours later a mob gathered and took Godley from the city jail, where he had been incarcerated, and hanged him to a telephone pole. As he was choking to death one of the members of the mob cut his throat and ended his sufferings.

A large number of negro men and women from the various mining camps in the vicinity, among them Mont and Joe Godley, brothers, were drinking and carousing at a ball. Hinkle requested them to be quiet. The Godley brothers answered him in an insulting and insolent manner and he tried to arrest them. They resisted and Hinkle blew his whistle for help. He then began to use his club in order to protect himself from the onslaught of the crowd. He was holding his own against three of them when "Mont" Godley grabbed the officer's revolver, and, placing the muzzle behind Hinkle's right ear, pulled the trigger. The ball passed through his head and came out over the left eye. He fell to the sidewalk. Other officers pursued the negroes, all of whom started to run when the officer fell. The Godley brothers were both captured and locked up in the city jail. Hinkle was carried to the city hall, where he died at 2 o'clock.

GUAM DOES NOT FLOURISH.

Annual Report from Governor of the Island is Interesting.

WASHINGTON.—The annual report of Commander Seaton Schroeder, governor of the island of Guam, which is dated July 10, has just reached the navy department. The receipts last year were \$66,000 and the expenses \$57,000, leaving a balance of \$9,000, which, however, is a decrease of more than \$13,000 in the cash balance for the preceding year. This loss is due largely to the unexpected expenses incident to the establishment of the leper colony and a decrease of over \$10,000 in import duties.

Commander Schroeder reports that it has been deemed prudent to stop all work of public improvement until further appropriations are made. The value of the exports and imports during the year were, respectively, \$35,549 and \$35,165.

The exports consisted almost entirely of Mexican dollars. Not a pound of copra was exported, and neither cacao or coffee was produced in sufficient quantities to supply the home market.

The census of the island, taken last autumn, shows a total population of 9,676, of whom only forty-six are foreigners, fourteen being citizens of the United States, but officers and men of the navy or other civil employes, temporarily imported from the United States, were not included.

Above the age of 7, 46 per cent of the natives read and write Spanish. The natives still refuse to allow their sick to receive medical attention, but conditions were improving, an excess of births over deaths being shown for each of the last two years.

Miners Want More Pay.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—W. D. Ryan, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, says that the miners of the United States will make a demand for a material increase in wages at the national convention at Indianapolis on January 19.

Mr. Ryan says that the operators are receiving a larger price for coal than ever before, and they cannot make the excuse that the mines are not paying expenses. Mr. Ryan says that the convention will produce figures to show that the total cost of mining a ton of coal and give the public an idea of the profit being reaped by the operators. Mr. Ryan will attend the convention and no doubt lead the fight for higher wages.

Officer is Missing.

DENVER—Second Lieutenant William M. Kistler, Company M, Eighteenth United States Infantry, has been missing from Fort Logan for nearly two weeks. The Denver police department has been asked to help locate him.

Lieutenant Kistler is 23 years old and enlisted as a private in the Sixth cavalry seven years ago at Philadelphia. He went with the battery to the Philippines and saw service in and about Manila.

Jap Marries a Corpse.

VICTORIA, B. C.—A correspondent of the Associated Press from Yokohama says: The Japan Times has an account of a Japanese of Koehi having been married to a corpse. The bride-elect committed suicide on the evening of her marriage. The body was recovered and at the request of the dead girl's parents the ceremony took place between the living and the dead.

Emperor is Sorry.

VIENNA—Emperor Francis Joseph received Ambassador McCormick in farewell audience and expressed much regret at the departure of the ambassador, whose tenure of office has been marked by such pleasant relations with all circles of society.

LIVES ARE LOST

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT ON GRAND TRUNK RAILROAD.

TWO TRAINS CRASH TOGETHER

Number of Dead Reaches More Than Thirty—Responsibility for Accident is Believed to Rest on Telegraph Operator.

LONDON, Ont.—A train wreck bringing death to over two score of passengers and terrible pain and suffering to about thirty-five, occurred at 10:10 o'clock Friday night at Wainstead, Canada, a station on the Sarnia branch of the Grand Trunk, forty miles from this city, when the Pacific express, flying westward at the rate of fifty miles an hour, and crowded to its capacity with passengers returning to their homes from holiday visits, crashed into an eastbound freight.

The latest estimates of the fatalities is thirty killed and thirty-five or more injured. The darkness of the night and the raging of a blizzard added horrors to the wreck.

Fire broke out in the wreckage of the day coach, but it was smothered with snow, which was thrown on it before it gained any headway.

The Pacific express is a fast train. Last night it was delayed two hours by the heavy travel and at Wainstead it was speeding to make up time. The freight was working slowly east under orders to take the switch at Wainstead and allow the express to pass.

