

The Valentine Democrat

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VALENTINE, NEBRASKA.

ADMIT THEIR GUILT

NEW YORK PROMOTERS ENTER PLEAS OF GUILTY OF SWINDLING.

THEY CLEANED UP GREAT SUM

Forty to Fifty Millions Are Said to Have Been Obtained by Burr Brothers and Partners as Result of Operations.

New York.—Pleas of guilty were made by Shelton C. Burr, president; Eugene H. Burr, secretary-treasurer; Charles H. Tobey, vice president and Edwin Wesley Preston, an official of the Burr Bros., incorporated, stock promoters. Their offices here were raided last November, the men being charged with using the mails to defraud investors.

Between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 were obtained by Burr Bros. through sales of worthless mining and oil stocks, netting a profit to the defendants of \$13,000,000 to \$15,000,000, according to announcement made by the postal inspectors who raided the establishment November 20, 1910.

SLUMP IN IMMIGRATION.

Decrease of 300,000 in Arrivals During the Year.

New York.—One of the greatest slumps in immigration ever recorded at the port of New York is being written into the records at Ellis island during the closing days of the year. Already the records show that nearly 300,000 fewer immigrants have landed there up to the present time than for the corresponding period in 1910, and indications are, Commissioner Williams states, that there will be a reduction of 30 per cent or more from 1910 figures for the year. The incoming tide of humanity is lower now than at any time since 1908.

Accused of Big Theft.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Charged with stealing a package of \$3,000 from a rank in the registry department of the Grand Rapids main postoffice Harry F. Kimball, a local insurance agent, prominent in social circles, was arrested. He was released on a \$2,000 bond until the March federal grand jury convenes.

Sheldon Quits Pastorate.

Topeka, Kan.—Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps" and many other books, has resigned the pastorate of the Central Congregational church of Topeka, which he has held for twenty-three years. He will devote himself to a tour of the world, visiting missions and Y. M. C. A's.

Lawyer Found Guilty.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Fred H. Thompson, a criminal lawyer, prominent in southern California, was found guilty of having accepted \$15,000 from Orlando Altorre, a clerk in the money order department of the Los Angeles postoffice, knowing the money to have been stolen.

Rose Eytting Expires.

New York.—Rose Eytting, at one time one of the most popular leading women on the American stage, died at Amityville, L. I., from a paralytic stroke. The body will be taken to Washington for interment.

Big Price for Land.

Oakland, Neb.—The Sam A. Nelson farm was sold to Walter Erickson for \$190 per acre. This farm consists of eighty acres, well improved, and lies five miles west of Oakland.

Franco-German Bond Ratified.

Paris.—The chamber of deputies has ratified the Franco-German accord on the question of Morocco. The ratification was adopted by 393 against 36 votes.

Upholds Commission Plan.

Springfield, Ill.—The Illinois supreme court has handed down a decision upholding the constitutionality of the commission form of government.

Live Stock Market.

Sioux City.—Cattle—Good to choice corned steers, \$7.00@8.50; medium to good, \$5.50@7.00; good to choice grass steers, \$4.50@6.50; good to choice fat cows and heifers, \$5.00@6.00; grass cows, \$3.50@5.00; canners and cutters, \$2.75@3.50; bulls, \$3.00@4.25; veals, \$3.50@7.00. Hogs—Prices range from \$5.80@6.20, with a bulk of the sales at \$6.00@6.10. Sheep—Lambs, \$5.25@5.50; yearlings, \$4.25@4.50; wethers, \$3.25@3.85; ewes, \$2.25@3.35.

Government Loses Seat.

London.—The government has lost another seat in the house of commons owing to the result of the by-election for North Ayrshire, Scotland. A. M. Anderson, K. C., the liberal member returned at the last election, had to seek re-election on his appointment as solicitor general for Scotland, and was defeated by Capt. D. F. Campbell, conservative, by a majority of 271 votes. At the last election Mr. Anderson won the seat by a majority of 235 votes.

RUSS PACT DOOMED

HOUSE RATIFIES ACTION OF TAFT AND ADOPTS SENATE MODIFIED RESOLUTION.

ONLY ONE VOTE AGAINST IT

Chairman Sulzer Advises That United States Seek Closer Relations With Russia—New Treaty Is Sought by State Department.

