

WHAT THE POLICY WILL BE

THE SAN FRANCISCO DELEGATION REACH AN AGREEMENT.

Relief is Now Prevalent That if the Oriental School is Abolished Coolies Will Be Barred.

San Francisco—Mayor Schmitz and the members of the San Francisco school board were in conference and formally agreed on the policy they will pursue in connection with the question of the Japanese and San Francisco schools. The mayor and members of the board have refused to make any statement as to what position they will take when they call at the white house to confer with President Roosevelt and Secretary Root. In a telegram, however, to the California Exclusion League, Mayor Schmitz declares the delegation has "not made any arrangements up to date of any kind."

More than 300 telegrams were received by Mayor Schmitz and the members of the board urging them to stand firm for the exclusion of the Japanese coolies from the United States.

A telegram received by Mayor Schmitz from the president of the California Exclusion League, in part, reads:

"Morning papers announce in big headlines that 'Schmitz Deserts Labor for Japanese. Mayor and School Board Make Complete Surrender.' We cannot and will not believe it. Exclusion League demands exclusion by act of congress; treaty will not exclude. Sovereign rights must not be bartered away by promises and should not be basis for compromise. We will not yield one iota of our rights as a sovereign people regardless of cost or consequences."

Mayor Schmitz's reply in part follows:

"Telegram received. Announcement of morning papers absolutely false. Have made no arrangement up to date of any kind. Story false like all other statements made about me. Have refused to give any statement to reporters. President has refused also until conference is completed and is showing friendly spirit. I am a Californian trying to do my duty to my state. Cannot succeed if hampered by hostile press of San Francisco."

At Monday's conference the Californians will present their views to President Roosevelt in writing and a final and definite agreement will not be reached until Tuesday.

No Improvement in Famine. Washington—The state department received the following dispatch from Consul General Rodgers at Shanghai: "According to instructions am drawing \$25,000. Relief committee desire me to offer hearty thanks. No improvement in famine conditions."

SCALP FOR EMPEROR WILLIAM.

Fehmi Pasha to Be Banished at Demand of the Embassy.

Constantinople—The special commission of inquiry ordered by the sultan to examine into the charges against Fehmi Pasha, chief of the secret police of the palace, who it was alleged by the German embassy recently, caused the seizure of a ship's cargo destined for Hamburg, has concluded its work. The German embassy, at the sultan's request, waived a public trial, but insisted that Fehmi Pasha be banished, which, it is understood, will be done, as the sultan is convinced that Emperor William is strongly backing up the German embassy's demand for the punishment of the official.

SUNDAY SESSION OF HOUSE.

Day Occupied in Delivery of Eulogies to Deceased Members.

Washington—The house Sunday listened to eulogies on the life and character and public service of the late Representative Rockwood Hoar of Massachusetts and Rufus E. Lester of Georgia, both of whom died during the last summer.

Mr. Lovering of Massachusetts presided during the eulogies on Mr. Hoar. The following delivered addresses: Messrs. Washburn, Greene, McCall, McNary, Lawrence, Weeks, Tirrell, Lovering and Glette of Massachusetts; Boutell, Illinois; Sherley, Kentucky; Houston and Butler, Tennessee; Olcott, Parsons and Bennett, New York; Murphy, Missouri; Chaney, Indiana.

Stockmen Ask a Transfer.

Washington—Alfred E. Derickles of Denver, Colo., chairman of the grazing committee of the National Live Stock association, is in Washington at the head of a delegation of western stock raisers which is to prepare before the agricultural committee of the house and senate to urge the enactment of legislation to provide the transfer of such public lands as are suitable for grazing from the control of the interior department to the control of the agricultural department.

School Question in Tokio.

Tokio—The Jiji in a leading editorial anent the San Francisco incident, expresses disbelief in the possibility of the adoption of a new treaty mutually restricting labor immigration as a solution of the public school controversy. The Jiji declares that it is aware that a large number of Japanese are going to San Francisco from Hawaii and that this immigration is causing jealousy on the part of the white labor, but it contends that this is due to the imperfect provisions of the existing law.

