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PRESIDENT MORTON UNCOVERS QUESTIONABLE METHODS.

#### STATUS OF THE TURNER LOANS

Report Says \$218,264 of the Society's Money Was Paid Without Authority-Graft After Graft Shown by Lifting the Lid.

NEW YORK-That the Equitable Lifee Assurance society paid out \$218,-264 to the Mercantile Trust company connection with certain loans known as the "Turner loans" and that these payments were without authority so far as the records of thee society discloses, became known Tuesday when Paul Morton, president of the society, made public a report on the subject submitted by him to the society's directors.

These transactions occurred in what Mr. Morton refers to as "the Turner loans" with the Mercantile Trust company.

The "Turner loan," Mr. Morton's report sets forth, was carried in 1894 by the Western National bank, which was controlled by the Equitable Life Assurance society. The collateral for the loans was objected to by a bank examiner, and Henry B. Hyde then agreed to transfer the loan and collateral to the Mercantile Trust com-At that time apparently the loans amounted to \$661,491.

George V. Turner, in whose name the loan stood, was secretary to Louis Fitzgerald, then president of the Mercantilee Trust company and a close business associate of Henry B. Hyde. The loan was guaranteed by Marcellus Hartley, John E. Searles, Louis Fitzgerald, W. N. Coler, Jr., and H. B. Hydee. On March 21, 1895, the same guarantors renewed their guaranty, the loan having grown to \$1,276,478. the increase being due to attempts to develop the property on which the collateral for the loan was made. Part of this collateral was given by John W. Young and consisted of Salt Lake & Eastern railway stock and other Salt Lake stocks. This collateral proved to be of little value. Other collateral consisted of contracts of the Kentucky Mineral and Timber company and the Amity Land and Irrigation company of Colorado. Attempts were made to develop the Kentucky property and the Colorado property, and large sums were expended for that purpose and by July 1, 1905, the cost of the Kentucky property stood at \$619,067, and the Colorado property at \$2,809,653. The Equitable Life Assurance society paid the Mercantile Trust company \$218,264 on these loans on January 23, 1900, and \$500,000 on February 4, 1904.

"The records of the society," said Mr. Morton, "disclose no authority whatever for these payments, and the cash entries in respect to them were very obscure."

Mr. Morton found that \$265,000 was paid by thee Equitable Life Assurance society to the Mercantile Trust company on the \$685,000 loan, the nature

Big Fire at Nome, Alaska, SEATTLE, Wash .- Fixty buildings

were destroyed by fire at Nome. Alaska, on the night of September 13, causing a loss estimated at close to \$200,000. The city hall, a small building, was destroyed, but the records were saved, and it is reported that the big stores of M. E. Atkinson and J. P. Parker were destroyed. It was at first reported that the fire destroyed the larger wholesale and retail stores. but this proved incorrect. No loss of life is reported.

#### **AVERACE ARMY OFFICER** LIVES BEYOND HIS MEANS

WASHINGTON-Only the simple life is possible for young army officers, according to Major General Corbin, commanding the Philippine division. In cis annual report General Corbin says there is too frequently evidence that there are officers in the service not mindful of their financial obligations. The number of complaints on this point, he says, calls for drastic treatment. The general says that "The moment an officer begins living beyond his means he should be subjected to discipline. Young officers joining the service should be admonished that for them only the simple life is possible."

Believes in Poison Story.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y .- Welton Stanford, a nephew of the late Mrs. Jane Stanford, who died at Honolulu last summer, has not been satisfied with the reports concerning her death and is a firm boliever in the murder by poison theory. Some time ago he offered a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the poisoner, but that did not accomplish his object. Monday he announced that he would raise the amount to \$2,000. He has had detectives at work on the case.

Poor Pay Causes Desertion. WASHINGTON-General Funston. commanding the department of California, quotes from the report of his judge advocate concerning desertions. The latter attributes the desertions to the poor pay received by enlisted men compared to what men receive in civil occupations. General Funston says the buildings at Presidio, San Francisco, are not a credit to the United States and should be replaced. There is no further reason for maintaining the post at Fort McDowell. It should be abandoned.