Washington.—The congressional resolution ratifying the notice given by the president to Russia to terminate the treaty of 1832, which was adopted by the senate, was accepted by the house and sent to the president for his approval. The action by the lower body was unanimous save for the negative vote cast by Mr. Macon of Georgia.

Carrying out informal instructions from the committee on foreign affairs, Chairman Sulzer moved that the house concur in the senate resolution.

Mr. Sulzer said the United States should seek closer relations with Russia.

"Do you believe the abrogation will give recognition to American Jews in Russia?" asked Mr. Berger of Wisconsin.

"I believe it will bring about a change in conditions," said Mr. Sulzer.

"We know that after many secretaries of state and many presidents had failed to terminate the Russian treaty President Taft did effectually move in the matter two days after the house had passed its resolution demanding the abrogation of the treaty," said Mr. Sulzer. He said President Taft had ignored the senate by acting on the house resolution and sending notice to Russia and had ignored the house in sending a message to the senate, and that the senate then ignored the president by sending back to the house an amendment to the latter's resolution. So it appeared that all branches of the government had affirmed the action started by the house.

Mr. Maltby of New York, the only member of the house who voted against the Sulzer resolution, spoke in opposition to action by the house, saying the United States would not help to improve the "inhuman" conditions in Poland by terminating all commercial relations with Russia.

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With the abrogation incident closed, diplomats of both countries believe a way out of the embarrassing situation will be found. The one great drawback to prompt readjustment, it is acknowledged, will be the endeavor of both political parties, on the eve of a presidential campaign, to seek political capital in the existing misunderstanding.

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ACCUSED PASTOR CUTS SELF

Drastic Operation Saves Life of Rev. Richeson, Held for Murder of Girl.

Boston.—Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, awaiting trial on January 15 on an indictment charging him with murder in the first degree by administering cyanide of potassium to Avis Linnell of Hyannis in Boston on October 15, seriously injured himself in his cell at the Charles street jail with a piece of tin from a marmalade can.

The self-inflicted injuries were such that the accused preacher was nearly dead from loss of blood when a keeper attracted by his groans summoned physicians, who decided an immediate operation was necessary to save his life. The physicians are of the opinion that Richeson did not intend to commit suicide.

It is believed that Richeson will recover unless blood poisoning should set in and that he will be able to be in court on January 15 when he is to be called for trial.

In legal circles it was stated that some action may be taken to ascertain Richeson's sanity.

FOUR SLAYERS GIVEN STAY

Governor Deneen Relieves Young Men Who Murdered Fred W. Guelzow at Chicago.

Chicago.—The four slayers of Fred W. Guelzow, Jr., a truck farmer, who was murdered at Lincoln and Peterson avenues October 20, who were sentenced to be hanged December 22, were granted a reprieve until February 16 by Governor Deneen and the board of pardons.

The men who were to have been hanged are Ewald and Frank Shilbawski, brothers, and Phillip Sommerling and Thomas Schultz.

Vandals Tear Fine Painting. Washington.—Vandals got into the capitol and mutilated "The Battle of Lake Erie," the largest canvas of the collection of paintings which adorn the walls of the corridors and stairways.

Rose Eytting Is Dead. New York.—Miss Rose Eytting, a well known emotional actress, died at the Brunswick home, Amityville, L. I., where she has been for several years in care of the Actors' Fund of America.

"DRAT THAT CAT"



THRONE IS DOOMED

TANG SHAO YI, CHINA'S IMPERIAL LEGATE, SAYS ONLY REPUBLIC WILL SATISFY PEOPLE.

SEES END OF THE DYNASTY

Consuls of Six Foreign Powers Present Note to Peace Conference at Shanghai Urging Close of Revolution—Scene Is Impressive.

Shanghai.—"I am convinced that the abdication of the emperor and the establishment of a republic is the only thing that will satisfy the people of China and prevent further wholesale shedding of blood." This statement was made by Tang Shao-Yi, representative of Yuan Shi Kai, the premier, after the session of the peace conference.

"Peking is not aware of the depth or extent of popular feeling in the south," said he. "Even I, although somewhat prepared, am astonished to find such a change from an attitude of patient forbearance to dogged patriotic determination. It now appears certainly too late to save the dynasty. It will be difficult to persuade Yuan Shi Kai to abandon his plan for a limited monarchy, but we must use every endeavor to bring about peace and end this awful bloodshed and the suffering among my people."

