

## FROM WASHINGTON

### SENATOR SMOOT STILL ON THE CARPET.

### FLEET IN MEDITERRANEAN

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE TO BE INVESTIGATED.

### To Prevent Irregular Practices Matters of Interest at the National Capital in Congress and Out of It.

Congressional callers at the white house are manifesting increasing interest in the case involving the seat of Senator Smoot, of Utah, and the indications now are that the contest, which it is asserted is certain to res it from the present agitation, will rival in importance and earnestness the case of Brigham H. Roberts before the house of representatives a few years ago.

While the president is familiar with the development thus far in the Smoot case, no effort is being made by either side to draw him into the controversy, the realization being general that it involves a question which the senate must determine for itself.

That a thorough investigation of the subject will be made by the senate committee on privileges and elections, now appears to be beyond doubt. By those who are pressing the investigation it is said that it will be more comprehensive and searching than any similar inquiry ever has been. An effort will be made to ascertain accurately the attitude of the Mormon church toward the United States, and to learn whether or not a member of that organization is bound by any pledge or oath, the taking of which is incompatible with his oath as a senator of the United States.

It is believed by some at least of those who are opposing Senator Smoot that any effort to probe is a ploy which would result in his favor, and while that point is believed to have been abandoned absolutely, it is quite likely the opposition will concentrate its efforts to prove that the position he holds in the Mormon church is incompatible with the oath of allegiance he has taken to the United States.

That proof must be conclusive in the opinion of the senators, before he can be unseated.

Unless the state department receives further advice from Consul Davis, who had some trouble with the police of Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey, which would place the matter in a more serious light, it is not the intention of the navy department to send a vessel to that port. The Mediterranean fleet at Beirut is now under orders to proceed with its target practice as originally planned, but the movement toward the West Indies will be deferred for a brief period. This is interpreted here to mean that while the present understanding is not to have one of the ships go to Alexandretta, it has been deemed advisable to keep the squadron in eastern Mediterranean waters a short time longer for any emergency that may arise growing out of the Davis affair. The San Francisco and Brooklyn soon will leave Beirut for Port Said where they will take on a quantity of stores, the supply ship Alexander having already arrived there with them.

The house adopted a resolution directing the judiciary committee to inquire into the official conduct of Charles Swaine, judge of the United States district court for the northern district of Florida, and to report whether the action of the house is requisite.

Mr. Lamar (dem. Fla.), offered the resolution announcing that he desired to impeach Judge Swaine. A lively debate was had before the resolution was adopted. A number of members on the majority side sought to have the resolution referred to the judiciary committee in order that a recommendation might be had from that committee before voting on its adoption. The minority solidly supported Mr. Lamar in his opposition to the motion to refer and several republicans voted against reference. There were few dissenting votes on the motion to adopt the resolution.

Senator Gallinger introduced a bill providing that after March 4, 1904, salaries of senators, representatives

and delegates in congress shall be \$7,000 per annum.

The first of the appropriation bills, the pension bill, was reported to the house.

An effort is being made by the post-office department to break up the practice of some persons and firms of sending their mail matter out of the jurisdiction of the postoffice where such matter properly should be mailed for deposit in some selected postoffice of the fourth class for the purpose of increasing the compensation of the postmaster at the smaller offices.

As a step in this direction Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden has issued an order that hereafter commissions on the cancellation of stamps on matter wrongly diverted to fourth class offices will not be allowed.

Fourth class postmasters are directed not to claim credit for such cancellations, and to report all cases of this nature together with the names and addresses of the senders, to the department.

## BROOKS NO REPUDIATION

### SAN DOMINGO MUST KEEP FAITH WITH UNITED STATES.

SAN DOMINGO, Dec. 12.—United States Minister Powell has been officially informed that the provisional government is not disposed to accept as final the settlements of American claims made with the late government to President Wosy Gil. Minister Powell has replied that the government of the United States considers the cases of the San Domingo company, the rights of the Clyde Steamship Co., under its concessions and the claims of J. Sala & Co., as having been finally settled and that discussion of these claims will not be reopened.

The minister has also informed the provisional government that his government expects a full compliance with all the agreements entered into by the United States government with the former governments of General Wosy Gil and General Vasquez and that his government will not recognize the provisional government until it acknowledges all the agreements made with preceding administrations.

