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G. W. PERKINS INDICTED

Partner of J. Pierpont Morgan Indicted for Forgery by New York

Grand Jury

New York—George W. Perkins, former vice president of the New York Life Insurance company and partner of J. Pierpont Morgan, was indicted by the grand jury in connection with the life insurance scandal. The presentments connecting Perkins name were handed in by the grand jury which has been investigating the case.

There were six indictments filed against him, charging him with forgery in the third degree.

District Attorney Jerome had notified Perkins that he was to be indicted and the latter and his attorney were in Recorder Goff's office when the indictments were returned.

Perkins was formally placed under arrest. He pleaded not guilty before Goff, with the privilege of withdrawing the plea between now and January 21, in order that he might interpose another plea. Bail was fixed at \$10,000, which was promptly furnished by J. Pierpont Morgan, jr. Morgan said he lived at 328 Madison avenue and owned property at 239 Madison avenue, valued at \$300,000. Cleveland H. Dodge, of Riverdale, N. Y., also went on the bond with Mr. Morgan.

BUILDING OF FIFTY STORIES

Metropolitan Insurance Company to Build Monstrous Structure

New York—With the announcement of the awarding of the contract for the structural steel for the 700-foot tower which is to complete the solid block of buildings erected by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company between Madison and Fourth avenues and Twenty-fourth and Twenty-third streets, came the news that work on the huge structure will be pushed from now on with all possible speed.

Out-topped in height by only one other man-built structure in the world—the Eiffel Tower—and nine stories higher than the highest office building ever planned, the Metropolitan Tower, as the fifth story addition will be known, will cover the plot on which

formerly stood the Parkhurst church. Post & McCord were the successful bidders for the steel contract, which is said to be the largest single order for structural steel ever given for one building.

More than 8,500 tons of steel will be used from the third sub-basement to the skeleton work in the tower, more than 740 feet of perpendicular continuous bridgework.

In the Eiffel Tower, which rises to a height of 984 feet, only 7,000 tons of steel were used. The fact that its base is almost three times as large as the foundation on which the Metropolitan Tower is to stand and its height more than 200 feet greater emphasizes the greater strength the new structure, with 1,500 additional tons of steel in its construction, will have.

In the sub-basement single columns weighing forty-five tons each are to form the main supports of the building. As their length will not exceed thirty feet, they will weigh 3,000 pounds for each foot of their height. This is said to be the heaviest individual weight ever found in a steel column.

Of greatest importance in the steel work of the colossal structure will be the wind bracing which will give rigidity to the exposed surfaces. It was thought that the limit in wind bracing had been reached in the tall, narrow building now being built at the southeast corner of Wall street and Broadway. In the Metropolitan Tower the steel stiffening will exceed in point of weight any other structure ever erected.

COAL FOR ISLANDS HIGHER

Shipment Cheaper in Foreign Ships Than Those of United States

Washington, D. C.—Bids recently opened at the navy department for 50,000 tons of semi-bituminous coal to be delivered at Manila, disclosed the fact that it is much cheaper if transported in foreign bottoms than in American bottoms. The proposals called for separate bids on shipments in steamers of American register, sailing vessels of American register, steamers of foreign register and sailing vessels of foreign register. No bid was received to transport the coal in steamers of American register, the experience of the past having demonstrated the utility of offering any. The prices on shipments in steamers of foreign register, and on which there were a number of bids, ranged from \$5.60 a ton to \$4.70 a ton. Last year

similar coal was bought for \$4.25 a ton, the price for shipment in American steamers being \$7 a ton. One concern offered to ship 5,000 tons in a sailing vessel of American register, but no other bids for shipments in sailing vessels of American register were received.

Two firms offered to ship coal, regardless of whether it was in ships of American or foreign register, the prices ranging from \$8.88 by one firm and \$7.50 and \$7.25 by the other.

Inasmuch as the award will probably be made on the basis of the rate of \$4.70 a ton the government will have to pay this year \$35,000 more than last year for the same quantity.

TAFT IS WILLING

Says He Would Not Disdain Nomination in Improbable Event of Offer

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Taft made the following statement concerning his presidential aspirations.

"For the purpose of relieving the burden imposed by recent publications upon some of my friends among the Washington newspaper correspondents of putting further inquiries to me, I wish to say that my ambition is not political, that I am not seeking the presidential nomination, that I do not expect to be the republican candidate, if for no other reason, because of what seems to be to be objections to my availability which do not appear to lessen with the continued discharge of my own official duties, but that I am not foolish enough to say that in the improbable event that the opportunity to run for the great office of president were to come to me, I should decline it, for this would not be true."

Chinese to Renew Boycott

Hong Kong—Dispatches received from Canton report that more than 1,000 persons were present at a meeting held to discuss the American-Chinese exclusion act. The following resolutions were adopted at the meeting: "First, to revive a boycott against American goods. Second, that newspaper shall not advertise American manufactures. Third, to dissuade laborers from proceeding to Panama. Fourth, to petition the viceroy asking the imperial government to negotiate with America for a modification of the exclusion act, and lastly that these resolutions be placarded throughout the country."

Nettleton of Clay Chosen

Saunders of Douglas as President

Pro-tem of the Senate

The house of representatives organized at noon Tuesday by electing Representative Daniel M. Nettleton speaker and placing in office the employees agreed upon at the caucus of the republican members. The fusionists presented the name of Representative Van Housen as their candidate for speaker. The vote was devoid of interest and solely along party lines.

Before Secretary of State Galusha called the members to order, E. P. Brown of Lancaster asked recognition and on behalf of the university engineering students presented the chair with a gavel made by them. This was received by Mr. Galusha and will be used during the proceedings of the session.

It was promptly at noon when the secretary of state called the house to order. Dr. L. P. Ludden of Lincoln pronounced the invocation, asking the divine blessing upon the members and expressing thanks for the right and righteousness of the officials of the commonwealth.

McMullen of Gage, and Co. Saunders were placed in nomination for temporary chairman by Kiefer, Nuckolls and Kuhl of Cedar respectively. McMullen was selected.

In addressing the house Mr. McMullen said it should be the duty of every republican to help redeem the pledges of the party and it should be the duty of every member not to obstruct legislation calculated to be to the best interest of the commonwealth.

Clyde Barnard of Table Rock was nominated for temporary secretary and elected.

Hart of York moved the appointment of a committee of five on credentials, the committee appointed being Hart of York, Killen of Gage, Haney of Buffalo, Kuhl of Cedar, Quackenbush of Nemaha.

On motion of Mike Lee the members presented their credentials. The committee reported the list of members prepared by the secretary of state which was approved.

Brown of Lancaster, Bohrer of Saline, Adams of Dawes, were named on a committee to inform the chief

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