Tang Shao-Yi expressed the belief that the situation might have been saved at one time by a conference with the revolutionary leaders and prompt assurance of adjustment of wrongs, but he considers it now too late. He is also convinced that there must be no foreign interference in the way of loans or otherwise.

The note from the foreign powers, comprising the United States, Great Britain, Japan, Germany, France and Russia, was presented, to the representatives of the imperial Chinese government and the revolutionists by the consular corps. The consuls drove first in an imposing carriage to the house of Tang Shao Yi and then to the residence of Wu Ting Fang. The scene was very impressive as the note was read separately to the two leading figures in the negotiations and the reply of each, indicating that peace was uppermost, was heard.

ALFRED G. VANDERBILT WEDS

Mrs. McKim Becomes the Bride of Millionaire in England—Both Are Divorcees.

London.—Alfred G. Vanderbilt, second son of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, from whom he inherited a fortune estimated at \$100,000,000, was married at Regalga, Surrey, to Mrs. Margaret Emerson McKim, daughter of Capt. Isaac Emerson, the Baltimore millionaire and divorced wife of Dr. Smith H. McKim.

The ceremony was performed by a registrar. The witnesses were: J. D. Langdon, Miss Ethel McCormack, Roy C. Gaffer and Walter Webb Ware. Following the marriage the bridal party went to Gloucester house, where a reception was held.

Wabash in Receivers' Hands.

St. Louis.—F. A. Delano, Edward B. Pryor and William K. Bixby were appointed receivers for the Wabash railroad by Judge Adams of the United States circuit court, in answer to a petition filed by the Westinghouse Air Brake company. Each of the receivers is required to give bonds in the sum of \$300,000.

Kentucky Woman, 107, Dies. Elizabethtown, Ky.—Kentucky lost its oldest inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Henrietta Jones, one hundred and seven years old. She was a native of Maryland, but had lived in this state most of her life. Five aged children survive her.

Iowa Furniture Factory Burned. Mason City, Ia.—The plant of the Weir Wardrobe company, furniture manufacturers, was completely destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

"FIGHTING DICK" QUILTS

ADMIRAL WAINWRIGHT RETIRES FROM ACTIVE SERVICE.

Executive Officer of Battleship Maine Reaches Age Limit and Leaves Navy—Career Brilliant.

Washington, D. C.—The official life of "one of the greatest fighters, best fellows, and most-beloved officers the service afloat has ever had" expired when, on the sixty-second anniversary of his birth, Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright, aid for operations in the navy department, was retired from active service.

No officer in the United States navy today is better known or better liked than "Fighting Dick" Wainwright. His record of service is long and efficient. He was graduated from the naval academy in 1868, but it was not until the early '90s that his name began to be heard outside of the service. He was executive officer of the battleship Maine when she was blown up in Havana harbor.

"I will never set my foot on Cuban soil until the Maine is avenged," Captain Wainwright declared as the waters closed over the twisted and torn hull of the American battleship as it carried down to their death 268 sailors and marines. For weeks, from dawn to dark, Wainwright toiled beside the wreck, directing the divers' work and recovering the bodies of the dead.

When war was declared with Spain, Captain Wainwright was among the first to apply for active service. He was delighted when he was placed in command of J. Pierpont Morgan's transformed pleasure yacht, the Corsair. The little vessel was renamed the Gloucester, in honor of the Massachusetts city where Wainwright was born.

The Gloucester lost no time in joining the blockading fleet at Santiago. When the Spanish fleet attempted to escape the Gloucester pounded her and destroyed the two torpedo boat destroyers.

TWELVE KILLED IN WRECK

Silk Train on St. Paul Road Runs Into Columbian Limited at Odessa, Minn.

Odessa, Minn.—Crashing into the rear of the Chicago bound Columbian limited, the fast new all-steel train of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, a silk special which was following at terrific speed close behind killed 12 passengers and injured nearly a score more. The collision occurred a short distance from Odessa. Unexpected stoppage of the Columbian by block signals and failure to signal the silk train, which was running as a second section of the limited, are believed to have caused the wreck.

