

WOULD KILL BEAUPRE

Such Plan Alleged to Have Been Suggested at Capital of Colombia

PROPOSED ACTION WAS NIPPED

Cooler Heads Prevail at Meeting Held at People of Bogota.

LUIS DEROUX HAS ARRIVED AT COLON

Brings Latest News of Conditions Prevailing in Disturbed Republic.

AMERICAN LEGATION CLOSELY GUARDED

Representative of Panama in Colombia House of Representatives Goes Home After Passing Through Many Difficulties.

COLON, Nov. 30.—Louis Deroux, who was a member of the Colombian house of representatives from Panama, and who made a speech in the house October 2, warning Colombia to sign the Hay-Herran canal treaty immediately or it would lose the isthmus the day congress closed, and who was also instrumental in bringing about the appointment of General Abadía as governor of Panama, has arrived here from Bogota, whence he started November 1, to see Senator Deroux in a Panamanian and owing to his well known political connections he was subjected to annoyances and affronts at Bogota, and on the Magdalena river, where at one place on the way down a number of Colombians threatened to board the steamer and molest him. Trouble was averted by the captain cutting the vessel's moorings and dropping down stream. At Bogota efforts were made to persuade Senator Deroux to join the Reyes commission to the isthmus, but this he declined to do.

When Senator Deroux left Bogota, the United States legation was guarded by fifty soldiers, armed with rifles. Mr. Beaupre mentioned that possibly he would come down the river, but he has apparently decided not to do so. A governmental consulting committee has been formed at Bogota. It is composed of liberals, conservatives and others.

Wanted to Kill Beaupre.

The statement was made at a meeting that Beaupre must be killed either in the United States destroyed Cartagena or not, in retaliation. Wiser counsel, however, prevailed.

Bogota and the entire country is waiting to hear from General Reyes, whose grant of full presidential powers has been confirmed.

While there is still much talk in Colombia of raising a big army, no actual steps in that direction have been made. Public contributions are being made and decrees occasionally issued referring to preparations for war, but no warlike demonstrations have been made. The Colombian possessed a large number of rifles, some of which and quantities of ammunition. Ammunition has recently been moved from Bayia Honda to Bogota. Colombia still entertains hopes that General Reyes will succeed in effecting a satisfactory arrangement at Washington.

Falling in this, the Colombian, it is believed, will undoubtedly advance on the isthmus, sending troops in small parties of from 2,000 to 3,000 along both coasts, sufficiently inland to keep their movements secret, and on arriving on the borders of Panama they will, it is said, begin a guerrilla warfare, pillaging and burning.

They may also be allowed to transport troops by sea, in small schooners and other craft, between unimportant and little known ports, hoping to avoid the general movement toward Panama, or possibly landing troops in the Chiriqui district. The Colombian army can carry out such a movement without the knowledge of the Americans and believe their soldiers lured to the hardships of campaigning and living on the country without a commissariat, and can reach the borders of Panama overland.

Can Maintain Army Cheaply.

Colombia can move troops without money because it can send them into the field without a hospital corps, without a commissary department, without means of transportation and without pay.

Notwithstanding the Colombian government's assurances all the political parties have not fully and unselfishly rallied to the support of the government in this crisis. The internal political dissensions are slowly growing more marked. The local revolutionary movement is showing signs of abatement. The entire country and a recurrence of the recent riot at any time within a year would not surprise those familiar with Colombian affairs.

An American traveling salesman who spent the last month in Cartagena has arrived here. He reports that Cartagena is quiet, with the exception of an occasional outbreak of popular excitement against the United States, but nothing serious has occurred there. The American consul at that place has not been molested. There are only two or three Americans in Cartagena, and they are long time residents, and well liked. There is no fear of their being interested with the Colombian government.

Hard to Convince Them.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—It is learned that Mr. Beaupre, American minister at Bogota, has received several different propositions from the Colombian government since the publication of the correspondence, each containing some indirect method of rectifying what the Colombian themselves now regard as a fatal blunder of permitting the Hay-Herran treaty to expire last September. Mr. Beaupre is using his best efforts to make it clear to the Colombian officials that the treaty is dead beyond resurrection, and that he cannot even conduct negotiations looking to the acquisition from Colombia of a right-of-way across the isthmus, located in an independent republic, over which Colombia has no authority.

MR. BRYAN IS STILL EATING

Lord Mayor of Belfast is Latest on Nebraska's List of Entertainers.

HELINFART, Ireland, Nov. 30.—William J. Bryan lunched with the lord mayor of Belfast today and subsequently made a four-quarter hour shipbuilding yards and other large manufacturing concerns. He will proceed tonight to Glasgow and Edinburgh.