In the blinding snow storm neither engineer saw the other train approaching, apparently, and the freight had just commenced to pull in the siding when the passenger train came up.

The shock was awful. In a second the baggage and express cars of the passenger train telescoped into the day coach. This day coach was reduced to splinters and fragments back to the last three windows. As it was crowded, the results were terrible. Fire that broke out was quickly smothered, but the fire was scarcely more dangerous than the cold. For three hours or more injured passengers were pinned underneath wreckage, crying piteously for help, while they suffered from exposure to the elements.

Exposure probably hastened the death of some of the injured and caused the death of some of those who might have been saved if it had been only a question of extricating them from the wreckage.

The Pullman cars stayed on the track and were comparatively unharmed, although the passengers in them were severely shaken in the shock.

Andrew Carson, the operator at Watford, the first station east of the wreck, whose failure to deliver orders to Conductor McAuliffe of the Pacific express to pass the freight at Wainstead is said by the Grand Trunk officials to have caused the wreck, made the first statement since the wreck. He says he received the order for No. 5, the express, to pass the freight at Wainstead at 9:48 o'clock, but declares positively that a few minutes later Dispatcher J. G. Kerr at London called him and ordered him to "bust" or cancel the order. He said: "About 9:54, after calling Wyoming and ascertaining that the freight was there, the dispatcher called me rapidly a half dozen times. When I answered on the wire he told me to 'bust' this order. I wrote 'bust' it across the order just as McAuliffe came in and asked me what the order board was out against him for. I told him we had had an order for him but the dispatcher had 'busted' it. He asked me to hurry and write him a clearance order, which I did. After the train had started and was out of my reach the dispatcher learned that the freight had left Wyoming. I told him I could not stop No. 5, as it had left. He immediately began calling Kings Court Junction, the station between Watford and Wainstead, on the railroad wire and I tried to raise them on the commercial wire. We both failed to do this, however, until after the express had passed the Junction."

Carson admitted that he knew that it was against the rules to cancel a train order without sending a substitute for it, but said that the dispatcher was his superior officer and he disliked to question his order or dispute his authority to take this action. Dispatcher Kerr's order book in the local Grand Trunk office does not show that the order was "busted" or cancelled as Carson claims. According to the book it was still in force and should have been delivered to the conductor of the express. Kerr has not made any statement even to the railroad officials and will not until he takes the stand at the inquest.

Division Superintendent George D. Jones of Toronto says that the rule against cancelling or "busting" train orders is the strictest in the company's code. "I do not believe," he said, "that it has been violated since the standard dispatching rules went into effect. Dispatcher Kerr is one of the best and most efficient dispatchers in our service. He is the operator who accompanied the train bearing the duke and duchess of York on the royal tour of Canada a year ago. I have every confidence in him."

Vanderbilt Grows Better.

NEW YORK—Cornelius Vanderbilt continues to improve. His temperature is slowly dropping toward normal. The attending physicians are well satisfied with his progress.

MOORS PUT TO ROUT.

Two Thousand of Sultan's Troops Killed or Wounded.

TANGIER, Morocco.—On December 22, 10,000 Sherifian troops, commanded by a brother of the sultan's minister of war, received orders to concentrate and take the offensive against the pretender at Taza. Before the Sherifians moved upon him the pretender attacked them with large bodies of cavalry. The imperial army was surrounded, completely routed and fled in disorder toward Fez, abandoning all material of war. The first fugitives arrived at Fez on the morning of December 24.

The gates of Fez at present are shut. Shops there are closed and the population is greatly excited, but there has been no disorder.

The European colony of Fez, embodying about 500 persons, is taking no steps to leave the town and appears to be satisfied that it is in no imminent danger, although the situation is regarded as serious. It is said that the pretender's followers have received numerous additions since his success and he is already negotiating with the tribes of Wedmaweb valley. The population of Fez is reported to be generally hostile to the sultan and ready to acclaim any pretender who will guarantee the town from pillage.

No details of the imperial losses have yet been received here, but it is rumored that 2,000 of the sultan's soldiers were killed or wounded. The authorities here are trying to minimize the disaster. It is said that a section of the imperial troops sent as reinforcements deserted to the rebels and aided in driving the local troops back to Fez.

CHAPTER OF TRAGEDIES.

Eight Violent Deaths in New York in One Day.

NEW YORK—Eight persons met violent deaths in Greater New York Sunday. Three were clear cases of suicide and the others resulted from a variety of causes.

Mrs. Mary Parke, aged 45, wife of the chief officer of the steamer Beverly, died from the result of gas poisoning, self-administered.

George Simon, 43, and Jacob Schwartz, 35 years old, died after drinking carbolic acid.

Mary Stack, aged 24, of Whitonsville, Mass., was found dead in a hotel. Escaping gas is given as the cause. An unidentified man was found in her room unconscious.

