

GETS AWAY WITH \$34,000.

Chicago School Agent Confesses to Being a Defaulter. CHICAGO, July 20.—William A. B. Graham, ex-school agent, clerk and secretary of the board of education, is a self-confessed defaulter in the sum of \$34,000. Positive proof of the shortage was discovered yesterday, together with a letter left by Mr. Graham, authorizing the conveyance of all his property for the purpose of liquidating his shortage. The ex-secretary has left the city, and the agents of his bondsmen—the National Surety company of New York and the City Trust and Safety Deposit company of Philadelphia, who are each his surety for \$50,000, are endeavoring to find him. In connection with his position with the board he acted as school agent and handled all the moneys of that body, amounting to thousands of dollars annually. It is supposed that stock speculation was the cause of Graham's downfall, as it is known he was operating quite heavily. Graham was popular and had many friends, some of whom said they would have made good his shortage if he had let them know of it.

A FEW OWNED IT.

Steamer Portland Brings \$1,000,000 in Klondike Gold. SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—The steamer Portland arrived here yesterday, fourteen days from St. Michael's, with 150 passengers and \$1,000,000 in gold on board. The most of the returned people are without means, and about \$500,000 of the gold is owned by a few lucky people, the balance being the property of the Alaska Commercial company. The miners speak indignantly of the treatment accorded prospectors who went to the Cape Nome district at the solicitation of the transportation companies. The Portland passengers say unqualifiedly that the district has been "salted" in the interests of the transportation companies, and great suffering prevails in the district, food, fuel and clothing being scarce. Reports of a similar nature come from passengers who went as far north as Rampart City. A few rich pockets have been struck here and there, but no very important finds have been reported.

ILLINOIS POLITICAL ROW.

National Committee on Gahan Will Not Attend Aligned Meeting. CHICAGO, July 20.—The fight between the regular Democratic organization of Cook county and the state of Illinois, represented by Mayor Harrison and National Committeeman Gahan on the one side and the Aligned wing of democracy, which supported ex-Governor Altgeld as an independent candidate for mayor at the last election, on the other, has reached an acute stage and threatens to involve the national committee in spite of the strenuous attempts being made to keep local quarrels out of the proceedings of next Thursday's meeting of the national committee in this city. Thomas Gahan, national committeeman from Illinois, in an open letter to the leaders of the Aligned element of the party, explains his reasons for declining to attend the Auditorium meeting Thursday night, and by indirect appeal to his colleagues of the national committee to refrain from attending the Aligned meeting. Interest is added to the occasion by the report of Altgeld's friends that Bryan, some days ago, accepted the invitation to address the meeting.

CANNON PLEADS GUILTY.

Formally Admits in Court That He Is a Polygamist. SALT LAKE, Utah, July 20.—Angus M. Cannon, president of the Salt Lake State of Zion, charged with polygamy, entered a formal plea of guilty before Judge Norwell, in the Third district court, and Thursday next was named as the day for sentence. Cannon did not appear personally, the plea being entered by his attorneys. Mr. Cannon was asked as to whether he had considered what his punishment would be. He said: "It is a matter of history that, in the olden times, six months' imprisonment, \$300 fine and costs was the regulation punishment. There has been but one arrest since the stoppage of the old crusade, and the defendant in that case was fined \$100, without imprisonment. What the judge will do with me I have no means of knowing."

FAMILY OF TEN DROWNED.

Nebraska Farmer, His Wife and Eight Children in a Cloudburst. TEKAMAH, Neb., July 20.—Word was received here yesterday of the drowning, in Northwestern Iowa, near the Minnesota line, Monday night, of A. W. Blades, his wife and eight children. While en route to Minnesota in an emigrant wagon the family was engulfed for the night when a cloudburst raised the creek twelve or fifteen feet and the family, team and wagon were swept away. No trace of them has been found save parts of the wagon, which were found in tree tops some distance down the creek. Mr. Blades has resided in this county for twenty years.

Hanged Ten-Year-Old Boy.

ENSENADA, Mexico, July 20.—Jesus Gutierrez, a boy 10 years old, who has been working for the late ex-Governor Ryerson's wife, and who, it is alleged, has been abused by the woman, was found on his knees dead yesterday morning, and a post mortem examination showed his neck was broken. Mrs. Ryerson has been arrested, charged with murder, and under the Mexican law will be held incommunicado for twenty-four hours, and no statement can be obtained from her. It is said she put a dog collar around the boy's neck and with a rope hanged him to a tree.