The British, French, German and Belgian ministers have refused to recognize the provisional government and will not give it formal recognition until similar action is taken by the United States.

The candidates for the presidency are General Jimenez and General Morales and for the vice presidency General Caceres and General Picbarfo. Quiet prevails here, though the financial condition of the provisional government is a desperate one.

## Makes Charge of Deceit.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 12.—Counsel for Mrs. Bennett, widow of Philip S. Bennett, yesterday filed a long statement of the reasons for the appeal recently taken from the decision of Probate Judge Cleveland in relation to Mr. Bennett's will.

In the formal notice of appeal, it was briefly announced that objections would be taken to all of the bequests in the will providing for trust funds for educational purposes to be administered by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan, and also to the appointment of Mr. Bryan as executor and trustee. That statement was elaborate in the document filed yesterday, which, after repeating the clauses of the will to which objection is taken, says in effect, that Mr. and Mrs. Bryan "induced and persuaded" Mr. Bennett to sign a paper addressed to William J. Bryan and to copy a considerable portion of another paper, the said copy to be addressed to Mrs. Bennett. The papers referred to are the sealed letter by which Mr. Bryan and family were to be given \$5,000 by consent of Mrs. Bennett, and a letter similar in purport which Mr. Bryan produced in court.

It is declared that the sealed letter addressed to Mrs. Bennett, "further misstates and is misleading in that Mr. Bennett did not then own nor at any time thereafter did he own the Bridgeport houses referred to," and Mrs. Bennett will not receive under the document probated as the will of Mr. Bennett the amount that Mr. Bennett intended she should have.

The statement contained in the letter to Mrs. Bennett, which says: "It is my desire that no one excepting you and Mr. Bryan himself, shall know of this letter and bequest," is declared to be misleading because it alleged that Mrs. Bryan knew all about them.

## Strikers Buying Revolvers.

TRINIDAD, Col., Dec. 12.—Many Italians and Sicilian strikers were in town, buying revolvers and ammunition, and making threats of further assaults on the employees of the coal companies. The united mine workers have completed arrangements to open a depot in this city for distributing supplies to the strikers in the surrounding camps.

## NOT TO USE MAILS

### BILL TO EXCLUDE UNAUTHORIZED INSURANCE COMPANIES.

## TO ENFORCE STATE LAWS

### AIM OF MEASURE IS TO PROTEST AGAINST FRAUD.

### To Put Ban Upon Newspapers That Conduct Gift Enterprises To Promote Circulation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Insurance people in Nebraska and policy holders in that state insured by companies which have not complied with the laws of the state wherein the said companies were incorporated, are making protests against a bill denying the use of the mails to such concerns. This bill was introduced by Senator Dryden during the extra session. It is not only directed toward insurance companies but it puts the ban upon newspapers that conduct gift enterprises to promote circulation. It also interdicts the guessting contest. Newspaper publishers, however, do not seem to be disturbed. The clause relating to the insurance companies reads as follows:

"No shall any letter, postal card circular, pamphlet or publication concerning the business of, or any contract or policy of life, fire or life insurance be carried in the mail outside of the state wherein the same is issued, or delivered by any postmaster or letter carrier, outside the state wherein the same is issued, unless the transaction of such business of insurance by the concern, person, or persons professing or proposing to operate the same is authorized by the laws of the state, district, or territory in which the office or the place in and from which the same are issued, and unless such person, persons or concern have produced from the duly authorized officer of such state, district or territory certificate duly issued in pursuance of such laws, duly authorized such person, persons or concern or operate such business.

The indictment against Former State Representative Lowe contained two counts, and charges conspiracy to violate section 1781 of the revised statutes, by conspiring to bribe Senator Charles H. Dierich, by acting as intermediary in the payment of \$400 in consideration of which J. B. Billings, who at the time of the alleged transaction was postmaster at Alma, Neb., was to receive the recommendation by the senator for reappointment. One of the counts charges the payment of \$100 and the other of \$30. The evidence on which Lowe was indicted is said to have been given by J. B. Billings, former postmaster at Alma.

