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MISS STONE HELD

RANSOM PAID OVER BUT NO DELIVERY AS YET.

WRATH FELT AT WASHINGTON

Failure of the Bandits to Keep Faith in the Cause—Uncle Sam will Sanction No Further Negotiations with the Brigands.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—It is estimated at the state department that fifteen days have now elapsed since the money for Miss Stone's ransom was paid over to the agents of the brigands.

At least five days have elapsed beyond the time fixed in the stipulation to place her in the hands of her friends. There is no explanation of the delay. It is hoped that physical conditions, such as heavy snows and adverse weather, may account for the failure to secure her delivery. The officials are loath to believe that there has been a breach of faith on the part of the brigands, but even if this were so they do not regard themselves as blameworthy for having trusted them.

From the first the United States government has been adverse to paying ransom, but in response to appeals from every quarter reluctantly authorized Mr. Leshman to deal with the brigands. However, if it turns out that the brigands have broken faith and that they have either taken the ransom money and spirited the captives away again, or that they have killed them, then there will be no further attempt to deal with the brigands on the part of the United States government, but its entire power will be directed upon Turkey and upon Bulgaria to procure the swift and complete extermination of the brigands, regardless of cost or effort.

LORD PAUNCEFOTE IS HAPPY.

Isthmian Canal Treaty is Favorably Ratified.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Final ratifications of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty giving England's assent to the construction of a canal across Central America by the United States were exchanged at the state department at 3 o'clock this afternoon. There was very little ceremony about the exchange. Copies of the treaty had been prepared precisely similar, except that in fact the signatures were inverted in one copy, and these were formally exchanged between Lord Pauncefote and Secretary Hay, a protocol being signed formally attesting to that fact, which will form part of the records.

Lord Pauncefote was in the best humor over the successful outcome of the labors of himself and Mr. Hay. He regards the treaty as one which will do much to prevent friction in the future between the two peoples. It has been suggested that with the completion of this great work the British government might regard Lord Pauncefote's services as ended, but it is learned that this is not the case.

Lord Lansdowne, the secretary of foreign affairs, has signified to Lord Pauncefote his desire that he shall remain in Washington for an indefinite period.

DESCRIBES THE WATER CURE.

Funston Denies that Officers Countenanced its Application.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 22.—General Frederick Funston, in discussing the "water cure," a form of torture charged against the soldiers in the Philippines, said that he had never seen the "water cure" applied, but he had heard it described. "The victim is bound and a canteen forced into his mouth," said the general. His head is thrown upward and back and his nose grasped by the fingers of the torturer. Strangulation follows as a matter of course. When the victim is about suffocated the application is released and he is given a chance to talk or recover or take another dose of it. The operation is brutal beyond a doubt, but hardly fatal.

The charge which I have just refuted at the request of the war department was most vague. It was made by a soldier and to the effect that he had helped administer the water cure to 160 natives. That is the kind of rot a soldier is said to write home when business is dull and he has three or four hours under his jacket to help his imagination. Nothing of the kind ever occurred with the knowledge of the officers or ever occurred at all, for that matter.

Acquitted of Murder Charge.

DENVER, Feb. 22.—W. P. Flanders of Lyons, Colo., who has been on trial here for the murder of Mrs. Nellie Hardier, was acquitted by order of the court. The charge was that the two had decided to die together and that Flanders administered the poison to the woman and to himself. The court decided that the evidence was insufficient. The woman died, but Flanders recovered. Mrs. Hardier was the wife of a Denver contractor.

Merchants Seek Protection.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 22.—The retail merchants of Kansas City and St. Joseph held a meeting here today, at which orders were given for the preparation of a bill which will be introduced at the next session of the legislature, giving merchants protection against deadbeats and overpayment. All merchants of the state will be invited to join the organization with the object of forcing through such needed legislation.

PREDICTS NEW LAND LAW.

Representative Hanks Expects Legislation to Adopt Torrens System.