Shackelford in Lead for Miami's Place. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 20.—The congressional fight in the Eighth district will be practically settled this week, as nearly all of the counties will have held their conventions by Saturday night. It is conceded that Judge Shackelford is the leading man in the race.

Was a Warrensburg Politician.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., July 20.—Clifton Thompson, a Democratic politician, aged about 55 years, died unexpectedly at 4 o'clock this morning from heart disease. He had lived here several years and leaves a wife and several children.

In Control of the Santa Fe.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad has assumed full legal ownership and control of the San Francisco & San Joaquin Valley railroad.

A tailor vainly trying to make clear his identity to the Duke of Wellington. "Why," said he, "General, don't you know me? I made yer breeches." Recognition dawned in the great duke's eyes and he cordially grasped his interrogator's hand and exclaimed: "Why, Major Britches, how are you?"—Green Bag.

WOMAN HANGED IN ENGLAND

Death for Mrs. Ansell, Who Sent Her Sister Poisoned Cake.

MANY EFFORTS TO SAVE HER.

Queen Victoria Refused to Interfere With the Execution—The Murder Was Done to Secure Insurance on the Sister's Life.

LONDON, July 20.—Despite strenuous efforts to secure a reprieve, including an appeal to the queen, Mary Ann Ansell, who was convicted of murdering her sister, an inmate of an asylum for the insane, by sending her poisoned cake, was hanged to-day at St. Albans. The crime for which Mrs. Ansell was put to death was committed for the purpose of securing the payment of life insurance money, the murderess having obtained a policy upon the life of her sister, giving a false description.

The London Daily Mail and London Daily Chronicle took up the agitation for the girl and much money was spent in her defense. The exertions of the newspapers in her behalf culminated Monday in a public meeting called at the Cannon Street hotel, where a certain Johnson engaged a room for the purpose, but the hotel authorities, on discovering the object of the meeting, refused permission to occupy the room, so Yeivert, ex-chief justice of the Bahamas, gave them his office in the Temple for the purpose. Thither the crowd repaired, numbering in all less than 100 ill-conditioned people. It was a poor result of the protests of the 10,000 indignant correspondents claimed by the Daily Mail.

A resolution was adopted that Mary Ansell was insane and should be reprieved, and a deputation of seven was chosen to go to the office of the home secretary and thereafter to Windsor to see the queen. Curiously the deputation included Cusworth, foreman of the jury in the case.

The deputation failed to discover the home secretary at his office, and left there indignantly announcing their intention of going straight to the queen. Several went to the House of Commons, where strange persons were observable all day, attempting at lobbying with the members for the purpose of persuading some one to move the adjournment of the house, in order to discuss the urgent public matter. The members avoid the petitioners, who, for the most part, seemed more crazy than Mary Ansell herself. In the house the home secretary said, in answering a question, that Mr. Dalziel had consulted the judge in the case, who did not believe a new plea of insanity could alter the verdict. It was impossible, therefore, to order a new inquiry. He objected strongly to a request for an independent inquiry, as it would be a reflection on the method of the home office.

There was much hysterical nonsense about the trial, which was exaggerated by the heated partisanship of the Daily Mail giving vent to the opinions of men like Forbes Winslow, who never saw the girl, but yet were quite certain of her insanity. The conversion of the foreman of the jury is the only striking feature of the case. No proof of the girl's insanity was adduced by the Mail. It was easy to get 10,000 letters on the subject, but difficult to get 100 persons to attend the meeting. The deputation never reached Windsor, as the queen's secretary sent a telegram referring them to the home office. Finally, last night 100 members of Parliament sent a petition to the home secretary, praying for a reprieve, but the petition was robbed of its weight by the fact that most of the signers were the opponents of the government and interested by the political move. The home secretary curtly declined to reconsider the case.

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CHARGES OF BAD FAITH.

An Interview With the Leader of Aguinaldo's Cavalry.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 20.—The Times publishes an interview which took place May 18, at San Isidro, Luzon, between its special correspondent, Martin Tew, of the Thirteenth Minnesota, detailed by General Wheaton as brigade interpreter, and Major Lorenzo L. Zialcita, leader of Aguinaldo's cavalry and one of the Filipino commissioners who went to General Otis with propositions for an armistice.

Major Zialcita denied emphatically that Filipino officials had ordered the burning of Manila and the wholesale murder of Americans, and cited as proof that many Filipino officers were in Manila that night and were taken prisoners.