CHURCH AND STATE CONFLICT

At Least This Seems to Be Opinion of Priest in Porto Rico.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Nov. 29.—Rev. Felipe Villajos, a Spanish priest of the Catholic church at San Juan, had been convicted by the district court of a violation of the marriage law in marrying a couple whose marriage has been annulled. He was sentenced to a term of 120 days in jail. Right Rev. James H. Blaisdell, bishop of Porto Rico, has appealed to Governor Hunt to pardon Father Villajos, which appeal the governor now has under consideration. In justification of his action Father Villajos claims that the laws of the church are above the civil code relating to marriage and says that his course has been approved by Bishop Blenk. This is the first approach to a serious clash between church and state since the occupation of the island by the United States, though there have been other cases in which defiance of the civil marriage law has been shown. The feeling concerning the matter is intense and the decision of Governor Hunt is eagerly awaited.

PROBE GRAFTS IN HAWAII

Federal Grand Jury Returns Indictments Against Officers of Legislature.

HONOLULU, Nov. 30.—The federal grand jury, which was charged by the late Judge Estes, reported today to his successor, Judge Dole. The report accuses the late legislature of systematic and monumental "grafting" and recklessness in the granting of warrants for work never done and for excessive overcharges, \$20,000 having been spent altogether. The house members, says the report, present an astonishing spectacle. Many clerks are mentioned by name. Rev. Kulaume is criticized, and S. Mehlua, the clerk of the House of Representatives, is indicted for the destruction of public documents. Several vouchers in his favor are missing. Another indictment is against James Nakole, cashier of the national revenue office, who is charged with the embezzlement of \$100.

LONDON GETS A SNOW MANTLE

Snow Storms Succeed the Long-Continued Rains Throughout the Kingdom.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The incessant rains have been succeeded by snow storms, which, today, are general throughout Great Britain and many parts of the continent. The fall in London was very slight, but in some of the country districts outdoor work is suspended and traffic is carried on with difficulty. Sixteen degrees of frost were recorded in the south of Scotland last night. Vessels are seeking refuge in the harbors along the British coast.

The snow storms are so severe in Belgium that telegraphic and telephonic communication with Germany is interrupted. A score of lives have been lost from the crews of the vessels composing the French fishing fleet during the storms of the last few days.

COACHES BURN UNDERGROUND

Accident Starts an Incorrupt Rumor Which Fills All Paris with Excitement.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—There were two accidents on the Metropolitan Electric Underground railroad today, somewhat similar to the great catastrophe of August 19, but there was no loss of life. In each case a car was burned between stations, causing the passengers to seek for escape along the tracks. As the accidents occurred in open stretches of track, the dense smoke escaped and the dangers of suffocation were averted. The first reports had it that another catastrophe had occurred, which caused much excitement throughout the city.

STRANGE SMOKE SPREADS FEAR

South American State, Six Times Visited by Earthquakes, is Much Distressed.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Nov. 30.—For nearly three days past the city of Cumana, state of Bermudez, on the Gulf of Cariaco, has been enveloped in sulphurous smoke. The origin of the phenomenon cannot be explained. The inhabitants of the place, numbering about 10,000, are afraid to leave their houses.

A committee is engaged in investigating the matter. Cumana has been destroyed six times by earthquakes.

CUNARD LINER BADLY BEATEN

Steamer New York Lands American Mails in London Four Hours Earlier.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The American mails brought by the steamer New York, which arrived at Southampton Saturday, reached the London postoffice four hours before those landed at Queenstown by the Cunard liner Umbria. As no mails are distributed in London on Sunday, however, those brought by both steamers will be distributed simultaneously this morning.

This Empire Won't Stand It.

CARACAS, Nov. 30.—Senator Calvo, a jurist-consul of Argentina, has been appointed to succeed Senator Leoncy Castello, the Spanish ambassador at Paris, as umpire in the case of the Franco-Venezuelan claims, owing to the ambassador having declined to serve as umpire as a result of the attacks of the Venezuelan press on the Spanish arbitrators at Caracas.

FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S FIREMEN

More Wages May Be Insisted Upon Before Secret Conference is Adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 30.—A secret convention of officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen is in session here. About twenty delegates are in attendance. The firemen have asked for the same pay under the new schedule of nine hours a day as they received when they worked ten hours. Conferences with officers of the railroad have failed to produce any result, and although no definite information is obtainable, it is thought the firemen have called the delegates together to take up this question and determine the course to be pursued to obtain what they demand.

S. G. Washburn of Utoutown, Pa., chairman of the convention, refused absolutely to talk upon the matters under discussion by the delegates.