EMPEROR IS CRITICALLY ILL

Doctors Fear Franz Josef May Develop Pneumonia and Express Great Anxiety Over His Condition.

Vienna.—A change for the worse was reported in the condition of Emperor Franz Josef, causing greater anxiety to the court physicians and entourage of the aged Austrian monarch. The imperial doctors fear that pneumonia may develop. The aged monarch expresses a desire to sleep continually, which the doctors say, is a bad sign. The memorial dinner planned in honor of Czar Nicholas of Russia at Schoenbrunn castle was cancelled.

Charles W. Morse Collapses. Atlanta, Ga.—Charles W. Morse collapsed when informed that President Taft had refused to grant him a Christmas pardon. The news was carried to the former New York banker by his little daughter.

Big Buffalo Lock Done. Buffalo, N. Y.—The largest inland ship lock in the world has just been completed here at a cost of \$1,250,000. The contract was let by the government in 1908. The lock is 600 feet long and 70 feet wide.

FORT PLOT IS BARED

ATTACKS WITH TORCH AND DY-NAMITE ON RILEY.

Double Guards Placed on Duty After Officers Received Letters—Damage to Government \$1,000,000.

Fort Riley, Kan.—Following the arrest of Rev. C. N. Brewer, Mrs. Anna Jordan and five soldiers, it developed that for nine months federal army officers at Fort Riley have been fighting an alleged plot to destroy the big army reservation. Not only were there frequent incendiary fires and dynamite explosions, but the commanding officers received frequent letters threatening them with death and the fort with destruction.

Brig. Gen. W. S. Schuyler, commander of the post; Col. Eli D. Hoyle, in command of the Sixth field artillery, and Col. Charles A. P. Hatfield were recipients of letters threatening them with personal violence and the blowing up of their homes.

The first and one of the worst fires was the night of March 14, when the quartermaster's storehouse was entirely destroyed with a loss of \$250,000. Another fire on March 20 damaged the cavalry ordnance building.

An attempt not only to burn a building, but to burn soldiers, was made the night of June 3. Mattresses were saturated with kerosene and set on fire. Early discovery saved the building and probably many lives.

At midnight June 24, the government bridge was dynamited. The morning of June 28 fire destroyed Troop A stable and killed 27 horses. August 9 an attempt was made to blow up the water main and cut the fort entirely from its supply of water. The attempt was only partly successful.

WARSHIP FOR MAINE BODIES

Taft Determined Last Rites for Spanish War Martyrs Shall Be of Utmost Dignity.

Washington.—President Taft again evidenced his desire to have the bodies of the American sailors who went down in the wreck of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor treated with the utmost dignity.

The president has learned that a local undertaker had been engaged to prepare the remains of a number of bodies discovered in the sunken wreck and ship them to Washington to be buried in Arlington with other victims of the disaster.

He sent a communication to Secretary of the Navy Meyer instructing him to have the bodies brought from Havana aboard one of the largest United States battleships, conveyed by another monster vessel.

JOHN BIGELOW, AUTHOR, DIES

"Grand Old Man" of America Passes Away in New York at Age of 94 Years.

New York.—John Bigelow, well called the "grand old man" of America, died at his home at No. 21 Grammercy Park, at the rounded age of ninety-four years and twenty-five days.

The intense pain which he had suffered in a week of illness, a recurrence of an attack of last summer that for the first time in his long life brought him to the threshold of death, was mercifully spared him in his last moments, as his body first yielded to the numbness of approaching death while his wonderful and ever active mind retained its faculties as a final mark of its mastery.

Mr. Bigelow, born in the youth of the republic, lived to see it grow to early maturity. He lived in the lifetime of every president of the United States except George Washington.

PACKERS' TRIAL IS BEGUN

Jury Is Secured and United States Attorney Makes Opening Address Scoring Meat Trust.

Chicago.—The jury which is to hear the evidence against the ten Chicago packers who are on trial for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law having been completed and sworn in, United States District Attorney James H. Wilkerson began his opening address, outlining the government's case against the defendants.

The jury is notably rural in character, only three of the twelve men being Chicagoans. Three of the jurymen are farmers and the rest are business men and employes in small towns near Chicago.

In his address to the jury Mr. Wilkerson arraigned the so-called beef trust as the "most complete and systematic engine for the suppression of competition known to the industrial world."