## Wreck on the Burlington.

OTTUMWA, Ill., Dec. 14.—Three persons were killed and ten injured in a wreck at 9:15 yesterday morning on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road three miles west of Albia, Ia. The westbound passenger train was in some manner derailed while running into the Cedar Creek bridge and five cars were wrecked by collision with the steel girders of the bridge. The wreckage took fire and several of the victims were badly burned.

The dead: MRS. W. E. MITCHEN, Albia, Ia., burned to death. MILDRED MITCHEN, three years old, burned to death. THOMAS BEATTY, killed in wreck of smoking car.

The injured: W. P. Martin, Chicago, leg sprained; C. E. Blair, Lamont, Ia., hip injured; Robert Ferguson, Mitchell, Neb., leg broken; Mrs. J. H. Robinson, Ottumwa, back sprained; E. T. Scott, Osceola, Ia., three ribs broken; F. T. Browning, Yates Center, Kas., hip injured; Gabriel Allen, Chicago, water dining car; William Branch, Chicago, cook diner; R. Price, Chicago, cook diner; S. T. Williams, Chicago, porter.

None of the injured will die. Just what caused the accident is a mystery. As soon as the engine noticed there was something wrong he pulled the air brakes, but was unable to stop the train. Five cars were completely burned and the remaining coaches badly damaged.

The work of rescue was carried on with difficulty, as the cars took fire immediately after the accident, and the bridge is a high one. The injured were taken to Albia and Ottumwa. The train was in charge of conductor R. W. Robinson and Engineer William Wallace.

Mildred Mitchen, the little three-year-old child of Mrs. W. E. Mitchen, was hung to one of the bridge girders and burned before the eyes of the uninjured passengers and trainmen.

When the train was derailed, just before reaching the bridge the sides of the cars struck the bridge and were torn out. The fire cars from the stove were scattered throughout the car. The Mitchen child fell through the bottom of the car, its clothes catching the fire, where it died badly for its mother, who had been instantly killed in the wreck.

## Pisns To Invade.

PANAMA, Dec. 14.—Advices received here from Cartagena say that the Colombian cruises General Pizarro and Cartagena have landed 400 men under General Bustamante and 600 at Cape Turbaco, at the mouth of the Arato river, with the object of cutting paths across the mountains to enable the Colombian troops to invade Panama. According to the reports the force is in Cartagena a standing army of 1,000.

## SOME BIG MEN HIT

### OMAHA GRAND JURY HANDS DOWN TEN INDICTMENTS.

## NAME EX-SENATOR CURRIE

### BARTLETT RICHARDS AND OTHERS IN SAME BOAT.

### L. W. Counts Against Former Representative Lowe, Accused of Being Go-Between in Post-office Frauds.

Special From State Journal.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 11.—The United States grand jury, which has been in session for some time investigating postoffice bribery cases and the alleged illegal fencing of government lands in western Nebraska, yesterday made partial report to the court, returning twenty-two indictments.

One is against Former State Representative Elliott Lowe, charging bribery in connection with the appointment of a postoffice at Alma, Neb.; ten are against ranchmen charging illegal fencing and the others were Indian cases, mostly of a minor character. Those against ranchmen include true bills against Bartlett Richards, president of the Nebraska Land and Feeding company; W. G. Comstock, vice president of the same company, and secretary Charles C. Jameson, all of Ellsworth, Neb., and Former State Senator Frank M. Currie, large individual cattle owner of Broken Bow, Neb. The other seven indictments are against extensive ranchmen of Cherry and Custer counties.

The foreman of the grand jury stated to the court that it would later have a supplementary report and it is stated this addition will include several more indictments of prominent ranchmen, and also one against a former state official, who is charged with disposing of a considerable amount of government military supplies without making a report of the disposition of the money.

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## One Vast Company.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Final arrangements were made yesterday for the incorporation of the Interstate Telephone association into one company. This means the amalgamation of over four thousand independent telephone companies in Illinois, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Minnesota, Ohio and Michigan, involving property valued at more than \$200,000,000. This action was taken at the closing session here of the association. A permanent committee was appointed to work upon plans of action for the new company.

