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PACKING FIRMS UNITE

Omaha Company Has Combined with Six Other Lesser Concerns.

BIG MEN HEAD NEW CORPORATION

Swifts and Armour Figure with Other, as the Original Directors.

HOPE TO DO \$150,000,000 BUSINESS

J. P. Lyman is Named as President of National Company.

CAPITAL IS PLACED AT \$15,000,000

New Jersey Grants Papers Authorizing Houses to Amalgamate and Trade Under Larger Competitors' Direction and Control.

CHICAGO. March 24.—Several of the smaller packing plants of Omaha, Chicago and elsewhere have joined under the name of the National Packing Company, with \$15,000,000 capital. J. P. Lyman is president of the company.

The company has been incorporated in New Jersey and it is announced that the following are the companies purchased:

- 1. Omaha Packing company.
- 2. Hammond Packing company.
- 3. The G. H. Hammond company.
- 4. The A. E. Swift company.
- 5. Anglo-American Provision company.
- 6. United States Beef company.
- 7. Fowle Packing company.

The purchase, it is stated, is made for investment, with the idea of doing a business of between \$140,000,000 and \$150,000,000 a year.

The directors, whose names follow, are all interested in the big packing companies of Chicago: J. P. Lyman, J. Ogden Armour, G. F. Swift, Edward Morris, P. A. Valentine, Arthur Meeker, L. F. Swift, E. F. Swift, Ira Morris, James D. Standish, Kenneth K. McLaren, J. D. Standish is secretary and treasurer.

CONSUL WARNS THE JAPANESE

Contrary to Law of Japan for Them to Go from Hawaii to Continent.

HONOLULU, March 17.—(Via San Francisco, March 24.)—Acting Japanese Consul Okada has issued a proclamation warning his countrymen against going to the United States from here, deeming that the trip is contrary to the law of Japan and also that immigration and labor agents who have been securing recruits are misrepresenting the conditions.

The governor has signed the act to make the old Hawaiian flag the official territorial flag. A concurrent resolution instructing the secretary of the territory to fly the flag over the capital building was adopted by the house of representatives yesterday.

H. Scullin, son of a capitalist of St. Louis, accidentally shot himself on the steamer Siberia between San Francisco and this city. He had placed a .38-caliber revolver in a drawer in his state room and when he opened the drawer the weapon struck the side and exploded. The bullet lodged in his right thigh. Scullin was a through passenger, but was put ashore here and the X-ray will be used to locate the bullet. The wound is not believed to be serious.

W. H. Castle, Jr., will leave in the near future to take a position as instructor in English literature at Harvard. He is a descendant of one of Hawaii's earliest missionaries and an alumnus of Harvard.

WOMEN NAME NEW OFFICERS

St. Paul. March 24.—Susan B. Anthony Selected as Honorary President by Suffrage Convention.

NEW ORLEANS. March 24.—The principal business of the woman suffrage convention today was the election of officers. These were selected:

Honorary president, Susan B. Anthony; Mrs. N. W. president, Carrie Chapman Catt, New York; vice president, Rev. Anna B. Howard, Philadelphia; corresponding secretary, Kate M. Jordan, New York; recording secretary, Alice Stone Blackwell, Boston; treasurer, Harriet Taylor Upton, Warren, O.; auditors, Mary J. Coggesham, Des Moines; Laura Clay, Lexington, Ky.

DIVIDE CAPITAL BY THIRTY

Chain and Steel Company Reduces Stock from Sixty Millions to Two Millions.

NEW YORK. March 24.—Stockholders of the United Chain and Steel company today approved the directors' recommendation to reduce the capital from \$60,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The stockholders had recently decided not to acquire a number of firms for which the company was negotiating.

It was also decided to change the name to the Union Iron and Steel company.

HEAT SLAYS TWO IN ICE CAR

Light Fire in Refrigerators and Are Burned to Death While Sleeping.

ELLENBURG, Wash., March 24.—Michael Hunt, a waiter of Tacoma, and Frank McCluskey of Lake City, Ore., were found dead today in a refrigerator car.

They built a fire in the car and went to sleep, being smothered and burned.

Rebut Insanity Theory.

PIERRE, S. D., March 24.—(Special Telegram).—The state, in rebuttal on the Linney trial, placed on the witness stand a number of constituents of Billings, who had been called to testify that he had never done anything to lead them to believe that he was insane so far as his actions went to show.

The principal witness in rebuttal was Dr. James L. Green, the superintendent of the Nebraska hospital for the insane at Lincoln. The case, as shown by the testimony, was read to him and he was asked what the condition of the defendant was at the time of committing the homicide in July last, the doctor holding that on such a state of facts the defendant was sane. On cross-examination he stated that the actions of the defendant in North Dakota would indicate insanity at that time, probably brought on by acute alcoholism, and further that the lapses of memory testified to might mean either mental aberration or intense preoccupation. The afternoon is being put in by the attorneys in presenting their case.