LINCOLN, Feb. 22.—Representative H. H. Hanks of Otoe county predicts the adoption of the Torrens land transfer system by the next legislature. Mr. Hanks is author of the bill creating the Nebraska Torrens commission. He was in Lincoln and examined some of the details of the commissioners' reports.

"Basing my opinion upon what I had read and heard of its work in other states, I believed when I introduced the Torrens bill, and do now, that the system would be adopted by the next legislature by an almost unanimous vote," said Mr. Hanks. "Several states have adopted the Torrens system of transferring real estate and I believe it is but a question of time till every state in the union will have it in operation. England partially adopted it in 1862, and by a provision passed in 1897 it is now practically compulsory. This certainly speaks well for the system. Wherever I have found it once in operation it has never been repealed. The register of Cook county, Illinois, writes me it is working easily and satisfactorily there, that transfers are made in a very short time and at a small fee."

NARROWLY ESCAPE BURNING.

Three Boys Have a Close Call for Cremation.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 22.—The two-story residence of Chris Kihlha, five miles east of Grand Island, took fire at 1:30 in the morning and burned to the ground, together with nearly all of its contents. The fire started in the second story, where Kihlha's sons were asleep, and were it not for the fact that the elder boy happened to awake just in the nick of time, all would have perished.

When the boy awoke the room was all aflame and it was all he could do to advise his two brothers and escape with their lives. Nothing whatever in the second story was saved. In one of the boys' clothes was a pocketbook containing \$35. Before the flames reached the lower apartments the family succeeded in saving some pieces of furniture, though but very little.

JOHN FREMONT, INDIAN, DIES.

Member of the Council that Ceded All Eastern Nebraska.

PENDER, Neb., Feb. 22.—One of the best known characters of the Omaha agency died Tuesday of a complication of diseases and old age in the person of John Fremont, as he was known to the white people, or Chas-Nin-Gah, as the Indians knew him. He was a member of the council held in 1854, which ceded all of eastern Nebraska except that portion retained as the reservation to the white men, and in that year went to Washington to see President Pierce. During the civil war he assisted the United States government in the war with the Sioux.

Just a few days before his death he was married according to the white custom to the Indian woman with whom he had lived as man and wife for many years. He did this in no controversy might arise over his property, which amounts to considerable.

Skull Stops the Bullet.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Feb. 22.—While Frank Yetter, a young German living southwest of Superior, was examining an "unloaded" revolver, the pistol was discharged, with the usual result, and the bullet, a .38-caliber, struck him in the forehead between the eyes and became embedded in the bone. A doctor chloroformed Yetter and dug out the leaden pellet, which is as fat as a nickel and about as large.

Girl Has Aged Man Arrested.

CHAPPELL, Neb., Feb. 22.—Maud Taylor of Lewellen, a girl between 17 and 18 years of age, swore out a warrant for the arrest of John Reno, charging him with illicit carnal intercourse, but before the sheriff could serve the warrant Reno sold his stock and left the county. He was followed, however, and captured at Alliance and returned for examination.

Goos Inane Over Religion.

ULYSSES, Neb., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Mike Aden, residing four miles northeast of this place, became suddenly insane last Sunday. When her condition was discovered she had undressed and burned the clothing of her 2-year-old child and was in the act of killing it. Religious excitement is said to have been the cause of her loss of reason.

Will Grow Sugar Beets.

VALPARAISO, Neb., Feb. 22.—The sugar beet industry is agitating the minds of the citizens of Valparaiso. Several thousand dollars have been subscribed to carry the project to a successful conclusion. The company proposes to cultivate 200 acres of beets the coming season and has organized, with John Oeschger, jr., as president. Ben F. Smith of this place is president of another company recently organized here for prospecting.

Boyd County Settlers Gratified.

