

PLEAS OF GUILTY

ACTION OF SOME LEADING PACKERS OF CHICAGO.

FOUR OFFICIALS GIVEN FINES

They Conspired to Take Railroad Rebates—Obtained Drawbacks by Presenting False and Fraudulent Claims For Damages.

CHICAGO—Four officials of the Schwarzhild & 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. Weil was fined \$10,000, the other three \$5,000 each, all fines were immediately 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 Weil, who is vice president of the company and is one of the defendants, is in jeopardy. 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 defendants and Attorney General William 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 that the jail provision of the law under which the indictment was returned 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 Schwarzhild & 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 defendants conspired with each other in presenting supposed claims for damages 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 Cusey and other Schwarzhild & Sulzberger men. They were accompanied by Attorney Weissenbach and Attorneys I. M. Boyesen and J. J. Herick.

FIRST LIEUTENANT BURBANK TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Information has been received at Fort Leavenworth that First Lieutenant Sidney S. Burbank, Sixth infantry, who left here for the Philippines in February, is to be court-martialed for conduct unbecoming a gentleman and an officer. Lieutenant Burbank is an officer who brought suit in the district court here to annul an alleged marriage with Mrs. Concepcion Vasquez, a Filipino woman. The suit is still pending and after many delays, covering a period of nearly two years, is set for trial in October.

Will Not Delay the Treaty.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The Associated Press was notified 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.

Coal Dealers in Combine.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The National Council of Retail Coal Dealers' association and the International Anthracite Merchants' associations have been amalgamated under the name of the International Council of Coal Merchants.

OPERATORS WILL NOT GRANT 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 President 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.

Believes in Poison Story.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Weldon 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 believer 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.

Big Fire at Nome, Alaska.

SEATTLE, Wash.—Sixty 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.

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-trust 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, democratic nominee for Supreme Judge, D. C. Cole of Polk county, and Louis Lightner, of Platte county, were nominated for regents.

HOW UNCLE SAM WILL SAVE SOME MONEY

WASHINGTON—The work of civilian physicians in examining recruits of the army has proved so unsatisfactory that their services will be entirely dispensed with that capacity after September 30 next. This decision is contained in general orders issued at the war department today. The fees to civilian physicians for this work has averaged \$60,000 annually. Complaints from army officers of the bad physical condition of recruits have been increasing and the government has been put to great expense in equipment and transportation for men entering the service who have to be condemned and discharged before they have rendered any service because of glaring physical defects.

STOCK RATE IS TOO LOW.

Such is Claim by Iowa Central Railroad at Hearing.

CHICAGO—Passenger service on the Iowa Central railroad, as far as operating expenses are concerned, costs the railroad company less than to handle cattle and other live stock shipments, according to J. M. Tittemore, freight traffic manager of the Minneapolis & St. Paul and the Iowa Central railway companies. Mr. Tittemore gave the information before Federal Judge S. H. Bethea, who is hearing the cases of the interstate commerce commission against eighteen railroad companies on questions of alleged discrimination of freight rates.

"The rates on live stock from Missouri river points to Chicago are more than just to the shipper and less than just to the carrier," declared the witness. "Most of this traffic is what we call pick-up and our company must provide at various stations at a great expense for the reception of the cattle. It costs us more to receive and care for the live stock than for the same service for passengers. If you will we provide scales at the scale houses to admit to pump water, pave the yards with vitrified brick, and build buildings which withstand the cold and heat alike."

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS NEED NOT BE PAID

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Director of Public Safety Potter issued an order to all policemen and firemen prohibiting them from paying and contributing for political purposes. Disobedience of the order will be cause for immediate dismissal.

Despite the earnest request of Mayor Weaver that action be deferred for the present, both branches of the city council today passed ordinances authorizing a loan of \$6,000,000, of which \$4,000,000 is to be expended in abolishing grade crossings and the remainder for street paving. Under the law such a city ordinance providing for the borrowing of money is not effective until approved by the vote of the people.

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.

Joseph Langdon is Dead.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Joseph Langdon, the last survivor of the company of cavalry which captured Jefferson Davis, is dead at his home in Tacoma, Wash. He lived for many years at St. Joseph, Mo.

Order for Rapid Fire Guns.

SHARON, Pa.—The United States government has just awarded a contract to the Driggs-Seabury ordinance corporation for 176 rapid fire guns of different sizes.

Freight Men Sign Old Scale.

CHICAGO—Chicago union freight handlers 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.

Perished in the Alps.

ROME—A prominent painter, Francesco Vitalini, who had been spending his vacation in the Alps, has disappeared and it is feared that he has been killed by an accident.

MESSAGE LABORS

PRESIDENT PUTTING IN TIME ON THE DOCUMENT.