GO TO WORK OR PAY FINES

Such Alternative Given Striking Miners in the Telluride District.

PRISONERS AT VICTOR APPEAL TO COURT

Coal Miners Ordered to Cease Work in Utah, While Those in Northern Colorado Fields Resume Labors.

TELLURIDE, Colo., Nov. 30.—Carrying out the previous instructions of Governor Peabody when he ordered that "agitators, idlers and trouble breeders be driven from the camp," Sheriff Rutan today arrested twenty-eight men, soldiers assisting the civil officers. Twenty of the prisoners were discharged later by Justice of the Peace Robinson. Eight others were fined from \$5 to \$25 each. One man was fined for contempt of court. The sentences except in the contempt case were suspended until December 2, when the fines must be paid or incarceration in jail will follow unless the men go to work.

About fifty miners are working on the Tomboy property. No attempt will be made to resume work at any other of the idle mines until the Tomboy has secured a full force of miners and mill men.

Habeas Corpus for Miners.

VICTOR, Colo., Nov. 30.—Deputy Sheriff Wilson today served writs of habeas corpus for the bodies of Sherman Parker, C. G. Kenison, Paul Murray, W. F. Davis and W. B. Easterly on Colonel Verdeckberg, commander of the National Guard in this district. The writs are returnable to Judge Seeds December 3. Colonel Verdeckberg said the men would be turned over to the civil authorities before Thursday. All have been incarcerated in the bull pen for one week.

Strike Ordered in Utah.

SCOFFIELD, Utah, Nov. 30.—All the coal mining camps in this district were placarded today with official notices of the United Mine Workers of America, declaring a strike in the Utah coal fields and calling on all the miners to cease work from now on a systematic fight for the demands of the miners will be made under the direction of the union.

The notice of eviction served on the striking miners occupying houses on ground leased from the company expired today and guards, armed with rifles, made a house to house call, demanding that the houses be vacated. No disturbances are reported.

More Miners Back at Work.

DENVER, Nov. 30.—Nearly two-thirds of the 2,000 miners who were ordered to leave the Colorado coal fields resumed work today and it is expected that within a week or two the full force will be at work.

The announcement of the settlement of the strike in the northern district was the cause of general rejoicing in all business circles, for it means an end to the coal shortage.

Hopes are entertained that the conference of union officials at Trinidad on Wednesday will lead to a settlement of the strike in the southern fields.

THREE LYNCHED IN LOUISIANA

Negroes Who Tried Guns Upon White Man Are Summarily Executed.

SHREVEPORT, La., Nov. 30.—In the presence of a crowd of about 1,200 persons, composed of whites and negroes, James Davis, Walter Carter and Clint Thomas, all negroes, were lynched this afternoon about 1 o'clock within a short distance of Belcher, which is twenty miles from Shreveport. The men were executed for participating in the fatal shooting of Robert Adger, one of the most popular white men in north Louisiana. The negroes confessed their crime. They stated that they were trying new guns and when Adger appeared on the street thought it quite proper to turn the guns on him. No shots were fired at the fatal shooting. Adger was being hanged to a single limb. Two of the negroes under arrest, Sam Lee and Peter Thomas, were released.

The negroes of Belcher joined in the search for the men and apparently were eager to have them lynched as the whites.

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TYPHOID FEVER AT COLLEGE

President Harper of Chicago University Warns Students of Grave Danger.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—President Harper of the University of Chicago has warned the students against typhoid fever epidemic at the university. A number of cases have developed in the last few days and the authorities, fearing a siege, have begun the most rigid efforts to stamp out the disease before it gets a firmer hold among the students.

Today, before a special meeting of the students, President Harper personally asked university men and women to do all in their power to help the authorities in their efforts to rid the university of the disease.

The students were asked to leave boarding houses where the water was not boiled and to take other precautions. Dr. Charles P. Small, the university physician, said: "Only a few cases have been reported as yet, and I am sure that the fever can be controlled if we are helped by the precautions of the students."

KILL STREET SIGN MATTER

Real Estate Exchange Men Attend Council Meeting and Settle the Proposition.

A committee from the Real Estate exchange, headed by J. W. Robbins, Judge Shabugh, Herman Kountze, C. C. Bolden and others, put the proposed scheme of marking the streets in conjunction with advertising matter to sleep yesterday afternoon. After they finished speaking the council in committee session voted to place the ordinance on file. Mr. Kountze objected to the advertising matter on the streets and Judge Shabugh said the newspapers are the place for advertising matter. County Commissioner-elect Kennard, President Wallace of the exchange and John H. Butler also uttered protests. No one appeared to defend the proposed ten-year contract.