For Famine Relief.

St. Petersburg—An imperial decree, issued Saturday, provides for the issuance of thirty-five million dollars in 4 per cent state notes to meet the famine relief expenses.

Robert Hart Leaves China.

London—It is announced that Sir Robert Hart, director general of Chinese imperial customs, will leave China for England at the end of February on a two years' leave of absence and that he is not likely ever to return.

DIES BY INFERNAL MACHINE.

A Justice of Peace Nearly Blown to Pieces.

Paterson, N. J.—Justice of the Peace Robert Cortese was fatally injured in his office last night by the explosion of an infernal machine sent him by express. The office was wrecked and the detonation could be heard for blocks.

The judge has actively aided the police in the capture of Italian lawbreakers recently.

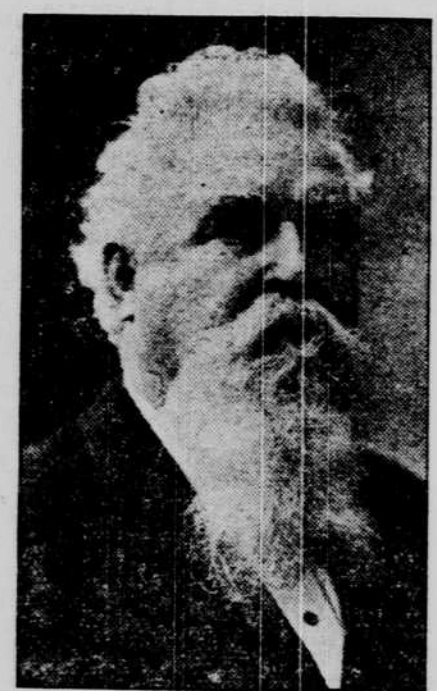
Justice Cortese died at midnight from his injuries. He had been home to supper this evening, leaving his son Robert in charge of the office. It was the younger man who received the infernal machine, which came from Newark and was delivered by an American express wagon. It had been prepaid and the boy accepted it.

When Judge Cortese reached the office, Robert handed the package to him. The outside wrapper was of paper, tied with strong twine. Judge Cortese removed this paper. Inside was another wrapping made fast with a strap, such as boys use to put around school books. Robert says he watched curiously to see what the little box contained.

His father rested the package on the desk and pulled the end of the strap toward him so as to loosen the tongue of the buckle. The moment he did so there was an explosion. A hole six feet square was torn in the floor and the desk was driven down into the cellar and torn to pieces. The boy was hurled into a corner and seriously bruised and burned.

Justice Cortese was found lying between the doorway and the hole in the flooring. Both legs and both arms were broken, his face and body were torn and lacerated and his back apparently broken. Some of the flesh was torn from the bones. He was removed to St. Joseph's hospital, where his ante-mortem statement was secured.

Judge Cortese had been a justice for twelve years. He was shortly to be specially appointed a sergeant of detectives in recognition of his active work as a detective in aiding the police in running Italians and other criminals down.



John A. Creighton, Omaha's Late Capitalist and Philanthropist.

WANAMAKER HOME BURNS.

Residence in Philadelphia Containing Art Treasures Destroyed.

Philadelphia—The country home of John Wanamaker at Chelton Hills was destroyed by fire tonight. The loss is estimated at \$1,500,000.

Mr. Wanamaker's home was considered one of the most artistic and valuable of Philadelphia suburban properties. The estate consists of thirty acres of ground, and the house was in the main of English style of architecture and stood on a hill about 350 yards back from the famous Old York road. The Wanamaker art gallery contained some of the rarest prints and most valuable paintings in existence.

