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STOCK EXCHANGE PANIC

HAD A WILD TIME ON THE FLOOR IN NEW YORK TODAY.

STOCKS ALL TUMBLED DOWN

Boston Sent in a Heavy Selling Order on Amalgamated Copper and the Whole Support Soon Dropped Out. There Was Simply Nothing to it.

New York, Dec. 8.—There was a wild panic today on the stock exchange, the fluctuations being violent and including drops of 3/4 points in amalgamated copper; 1 1/2 in Colorado fuel; 3/4 in U. S. steel and other stocks, following the report that Boston had sent in heavy selling orders of amalgamated copper. It is also reported that the leading wire on the floor was on the short side.

As the stocks tumbled, the floor and the stocks were sold without heed to the prices would bring, and all support was withdrawn.

Violent Slump in Stocks.

New York, Dec. 8.—The violent slump in the stock market came upon the sanguine speculative element like a bolt from the blue sky. The slump took on fairly panicky proportions at times. The sharp losses which were suffered gave spirit to some of the assertions that combinations had been formed to raid the market and that some of the advertised attacks on special properties for the last few days really represented a deeply laid plot which had the backing of great capitalists.

WRECK IN IOWA.

Two Men of the Train Crew Fatally Scalded Today.

Trenton, Mo., Dec. 8.—Rock Island passenger train No. 12, between Kansas City and Chicago, was wrecked today by running into gravel cars at a switch near Clio, Iowa. Engineer M. S. Shearwood and Fireman F. J. Lewis, both of Trenton, were probably fatally scalded. The engine and mail cars were turned over and the baggage and smoking cars derailed.

PARISIAN SUICIDES.

Struck the Minister of War and Then Ended His Life.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Sylvet, the deputy whose action in striking the war minister led to the minister's resignation, was found dead this afternoon, having been asphyxiated.

SENATE ADJOURNS TILL MONDAY

Chances are Against the Pure Food Bill's Passage.

Washington, Dec. 8.—In the senate today an attempt to secure the consideration of the pure food bill was prevented and the objections indicate that it will not pass. The senate adjourned till next Monday.

DAVIDSON IS FOUND DEAD

PIONEER RESIDENT OF PIERCE COUNTY SUCCEUMBS.

THOUGHT HE FELL FROM WAGON

In a Field, All Alone, With His Feet Entangled in the Reins and His Face Gashed, the Much Respected Citizen of 25 Years, is Found.

Pierce, Neb., Dec. 8.—Special to The News: Welcome Davidson, aged sixty-five years and for twenty-five years a resident of Pierce county, was found dead in a field three miles northeast of Foster yesterday afternoon, with a gash in his face. His feet were entangled in the lines and his horses were caught in a barbed wire fence.

Poster, Neb., Dec. 8.—Special to The News: Welcome Davidson, the old man who was found dead near here yesterday, came to his death, it is thought, from heart failure. That was the verdict of the coroner today. He was driving a wagon, and is thought to have dropped off. His left hand was over his heart, his right hand chincinched. A gash in his forehead is thought to have resulted from the fall to the earth. He was a fine old man, and had always been much respected. The funeral will likely be tomorrow.

North Platte Irrigation Project.

Cheney, Dec. 8.—The interior department at Washington has filed application with the engineer of Wyoming for water rights for lands lying along the North Platte river in this state, aggregating 545,595 acres, to be reclaimed under the national irrigation act, and called the Pathfinder project. The state engineer estimates that about 200,000 acres will make profitable farming lands, which will be reclaimed under five canal systems. The interior department has advertised for bids for the construction of the dams and reservoirs, which, in addition to storing water for the above projects, will reclaim about 250,000 acres of land in Nebraska.

TAX LAW HELD INVALID

Mickey-Ager Bill Knocked Out by Nebraska Supreme Court.