Priceo Banks Get Money.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—A telegraphic transfer of \$300,000 to San Francisco made today by the subsidiary for account of local banking. Further large shipments are likely.

OMAHA PLACE TO BE FILLED

Immigration Inspector to Be Named at an Early Day by Department of Commerce.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Special Telegram.—It is expected that the Department of Commerce and Labor will within a few days announce the selection of an immigration inspector for Omaha and the district which Senator Millard succeeded in obtaining for his home city during the summer. Last August, once the civil service commission held an examination for immigration inspector and a number of residents of this city took the examination, several obtaining the requisite passing marks. After the examination Senator Millard requested the appointment of F. W. Fitch, Omaha attorney, who had passed a creditable examination. The civil service commission in its report to Secretary Cortelyou finds a number of names ahead of Mr. Fitch and the department is inclined to choose another man from the list of eligibles for the reason that Mr. Fitch, being a high class as the others, has twice been certified to the position, Tex., and to Fort Townsend, both certifications being declined. The immigration inspector which Senator Millard secured for Omaha pays \$1 per day.

Representative Hineshaw has obtained the following permits for soldiers' widows: Mary Kenney, York, \$12; Sarah E. Moore, York, \$12; Sibilla Wellman, Bradshaw, \$8.

These rural carriers were appointed today: Nebraska—Doniphan, regular, James R. Britton; substitute, Jessie P. Britton; Gardner, regular, Wertz P. Schaumburg; substitute, Anna M. Schuchman; regular, Nels Seward; substitute, August E. Shurgen; Slogard, regular, Maurice V. Leger; substitute, Henry P. Leger; Iowa—Strawberry Point, regular, John F. Hardman, Jr.; substitute, Walter Jewell.

A rural free delivery route will be established January 1 at Warren, Colo., the route embraces an area of twenty-four square miles containing a population of 60.

Lorenzo R. Bickford has been appointed postmaster at Wellfleet, Lincoln county, Neb. George S. Hicks, resigned.

National banks authorized to begin business: First National of Lake Arthur, Ia., with \$25,000 capital; officers, Frank Roberts, president; W. S. Streater, cashier. First National of Scotland, S. D., with \$50,000 capital; C. C. King, president; V. S. Parker, vice president; J. P. Resner, cashier.

Chief Justice Fuller in the supreme court today ordered that the case of the state of South Dakota against North Carolina be restored to the docket and set for argument January 4 next. This case involves the validity of certain bonds held by South Dakota, which were issued by North Carolina and purchased by the authorities of South Dakota as an investment to be placed to the credit of the sinking fund for school purposes in the state. North Carolina repudiated the bonds and South Dakota seeks to recover.

ARE DEAD IN OLD KENTUCKY

Two Killed and Two Wounded by Assassins Who Abduct at Night.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 30.—A special from Hodgenville, Ky., says that two men were killed, one mortally wounded and another seriously hurt in the Pikeville neighborhood of Hart county last night. The dead are: Squire Osborne and Dave Osborne, his son. The wounded, Will Gardner, mortally; and John Bennett.

The alleged murderer, Custer Gardner, a young farmer, was caught at Elizabethtown today after a desperate fight and is being taken to Mumfordsville and lodged in jail. Under cover of darkness, while the intended victims were sitting around the fire, the assassin crept to the window of the room and placing his Winchester revolver to the door, fired several times. Squire Osborne fell to the floor, his head torn almost off. His son Dave was shot through the heart, and Will Gardner was wounded in the abdomen. John Bennett's left arm was shattered by a ball.

Squire Osborne is a district magistrate. The crime and its iniquity in a family party today developed into a factional fight. Gardner has heretofore been a good reputation. The tragedy has caused the greatest excitement in years in Larue, Hart and Hardin counties, where the principals are well known and have many relatives.

DR. HUNTER GETS CERTIFICATE

Former Minister to Guatemala is the Only Republican Congressman from Kentucky.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 30.—The Kentucky election commission today issued a certificate of election to congress from the Eleventh district to Dr. W. G. Hunter of Cumberland county, late minister to Guatemala. He was elected at the special election held on November 18 last to succeed the late Vincent Horing, who died on an unexpired term of one year. Dr. C. C. Edwards and John D. White objected to the giving of a certificate to Dr. Hunter and threatened to contest in Washington before congress.

Dr. Hunter left here tonight for Washington to file his certificate and take his seat. He notified Speaker Joseph G. Cannon of the house of representatives by telegraph of his receiving a certificate of election, also that the speaker should not overlook him in committee assignments.

Dr. Hunter is the only republican congressman from Kentucky.