THE WHITE FLAGS.

They Denote a Cessation of Hostilities.

GODZIYADINI, Manchurla-An order by General Linevitch putting into effect the stipulations of the armistice arranged by Generals Ovanovski and Fukushima has been prepared and distributed to the army. The order directs the immediate cessation of hostilities; the retirement of pickets from the neutral zone and the establishment of a post of communication. It forbids all other communication between the armices.

GUNSHU PASS-As a result of the armistice, which was effective Sunday, the outposts of the main posttions on both siles will move back about two-thirds of a mile and hereafter will display white flags,

There is now one fast train daily on the rallway. There has been a considerable advance in the value of both native and Russlan vooney. The natives welcome peace and hope the Peking government will send a strong man, like Yuan Shai Kai, to Manchuria to re-establish pative control and to prevent anarchy during the evacuation of the Russian and Japanese armies. The people fear the outlaws, who, in large numbers, are armed with Russian and Japanese rifles.

A report of the Red Cross admin-Istration shows that altogether 20,000 beds and twenty trains were supplied and \$11,000,000 were expended during the war. Minor Red Cross organizations are already leaving for home, and with the consummation of peace the entire society will be relieved, the empress' hospitals leaving last.

ST. PETERSEURG-The American embassy has received from the Japanese legation in Berlin \$20,000 to be devoted to the relief of 1.716 Japanese prisoners now at Medvid, province of Novgorod. Charge d'Affaires Eddy that the jail provision of the law will go to Medvid next week to make under which the indictment was rearrrangements for the distribution of the money. The prisoners will be released as soon as the signed peace treaties are executed. With the Japanese are several Americans and Englishmen found on board captured Japanese transports. These foreigners will probably be released before the Japanese.

#### FINANCES OF PORTO RICO CIVEN TO THE PUBLIC

WASHINGTON-William F. Willsoughby, treasurer of Porto Rico, in a bulletin made public by the census bureau, discusses the insular and municipal finances of the island for the year 1902-3. The report constitutes a portion of the general inquiry into the wealth, debt and taxation now being conducted by the census bureau. It shows that at the beginning of that fiscal year the insular treasury was charged with \$1,157,569. Of this amount \$1,084,448 stood to the credit of various trust funds, leaving a balance of \$314,600 constituting the real balance of the insular treasury avail able for the purpose of meeting ordinary current expenses.

# **COVERNOR OF MISSOURI**

do honor to Missouri and Governor berlain of Oregon and by municipal and exposition officials, appeared on the speaker's stand he was received with round upon round of applause.

Welcoming speeches were made by Governor Chamberlain, Mayor Mane of Portland and President Goode of the exposition.

Buffalo Bill's Horses Shot.

CHICAGO-A special to the Record-Herald from Cody, Wyo., says: Word has been received to the effect that colonel W. F. Cody's (Buffalo Bill) Wild West show has been quarantined in France and that all of the show horses, many of them worth over \$1,000 each, have been shot under official orders on account of glanders.

Want No National Legislation.

PORTLAND, Ore.—At the session of the convention of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents a resolution was adopted opposing any national legislation extending the power of the interstate commerce commission over transportation

Will Not Delay the Treaty.

ST. PETERSBURG-The Associated Press was assured that the emperor's cruise will not involve delay in the signing of the peace treaty, an official copy of which, with all documents pertaining to the conference, is on the way here with the members of the peace commission.

Mrs. Neil Burgess Dead. NEW YORK-Mrs. Neil Burgess, wife of the actor and niece of J. H. Stoddard, died Sunday at her home in

Highlands, N. J.

Freight Men Sign Old Scale. CHICAGO-Chicago union freight bandlers voted to accept the old wage scale and conditions which have prevailed for two years and agreements to that effect were made with nineteen railroads against which strikes have been threatened for the past ten days.

Will Sail for Home.

WASHINGTON-The Japanese minster, M. Takahira, expects to sail for his home in Japan in a few weeks to join Mme. Takahira, who has been over there for nearly two years.