Seven Miners Entombed.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Seven miners are entombed in No. 9 colliery of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal company at Wanamie and the miners acquainted with the workings of the colliery say there is little hope of reaching any of them. Fire broke out on the fourth lift of the shaft and the entombed men who were caught in the lower lifts cannot be reached until the flames are extinguished, and it may require many hours fighting before the flames are subdued.

Egan to South America.

Kansas City—John M. Egan, who has resigned the presidency of the Kansas City Terminal Railway company, will become vice president and general manager of a Brazilian railway system of which Sir William C. Van Horne is president, and which has been consolidated with a number of small lines and will build others. Egan and Van Horne have been associated in railroad work the larger part of the last thirty-one years.

Kirkman Demands Release.

Topeka, Kas.—Attorneys for Captain Kirkman, a military prisoner at Fort Leavenworth, have filed habeas corpus proceedings in the United States district court asking that he be given his freedom, as his time of service had expired. As an officer at Fort Niobrara, Neb., Captain Kirkman was twice court-martialed on charges of conduct unbecoming in officer and a gentleman, found guilty and sentenced to two years' hard labor in the military prison.

Bill Causes Consternation.

Guthrie, Okla.—A bill introduced in congress by Representative Murphy of Missouri repealing the enabling act has caused consternation among the delegates to the constitutional convention.

Two-cent Fare Defeated.

Pierre, S. D.—The house defeated the bill passed by the senate establishing a 2-cent passenger rate. This is regarded as ending the matter for the present session.

ANOTHER THAW CASE!



MRS. THAW ON THE STAND ANXIOUS TO TRY AIRSHIPS

WIFE OF SLAYER OF STANFORD WHITE TELLS HER STORY. GETTING READY TO EXPERIMENT WITH BALLOONS.

Relations With the Architect, to Whose Studio She Was Lured by Invitation and Ruined.

New York—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, wife of the man who killed Stanford White, told her story on Thursday. To save the life of her husband, charged with murder, she bared to the world the innermost secrets of her soul. It was the same story she told Harry when she became his wife—the confession of one who felt there was an insurmountable barrier to her ever becoming the bride of the man she loved.

In the big witness chair she appeared but a slip of a girl and she told the pitiful story of her eventful young life in a frank, girlish way. When tears came unbidden to her big, brown eyes and slowly trickled down her downy cheeks, she strove in vain to keep them back. She forced the words from trembling lips and by a marvelous display of courage, which took her willingly to her staggering ordeal, she shook off a depression which once threatened to become an absolute collapse.

As the young wife unfolded the narrative of her girlhood and told the early struggle of herself and her mother to keep body and soul together, of how gaunt poverty stood over the door, and how she finally was able to earn a livelihood by posing for photographers and artists, she won the murmured sympathy of the throng which filled every available space in the court room.

Then came the relation of the wreck of that girlhood at 16 years of age. It was the story of her meeting with Stanford White, the story of the sumptuous studio appointment, whose dingy exterior gave no hint of the luxurious furnishings within; of a velvet-covered swing in which one could swing until slippers tumbled crashed through the paper of a Japanese parasol swung from the ceiling; the story of a glass of champagne; of black, whirling sensations and of mirrored bedroom walls. In short, she told all the story.

"Don't scream so. It is all over. It is all right."

"And this was Stanford White?"

The question came from Delphin M. DeLinas, now conducting the defense. "Yes, sir."

The stillness of the great crowd was its own tribute to the effect of the girl's story. Into the narrative she injected many little touches of a young girl's hopes and disappointments.

EDWARD ROSEWATER ESTATE.

Appraisement Filed in the County Court by Attorney Wharton.

Omaha—The appraisement of the estate of Edward Rosewater has been filed in the county court by John C. Wharton, who was appointed to make the valuation by County Judge Leslie. The gross amount of the property scheduled in the inventory figures up \$486,504.06. The principal part of this consists of stock in the Bee Publishing company, valued at par, and in the Bee Building company, valued at 50, and the proceeds of life insurance amounting to \$158,509.66.