Famous Lake to Become Farm.

Amoy, Ill.—Lima lake, which covers 6,000 acres in the northern part of Adams county and is famous for duck hunting, is to be reclaimed for agricultural purposes.

Notes New Snowfall on Mars.

Cambridge, Mass.—A telegram received from Prof. Percival Lowell says that the old snow cap on Mars has disappeared and a new layer has fallen. The new cap is in longitude 70 degrees. Boston is in a similar longitude of the earth.

Ratifies Accord on Morocco.

Paris.—The chamber of deputies ratified the Franco-German accord on the question of Morocco. The ratification was adopted by 393 against 36 votes.



Dangers of the Christmas Tree.

Deputy Fire Commissioner Randall has issued a notice calling the attention of parents and others in charge of Christmas trees, to the inflammable nature of the trimmings and decorations generally used, and suggests the substitution of asbestos wool for the cotton batting usually employed. Celluloid ornaments should be abolished and Santa Claus will look just as venerable with non-combustible hair and beard made of the asbestos wool. Every precaution should be taken to prevent a panic should a fire occur in a crowded hall or church.

Most Money Goes to "School Ma'ams".

A statistical report showing the revenue distributed to the public school districts of the state for the year 1910 has been prepared by State Superintendent Delzell. The total revenues aggregated \$8,349,559.73, while the expenditures totaled \$8,045,027.64. The largest expenditure of the entire year was an item of \$1,070,637.64, which went to the payment of female school teachers. Male teachers drew a total of only \$736,540.81. The total number of teachers actively employed during the year was 11,309.

Increased the Assessment.

The levy of state taxes for the current year has been apportioned among the various counties of the state by Secretary Henry Seymour of the state board of assessment and equalization. The total amount of money which will come in through the new levy will be \$2,577,154.45, against \$2,060,039.06 raised by the state levy of last year. The increase of \$516,461.39 is for an increase of over \$3,100,000 in the assessed valuation of the state over last year.

Boys' Corn Contest.

Audley Fellows of Winnebago, Thurston county, won the first prize of \$50 offered by the state board of agriculture for the best yield of corn on one acre. In all eleven prizes were offered this year, the first being \$50; second, \$25; third, \$20; fourth, \$15; fifth, \$10, and to the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh, \$5 each.

State School Apportionment.

The state school apportionment, made semi-annually by State Superintendent Delzell, has been completed and the counties will soon draw the funds to which they are entitled. The total amount apportioned is \$252,472.47. There are 376,622 persons of school age in the state and the rate per scholar is a fraction over 67 cents.

Commandant Hilyard to Stay.

Commandant Hilyard of the state home for soldiers at Milford denies emphatically the rumor that he intends to resign his position. It was rumored recently that he did not care to be dictated to as to whom should be taken into the home as members and that he was ready to resign at any time.

Ban on Politics at University.

State university students may discuss politics in a purely academic way in the buildings at the state university, but as for mingling actively in politics of the state the ban of disapproval has been put up on this through an ultimatum issued at a meeting of the board of regents of the state university.

Wants Their Co-operation.

State Fire Warden Randall has asked the women's clubs of the state to co-operate with him in a campaign of education to prevent people from burning up their property and their neighbor's property through ignorance of methods in handling matches and inflammable material.

Markers on the old Oregon trail will be placed in position within the next year according to statements by members of the trail commission. The work has been more or less at a standstill for some time past, due to the fact that efforts have been under way whereby funds can be raised for the completion of the work.

Chancellor Avery has Accepted an Invitation to act as toastmaster at the annual dinner of the Nebraska state historical society and territorial pioneers' association, Tuesday evening, January 9.

The resignation of Prof. H. R. Smith as professor of animal husbandry has been received and accepted. It is to become effective February 1, 1912, when Professor Smith will enter the faculty of the University of Minnesota.

Governor Aldrich Rides the Goat.

Governor Aldrich with several prominent business men of Lincoln were initiated into the Woodmen of the World. A sumptuous affair was arranged for the honor of allowing the executive to ride the goat.

Hogs of the western states are rapidly dying from a combination of hog cholera and lung disease, probably a sort of pneumonia, according to state farm authorities. As a result the price of pork is expected to be very high next spring.