# PLEAS OF CUILTY

ACTION OF SOME LEADING PACK-E'S OF CHICAGO.

### FOUR OFFICIALS CIVEN FINES

They Conspired to Take Railroad Re-Bates-Obtained Drawbacks by Presenting False and Fraudulent Claims For Damages.

CHICAGO-Four officials of the Schwarzchild & Sulzberger Packing company of Chicago were fined an aggregate of \$25,000 by Judge Humphrey in the United States district court here Thursday. The fines followed a plea of guilty to indictments charging conspiracy to accept railroad rebates. The defendants were Samuel Weil of New York, vice president of the company; B. S. Cusey, traffic manager; Vance D. Skipworth and Chess E. Todd, assistant traffic managers,

Mr. Well was fined \$10,000, the other three \$5,000 each, all fines were im-

mediately paid. With the entering of the plea the declaration was made that unless at least one of the cases is immediately settled the life of Samuel Well, who is vice president of the company and is one of the defendants, is in jeop ardy. He is said to be a nervous wreck and fears were entertained for his life if he had been allowed to continue under the strain of trial. The plea was entered, it is declared, after a complete understanding had been reached between counsel for the de fendants and Attorney General Will iam H. Moody. While in Chicago the attorney general was apprised of the condition of Vice President Weil, and it is said agreed to the entry of a plea of guilty, with the understanding turnedt should be waived and merely a fine imposed. The same concession was made in the case of the other three defendants.

The four defendants were charged with unlawfully combining and agreeing to solicit rebates for the Schwarzchild & Sulzberger company from the Michigan Central Railroad company, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, the Lehigh Valley Railroad company, the Boston & Maine Railroad company and the Mobile & Ohio Railroad company

Charges were made that the defend ants conspired with each other in presenting supposed claims for damage: which were really claims for rebates.

The plea made does not in any way affect the charge of interference with government witnesses made in a previous indictment returned against Curey andd other Schwarzchild & Sulzbarger men. They were accompanied by Attorney Weissenbach and Attorneys I M Boyeson and J. J. Her-

#### FIRST LIEUTENANT BURBANK TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

tion has been received at Fort Leav-AT THE EXPOSITION Conworth that First Lieutenant Staney S. Burbank, Sixth infantry, who left conworth that First Lieutenant Sidney goods lines, and the frequent reminhere for the Philippines in February, PORTLAND, Ore.-Thohusands of is to be court-martialed for conduct persons assembled in the auditorium unbecoming a gentleman and an offiof the Lewis and Clark exposition to cer. Lieutenant Burbank is the officer who brought suit in the district Folk. When Governor Folk, accom- court here to annul an alleged marpanied by Governor George E. Cham- riage with Mrs. Conception Vasquez, a Filipino woman. The suit is still nending and after many delays, covering a period of nearly two years, is set for trial in October.

> Perished in the Alps. ROME-A prominent painter, Fran-

cesco Vitalini, who had been spending his vacation in the Alps, has disappeared and it is feared that he has been killed by an accident.

#### JAPANESE PAYMASTERS IN CROOKED PATHS

TOKIO-The information has been made public that three naval paymasters have embezzled \$165,000 of government funds. The announcement has been calmly received by the public, but the knowledge that the commission of the crime extended over a period of a year without discovery may, it is said, cause a feeling of distrust and uneasiness toward the naval administration and furnish a weapon to the political parties that are opposing the government.

COUNT OF CASH IN TREASURY.

Total is \$1,259.598,278 and Agrees with the Books.

WASHINGTON-The count of cash, notes, bonds and other securities in the treasury of the United States, incident to the transfer of the office of United States treasurer from William Ellis H. Roberts to Charles H. Treat was completed Tuesday and found to agree exactly with the treasury books. The total of July 1, 1905, was found to be \$1,259,598,278.