HE HAS MADE MUCH PROGRESS

Three Topics of Great Importance to the American People Will Be Last Days at Sagamore Hill Will Be Occupied With Business.

OYSTER BAY—President Roosevelt will complete his summer sojourn at Sagamore Hill and return to Washington next Saturday. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt and their family, Secretary and Mrs. Loeb and members of the executive force will leave here Saturday on a special Long Island railroad train. They will go by boat from Long Island City to Jersey and thence by the Pennsylvania railroad to Washington, reaching the capitol shortly after 6 o'clock.

The president is devoting considerable time each day now to work on his annual message to congress. For some time he has been assembling data for the message, but since the adjournment of the peace conference he has been writing the data into definite form. The message will not be completed until some time early in November, because each member of the cabinet will have to supply material for discussion with reference to his department. The information will be contained in the annual reports of the cabinet officials, which have not been completed.

Three topics, highly important at this time to the American people, will be discussed by the president in his message. They are the federal regulation and supervision of life insurance, the relations between this country and Venezuela and America's interest in the fiscal affairs of the government of San Domingo. Other important subjects naturally will be considered, among them the scandals disclosed in the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior; the work of the Department of Justice in the beef cases; the regulation of freight rates; the progress made in the construction of the Panama canal and the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan.

Much of the matter for these discussions President Roosevelt now has in hand, and the last days of his stay at Sagamore Hill are being devoted to the preparation of that part of his message which will deal with them. Few visitors have been received since the adjournment of the peace conference, the president desiring to be as free as possible from interruption while working on his message.

COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON MOROCCAN QUESTION

PARIS—Information obtained from a well informed source is to the effect that Dr. Rosen, the German minister to Morocco, and M. Revoll, representing France, reached a complete agreement on all the disputed points of the Moroccan question in the course of their conference today. Both parties are entirely satisfied with the arrangement. Premier Rouvier and Prince von Radolin, the German ambassador to France, met at the foreign office after the negotiators had reached an accord and conversed most cordially.

WORK OF BOMB THROWER.

Chinese Assassin Kills Four Officials and Wounds Twenty.

PEKIN—At the Pekin railway station Sunday, as a train carrying one of the four missions ordered abroad to study foreign political methods was leaving, a bomb was exploded inside a private car, killing four minor officials and wounding over twenty other persons. The wounded included Prince Tsai, Tohe, who heads the most important of the missions, and Wu Ting Fang, former minister to the United States, both of whom received slight injuries. The perpetrator of the outrage, who was in the car, was blown to pieces.

The affair has created a profound sensation and causes apprehension regarding the safety of members of the court and leading officials of the government. The government officials and railways are strongly guarded.

A MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

Large Section of Butte, Montana, Swept Away.

BUTE, MONT.—Fire, causing a loss estimated at about \$1,000,000, Sunday consumed the entire business portion of Butte lying between the School block and Renshaw alley, on the south side of West Park street, and destroyed one-half of public library.

Nine New Cases of Cholera.

Berlin—The official bulletin issued today announced that nine fresh cases of cholera were reported between noon yesterday and noon today, and that two deaths occurred in the same period, making the totals 236 cases and eighty deaths.

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.

ORDERS AN INVESTIGATION.

Methods of Western Life Company to Be Looked Into.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Attorney General William H. Steadman, who represents the people of Illinois, has ordered an investigation into the affairs of the Western Life Indemnity company, and may insist on quo warranto proceedings to determine whether the company has been pursuing wrong business methods.

Desolation follows desecration.

GOT MONEY FROM THE BANK.

Wire-Tapper Placed Under Arrest at Gettysburg, S. D.

SIoux FALLS, S. D.—Charged with being the principal in a famous wire-tapping scheme by which \$2,800 was secured from a bank at Gettysburg, S. D., B. V. Dunham was arrested here today. A telegraph operator, who had acted as Dunham's accomplice, gave the police the information that led to Dunham's arrest.

Dunham, who is also known as F. D. Miles, is charged with representing himself as a cattle-buyer of Miles City, Mont. He is charged with having applied to the Gettysburg bank for \$2,800, giving a Chicago bank as reference and asking that the Chicago institution be wired as to his financial standing. His accomplice, it is charged, stationed himself several miles from town, tapped the wire and intercepted the Chicago message. Four hours later the wire-tapper sent a reply, ostensibly from the Chicago bank, and of such a character that the money was paid to Dunham by the Gettysburg bank. The arrest of Dunham immediately followed.

MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT SHOWERED WITH HONORS

SEOUL—Prince Yi, the emperor's cousin, acted as host at an open air garden party given at the old East palace in honor of Miss Alice Roosevelt. All of the officials of note of Korea were present. The wooded paths and colored pavilions were decorated with American and Korean flags. Prince Yi toasted President Roosevelt and Minister Morgan toasted the emperor of Korea.