Lincoln, Dec. 8.—In a decision written by Chief Justice Holcomb in the case of the City of Beatrice against Wright, county treasurer of Gage county, the Mickey-Ager tax law is declared unconstitutional. County Treasurer Wright sought to enforce the law against certain city property in Beatrice, and the city resisted and attacked the constitutionality of the law. Its contention was upheld. In referring to the constitutionality of the law, Justice Holcomb says: "The result is the releasing of property from taxes which are justly chargeable against it and to permit the owner to commute the taxes as thus assessed by the payment of a less sum than that which is due to those who benefit they were levied."

Mrs. Braemann Dies From Wounds.

Rochester, Ind., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Martha Braemann died from the gunshot wounds inflicted by Wilson Burns when he killed his wife and Joseph Cripe. She was seventy-four years old. Mrs. Braemann was sitting opposite Mrs. Burns at the supper table and beside Cripe when the two were killed.

Low Spencer, Minstrel, Drops Dead.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—"Low" Spencer, known prominently in the minstrel world for the last twenty years, and formerly an associate of the late "Billy" Rice, dropped dead here. Heart disease is believed to have been the cause of death.

DENNISON APPEAL DENIED

MUST GO TO IOWA TO STAND TRIAL FOR POLLOCK ROBBERY.

WARRANT IS HELD SUFFICIENT

Supreme Court of Nebraska Hands Down Decision Affirming Lower Court—Governor Mickey Had Right to Honor Iowa Requisition.

Lincoln, Dec. 8.—In a decision handed down last evening the supreme court rules that Thomas Dennison of Omaha is subject to extradition by the authorities of the state of Iowa to stand trial on the charge of complicity with Frank Sherclife in the Pollock diamond robbery. The supreme court affirms the decree of the district court of Douglas county, which held the Iowa extradition honored by Governor Mickey to be regular and without blemish. Together with the decision is the mandate of the court empowering the proper officers of Iowa to arrest Dennison. Justice Sedgewick, who wrote the opinion, says the evidence upon the hearing in the district court, before which Dennison brought habeas corpus proceedings, is conceded to be competent, and that the honoring of the requisition by Governor Mickey was legal.

Big Cargo of Grain to Gulf.

Omaha, Dec. 8.—It is estimated that not less than 800 cars of grain will be shipped from Omaha to the gulf for export. The exact amount, it is believed, will exceed these figures. The corn will be shipped from Galveston and New Orleans. Some difficulty is being experienced in securing cars, as the grain will be ready for immediate shipment. The Missouri Pacific will secure nearly 500 cars and the remainder will be divided between the Burlington and the Rock Island. Some of the grain will be sent through without transship, but much of the corn will have to be transferred from the Union Pacific and the Northwestern, and these are the shipments which are inconvenient to the southern carriers. All the cars that can be forwarded here have been asked for and are being rushed to the Omaha terminals.

Boy Sees World Upside Down.

Sioux City, Dec. 8.—The world appears upside down to Paul Taylor, aged eight, of Lakeview, Ia. When he sees things he sees them standing on the wrong end. He writes from right to left and makes letters upside down. The boy is in good health and seems to suffer no inconvenience from his strange condition. The case of the lad is being discussed among members of the medical profession. "By constant training," said Dr. George Park, "his condition can be cured just as by training a left handed person can learn to write right handed."

Evangelist Charged With Forgery.

Hawatha, Kan., Dec. 8.—A. A. Arthur, aged seventy-one years, who has made his home here since last September, representing himself as a retired preacher and evangelist, was arrested here by a St. Louis detective on the charge of forging a check for \$10,000 at Paris, Tex. Later Arthur admitted his guilt and agreed to return to Texas without a requisition. The detective who arrested him said Arthur is a well known forger and is wanted in several states. He served a sentence in the Iowa state penitentiary. Arthur is six feet tall, weighs 200 pounds and has white hair and beard, giving him the appearance of a clergyman.