John F. Hughes, for the state, and Horner & Stewart for the defense. The case went to the jury late this evening.

INCIDENT IS NOW CLOSED

Former British Minister to Caracas Says Unpleasant Things, but Matter is Dropped.

LIMA, Peru, March 24.—Gibson Bowles, conservative in the House of Commons, is an amateur at politics, a minister at Mr. Haggard, the local secretary of the United States delegation to the Venezuelan capital, in the Venezuelan government, if his majesty's government had been called upon to make amends to the government of the United States thereto.

The premier acknowledged that Secretary Hay had called the government's attention to the passage referred to.

Mr. Balfe added: "Sir Michael Herbert has informed the secretary of state that the passage escaped his attention, otherwise it would never have been published. I need say no more than that an error of this kind, however regrettable, may occur in any department, especially when undergoing an inspection."

The big book referred to was published February 16. It contained an official letter from the former British minister of Caracas, W. H. Haggard, to the foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne, dated Trinidad, December 30, concerning the alleged illegal detention of the British schooner Harry Troop by the Venezuelan government in an unhealthy place from May to November, 1902, whereby the crew were decimated by dysentery.

Mr. Haggard said in this letter:

"I regret to say that it would appear that I placed too much faith in the complete accuracy of the statements of the members of the United States delegation, W. W. Russell, as to the improvement in the condition of Harry Troop, etc., when he was released."

These statements may probably be accounted for by the facts, which appear undoubtedly, that Mr. Bowen was most anxious, for reasons best known to himself, to represent the conduct of the Venezuelan authorities in the most favorable light possible, and that he had inspired his subordinates in the same direction. To put it briefly, Mr. Russell did not dare to say a word outside the legation contrary to President Castro's mode of proceeding."

WASHINGTON, March 24.—This matter concerning the aforementioned cast by Mr. Haggard, late British minister to Caracas, directly upon Mr. Russell and indirectly upon Minister Bowen, is declared here to be a closed incident and there is nothing to sign up to the mail and hopes within a few days to be quite himself again.

C. E. Guernsey, president of the Wyoming state senate, who has been in Washington several weeks, left for Cheyenne tonight.

JONES GOING TO SOUTHWEST.

Indian Commissioner Jones leaves Washington tomorrow morning for an extended trip through the southwest. Mr. Jones will visit several Indian reservations in New Mexico and Arizona and incidentally cross the border into Mexico to look into some private business, being somewhat interested in investing his surplus cash in copper mines in our sister republic.

POOR ROADS HAMPER THE RURAL MAILS

President Makes a Change in His Program and Will Take a Long Ride at Grand Island.

(From a Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(Special Telegram).—A statement issued today at the general land office relative to the cash sales of public lands during the first half of the present fiscal year shows that there were 23,018 entries, covering 1,663,613 acres, for which the government received \$47,747,683. As compared with the corresponding period of last year a very remarkable increase is shown. This increase in due largely to the operation of the so-called timber and stone act. During the last half of the fiscal year of 1902 there were 7,476 entries covering 267,002 acres, for which the government received \$2,719,384.

W. Richards, commissioner of the general land office, who has been confined to his bed during the past week with an attack of grip, has recovered sufficiently to be at his office. Commissioner Richards, though not fully recovered, was able today to sign up his accumulated mail and hopes within a few days to be quite himself again.

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ABBOTT STARTLES HEARERS

Propounds Theories Elaborated in His Book, "The Theology of an Evolutionist."

NEW YORK, March 24.—Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, somewhat startled his hearers at a Methodist minister's meeting by propounding some of these religious theories that he has elaborated in his book, "The Theology of an Evolutionist."

The bible, according to Dr. Abbott, is merely a record of human religious experiences.

"I have a respect for the old theology," he said, "and today I cannot deny that the change from the old to the new thinking in religion is important, radical and revolutionary."

"The typical departure is the recognition of what was once called the 'Carpenter Theory' of God's Creation of the World."

"The bible is not a book in which fifty or sixty writers tell what is religion, but it is a record of their religious experiences. They were human, they were imperfect men, those who wrote the bible. They stumbled as we stumble."

POOR ROADS HAMPER MAIL

A circular has been sent out stating the difficulties rural free delivery is encountering because of bad roads in many sections of the country. It is pointed out that applications for service, which are turned down each day on account of bad roads, are rapidly increasing. Friends of the system fear it will not be long before the number of rejected routes will affect so many people that the cry of favoritism will be raised, with the result that congress will be asked to grant a franchise.

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TOWN OF SURIGAO RETAKEN

American Officials and the Foreigners Are Found Safe by the Constabulary.

MANILA, March 24.—The town of Surigao, in the northwestern part of the island of Mindanao, which was captured Sunday by bandits, was relieved today. The American officials and foreigners were found to be safe.

Eighty bandits, led by ten escaped convicts, participated in the attack on Surigao. They had twenty rifles and forty bolos and succeeded in surprising and rushing the constabulary barracks and stampeding the constabulary.