Later Miss Roosevelt was present at a gathering under the auspices of the Korean Christian Women's missions and was given a Korean Bible and prayer book. From the chapel the assemblage proceeded to a garden party given in honor of Miss Roosevelt and her party by American missionaries in Korean districts. All denominations were present, being in attendance at the annual conference at Seoul.

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 the 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, 1904.

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 old.

CUBAN LIBERALS THANKFUL.

Express Gratitude for Protection of the Police at Cienfuegos.

WASHINGTON—The Cuban minister received the following dispatches from his government at Havana: The members of the executive board of the liberal party at Cienfuegos have addressed a communication to the mayor, who is a moderate, asking him to express their gratitude to the municipal authorities and customhouse functionaries for the way their lives were protected during the occurrence of the Friday, which caused the death of the brave chief of police while doing his duty.

There has been no disturbances since the local one at Cienfuegos. There is perfect order throughout the republic and the government has ample means to guard it.

The elections for the boards were held yesterday with strict legality and without a disorder. In almost all the boards the moderates won.

SCALE DOWN LIFE POLICIES.

Knights and Ladies of Honor to Guard Against Fraud.

INDIANAPOLIS—An important new law, providing for the scaling of certificates of life insurance, was today enacted by the supreme lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor, in session here. The law, which is designed to protect the order from fraudulent representations as to the state of health of persons taking out insurance, provides that a policy or certificate holder who dies within a year of the issue of the policy shall receive only one-third of the face amount; when one dies within the second year of the life of the policy shall receive two-thirds; one dies in the third year shall receive only 80 per cent. After the third year it is provided the policy shall be paid in full.

Awaita Consul's Report.

CONSTANTINOPLE — Minister Leishman is awaiting the result of Consul General Dickinson's inquiry into the naturalization of Vartanian and Afarian before taking further steps. In the course of his examination Vartanian admitted to Mr. Dickinson that he had been dispatched by the revolutionary committee to murder Apik Undjian, a prominent Armenian, who was shot and killed August 26 in the Galata quarter of this city, and added that Afarian was his accomplice.

Will Not Build to Coast.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Roswell Miller, chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, emphatically denies that the directors will take action authorizing the extension of their lines to the Pacific Coast.

Cholera Cases Reported.

ST. PETERSBURG—Two additional cases of cholera have been officially reported in the government of Lomza, Russian Poland. There have been no new cases at Woolwek.

May Change Inauguration Day.

WASHINGTON—District Commissioner McFarland, chairman of the national committee to consider the advisability of changing the date of the ceremony for the inauguration of the president of the United States, has issued a call for the meeting of the committee on November 8. The committee is composed of the governors of all states and territories and fifteen residents of the District of Columbia. Among the dates suggested for the ceremony are April 20 and the last Thursday April.

OFFICIALS SLAIN

A CONGRESSMAN AND CHIEF OF POLICE KILLED.

FOUR OTHERS LOSE THEIR LIVES

Conflict Between Politics Parties at Cienfuegos—Troops by Request Hurdled to the Conflict—More Trouble Feared at Elections.

HAVANA, Cuba—Official dispatches received from Cienfuegos announced the killing of Congressman Enrique Villuendas, leader of the liberal party and the most able orator in the lower house and the chief of police of Cienfuegos during a conflict between the two political parties, the liberals and moderates. The government advises say the police had information that within the hotel in which Villuendas resided a quantity of arms had been deposited and they went to the hotel to investigate the matter. As the police ascended the stairs they were met by a party of liberals, who fired on them, killing Chief of Police Villuendas and wounding several others. Intense excitement prevails at Cienfuegos and Havana.

The government authorities fear the result of the affair may have on the election of members to the election board, which will be held Sunday. As the news spread throughout Havana the liberals and moderates rapidly gathering in their respective clubs and it is feared that unless the leaders give wise counsel a clash may result tonight.

A dispatch to the Associated Press from Cienfuegos says that six persons were killed and twenty-five wounded during the conflict.

Dispatches to the government say that besides Congressman Villuendas and Chief of Police Villuendas, two policemen were killed and a number of policemen and civilians injured. Rural guards are around the entire block in which the Hotel Suizo, the scene of the affair, is situated. One telegram says that Villuendas fired the shot which killed the chief of police, while according to another telegram the shot was fired by Jose Fernandes, a liberal who has been arrested.

A search of the hotel revealed two dynamite bombs in the room occupied by Villuendas. The police in searching the hotel were carrying out the order of a judge who was informed that explosives were hidden there. The government has received a telegram from Senator Frias asking it to send reinforcements at once. The telegram says:

"While in Cienfuegos at the present the forces are keeping order, every precaution is needed, as there is danger of assault. I recommend that the authorities prevent the entrance into Cienfuegos of probable trouble makers who are liable to invade the city. There are fears of dynamite bomb throwing.