The Brownsville Affair.

Washington—Five witnesses were examined Thursday in the Brownsville inquiry before the senate committee on military affairs. All were of the discharged battalion of negro soldiers except former Sergeant Luther T. Thornton of Company B. He testified that when aroused by the firing on the night of August 13 he was under the impression that the barracks were being fired upon by the people of the town. He told of the call to arms, the inspection and other matters.

The Rosebud Reservation.

Washington—Representative Burke of South Dakota had a hearing before the committee on Indian affairs on his bill opening the Rosebud reservation to white settlement. He presented to the committee the general subject of opening the reservations to white settlement, with particular reference to the Rosebud reservation. It was learned that Major McLaughlin is en route to Washington, and is expected to bring with him the treaty with the Sioux of Tripp county which will be satisfactory to all concerned.

No Mileage for Advertising.

Pierre, S. D.—The conference committee on the anti-pass bill, by a vote of 4 to 3, decided to report in favor of striking out the house amendment allowing newspapers to contract with railroads for advertising payable in mileage books.

Judge Boyd Quits His Office.

Lincoln—Judge Boyd, who was elected to congress from the Third district last fall, filed his resignation as district judge with Governor Sheldon Wednesday afternoon.

COMMISSION BILL IS READY

And Will Be Introduced Within the Next Few Days.

Lincoln, Neb.—The railroad commission bill has run the gauntlet of the joint committee, and as soon as copied will be introduced in the house. The committee adopted the subcommittee bill, making only some minor changes, namely changing the salary of the secretary from \$2,500 and the two clerks at \$1,200 each to a round sum of \$6,000, to be apportioned by the commission. The bill is as follows:

Section 1. No railroad corporation owning or operating any line or lines of railroad in the state of Nebraska shall issue or give any free ticket, free pass, or free transportation for passenger except to its bona fide employees and their families, its officers, surgeons who are annually employed, and foremen who are actually employed and receiving a salary of not less than five hundred (\$500) dollars per year, ministers of religion, traveling secretaries of Young Men's Christian association, inmates of hospitals and charitable and eleemosynary institutions and persons exclusively engaged in charitable and eleemosynary work; to indigent, destitute and homeless persons and to such persons when transported by charitable societies or hospitals and the necessary agents employed in such transportation; to inmates of the national homes or state homes for disabled soldiers and of soldiers' and sailors' homes, including those about to enter and those returning home from such institutions; to necessary care takers of live stock, poultry and fruit; to employees on sleeping cars, express and baggage cars; and to linemen of telegraph and telephone companies; to railway mail service employees; to newsboys on trains, baggage agents, persons injured in wrecks and physicians and nurses attending such persons.

Provided, further, That the provisions of this act shall not be construed to prohibit the interchange of passes for the officers and bona fide employees of other railroad companies and their families; nor to prohibit any railroad corporation from carrying passengers free with the object of providing relief in cases of general epidemic, pestilence or calamitous visitation; any railroad corporation violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and for each offense on conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars and not more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars.

"SKIP" DUNDY IS DEAD.

Former Omaha Man and Amusement Promoter Passes Away.

New York—Elmer S. Dundy, familiarly known as "Skip" Dundy, a member of the theatrical firm of Thompson & Dundy, late managers of the Hippodrome and of Luna park, Coney Island, died Tuesday afternoon. He caught cold a week ago last Sunday, while coming from Luna park with his mother in an automobile. Omaha—Mr. Dundy was a native of Omaha, having been born here in 1862. His father, the late Judge Elmer S. Dundy, was the first United States judge appointed for Nebraska. "Skip" grew up in Omaha and made his home here until a few years ago.

INSANITY PLEA FOR THAW.

Attorney Says He Was Directed by Providence to Kill White.