BUTTE, Neb., Feb. 22.—The people of Boyd county are highly gratified over the action of the state board of educational lands and funds in awarding to settlers in the Fort Randall military reservation the land settled upon by them under the homestead laws about nine years ago, the same being in conflict with state land school land selections. The decision of the board saves to the settlers their homes and improvements.

NOW MARTIAL LAW

SAGASTA WILL ESTABLISH MILITARY RULE.

A NATIONAL CRISIS IS FEARED

General Weyer Confers with Queen Regent and the Military Authorities—Prolonged and Deadly Riots Produce a State of General Disorder.

MADRID, Feb. 21.—Premier Sagasta is preparing a decree establishing martial law throughout Spain. The signature of the decree, it is believed, will be followed by an extreme national crisis. It was persistently said when the chamber of deputies closed this evening that the minister of war, General Weyer, had a long conference with the queen regent yesterday, which was followed by a conference with the military authorities today. Afterward, it is asserted, arms and ball cartridges were served out to the troops in Madrid, who are in readiness to start at a moment's notice.

Advice received here from Barcelona say the riot does not offer any serious resistance when confronted by the troops, but rioters are continually sniping at the police and soldiers from behind doors and windows and from the roofs of houses, dispersing when the troops charge.

According to telegrams received here last night from Barcelona, street fighting there continues. A proclamation has been issued ordering all private individuals to surrender any weapons they may possess under pain of severe penalty. The sale of arms has been prohibited. Forty workmen's associations have been dissolved and the members of their committees arrested.

The battleship Pelayo has been ordered to Barcelona. A pitched battle occurred in the outskirts of the city between the strikers and the military escort attached to several wagons they were bringing in provisions. The contents of the wagons were dragged and barricades were built across the road. The rails have been torn up to prevent trains from entering the city.

The strike movement has begun to spread seriously. At Saragossa most of the factories have closed on the demands of the workmen and the strikers are bringing pressure to bear to cause the factories still remaining open to close. The captain general of Saragossa has wired for reinforcements.

Official telegrams received here describe a slight improvement in the situation at Barcelona, and officers to-night seem more hopeful. Owing to the strict censorship over news from Barcelona it is difficult to ascertain the real state of affairs there. In addition to the labor movement the ever-present Catalan home rule agitation is likely to prove a serious factor in the situation. One hopeful sign is the fact that almost alone among the ministers and the governing authorities General Weyer is in sympathy with the Catalanian demands and is inclined to study their grievances.

Will Spend Much Money.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 21.—A new round house and other improvements, representing an additional investment of at least \$150,000, are promised to this city by the Elkhorn railroad in the near future. It is said that the round house will contain twenty stalls and that a large increase will be made in the yard facilities. This announcement is heartily welcomed by the business men of the city, not only on account of the employment that will be afforded, but as an indication of the faith of the railroad company in the future of the city.

Deming Case Appealed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—At the request of the war department Attorney General Knox has taken preliminary steps to appeal the case of Captain Peter C. Deming, formerly of the volunteer army, to the United States supreme court in order to have that tribunal determine the important legal questions. One of these is the jurisdiction of a military court composed wholly or in part of regular officers.

Knox Will Not Resign.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Reports having been rather widely circulated that Attorney General Knox had decided to resign from the cabinet, it can be stated that there is absolutely no basis of fact for these reports.

Against Japanese Labor.

DENVER, Feb. 21.—The senate adopted the joint resolution previously adopted by the house, declaring that the interests of Colorado workmen are seriously jeopardized by the employment of Japanese at the coal mine in Huacras county, and that "it is the sense of the Thirtieth general assembly that the congress of the United States shall take steps to exclude from this country all of this class of Asiatic labor."

Paralysis Attacks Gray.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Justice Horace Gray of the supreme court has suffered an attack of paralysis, but it is stated that there is every reason to expect his recovery. The attack occurred Tuesday night. His mind is clear, but he has lost the muscular control of a part of his body. Justice Gray has been unwell for some time and at his advanced age, 74 years, gives rise to some apprehension as to the outcome of the attack.