HORSETHIEF IS CAPTURED

MAN ALLEGED TO HAVE STOLEN STANTON TEAM, CAUGHT.

WAS FOUND NEAR RANDOLPH

Sheriff King Overtook the Fellow Traveling at an Easy Jog—County Attorney is Out of Town Today, and Will Return Later.

Stanton, Neb., Dec. 8.—Special to The News: Sheriff King returned at 8:30 o'clock last night from Randolph, with the man who is thought to have stolen the team and wagon from Henry Matthes. The alleged thief was captured eleven miles northeast of Randolph.

The man is a stranger here and refused to give his name. The team is being driven home at easy jogs. The county attorney is at present out of town, and will not be at home until the last of the week, so that until that time the prisoner will be held.

DEFENSE HAS AN INNING

Democrats Introduce Witnesses in Denver Election Cases.

Denver, Dec. 8.—The defense introduced witnesses in the election cases now being heard by United States Commissioner Capron. The trend of the testimony was that legal voters were not interfered with, but that a large number of persons who insisted upon voting, but had not the right to do so, were ejected from the polling place where the election officials on trial served. The witnesses also said that other persons who complained of being kept out of the room were party workers who had no right inside the 100-foot limit.

Attorney E. P. Richardson of this city received word that Judge Sanborn, sitting in the United States court of appeals in St. Paul, had refused to assume jurisdiction in the case of Doud et al, Denver election officials, who have been sentenced to the county jail for contempt of the supreme court of this state. Doud and the others were charged with disregarding the orders of the supreme court concerning the conduct of the recent election and were fined and sentenced to jail. Application was made to the United States court to intervene on the ground that the supreme court was without jurisdiction to appoint watchers to supervise elections in Denver. The case was set for hearing in St. Louis on Dec. 10, but Judge Sanborn decided not to assume jurisdiction. Thought of appealing to the United States supreme court in behalf of the convicted Democrats has practically been abandoned. It is said, because of the fact that the cases could not be reached on the docket of that court in less than two years' time.

BILL OF LADING HEARING

Rates Would Fail on Consumer.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The hearing of the question of the railroads placing in operation a new "uniform bill of lading," against which thousands of shippers are complaining, has been continued until next Thursday, Dec. 15, at Washington, by members of the interstate commerce commission. The continuation was announced after three days of sensational testimony, fights between counsel for the opposing sides and pertinent remarks by members of the commission. When the hearing is resumed it is said that the railroad companies against which the investigation is directed will introduce rebuttal testimony in an endeavor to prove that there is no desire on their part to impose the so-called 20 per cent increase under the common law liability service of the common carrier. Meantime Commissioners Prouty and Pifer will remain in Chicago and hear testimony in connection with the protest of the Texas cattle raisers against the rates charged them in shipping live stock.

Another development of the hearing was that the lumber dealers within the official classification territory intend to carry the fight against high rates for freightage much farther than the scope of the investigation now being considered by the commission. One of the most important points brought out at the hearing was that if the 20 per cent increase, the carrier assuming the responsibility for damages, was put in force by the railroads it would eventually fall back on the consumer to pay the increase, he being called upon to pay an equal advance for food or material purchased. Commissioner Clements suggested to the attorneys for the railroads that they make an effort to have the railroads eliminate the enforcement of the 20 per cent proposition and have the words "not negotiable" left off the bills of lading until some future time to be decided upon. He argued that the hearing may not be concluded on Dec. 15, and in this event the railroads should waive the enforcement of these two propositions at least until the hearing is concluded. The attorneys said they would endeavor to bring about these conditions.

TO CUT REPRESENTATION

Platt Introduces Bill Dealing With Disfranchisement of Negroes.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The senate reached a decision to vote on the Philippine civil government bill, providing for the construction of railroads in the island, on the 18th inst., and in addition transacted considerable other business.