May Change Inauguration Day. WASHINGTON-District Commissioner McFarland, chairman of the national committee to consider the ad- another operation, and according to a ceremony for the inauguration of the president of the United States, has was a slight one, issued a call for the meeting of the committee on November 8. The committee is composed of the governors teen residents of the District of Co- of cavalry which captured Jefferson lumbia. Among the dates suggested Davis, is dead at his home in Tacolast Thursday April

JUDGE HASTINGS LEADS.

He Is Nominated for Supreme Judge by the Democrats.

LINCOLN-In the state democratic convention here Wednesday the following nominations were made:

For justice of the supreme court, W. G. Hastings of Saline county. For regents of the State university,

Louis Lightner of Platte county and D. C. Cole of Polk county.

The platform: On state issues-

Stringent and sweeping anti-pass resolution, with criminal clause attachment. For the valuation of railroad property on stocks and bonds basis. For a reduction in freight rates and demanding that the attorney general proceed at once for the enforcement of the schedules of the maximum rate law. Demands criminal prosecution of elevator, lumber and coal trusts. For a direct primary law. For the initiative and referendum, For the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people. On national issues-For the impartial enforcement of anti-trust laws, including the criminal clause of the Sherman act. Demands that officials of railroads and corporations violating the law be held personally responsible. Against rebates and freight discriminations. For the conferring of the rate-making power on the interstate commerce commission.

Lincoln-The populists in state convention here endorsed Judge Hastings. lemocratic nomince for Supreme. Judge. D. C. Cole of Polk county, and Louis Lightner, of Platte county, were nominated for regents.

#### RECULATION OF RATES MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL

WASHINGTON - "Railroad rate egislation is an issue more discussed in Nebraska than tariff revision, said Senator Burkett. "I have heard very little discussion of the tariff. I know a harness maker who thinks the tariff on hides ought to be reduced and a builder who thinks the tariff on steel is too high. Here and there an expression is to be heard in favor of modification or certain schedules. But think that generally people out my way realize the embarrassment that would come from opening up the tariff question generally."

CONFIDENCE REMAINS STRONG.

Bounteous Crops in All Sections Help Trading.

NEW YORK-R. G. Dun & Co.' Weekly Review of Trade says:

Industrial, commercial and agriculural progress continue satisfactory. Nothing has occurred to weaken confidence, the disposition being to extend plans further into the future, and many plants have their facilities engaged well into the next year. As demand broadens there is a natural tendency to enlarge capacity, which adds to the already exceptional structural activity. Jobbers have secured LEAVENWORTH, Kan. - Informa- much more forward business than at this date last year, especially in dry ders of autumn temperature stimulate retail distribution of wearing apparel. Thus far the weather has not been cold enough to harm the crops that remain to be harvested, and another week of favorable conditions should assure an unprecedented yield of corn. Several settlements maintain labor dispuates at the minimum, and mercantile collections continue

#### SCHEME ON HAND FOR DISCHARGING MAYORS

HAVANA-General Freye Andrade. secretary of the interior, says he has discovered a plot of the liberal party by which the liebral governors of the provinces o. Santa Clara, Camaguay and Pinar Del Rio proposed to discharge all the mayors and other leading municipal officials who were partisans of President Palma. The plan was discovered after the mayor and lieutenant mayor of Glanapay and the mayor and treasurer of Cabanas in Pinar Del Rio were discharged.

State of Siege Proclaimed.

ST. PETERSBURG-The emperor. has ordered a state of siege to be proclaimed in the town and district of Bielostk owing to the disturbances there.

Launches Boom for Folk.

PORTLAND, Ore.-Governor Chamberlain, during the Missouri day exercises at the Lewis and Clark fair. launched the boom for Governor Folk as the next presidential candidate on tne democratie ticket.

Ambaseador Meyer Leaves Berlin. BERLIN-Mr. Meyer, the American

ambassador at St. Petersburg, left Berlin Friday night for Hamburg. where it is presumed he will see Emperor William.

Dr. Harper Operated Upon. CHICAGO-President Harper of the University of Chicago has undergone

Joseph Langdon is Dead.

KANSAS CITY, Mo .- Joseph Langat St. Joseph, Mc

## HOLDCONFERENCE

THE PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH SOME ADVISERS.