SICKNESS DUE TO EXPOSURE.

Soldiers in the Philippines Fall to Observe Sanitary Rules.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Governor Taft continued to discuss the climatic conditions in the Philippines today before the senate Philippine committee. Referring to what he had said yesterday concerning the health of the American troops in the Philippines, Governor Taft said that much of the sickness that does exist is due to exposure and he incidentally made an appeal for liberal appropriations for the construction of barracks for the protection of officers and men. The witness thought the high death rate of troops in the Philippines was not due to guerrilla warfare, saying that it was impossible to get soldiers to observe the laws of hygiene. His experience, Governor Taft said, was that the greatest danger in the matter of health in the Philippines is found in the neglect of symptoms which are not generally regarded as of importance in the United States.

He knew, he said, of Europeans who had spent thirty or forty years in the islands and who are in good health. He thought, however, that they generally left the islands for several months every two or three years. As a rule a continued residence had the effect of causing a gradual deterioration of health. Governor Taft said he attributed his own loss of health to lack of exercise. He referred to the prevalence of private diseases and said that certain precautions had been taken by the medical authorities in the way of supervision which was thought necessary for the protection of the troops and the public.

EFFECT OF PRINCE'S VISIT.

Revival of Cordiality is Predicted by German Paper.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—The Kreuz Zeitung, concluding a column survey of the relations between Germany and the United States, says: "The royal attitude of Germany at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war has just been proved. If the sympathies of the German people were then with Spain the explanation is that ideal trait of the German character which causes Germans to sympathize with the weaker party in a fight. But we have long since gotten over that. Sharp conflicts of interest exist between Germany and the United States. These, however, are not political, but are confined to economic matters. Perhaps a way has at last been found which renders possible a settlement of these conflicts. Perhaps the visit of Prince Henry will give occasion to this end. At any rate much will be gained if this visit reawakens a lively consciousness of the traditional friendly relations among the rulers and the people of both nations. It will also remove the misunderstandings which the sensational press has created and nourish clear the atmosphere, improve the relation and revivify the cordiality which has always existed between the two governments."

It will be remembered that the Kreuz Zeitung was one of the most hostile critics of the United States in 1898, which attitude it has since maintained. Concerning the arrest of Rev. Mr. Telika, husband of Miss Stone's companion in captivity, on the ground of complicity in the abduction of Miss Stone and his wife Samuel B. Capen, president of the American board, said: "I know absolutely nothing about it. I would not be surprised if it were true that he was arrested, but I don't believe there is a particle of truth in the charge that he was implicated in the abduction."

Treaty in Hands of Congress.

WILLEMSTADT, island of Curacao, Feb. 21.—The Venezuelan congress convened this evening in the federal palace at Caracas. The presidential message was not delivered to congress. The agreement signed yesterday in Paris by the French minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, and the Venezuelan plenipotentiary, which forms a basis for the resumption of diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela, is subject to ratification.

Tries to Open Crow Lands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senator Clark of Montana from the senate committee on military affairs reported favorably the bill for the ratification of the treaty with the Crow Indians for the cession and opening to settlement of about 1,000,000 acres of their reservation in Montana.

No Raise for Ellen.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 21.—The board of regents has declined to grant an increase in salary for Miss Ellen Smith, who for fifteen years has been university registrar. She requested that her wages be made \$75 a month.

Continues to Improve.

GROTON, Mass., Feb. 21.—Young Theodore Roosevelt has continued to improve today and it is hoped he will be able to sit up tomorrow.

Scots Greys Meet Reverse.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A detachment of Scots Greys (Second dragoons), one of Great Britain's crack dragoon regiments, has been cut up by the Boers at Kildam. Major C. W. M. Feilden and Captain E. Usher were severely wounded, two men were killed, six were wounded and forty-six captured. The news was received this morning from Lord Kitchener, in a despatch dated Pretoria, Wednesday, February 19.