"One of the first things to be done by the new company will be to form a connection with the Illinois Telephone and Telegraph company's lines in Chicago, bringing our company in direct competition with the Bell lines in Chicago," said President Hull of the association. "The Illinois Telephone and Telegraph company, which is now operating lines in the downtown districts in Chicago, will connect its wires with those of our company at Hyde Park early in the spring. The two companies will then build lines to the Chicago city limits, where they will be connected with those of the Independent Telephone company's. When this work is completed we will have accomplished what we have been endeavoring to do for many years—that is, to connect Chicago with the independent companies throughout Illinois and adjoining states. The result of this move on the part of the independent companies will be far-reaching and as soon as our lines are ready to compete with the present system in Chicago there will be a decided reduction in the present telephone rates."

## Riot Outgrowth of Strike.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 11.—In a riot yesterday, growing out of the recent strike on the Chicago City railway a car was wrecked by a mob of union sympathizers, who furiously attacked the non-union conductor and motorman, badly injuring both. The crew of the car escaped into a near by building, where they were guarded by police. The riot occurred on the Halstead street line, near Archer avenue.

## CURE FOR VANITY

De Broker—"Say, old boy! Do me a favor, will you?"

Scribbler—"Certainly. What is it?"

"I am to be married shortly to Miss De Style, and she insists on a fashionable wedding; but I can't stand that sort of nonsense, you know."

"Well?"

"Just slip around to her house and ask her for her photograph for your paper."

"I'll go at once."

"Thank you. Then I'll call there this evening and show her the most strosly your paper printed today of Miss Highup. Guess she'll prefer a private ceremony then."

## HOW CHEAP BAKING POWDER IS MADE.

A recent seizure of a lot of "cheap" baking powders by the authorities of a neighboring city has exposed the character of the low priced brands of baking powders which many manufacturers are offering throughout the country. The price of the powders first attracted attention to them. Samples were taken and analyzed. The official report of the analysis showed the stuff to be "alum powders," composed chiefly of alum, sulphuric acid and pulverized rock. The powders were declared dangerous to health and several thousand pounds were confiscated and destroyed.

Physicians have frequently cautioned consumers against mixing food with these so-called "cheap" baking powders. They are all found, when analyzed, to contain large percentages of alum and sulphuric acid to which are added various sorts of filling matter sometimes both injurious and nasty.

The high class, cream of tartar baking powders, are the most economical and wholesome and should always be selected for use. They will be found cheaper in the end, besides making the food better and more healthful.

Kansas City will have as its central feature in its building at the World's Fair a topographical relief map of that city. The map will be 21 by 32 feet, on a scale of 85 feet to the inch.

Dr. Warren W. Flower, instructor in German in the University of Michigan, has prepared a pamphlet—"Questions on Thomas's Grammar and Essentials of Grammar in German." The book is published by George Wahr, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Fame is the poorest wages any man ever worked for.

The first half of most people's lives is spent knocking holes in their constitutions, and the second half in stopping the leaks.

## TWICE WON.

### Wife Fell in Love with Husband "All Over Again."

The wife of a well-known attorney at law of Seward, Neb., tells the tale worth reading: "My husband was a soldier in the Civil War, and was, as he called himself, 'an old coffee cooler' and had always drunk very strong coffee.

"About a year ago he complained of a feeling of faintness every time after climbing his office stairs, and was also troubled by terrible headaches that almost drove him wild.

"He gradually grew weaker and weaker until his affliction culminated in nervous collapse, and for weeks he seemed to be fading away from us in spite of all our efforts.

"The physicians pronounced him strong and well, with no organic trouble whatever, and there seemed to be nothing the matter except the complete giving out of his nervous system.

"The doctor decided that coffee was at the bottom of all his trouble and ordered Postum Cereal in its place. He improved daily since he quit coffee and began drinking Postum, and now says he feels better than he has felt for 20 years, headaches are gone, no more fainting spells, and is gaining in flesh every day, and he seems so much younger and heartier and happier than he has for years that I have fallen in love with him over again.

"Now for my brother's case; a few years ago he had a peculiar trouble. His tongue was swollen and sore at the roots and covered underneath with festers.

"He thought his affliction was of a cancerous nature and his doctor was of the same opinion. He could scarcely eat anything and became so poor and ran down he was simply a nervous wreck. He consulted various physicians, but none were able to diagnose his case or help him in the least.

"At last a doctor to whom he applied said he believed my brother was coffee poisoned and advised him to quit coffee and drink Postum. He gave him no medicine, but told him to give Postum fair trial and return to him in 6 weeks. My brother had used Postum only about ten days when the festers disappeared from his tongue, and at the end of two weeks the soreness and swelling were gone and he began to pick up in flesh and spirits.