AMENDMENT TO EXCLUDE LIQUOR DEALERS TABLED

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows decided, by a vote of 145 to 138, to make no change in the funeral service, the proposed amendment to exclude all persons who are engaged in the liquor business was tabled.

The constitution was changed so that in case of death of any officer, the sovereign grand lodge shall have power to fill the vacancy for the rest of the term. It was also amended so that the grand sovereign, in his supervision of the order, can decide such questions as may be put before him by the grand lodge.

FACTORIES IN NEBRASKA.

There Are 1,819 Establishments in Which Are Invested \$80,235,810.

WASHINGTON—According to a bulletin issued Tuesday by the census bureau there were at the beginning of the present 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 \$66,092,313. There were 3,192 officials employed and received salaries amounting in the aggregate to \$2,074,911. 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. Slaughtering 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 \$12,150,303, against \$7,794,139 for 1900.

Nebraska Man Holds the Place.

INDIANAPOLIS—At Friday morning's session of the National Rural Letter Carriers' association a motion to have President Cunningham of Nebraska, retain his office for one year longer was carried by a large majority. As result it is possible that about ten states that are unfriendly to the project will out of the association and start a rival organization. It is related that a committee already has been appointed by Cunningham's opponents to draw up a constitution for the proposed new body.

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FIND MORE GRAFT.

President Morton Uncovers Questionable Methods.

NEW YORK—That the Equitable Life Assurance society paid out \$218,264 to the Mercantile Trust company in connection with certain loans known as the "Turner loan" and that these payments were without authority so far as the records of the society disclose, 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 company. 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 Mercantile 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. Coier, Jr., and H. B. Hyde. 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.

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THE TROUBLE AT CIENFUEGOS.

Cuban Minister Receives Some Detail of the Affair.

WASHINGTON—Senator Quesada, the Cuban minister, received the following dispatch from Secretary of State O'Farrell, giving an official version of the trouble at Cienfuegos.

Today, while the chief of police was carrying out an order of the court to examine the premises of the Hotel la Suiza, at Cienfuegos, where Enrique Villuendas a member of congress, was stopping, Villuendas fired on the chief of police, who died shortly afterward. Immediately in the same place the police answered the aggression, being attacked at the same time by those who accompanied Villuendas. The latter and another individual died and two wounded persons were arrested. Three policemen were seriously wounded. The rural guard proceeded to make an examination of the premises and to help the police, finding ammunition and dynamite bombs in the hotel where Villuendas lives. The rural guard is doing service in the town and order is fully established. The government has made measures so that the elections to be held tomorrow will take place with strict legality throughout the republic.

SEES NO HOPE.

Famine Districts of Spain Being Depopulated.

MADRID—Dispatches from the famine districts of Andalusia say that entire trains of emigrants are leaving to embark for South America. Many families are abandoning their homes and farms. Some villages in Galicia have been totally deserted through despair of reviving the promised relief. The steamship companies announce that fifteen steamers loaded with emigrants will leave Anfasian ports in October. The press is urging the government to adopt energetic measures against wholesale emigration to America.

Panama Desires Immigrants.

PANAMA—It is reported that President Amador and the canal commission are endeavoring to attract Spanish immigrants from the famine stricken districts of Galicia. Many are considered to be the best workmen in Panama.

Albers is Convicted.

WASHINGTON—The state department was informed that the Nicaraguan court in session at Ocotal has convicted William S. Albers, the American resident agent at Jalapa, on the charge of resisting legal process and insulting President Zelaya. Sentence has not yet been imposed, however.

Former Governor Dead.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Henry Howard, formerly governor of Rhode Island and a leading manufacturer, died at his home in Harris, aged 78 years.

Kansas Wants a Fair.

TOPEKA, Kas.—A World's fair in 1911 in celebration of the admission of Kansas to the union was planned here by the Commercial club of Topeka, assisted by several prominent men from different parts of the state. It is proposed to expend in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

Odd Fellows Chose Toronto.

PHILADELPHIA—The sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows selected Toronto, Canada, as the next place of meeting.

GOT BOTH SKULL AND BONES

Colored Man Amply Proved He Had Sense of Fear.

Not many years ago Col. Prescott of Portland, Me., had a negro servant who, he claimed, did not know what fear was. One evening while the colored was with friends a bet was made that a number of those present could scare the negro.

About 12 o'clock on the night appointed for the attempt Col. Prescott called his servant to his study, and in a harsh voice ordered him to go to tomb 12 in a nearby cemetery and bring him a skull.

"With a jolly 'All right, massa,' the servant set off.

In the mean time the other parties to the bet had secured themselves in the tomb and awaited the arrival of the negro.

As soon as the servant entered he groped around and picked up a skull.

"Put that down; that's mine," came another voice out of the darkness.