Mary Serles, aged 38, drank wood alcohol and died in a hospital.

Henry Bunkey, aged 27, was found on the sidewalk with a fractured skull and died later.

Two men are dead as the result of falls, one in the power house of a street railway company and the other in a lodging house.

An 18-year-old girl unsuccessfully attempted suicide by swallowing carbolic acid, and a woman 32 years of age hanged herself in a police station cell, but was cut down in time to save her life.

ASKS FOR ASSISTANCE.

Caleb Powers of Kentucky Says His Means Are Exhausted.

GEORGETOWN, Ky.—Ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers, who has had two trials and now awaits in jail here his third trial for complicity in the murder of the late Governor William Goebel, issued the following appeal to the public:

"I have had written a number of letters to different states asking for financial aid in my coming trial for alleged complicity in the Goebel murder. A portion of the press has, through a misunderstanding of the facts, attempted to thwart my plan for raising the much-needed money with which to defend myself, by circulating a report that these letters were not genuine because signed by different persons for me.

"It is true that many of the letters were signed by different persons, because it was impossible for one person to send them out in the limited time before my next trial, but all of these letters are genuine.

"I have been continuously in the jails of this state for nearly three years. My means are exhausted. The generosity of Kentucky has been taxed to the utmost in my former so-called trials. In a few weeks I am again to be tried for my life. Hence my appeal now to my friends outside of Kentucky."

No Special Session.

WASHINGTON—Minister Squires has called the state department that no special session of the Cuban senate will be called prior to the reassembling of that congress after the holidays. The suggestion has been made that such a session of the congress might be held during the holidays for the purpose of passing on the reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba, but according to the information received from Havana this intention has been abandoned and the measure will come before the Cuban senate in regular form in January.

Y. M. C. A. in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG—The third annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian association, under the patronage of Prince Oldenburg, was held here. Among those present were Prince Plato Obolensky, Senator Tagantzev, E. L. Nobel and Franklin Gaylord. The Russian branch of the association is nearly self-sustaining and its membership in the last year has increased.

WILL ARBITRATE

POWERS AGREE ON THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL.

END OF TROUBLE IS IN SIGHT

European Powers Preferred that the President of the United States Serve as Arbitrator, but Have Assented to The Hague Plan.

WASHINGTON—The notes received from the European governments in regard to the Venezuelan controversy and from Venezuela, agree to submit the question at issue to The Hague tribunal.

A note is now being prepared by Secretary Hay, in which this government announces its hearty approval of such a course.

There appears to be no question but that it is the general understanding that the Monroe doctrine is not to enter into the question of arbitration. President Roosevelt will not be the arbitrator for the Venezuelan controversy.

The whole subject will be referred for arbitration to The Hague tribunal. This was the situation as it had resolved itself at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting Friday. The meeting was not so long as the seasons usually are. All the members except Secretary Root were present. The Venezuelan question was the principal and practically the only topic of general conference.

Secretary Hay presented the net results of his cable correspondence with the governments at London, Berlin, Rome and Caracas. In accordance with the suggestion made by President Roosevelt, through Secretary Hay, President Castro was represented to have agreed to submit the differences to the arbitration of The Hague. The European powers not only consented to submit the controversy to arbitration, but while they had expressed a preference for an arbitration to be conducted by President Roosevelt, they had assented to his suggestion that the matter be referred to The Hague.

No fear is expressed by the administration that the Monroe doctrine will be brought into the controversy in any manner that might result in an embarrassing situation for the United States.

An intimation is given of the conditions which may have been imposed by the European powers or by President Castro precedent to the arbitration. It is known that Great Britain was willing to submit the subject to the arbitration of President Roosevelt, practically without conditions, but the suggestion is made that perhaps two of the other powers involved proposed some other conditions which might have proved embarrassing to the president had he undertaken the responsibility of determining the question.

It is understood that money must pass, but it also is known that the amount of cash to be required of Venezuela before arbitration is not nearly so large as has been stated.

It is not possible to learn whether the allies insist upon apologies from Castro, and while it is assumed that the blockade will be speedily raised, no arrangements to that end have been made.

POISON IN CHRISTMAS WINE.

Husband, Wife and Child Arrested Charged with Murder.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Poisoning, it is charged by means of a bottle of wine given as a Christmas present, Richard Cummings, 50 years old, died at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Shanahan, 4228 Ashland avenue, where he was boarding. William Moniak, his wife, Mrs. Theresa Moniak, and their 14-year-old daughter Mary, of 4225 Ashland avenue, were arrested on suspicion of having poisoned Cummings.

A bitter quarrel is said to have taken place between Cummings and Mrs. Shanahan on one side and the Moniahs on the other. The wine, according to the story told to the police, was given to Mrs. Shanahan by Mary Moniak on behalf of her parents as a peace offering. Mrs. Shanahan drank some of it and said she suffered from severe pain soon afterward. She offered some of the wine to her niece, who complained that it tasted bitter. Cummings drank the remainder and died twenty-four hours later.