Indians Object to Yocco.

HOLDENVILLE, I. T., Feb. 21.—About twenty armed Snake Indians threatened to burn Holdenville Wednesday and Marshal Kala, hearing of their intention, placed a large number of deputies on guard to prevent the city. While there were some demonstrations, nothing was done. It has been known for some time that the Snakes are increased at the springing up of new towns all over the Creek nation and serious trouble is feared.

IS STILL CAPTIVE

MISS STONE BELIEVED TO BE YET IN BONDAGE.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS ALARMED

The Delay in Release Arouses Approbation—Brother of the Missionary Anxiously Awaiting—Telika's Complicity is Doubtful.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The state department's advice concerning Miss Stone indicates that the Paris publication to the effect that she had been set at liberty is, to say the least, premature. It is gathered, however, from the reports of the United States diplomatic agents that the woman is likely to be released very soon and that the delay is explained by the requirement of the brigands that they be given ample opportunity to insure their safety.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A dispatch from Stres, European Turkey, to the Daily Telegraph says that W. W. Peet, treasurer of the American mission at Constantinople, has gone to that city and that Dr. H. Gargallo, dragoman of the American legation at Constantinople, and Dr. House, the missionary, who are still at Stres, are growing very anxious at the delay in the release of the captives, which was expected a week ago. The Turkish government declines responsibility for the matter, says the dispatch, as the transaction with the brigands was made without its knowledge.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 20.—The reports of the release of Miss Stone are absolutely without foundation, although her liberation is expected momentarily.

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—No word from Treasurer Peet of the headquarters of the American board of foreign missions at Constantinople has come to the board here announcing the release by the brigands of Miss Ellen M. Stone, and the officials have been in communication with the state department in Washington in a vain effort to confirm the story published in Paris that Miss Stone and her companion had been delivered to the officials of the American legation at Constantinople.

Rev. Dr. Judson Smith, secretary of the board, said: "We expect that the moment authentic news is known in Constantinople that Miss Stone has been delivered over we shall receive word of it from Mr. Peet."

Concerning the arrest of Rev. Mr. Telika, husband of Miss Stone's companion in captivity, on the ground of complicity in the abduction of Miss Stone and his wife Samuel B. Capen, president of the American board, said: "I know absolutely nothing about it. I would not be surprised if it were true that he was arrested, but I don't believe there is a particle of truth in the charge that he was implicated in the abduction."

Charles A. Stone, brother of the captive missionary, also had received no information about the release. He said: "I expect news that she is released. I am expecting a cablegram at any moment. It may come from my sister personally, or it may come from some one authorized by her to send it. I think that if she has been released, as well as the American board, would hear as quickly as would the newspapers, and perhaps quicker. I fear that perhaps the newspaper correspondents took it for granted that she was released, knowing the time exacted for her liberation after the ransom had been paid."

TROOPS PATROL BARCELONA.

Conflicts Occur Between Them and the Populace.

BARCELONA, Feb. 20.—Two additional regiments of infantry arrived here this morning and the city now bristles with bayonets. Troops are incessantly patrolling the streets and occasionally charging and dispersing mobs. Shots were exchanged. The rioters erected barricades in one of the suburbs and the troops carried them at the point of the bayonet. The casualty list is lengthened by every conflict. Industrial and commercial life in Barcelona is paralyzed. No goods arrived here yesterday and there is great scarcity of meat, bread and other foodstuffs.

The university and all the schools are closed. The leaders of the workmen's conventions have been arrested and the meeting places have been closed. Teresa Claramunt is among the anarchists imprisoned.

Wants Son Back in School.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 20.—J. B. Billard brought suit in the district court to compel the Board of Education to restore his son to membership in the public schools. Young Billard had been expelled for refusing to desist from his studies during the devotional exercises in the morning. The suit brought by Billard is the result of an organized effort to stop the use of the bible in the schools of the city of Topeka.