He said the proclamation of General Otis proclaiming himself governor general had greatly incensed the Filipinos, but asserted that both the Filipino leaders and people believed the Americans had begun hostilities.

Major Zialcita, speaking of the reputed promises of independence made prior to the fall of Manila, when asked by Mr. Tew if, in their eagerness for independence, the Filipinos had not misunderstood or misconstrued the language of the American officials and officers, replied: "There is not the slightest mistake about this. Consul Wildman verbally made this statement to us, and we had so much confidence in the good intentions of the United States that to us it meant as much as if it had been delivered in writing."

"Besides, when we were in Cavite, a number of us had the honor of entertaining General Anderson at the Atheneo Rizal. This was before Manila was taken by your forces. General Anderson on this occasion made a speech in which he said that the Americans had not come here for the purpose of taking one foot of territory with the view of permanent possession, but for the purpose of giving the Filipinos their independence."

"On September 21 last year, on the occasion of a festa, a number of American officers celebrated with us at the residence of Podarao Pachao, and all expressed the same sentiments. On many different occasions we were told by men high in authority that Filipino independence would be recognized."

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Attempt to Wreck a Brooklyn Elevated Railway Structure by Dynamite Explosions—Twenty-Two Strikers Arrested and Held on Suspicion.

New York, July 20.—There were two explosions in South Brooklyn at Fifth avenue and Thirty-fifth street just before 2 o'clock this morning. Dynamite or some other high explosive had been exploded against the base of pillars of the Fifth avenue elevated road at that point. The dynamite had been put beside pillars on the opposite side of the street and the explosions were almost simultaneous. The force of the explosions was such that windows in adjacent houses were blown in. On one side of the avenue at that point is the pumping station of the water works and on the other Greenwood cemetery. Underneath the roadbed is a tunnel leading to the cemetery. Word was immediately sent from the power house at Thirty-sixth street to Brooklyn police headquarters. The reserves were called out, and a few minutes later a hundred policemen were ordered out. It is thought from the force of the explosions and the quantity of dynamite used that electricity was employed in making the discharge. The concrete at the base of the west side pillar was blown out, but the foundation was not disturbed and the pillar itself was uninjured. The east side pillar did not fare so well. The concrete was blown away, and the pillar itself, while not overturned, was curled up at the bottom like a sheet of paper. Trains were held up. The last one from the bridge left 1:30 a. m. Elevated trains on the Brooklyn Fifth avenue lines were discontinued, and East New York elevated trains also were abandoned, as it was unknown whether similar outrages would be attempted elsewhere. The damage to the elevated structure was repaired sufficiently to allow a resumption of traffic on that road early this morning. Soon after the explosion twenty-two strikers were arrested, suspected of complicity in the explosion. Acting under orders from Chief Devery, nine detectives went to the strikers' headquarters in Brooklyn and arrested all of the strike leaders there. The police say the men were arrested as suspicious persons, but were not necessarily charged with the dynamiting of the elevated structure. All are striking motormen and conductors except one, who is a printer. When the prisoners were arraigned in the Adams street court they pleaded not guilty to the charge of vagrancy. Several of them wore gold chains and had watches, and had money in their pockets. All of them denied the charge of vagrancy. Magistrate Reynolds, held five of them in \$200 bail for examination. The others were also held so as to give the detectives a chance to look up their records. As bail was not furnished in any case, the men were sent to jail. The prediction of the Brooklyn men that the strike would spread to New York lines was verified this morning when motormen on the Second avenue line of the Metropolitan Street Railway company quit work. This is upon the Manhattan side of the river. About one-half of the men quit work. The strike was not authorized by the leaders. The strikers' pickets claimed to have got men out of the Eighth avenue, Columbia avenue, Broadway and Seventh avenue lines. Cars were running regularly on these lines, however. The officials of the different lines claimed that there was not the slightest trouble on any line except the Second avenue, and they said the trouble there would be adjusted in a little time. A meeting was held in the office of General Master Workman Parsons of the Knights of Labor this morning, which lasted for three hours. Parsons pleaded with the men not to strike but they wanted to go out. He said it would be of no use at such a time, but he could not restrain the men. The Brooklyn Rapid Transit company officials claim to have operated from 20 to 30 per cent of their surface cars on all lines during the night, but all cars on all lines were stopped at midnight and not a car has reached Brighton Beach upon the company's line since the strike began. From a general observation at 8 o'clock there were fewer cars running past the city hall than at the same hour yesterday.

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