"I have been poisoned by that bottle of wine and I want the people who gave it to me arrested," were his last words to Mrs. Shanahan. Dr. Wm. T. Kirby, who attended him, received a similar statement.

Moniak and his wife deny that they had any knowledge of poison being in the wine.

Death of J. J. Dickey.

OMAHA—John Jay Dickey, superintendent of the Fifth Central district of the Western Union Telegraph company, comprising the lines between Omaha and the Rocky mountains, died at his home at Rose farm, near this city, Monday night. Mr. Dickey was taken sick December 22 with pleurisy. He retired to his room and grew steadily worse until his heart became affected and pneumatic complications set in.

Cervera is Honored.

MADRID—The appointment of Vice Admiral Cervera, who surrendered to the American fleet off Santiago de Cuba, to the post of chief of staff of the navy has been published in the Official Gazette.

CATTLE DISEASE COSTLY.

Will Take Much Money to Keep It From Spreading.

WASHINGTON—While the importance of the subject is not generally appreciated, it is still a fact that no other matter has come up in congress at this session which is of greater moment than the proposition to spend \$1,000,000 in an attempt to stamp out the cattle disease which has broken out in New England. Thus far the foot and mouth disease, as it is called, is practically confined to Massachusetts and Vermont. It was, without doubt, brought to Boston from Europe in the fodder of a consignment of horses. Just as soon as the department of agriculture learned of the outbreak prompt steps were taken to prevent its spread. But it is estimated that there are at least 15,000 cattle suffering from the disease in the states named. Many affected animals have been transported from place to place in railroad cars and these cars doubtless contain the germs, which may readily be carried to every state in the union. It will cost the federal government more than \$500,000 to pay for the cattle which must be slaughtered and buried in New England alone. Should the disease spread, ten times that sum would scarcely pay a title of the cost which the government will incur in enforcing the provisions of the law applicable to cattle disease.

ROBBERS LOOT MISSOURI BANK.

Vault Blown Open and Entire Contents Secured.

UNION, Mo.—The Bank of Union was robbed Saturday morning, the vault blown open with nitro-glycerine and \$59,000, the entire contents, were stolen.

The robbers were two in number and are believed to be professionals. They escaped.

About 1 o'clock a loud explosion was heard and shots were fired around the public square. Most of the citizens who heard the noise supposed it was caused by boys out on a lark, celebrating Christmas, and paid no attention to it.

Oscar Busch, a hardware dealer, who lived across the street, noticing that the bank was being robbed, went to the window to look out, but was covered by a revolver. He then kept quiet. Others in the vicinity of the bank were also kept quiet by a display of revolvers.

About fifty shots were fired to terrorize any who might want to venture out. Some say seven men were seen around, but Mr. Busch says but two men left the bank after the robbery.

The wreck was complete, the vault door and the safe being completely demolished, as was the whole interior of the bank. The glass front of the building was also completely destroyed. When the work was finished the men left town, walking toward Hartman.

F. W. Hartman, cashier, was called after all was over. He estimates the loss at about \$50,000. The bank carried \$10,000 insurance against burglary. There is no clue.

MRS. GRANT WRITES STORY.

Leaves Interesting Manuscript of Personal Reminiscences.

WASHINGTON—Mrs. Grant has left a very interesting and valuable manuscript of personal reminiscences which she began when her distinguished husband was writing his memoirs, and has added to it from time to time as her health and disposition permitted. It consists of 300 or 400 pages of typewritten matter, sufficient for a book of ordinary size, and neatly tied up in chapters with blue ribbon. She describes many incidents in her domestic experience, beginning with the time of her marriage, and gives important facts concerning General Grant that have never been published. Her stories of army life, events that occurred while she was living in the White House, and her description of the attentions which the general received during his tour around the world will be a valuable contribution to history.

W. J. BRYAN IN MEXICO.

Visit Varied by Sight-Seeing and Official Calls.

MEXICO CITY.—William J. Bryan's visit has been varied by sightseeing and official calls. He has been received in audience by President Diaz and Minister of Finance Limantour. Mrs. Bryan and the children visited the shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe.

Last evening the Bryan party took a train for Cordova, whence they will travel over the Vera Cruz & Pacific road to Alfred Bishop Mason's hacienda. The party will return here Tuesday morning.

Postmaster Suicides.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—C. T. Greening, postmaster at Cornland, Logan county, committed suicide after a postoffice inspector had checked up his accounts and found him to be \$1,400 short. Greening was found dead in a barn in the rear of his residence with a bullet wound over his right eye and a revolver clutched in his hand.

Mrs. Fremont Dead.

LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, widow of General Fremont, died at her home in this city Saturday night.