New York—The state laid its case against Harry K. Thaw—a plain, unemotional story of the shooting on the Madison Square garden roof. The defense replied with a plea of hereditary insanity. It was asserted that Thaw in slaying Stanford White believed he was acting as an agent of Providence, that real or fancied wrongs committed against him by the architect and former friend of his wife had caused the impulse to kill. When the deed was done, Thaw made no move to escape its consequences, but holding the fatal revolver aloft he stood as if mutely proclaiming to the world, "The deed is done, it was right, it was not wrong." Thus Thaw's counsel outlined the case to the jury after the prosecution had occupied less than two hours of the morning sitting of the court in relating through eye-witnesses the narrative of the tragedy.

A TWO-CENT FARE BILL.

It is to Be Introduced in the Legislature.

Lincoln, Neb.—The joint railroad committee announced that it will introduce a 2-cent fare bill in the legislature. The bill as drawn by the subcommittee of four was submitted to the entire joint committee and rectified by that body which finally decided to introduce the measure.

Big Fire Lights Up London.

London—Fire broke out in a block of buildings near Cheapside and within a short distance of the general post office. The whole city is lit up by the glare of the flames.

Stockmen Called to Meet.

Denver—The committee on public lands and forest reserves, appointed at the recent annual convention of the American National Live Stock association, has been called to meet at the Willard hotel, Washington, February 14. This meeting is of great importance to stockmen throughout the west. The use of public lands for grazing will be fully considered and the best method of controlling these lands in the interest of all concerned will be taken over with the federal authorities at Washington.

Dog Survived Fire.

Ashland—As an aftermath of Sunday afternoon's fire, which damaged three frame buildings on Silver street, the pet dog of William Butts, whose meat market was burned, was discovered under the debris, alive and but slightly burned.

The Last Spike Driven.

OSCEOLA—The people of Osceola and the surrounding country are rejoicing over the fact that the last spike on the new Stromburg-Central City railroad has been driven.

THE SERVICE PENSION BILL

IS PASSED BY LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS.

Veterans Aged 62 Will Receive \$12, 70 Years \$16 and 75 Years \$20 Per Month.

Washington—The house passed a number of important bills Monday, including the Omnibus service pension bill, the omnibus lighthouse bill and the omnibus revenue cutter bill. The service pension bill provides that veterans having reached the age of 62 shall receive \$12 per month; 70 years, \$16 and 75 years, \$20.

The omnibus lighthouse carries a total appropriation of \$1,568,500 for the lighthouse establishment and an additional sum of \$195,000 for additional light keepers.

The house by a vote of 110 to 85 concurred in the senate amendments to the urgent deficiency bill, loaning the Jamestown exposition \$1,000,000 and safeguarding the loan by a lien on the gross receipts.

The house passed a resolution calling upon the secretary of commerce and labor through the bureau of corporations to investigate the causes of the fluctuations in the price of cotton and the difference in the market price of the various class of cotton.

The investigation is to be conducted with the particular object to ascertain whether the fluctuations in prices have resulted in whole or in part from the character of contracts and deliveries dealing futures, or is the result of any combination or conspiracy which interferes with or hinders commerce.

Mr. Burleson of Texas, in explaining the resolution, said it was proposed to ascertain whether the contracts sold on the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges brings about a violent fluctuation in the price of cotton and whether the contract sold enables the members of the exchanges, by combination among themselves, to bring about a depression by reason of the fact that under the terms of the contract they would be authorized to deliver any one of thirty grades of cotton. It is claimed that the difference between the present price of spots and futures at New York is more than \$7.50 per bale, and that this difference exerts an injurious influence on the price paid for cotton.

THE BIG SALARY MELON.

Nebraska Down for About \$175,000 in the Slice.

