



James Shumaker, who was superintendent of public buildings at Harrisburg, Pa., during the construction of the state house in which work the people of Pennsylvania were defrauded out of six million dollars, has commenced to serve a sentence of two years in prison. He was convicted of conspiracy to defraud.

W. H. H. Miller, who was attorney general in Benjamin Harrison's cabinet, has given to the newspapers a letter written by General Harrison August 22, 1900, in which the general explicitly denied the charge that he had ever promised to make Thomas C. Platt a member of his cabinet.

An Associated Press dispatch from St. Louis says: "Alonzo F. Shriner, former acting cashier of customs in the office of the surveyor of customs here today filed suit for \$100,000 damages against Postmaster Thomas J. Atkins, and the surveyor of the port, Charles F. Gallenkamp, alleging that they, by a conspiracy, led him to pay about \$20,000 to the government and serve one year in prison."

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on. Shriner declared that Atkins and Gallenkamp, by misrepresentations, induced him to plead guilty to certain discrepancies, in order that the Atkins relief bill, by which it was hoped to relieve Atkins of \$61,500 shortage in the St. Louis sub-treasury might be passed in congress. Shriner says he was promised immunity, but that the defendants allowed him to go to prison."

Two paymasters of Pittsburg coal companies were held up in different sections of eastern Ohio and robbed of sums aggregating \$5,600. George Evans, aged sixty, paymaster of one coal company, was shot from an ambush and robbed of \$1,600.

Theodore Roosevelt greeted Mrs. Roosevelt and his daughter Miss Ethel at Khartum. To newspaper correspondents he said he could not return by way of San Francisco owing to the wedding of his son, which will take place in June, but a little later, probably early in August he will visit a number of western cities.

Daniel Noyes, for eighteen years judge of the Thirty-second Indiana circuit, died at LaPorte, Ind.

The Kentucky legislature has adjourned.

Ben Hanford, a well known socialist organizer, died in New York.

A Philadelphia North American cablegram from Berlin follows: "A wireless pocket telegraph apparatus was exhibited last night by the inventor, Prof. Cerebotani, the priest in charge of the Munich parish, during a scientific lecture before persons engaged in the various branches of scientific investigation. The instrument consists of a wooden base, with the letters of the alphabet thereon, arranged in a circle. A small metal indicator swings on a pivot in the center, so adjusted as to respond to the wireless dot and dash currents and spell out the message. The apparatus is very simple. It is somewhat larger than the ordinary cardcase. Professor Cerebotani, who is noted as an amateur scientist, said that a French journalist had recently attributed to him, erroneously, the invention of a wireless pocket telegraph instrument. He wrote to the journal denying the invention. However, his letter was not published, and accordingly nothing remained for him in the way of vindication except to invent the apparatus described, which he proceeded to do."

An Ottawa, Ontario, dispatch carried by the Associated Press follows: "Canada has read between the lines of Washington dispatches that a tariff war with the United States is inevitable and has accepted the situation. The expectation is that on April 1, Canadian goods will be assessed a 25 per cent surtax, and that soon afterwards Canada will levy a 33 1-3 per cent tax on American goods coming into Canada. The administration is finding comfort in the crisis from the attitude of its political opponents. The conservative press, which usually misses no chance to attack the government, has expressed approval of the course which Finance Minister Fielding has followed in the negotiations. Germany is preparing to take advantage of the situation."

Cable advices state that an army of invasion in the shape of German commercial travelers is preparing to descend upon Canada, and already the country is being flooded with catalogues from German manufacturers. English houses are also showing greater activity. Canada is meeting with success, it is claimed, in finding markets for commodities which will be shut out of the United States by a tariff war."

James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, addressing the Minnesota conservation convention said that the American people were going too fast and ought to slow down a bit in their expenditures.

John R. Walsh, former Chicago banker, is seriously ill in the Leavenworth, Kan., federal prison.

An Associated Press dispatch from Guthrie, Okla., says: "Governor C. N. Haskell was exonerated of the charge of misappropriation and mismanagement of state funds, in a report filed in the legislature here by the house committee composed of five democrats and two republicans."

A non-partisan county option convention, composed of delegates from all sections of the state, was held in Lincoln, Neb., March 14 and 15. Resolutions were adopted advocating an organized and determined fight in behalf of the county option proposition.

At Rochester, N. Y., on his return from Chicago, President Taft delivered a speech in which he urged members of congress to subordinate

and sacrifice individual opinion in order that administration measures might be passed.

Four men were arrested in New York accused of having defrauded the government out of approximately \$500 daily in the violation of the oleomargarine law.

Former Vice President Fairbanks was accorded an enthusiastic reception by Indianans in New York City on the occasion of Mr. Fairbanks' return from abroad.

Personal friends and political admirers of the late Grover Cleveland gave a dinner in his memory in New York City. David R. Francis of Missouri was the chief speaker.

Nebraska will hold its first conservation and state development congress at Lincoln, March 29 and 30.

On April 5 Chicago will vote on the question "Shall the sale of liquor in Chicago be abolished?"

A London cablegram says that Archdeacon William Sinclair of London is charged with being financially interested in a big English brewery. This disclosure created a great sensation and a church inquiry is proposed.

Steam railways in Belgium carry 170,000,000 passengers a year.

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