"He has never touched coffee since, but drinks Postum all the time and has never had the slightest return of the trouble.

"To look at my experience is it any wonder I can write a heartfelt testimonial for Postum?" Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

## NEBRASKA NOTES

Will H. Dailey of Nebraska City has leased the Callaway Courier, and will take charge at once.

Ben Jones, sheriff of Pierce county, arrested Charles Anderson on a charge of beating his wife.

Charles E. Coburn and Miss Agnes Stoll were married at Beatrice Sunday, the Rev. Edgar Price officiating.

The Southwestern Nebraska Poultry association will hold an exhibit at Beatrice December 15 or 19 inclusive.

After a lingering illness of two months' duration, Noah Welch, of Callaway died.

Mrs. Amanda Charsell, an aged lady living with her son, was found dead in bed at her home at Nebraska City.

Skinner & Ashley of Beaver City are feeding 3,000 sheep for the spring market on their ranch one mile west of Beaver City.

Percy Agnew of Plattsmouth has gone to Phoenix, Ariz., where he will try to regain his health. He has been suffering from lung trouble.

At Pierce, Grand Army post 391 held a campfire in Inhelder's hall. There were a number of stirring speeches.

Henry Leng, a young farmer of Decatur, slipped from a roof on his house and fell to the ground. He was picked up severely injured.

Robbers blew open the safe in the postoffice at Newcastle, Neb. early one morning and secured \$250 in cash and \$130 in stamps.

The city council of Nebraska City has decided to ask for bids for a fire house to be built on the site of the one destroyed two years ago.

William Atwood of Plattsmouth celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday. His wife, to whom he was married in 1844, and his children and grandchildren were present.

At a bazaar given by the ladies of the First M. E. church at Osceola lasting from Friday noon until Saturday night over \$100 was cleared and enough stock left over for another bazaar in the near future.

Ray Beem until recently manager of a manufacturing establishment at Kansas City, died at the residence of his father at Hardy, Dr. E. D. Beem, of consumption.

The annual meeting and rally of the Christian church was held at Beatrice. A dinner was served in the basement of the church. There were a number of addresses.

Miss Kathryn White died of typhoid fever at Nebraska City at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary J. White. Miss White was in the senior class of the High school there.

John Kelly, an ex-base ball player at Fremont, has pleaded guilty to a charge of abandoning his wife and has given a bond to guarantee her support in the future.

Word was received at Beatrice of the death of Daniel Williams at Chicago last week. Williams who was 75 years old, formerly lived in Beatrice and was a conductor on the Burlington road.

Rudolph B. Schurman, who has been managing an Angus goat farm at Kirksville, Mo., recently sold his herd to a stock raiser there and will go into business in Fremont. He and Julius Fogelson have formed the Fremont Cooperage company and will manufacture butter tubs. A building has been rented in the factory district and machinery is being installed for the plant.

The pupils of Mrs. C. W. Benedict of Trenton gave a musical at the Congregational church. The program consisted of several numbers of piano and vocal solos and duets. A large and appreciative audience attended. Among the best numbers were a trio by Miss Galt Thomas and the piano duet by two little boys, Chester Collett and Gerald Benedict.

Mr. G. W. Smith of Denver, Col. has bought the interests of Burton & Burton in "The Commercial" at Trenton, taking possession December 15. Burton & Burton have built up a reputation of running one of the best hotels in the valley. They will enter the business elsewhere or run a dairy on a place just east of town.

Sheriff Ben Jones went out near the Wayne county line and arrested Charles N. Anderson, a farmer living in Pierce county, who is charged with cruelly beating his wife. The warrant was sworn out by the father of Anderson's wife, Anderson. It is alleged, has been in the habit of coming to town and getting drunk and then going home and beating his wife.

John McCool and Milke Kenney, two horse thieves aged 22 and 17 years respectively, have been arrested at Dakota City. They say they will plead guilty to a charge of stealing a team, harness and wagon.

Professor George Herbert Pinner of Harvard has accepted the invitation of Chancellor Andrews to deliver the address at the midwinter commencement and charter day, February 15, at the state university.