Platt (N. Y.) created something of a stir by introducing a bill providing for a reduction of congressional representation of the southern states on the ground that many of the citizens of those states are deprived of their right to vote, and Scott plunged the senate into an exceptional and lively debate by attempting to secure the passage of the bill granting pensions to the telegraph operators of the civil war. A large number of bills and joint resolutions were introduced and many petitions were presented. The discussion of the time for voting on the Philippine bill brought out the fact that there is a general understanding that the Christmas holiday recess will begin on the 19th inst. The steering committee framed the order of business for the senate until the holiday recess. Four matters will be given attention in this period. They are the Philippine bill, statehood legislation, the nomination of William D. Crum to be collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., and the question of filling vacancies on senate committees.

Issue Warrants for Bankers.

Buffalo, Dec. 8.—Warrants charging grand larceny, second degree, have been granted against former President Emory, Cashier Paul Werner and Assistant Cashier William P. Ludecke of the German bank, which was closed by the state banking department several days ago.

Fatal Fire at Elk Run.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 8.—A child, three years old, was burned to death and six people were seriously burned, two of whom will die, in a fire at Elk Run. The building which was burned was occupied by six Italian families, numbering in all thirty people. The men in the house, who were miners, had a keg of powder in the building, which in some way was exploded, tearing the roof off the building and converting the house into a roaring furnace. When the explosion occurred the occupants became panic stricken. In the rush downstairs they trampled over each other and fought desperately in their efforts to reach the doors. Two men were fatally burned and two men and one woman were seriously burned.

Big Gun Lets Go.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 8.—Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Willard of the United States engineer corps and Lieutenant Colonel Frank W. Rawlston of the United States coast artillery were injured by the premature explosion of a ten-inch gun at Fort Wetherell, at Jamestown, which guards Newport harbor and the entrance to Narragansett bay. Both officers had their eyesight and hearing affected and faces cut. The explosion blew the parapet away, lifted the gun from its carriage and threw it back on the trunnions, partly wrecked. Twenty artillerymen were thrown to the ground, but were not injured.

Battleship Peresviet Sunk.

London, Dec. 8.—A report from Tien Tsin states that the Japanese shell fire at Port Arthur sank the Russian battleship Peresviet, but no further news concerning the fortress has reached London.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent in front of Port Arthur, cabling under date of Dec. 7, says that the Russians ceased their attempts to recapture 203-meter hill on Dec. 6. In an uncompleted account of the fighting that preceded the capture of the hill, the same correspondent applauds the magnificent defense the Russians made and the clever handling of the defensive forces against the repeated Japanese assaults and enveloping movements en masse.

In connection with the story from St. Petersburg regarding negotiations with Turkey for the purchase of Argentine and Chilean cruisers, a curious feature is the fact that the Ottoman embassy in London received an official statement declaring that there was no foundation for rumors that Turkey was purchasing or intending to purchase Argentine men-of-war, "either for her own use or for the use of any other power."

St. Petersburg Is Depressed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—Foreign telegrams received here stating that the Japanese have succeeded in mounting heavy guns on 203-meter hill and have created a deep depression at the war office. If the reports of the sinking of the Russian warships in the harbor of Port Arthur are confirmed it destroys the last hope of a sortie, and when the end comes nothing remains but to sink those that remain in deep water to prevent them falling into the hands of the enemy. The war office is unable to identify Akasaka hill. Evidently it is a Japanese name. The importance of 203-meter hill to the garrison is evidenced by General Stoessel's desperate efforts to recapture it.

Orders have been issued for the mobilization of the Second Volga regiment and the Terek Cossacks.

Prouty Calls Conference.

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FATAL MINE EXPLOSION

FIFTEEN MINERS KILLED IN WISCONSIN.

WORK OF RESCUE INTERRUPTED

Without Warning Fire Damp Explodes and Engulfs a Number of Workmen in the Debris—Bodies Terribly Burned and Mangled.