Brooms Advance in Price.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Delegates of the Broom Manufacturers' association of the United States, at the conclusion of their two days' special meeting here today, raised the price of all brooms 25 cents a dozen. The manufacturers had conferred with broom corn brokers and were told that less than 15 per cent of this year's crop was still in the hands of farmers and that there would be no surplus for eight months.

GOULD GETS EIGHT YEARS.

Sentence Passed on the Bellwood Bank Wrecker.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Feb. 22.—Amos H. Gould, cashier of the defunct Flat Valley State bank of Bellwood, was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary by Judge Soroberger. When Gould was arraigned in the district court the court room was packed to its utmost capacity with creditors of the defunct bank, whose names had been forged to notes and mortgages, and a large number who came through curiosity. When Gould was arraigned he pleaded guilty to the charge of forging notes and disposing of the same. The information contained eleven counts and he pleaded guilty to each count separately. Judge Soroberger briefly commented on the various crimes committed and said that Bartley was sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years and was pardoned out at the expiration of six years, but he hoped the good people of Nebraska did not approve of the pardon. Gould was asked to offer for committing such a grave crime. Gould said in substance:

"I will have to admit I have done wrong. I knew better. I was brought up better, but I got mixed up in some real estate deals and signed notes with friends which I had to pay and had to raise some money."

When asked as to what he had done with all this money he said: "I have heard that I have this money stored away some place. It is not true. I have not one dollar." He did not state what he had done with all the money. The court asked Gould if he knew of, or could give any reason why he should receive a short sentence, and he said: "Nothing, except I have a family, a wife and two children, a boy fourteen years old and a girl twelve years old."

The short sentence given Gould causes much dissatisfaction.

Sues for Heavy Damages.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 22.—C. E. Lawrence of Elk Creek, this county, has brought suit in the district court against J. G. Woolsey of Hubbell, Neb., for damages in the sum of \$5,000, charging the alienation of his wife's affections. Mr. Woolsey and the complainant's wife, who has since become the wife of the defendant, are charged with having deserted their respective families in Elk Creek some four years ago, proceeding to California, and after securing separations from their partners left behind, being married. The action in the case at this time was presumably prompted by the action Mr. Woolsey has taken against the ten Elk Creek men for threatening himself and wife in Elk Creek on the night of December 26 last.

Kenesaw Postal Shortage.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 22.—In connection with the suicide of Postmaster Louis B. Partridge at Kenesaw, Neb., the general opinion that D. M. Baul, principal of the Kenesaw public school, will be placed in charge of the postoffice until an appointment is made. Postoffice Inspector Sinclair has finished the inspection of Postmaster Partridge's books and reports the shortage to be \$671. The Kenesaw postoffice is now in charge of Mr. Norton.

War Veteran Pronounced Insane.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Feb. 22.—Isaiah Beal, a civil war veteran and resident of this city, was examined by the board of insanity of this county and found to be a fit subject for treatment in the hospital for the insane at Lincoln. Mr. Beal held the rank of captain during the war and in an engagement was shot in the back part of the head, the ball lodging underneath the skin, and was never moved.

Attempt to Wreck Train.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 22.—An attempt was made, a few miles from this city, to wreck Burlington passenger train No. 3, by piling ties on the track. The train struck the obstruction at a high rate of speed, and as the ties were not fastened to the rails, threw them in the air, causing no damage.

Boy Drowned at Bellevue.

BELLEVUE, Neb., Feb. 22.—The little village of Bellevue is in mourning over the loss of Roy Lee, one of its most popular lads, who was drowned while skating.

For Ruin of Her Husband.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 22.—In the district court here the case of Mrs. Rena Nesbitt against John Mattes, jr., et al, was called and the work of selecting a jury was begun. This is a case where a number of saloon keepers and their bondsmen are sued to recover \$10,000 damages for the alleged ruin of the plaintiff's husband, Dr. John P. Nesbitt. There are nearly fifty witnesses on the plaintiff's side.