Washington—Nebraska is down for about a \$175,000 slice of the big salary melon the house postal committee is preparing to cut for the postal employees of the country. To begin with there are about 200 clerks in first and second class postoffices in the state who will get a raise averaging about \$100, each. The total of this will be \$20,000. Then there are some 200 letter carriers who will receive a similar increase, the total of which will be approximately \$20,000. Then there are some 200 railway postal clerks who have a raise of \$100 each coming to them, which will amount to \$20,000 more. Last, but not least, comes the 925 rural free delivery clerks who are going to get an increase of \$120 a year each, and this will total \$110,000 a year.

Hunt for Dead Man's Gold.

Norfolk—William Boche, one of the original members of the German colony from Wisconsin, who laid out this city in 1866, died a few days ago, and carried with him to his grave the secret of a hiding place in which he stored a quantity of gold—some of his family believe it to have been \$2,000 and some believe it to have been much more.

His widow and children are now searching for the hidden treasure. Mr. Boche never trusted the banks. When he made a sale of real estate he had the currency changed into gold and hid it somewhere—nobody knows where.

Disease in Cream and Pork.

Norfolk—Dr. C. A. McKim, Nebraska state veterinarian, is anxious for a bill to be passed in this state providing local inspection of meat and dairy products because of the increase of tuberculosis among hogs and also humans. He says drinking tuberculosis milk produces tuberculosis of the lungs. A tubercular cow in this neighborhood was recently killed; the herd has probably been infected; milk from that herd goes to Omaha to be made into butter.

Blind Men are Trying to Learn why Hogs are getting the disease so fast—whether from drinking separated milk or following tubercular cattle.

Seward—The Burlington has agreed to build a spur for J. G. Baeschlin, the egg and poultry buyer, so that he may ship the eggs and poultry bought at Seward with less trouble than heretofore. It is the purpose of Mr. Baeschlin to build an egg and poultry house that will take care of his business in the future. Last year he shipped sixty-seven carloads of eggs and fifty-two carloads of poultry from Seward. During the last year his monthly purchases amounted to an average of \$10,000 or \$120,000 a year.

Nonagenarian Who Saws Wood.

Fremont—Harlow Goff, who lives just north of the city, on Broad street, is one of the oldest and probably the most active man of his years in this part of the state. He is 93 years old, but is out around his premises every day and is saving and splitting his supply of wood as usual. He is able to attend to his business affairs and bids fair to reach the century mark. He says he works every day from choice and because he enjoys it.

For Indeterminate Sentences.

The house has passed a bill which will, if it becomes a law, make a sweeping change in the regulation of the penitentiary and is along the line with the new idea that the law should reform rather than punish persons guilty of crime. It takes the length of term which a convicted criminal shall serve out of the hands of the judge who sentences him and put it in the hands of a prison board, which consists of the state board of charities and corrections, with the governor and warden of the penitentiary.

Two-Cent Fare Bill Passed.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The house by a vote of 92 to 1 passed the bill reducing passenger rates to 2 cents a mile on all main line railroads in Missouri and 3 cents a mile on independent lines less than forty miles in length.

Ryan Knocks Barry Out.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Tommy Ryan knocked out Dave Barry in the fifth round of a scheduled twenty-round fight before the Whittington Athletic club. Barry was outclassed at all stages.

Family Frozen to Death.

Bismarck, N. D.—A telephone report from Goodrich, a town on the Carrington branch of the Northern Pacific is to the effect that an unknown woman and five children were frozen to death there Monday night.

Woman Suffragists Busy.

Lincoln, Neb.—Woman suffrage organizations of the state are anxious for the legislature to go on record as favoring woman suffrage. Resolutions and petitions were read in the senate Wednesday from the Rushville Suffrage association and the Broken Bow Suffrage association, praying that the joint memorial to congress to submit an equal suffrage amendment be passed. The Ord Women's club submitted a resolution and petition praying for the enactment of proper pure food legislation.

Mother and Five Children Perish from the Cold.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—A snow slide at Kirwin, a mining camp north of Lander Wyo., buried Charles Rinnell and wife and John Reynolds.