Inspector Clarke was killed at the first rush. The bandites captured eighty rifles.

The American officials, the women and the foreigners sought refuge in the government building, where Treasurer Kelly, a former Indian scout, assumed command. The defendants were armed with shotguns and refused the summons of the bandites to surrender. They held out until the town was relieved by the forces of the constabulary sent from Tacloban. The bandites were defeated at the approach of the constabulary.

THREE COMPANIES OF UNITED STATES INFANTRY WILL REACH SURIGAO TOMORROW AND THEN PROBABLY WILL START IN PURSUIT OF THE BANDITES.

The government forces operating in Albay province, island of Luzon, have established a concentration zone in the center of that province, twenty-seven miles long and ten miles wide, and have a series of detachments of troops following the lines of communications.

DETROIT. March 24.—Secretary Root today received a cable from Governor Taft announcing that the affair at Surigao turned out to be an escape of prisoners sentenced to long terms for banditry, who, with sixty or eighty of their fellows, returned to Surigao and succeeded in surprising and rushing the constabulary barracks, obtaining constabulary arms and ammunition, killing Constabulary Inspector Lewis M. Clark and thus taking command of the town.

HAVE TOO MANY HOLIDAYS

Russian Authorities Decide that Laboring Classes Do Not Work Enough.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—The Russian authorities have decided that the laboring classes have too many holidays and the officials are taking steps to stop what they characterize as being a growing evil.

The minister of agriculture is the prime mover in the efforts to curtail the observance of festivals, which, he says, in many places total as high as 140 years, seventeen-tenths of them falling in the summer, the most important season for agriculture.

The postoffice at Birch, Pierce county, Neb., and Grinnell, Boone county, Ia., have been discontinued.

E. W. Pease has been appointed substitute clerk in Fremont (Neb.) postoffice.

W. S. Wilmarth, Jr., of Terrellville, S. D., and Claude C. Campbell of Clay Center, Neb., have been appointed railway mail clerks.

Postmasters appointed: Nebraska—John E. Beck, regular; Fred W. Sandell, substitute; Elias Ashburn, Fredericksburg, regular; Fred W. Egbroad, substitute; Dora Egbroad, Guthrie Center, regular; Herbert W. Myers, substitute; Ruby Myers, Hampton, regular; Aaron W. Monroe, substitute; Elizabeth Monroe, Kanawha, regular; Thomas H. Thompson, substitute; Charles A. Malmberg, David Johnson, substitutes; John F. Malmberg and Adolph Johnson, Yule, regular; Ulisses J. Fickes, substitute; J. H. Pickens.

THE CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK OF CEDAR RAPIDS HAS BEEN APPROVED AS RESERVE AGENT FOR THE CITIZENS' NATIONAL OF BELIE PLAINES, FIRST NATIONALS OF GRUNDY CENTER AND INDEPENDENCE AND LEAVITT AND JOHNSON NATIONALS OF WATERLOO, Ia.; CEDAR RAPIDS NATIONAL OF CEDAR RAPIDS, FOR COMMERCIAL NATIONAL OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, FIRST NATIONAL OF DYERSBURG, FOREST CITY NATIONAL OF FOREST CITY, CITY NATIONALS OF MARSHALLTOWN AND MASON CITY, FIRST NATIONAL OF THOMPSON, FAIRFIELD, COUNTY NATIONAL OF WEST UNION, Ia., AND FIRST NATIONAL OF CEYLON, MINN.; THE MERCHANTS' NATIONAL OF CEDAR RAPIDS FOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CRYSTAL LAKE AND INDEPENDENCE, Ia.

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MISSING OPERA SINGER CAUGHT WITH COMPANY'S CASH IN HIS POCKET.

MILWAUKEE, March 24.—Gilbert Warner, the missing member of the Sylvia Opera company, was arrested at Eagle, Wis., and confessed to robbing Treasurer Nordling of \$2,700.

He had nearly the full amount of the stolen property in his possession.

WILL MAKE MONEY FOR ISLANDS.

Secretary Root has been in cable correspondence with Governor Taft and it has been determined to sell \$3,000,000 of temporary certificates for the purchase of silver bullion for coining into pesos. The certificates bear 4 per cent interest, are free from taxation and run for one year. They will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 each, made payable to bearer. These certificates are to be sold in this country.

The Citizens' State bank of Wissner, Neb., was today authorized to convert into the Citizens' National bank of Wissner, with \$50,000 capital.

PRESIDENT BELITTELL REVOLT

Nicaraguan Executive Says Rebels Are Surrounded and Will Soon Be Destroyed.

NEW YORK, March 24.—President Taft has cabled as follows:

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, March 24.—On March 19 a small uprising occurred in a part of the Department of Contales, Nicaragua. The rebels had surrounded the insurgents and will soon destroy them. The remainder of the country is completely tranquil.

LAND BUSINESS IS BRISK

Government Sells Four and Three-Quarter Millions Worth Last Year.

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