New Bank to Open at Stuart.

STUART, Neb., Feb. 22.—The Stuart bank of Stuart, Neb., has opened its doors for business. This makes two banks for Stuart. The new bank is organized under the state banking laws and has a capital of \$25,000, with \$10,000 paid up.

The British columns have again come in contact with Dewet's columns near Reitz. The latter were split up and dispersed.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The Old Reliable.

The judiciary committee of the Iowa legislature by a vote of 9 to 1 agreed to recommend for passage the anti-pass bill.

The French government has decided to establish the new school of education for engineers in the United States at Pittsburg.

A strike of the salt workers at San Francisco, Spain, has created disorders. Shops were damaged and show windows looted.

The governor of the state of Washington will not permit appointees under the state administration to accept railroad passes.

Young Lieutenant Furry of Omaha, who suicided at Columbus, O., is said to have done so because his affianced had become blind.

Excellent hopes are held out for the recovery of Miss Dietrich, daughter of Senator Dietrich, who underwent an operation in Washington.

The Y. M. C. A. building and several other business houses at Geneva, N. Y., were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$20,000.

Miss Alice Morton, fourth daughter of former Vice President Morton, and Winthrop Rutherford were married in Grace Episcopal church, Washington.

Andrew Tapper was hanged at Chaska, Minn., for the murder of Rosa Mix, his sweetheart. During the past month Tapper made four attempts to end his life.

While a train was being pushed up the coal chutes of the Burlington at Guernsey, Wyo., the trestle collapsed, seriously injuring four men, one of whom will die.

The Canadian parliament has opened at Ottawa with impressive ceremonies. The governor general referred in feeling terms to the death of President McKinley.

Robert Milroy, a well known horseman and secretary of the California Jockey club, died at San Francisco from injuries received in a street car accident two weeks ago.

The big strike at the Singer manufacturing plant of South Bend, Ind., is still on, 1,700 men refusing to go back to work until their demands for 2½ cents per hour increase is granted.

The mayor of Paterson, N. J., returns \$82.50 sent by the Kansas relief commission, with expressions of appreciation for the proffered assistance, but saying that the city is not in need of help.

Several clashes of laborers with troops occurred in London after a giant meeting of the former a which it was decided to submit the question of a general strike to the vote of the various unions.

It required the strength of twelve men to carry to the grave the casket containing the remains of Dennis Leahy, whose funeral has just been held in New York. The dead man weighed 700 pounds.

At Steubenville, O., two well known Hungarian business men have had some daughters and propose to give \$1,000 to two young Americans who will marry the girls. The young men must be Protestants.

The Spanish senate adopted a bill passed by the chamber of deputies February 7 providing for the payment in gold of customs duties on grains, coal, oils, petroleum and its products and other specified materials.

Senator Millard is endeavoring to have an agent reappointed to the Santee agency in Nebraska. He argues that the Santees are not self-supporting and that an agent on the reservation is an absolute necessity.

At Helena, Mont., "Jack" Waite, gambler, ex-pugilist, ex-deputy marshal and one of Senator Clark's lieutenants during the last campaign, committed suicide early this morning by shooting.

The president sent the following nominations to the senate: Brigadier general, Colonel Francis L. Guenther, artillery corps; Frank Hobbs of Utah, register of the land office at Salt Lake City, Utah; George Barclay Rives of New Jersey, third secretary of the embassy of the United States at Berlin.

General Funston, just released from the hospital, paid a visit to his parents. To compete with the Standard Oil company, a co-operative association is being formed in Omaha by local grocers and outside interests, the head of which is said to be Cleveland O. Charles L. Tiffany, the noted jeweler of New York, died on the 19th.

At Toledo, O., William Rothwell (Young Corbett) announced through his manager that he will be ready to meet the winner of the Sullivan-McGovern fight.

The ranch and herd of the Riverside Hereford Cattle company at Ashland, Neb., were sold