### DELIBERATIONS ARE NOT KNOWN

It is Thought, However, That Insurance Matters Were Under Consideration -Those Who Were Present at the Meeting.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y .- A conference of importance was held Wednesday night at Sagamore Hill, the participants being President Roosevelt, Elihu Root, secretary of state; Henry Cabot Lodge, United States senator from Massachusetts, and Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to Great great concern to the country that was

under consideration, the nature of which was not disclosed officially tonight, the opportunity was embraced by the president to discuss with his visitors some matters relating to the foreign relations of America. This was the first suitable opportunity the president has had to talk with Secretary Root since he assumed his duties as secretary of state. Only recently the secretary returned from an extended trip to Labrador. Since his return he has been completing his arrangements for assuming actively the duties of secretary of state.

Secretary Root, Senator Lodge and Mr. Choate arrived here together about 5:40 Said Secretary Root:

"What is the news here? I really know nothing worth publishing. I have just returned from Labrador, you know, and am not supposed yet to be the repository of many state secrets.

In response to inquiries the secre tary said he expected to go to Washington about October 1 and until then would not undertake, in the full acceptation or the term, the duties of his office. He did not care to discuss the object of his visit to the presigent at this time further than to ssay they probably would "talk over a good many things." Neither Senator Lodge nor Mr.

Choate was more conservative regarding the situation than Secretary Root. It is not unlikely that among other topics of discussion the recent developments in the conduct of the life insurance companies received an important share of attention at the conference. All of the visitors are more or less familiar with the insurance situation and, as the president expects to take up that subject in his forthcoming annual message to congress, in the preparation of which he is now engaged, it is natural that he should wish to consult his close friends and advisers about the matter.

#### OPERATORS WILL NOT CRANT DEMAND OF MINERS

SCRANTON, Pa .- One of the largest coal operators in this region, who has just come from Philadelphia, where he had a conference with Pres ident Baer of the Reading, declared unhesitatingly, and for publication, that the operators would not, under any consideration, grant the demand of the mine workers for an eight-hour day and that they proposed to agree only that the present agreement shall be continued. Announcement to this effect would be made, he said, after the miners held their convention in Shamokin December 14.

WIDOW OF THE REVOLUTION.

One Still on Pension Rolls - Many Old Age Allowances.

WASHINGTON-The report of the commissioner of pensions for the fiscal year ending July 1 shows that during e year there were 46,985 allowances under the old age disability order of March 15, 1904. It also shows that 655 pensions of \$72 a month have been increased to \$100 a month on account of total blindness under the act of April 8, 190 %

There are pending only 15,256 original claims of survivors of the civil war and the commissioner gives assurance that they will be adjudicated as speedily as possible.

There are still five pensioners on account of the war of the revolution, one of them being Esther S. Damon, the widow of a revolutionary soldier, and the other four being daughters of such soldiers. Mrs. Damon is 91 years

Quieter Feeling Prevails. CHRISTIANIA - Peace between

Sweden and Norway being assured, a quieter feeling prevails here. from Karistad however, is still awaited with the keenest interest, and there is anxiety to learn the details of the compromise. The press is unanimous in hoping for a speedy settlement of the questions. There are some misgivings entertained that peace has been secured but all the newspapers express relief that peace has been secured provided it is on an enduring basis.

Emperor and Empress on Trip. ST. PETERSBURG-Emperor Nich-

olas, with the empress and their children and Grand Duke Alexis, started visability of changing the date of the statement issued by his family he is Sunday on a cruise in Finnish waters. resting comfortably. The operation They are expected to return toward the end of the weeek. Included in the emperor's suite are General Baron Fredericks, aide-de-camp to his majesty, and Admiral Birileff, minister of all states and territories and fif- don, the last survivor of the company of marine. The cruise is to be simply a pleasure trip. Count Lamsdorff, the foreign minister, also accompanied will be Trungsund.

A LASTING PEACE.