Burnett, Wis., Dec. 8.—As a result of the terrific explosion in the Burnette coal mine which occurred without a moment's warning, at least eleven lives were lost, several of the victims being burned to death.

At the latest accounts the list of dead has reached fifteen. Searching parties recovered eight bodies that were badly burned and mangled.

It is known that at least four other miners are in the shaft, but is deemed unsafe to continue the work of rescue.

It is believed that fire damp was responsible for the explosion.

Just before the explosion forty men were working in the mine, some of whom ascended safely to the surface. Two workmen who were rescued were badly injured but it is believed they will recover.

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THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Condition of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum 59
Minimum 18
Average 38
Barometer 29.70

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Generally fair tonight and Friday.

Drought in Northern New York.
Plattsburg, Dec. 8.—The drought is becoming serious to farmers and manufacturers in northern New York. Pulp and paper manufacturers are obliged to shut down every few days on account of low water.

Water Famine in Central Illinois.
Bloomington, Dec. 8.—The drought in central Illinois is growing more acute daily. All over McLean county there is a water famine and stockmen are finding difficulty in supplying their stock with water.

Pennsylvania Pray for Rain.
Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 8.—Special prayers are being offered for rain in churches in certain localities of Dauphin, Perry, Cumberland and surrounding counties.

Death of Hugh McLaughlin.
New York, Dec. 8.—Hugh McLaughlin, the former Brooklyn political leader, is dead.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

SEVERAL SCORE OF THE ADVOCATES MEET IN WASHINGTON.

PREPARE INTERESTING PROGRAM

Combating the Old Policy That "to the Victors Belong the Spoils of Office"—President Roosevelt a Pioneer in the Movement.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Several score of civil service advocates, among them several who have given the best part of their lives to the fight against the iniquitous theory that "to the victor belongs the spoils," have rounded up in the national capital for the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League. The meeting opened this afternoon and will continue through tomorrow. President Roosevelt, who was one of the pioneer members of the league, will receive the visitors at the white house and in all probability will take occasion to say a few words to them regarding his views on civil service reform.

During the meeting a number of interesting papers will be read, among them: "Extensions of the Competitive Service" by Clinton Rogers Woodruff; "Appointments Without Examination Under Special Exceptions to the Rules," by Nelson S. Spencer, former member of the municipal civil service commission of New York city; "The Establishment of Civil Service Districts—an Administrative Reform," by Frank H. Kiggins, chief examiner United States civil service commission; "Regulations for the Employment of Laborers in Civil Service," by Albert de Ronde, assistant secretary, National Civil Service Reform League; "Restrictions on the Power of Removal," Joseph P. Cotton, Jr.; "Political Assessments and Offensive Partisanship on the Part of Officeholders," by Robert D. Jenks, secretary, Civil Service Reform Association of Pennsylvania, and "The Presidential Offices, the United States Senate, and a Merit System," by Richard Henry Dana.

Good Bout Tonight.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 8.—Jack Bonner, of Summit Hill, and Tim Callahan, of Philadelphia, will meet in a fifteen-round bout before the Twentieth Century club tonight. The two old-timers are regarded as well matched and the contest promises to be one of the fastest seen hereabouts this season.

Sale of Draga's Jewels.

London, Dec. 8.—Considerable public interest is manifested in the auction sale begun here today of the jewels and costumes that belonged to the murdered Queen Draga of Serbia. One of the articles to be sold is a bracelet given to the queen by the czar as a wedding present.

Many Idle Men in New York.

New York, Dec. 8.—Charitable institutions in this city report that never before have they been called upon to assist so great a number of unemployed men. According to statistics at the municipal lodging house in First avenue, nearly 40 per cent more idle men needed help in November than was the case a year ago. During that month 7,787 persons, 90 per cent being men, were cared for. This is more than 2,100 over the corresponding period last year, and this month shows, so far, even a greater rate of increase.