That Is the Desire of Emperor

Russia. ST PETERSBURG-Emperor Nicholas again appears before the world as a promoter of universal peace. No sooner is the Russo-Japanese war over and even before the peace treaty has been ratified than his majesty issues invitation to a second peace conference at The Hague.

That the emperor has done so was learned from a source which leaves no shadow of doubt as ot its authenticity

It is officially announced that "the Russian government proposes to address the foreign powers with a view to the holding of a second peace confgerence at The Hague, but it is known by negotiations preceding this announcement that the government pro-While it is a particular subject of posed to address the powers," were entered into especially with the United Statese and were conducted with the greatest secrecy, there being not the slightest inkling that Russia contemplated anything of the kind.

The announcement created the greatest surprise here, and that Russia should plan a second conference, despite the steps taken by President Roosevelt, was also heard with amazement. It is clear that the step could not be taken by Russia without first reaching a complete understanding with President Roosevelt. The fact that President Roosevelt is reported as being entirely in sympathy with the proposal and readily and gladly accedes to it is clear proof that the conference has already been called and that President Roosevelt relinquishes his part in it to the emperor.

There is strong reason to believe that the news even of the intention of the Russian government would not be given out unless invitation had already been sent to the powers, and possibly their answers have been received. In this connection an interesting question arises as to how the invitation was communicated to Japan, in view of the lack of diplomatic relations, but the invitation may be delayed until such relations have been resumed, or it may have been forwarded through the United Statees.

#### THE ANTI-PASS LAW IS TO BE TESTED

PLAINFIELD, Wis .- Charged with using his railroad pass in violation of the law, W. B. Angelo, an attorney for the Wisconsin Central, Railway company, and holding a position as a notary public, was formally placed under arrest on complaint of W. H. Berry, editor of a newspaper at Waushara, Wir. The action is for the purpose of testing the anti-pass law passed by the last legislature.

FACTORIES IN NEBRASKA.

There Are 1.819 Establishments in Which Are Invested \$80,235,810.

WASHINGTON-According to a buletin issued Tuesday by the census bureau there were at the beginning of the presnet year 1.819 manufacturing establishments in the state of Nebraska, as against 1,707 in 1900, and the capital employed amounted to \$80,-235,810, as against \$66,002,313. There were 3,192 officials employed and received salaries amounting in the aggregate to \$3,074,911. The wage earners numbered 2.,241 and they were paid \$11,022,147 annually. The products for the present year are valued at \$154,918,220, a gain of 19 per cent

since 1900. Of the principal cities Lincoln showed the greatest gain, amounting to 89 per cent. The gain in Omaha was 42 and in South Omaha 3 per cent. Słaughtering and meat packing continues to be the principal industry, with a production for last year of \$69,-243,468, a decrease of almost \$2,000,-000 when compared with 1900. Flour and grist mills hold second place with a total of \$12,190,303, against \$7,794,-139 for 1900.

#### GOOD RIDDANCE

TO BAD RUBBISH

MANILA-Felizarbo, chief of the outlaws in the province of Cavite, who for a long time have made trouble for the authorities, was surrounded near the Batangas border and jumped over a cliff. He was killed by the fall. His death, it is expected, will end the disturbances in the province of Cavite.

Indulges in a Final Fight. MEXICO-Victor Martinez, known here as "Hundred Fights" Martinez, has been killed after a long career of violence. He fought Saturday night with Juan Hernandez over the latter's refusal to drink with him. He was stabbed in the heart.

Pastor Dies While Praying.

MONROE, Ga.-Rev. William F. Robinson, pastor of the Methodist church here, died suddenly while praying in the Baptist church during the morning service.

Manchurian Ports Opened. LONDON-The Shanghai corre spondent of the Morning Post says that an imperial decree has been issued ordering many of the ports in

treaty powers. Accused of Embezzlement.

Manchuria to be opened equally to all

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia .- J. J. Riley, a clerk in the money order department of the Omaha postoffice, was arrested here on the charge of embezfor the ceremony are April 30 and the ma. Wash. He lived for many years the emperor. The first place to call zing funds of the postal department amounting to near'v \$1,000.