COTTON MILLS MAKE BIG CUT

Thirty-Two Thousand Operatives in New England Have Their Pay Reduced.

BOSTON, Nov. 30.—The wages of about 23,000 cotton textile operatives were reduced today. Today's addition brings the total number in New England who have had their pay cut down this fall to about 64,000. The cut which takes effect in New Bedford next Monday will swell the total to about 75,000 and complete a general reduction in southern New England cotton mills. The cut down in the majority of factories averages 10 per cent. Today practically every cotton mill in Rhode Island where there are about 2,385,000 spindles, and the cut which takes effect in the new order of things will mean a loss of fully \$20,000,000 in wages. The cut also became operative in mills in Massachusetts and Connecticut controlled by Rhode Island capital and employing about 7,600 additional hands.

The reports from the mills district indicate that the new schedules were received without any serious protest on the part of the operatives.

GENERAL BROOKE ON STAND

Tells of Friction Between Himself and General Wood in Cuba.

WOOD IGNORED HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER

Retired Officer Says that Man Under Investigation Fomented Discord to Help His Career on the Island.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Major General John R. Brooke, retired, former governor general of Cuba, today gave testimony before the senate committee on military affairs, which charged insubordination against General Leonard Wood. General Brooke was before the committee more than two hours and occupied the entire time in telling of General Wood's conduct at Santiago. The witness offered in support of his statements many documents taken from records at the War department and several papers from his personal collection. At the close of his testimony a member of the committee said that it was probably the only thing that would have returned from the Philippines and testify.

One of the charges made by General Brooke is that General Wood violated the order which required him to make inspections at Santiago, and to submit estimates to the governor general. As evidence of this violation General Brooke called attention to the building of barracks at Santiago without General Wood having given notice to the department. General Brooke said also that General Wood continually sent communications to the War department over the head of his commanding officer. The witness assured the committee that he carried nothing out of the order, but said that the proceeding had been detrimental to military discipline.

General Brooke called the attention of the committee in support of an allegation that General Wood had neglected to work in harmony with the ordinary government, the matter of General Wood's attitude toward the newspapers at Santiago, which repeatedly made attacks on General Brooke's administration. General Brooke read a number of these attacks and also his recommendations to the War department that papers be suppressed unless they depicted.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Snow Flurries Tuesday; Wednesday Fair.

Table with columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Hour, Deg., and Forecast for today and tomorrow.

RELIEF FUND IS GROWING

Contributions for Families of Firemen Over Sixteen Hundred Dollars.

The fund for the relief of the widows and families of the four brave firemen who gave up their lives Thanksgiving morning in the performance of their duties combating the flames which devoured the Allen Bros. warehouse, has reached \$1,612.96. The fund is still open and subject to continued donations. It is hoped that it will be multiplied before several weeks have passed. Mayor Moore submitted this list last night.

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the relief fund.

SCOTS CELEBRATE AN EVENT

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Founding of Order of Scottish Clans Observed.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Order of Scottish Clans was celebrated last night with speechmaking and a sumptuous banquet by the Omaha Scotchmen of the Order of the Clan Grouse. The addresses of the evening were informal and included the following: "Benefits of the Order as I See Them," W. R. Hobbs, M. D.

"Formation of the Order of Scottish Clans in America," John G. Troup.

Addresses were also made by Secretary J. C. Lindsay and others. A feature of the evening was the music, which consisted of Scotch airs. One of these was rendered by Mrs. S. D. Lee and was highly appreciated.

As the guests marched in to dinner the band played a Scotch march that was played on the clan pipes by J. C. Buchanan. The Order of Scottish Clans has enjoyed remarkable prosperity and is of great influence among the Scots in this country.

TO PAY TRIBUTE TO M'KINLEY

Local Republican Club Takes Preliminary Steps for Birthday Anniversary Celebration.

The McKinley Republican club will celebrate the birthday anniversary of the late President McKinley January 29, preliminary steps for which were taken yesterday afternoon by the banquet committee of the club which had been appointed by Dr. H. A. Foster.

The club will invite as local speakers Hon. John L. Webster and Hon. Edward Ross, water and hopes to secure several notable men from abroad to address the meeting. Of the outside dignitaries this list was decided on from which to make selections if possible: Senators Hanna, Depew, Faulkner, Beveridge, Dooliver, Spooner, Taft and Governor Cummins of Iowa. Governor Mickey and other prominent Nebraskans will be invited.

These members of the club were appointed as chairman of the respective committees: N. P. Dodge, Jr., banquet; Oliver Evers, speakers; J. Ziegler, advertising and publicity; Charles Foster, arrangements of banquet.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

Matters of Importance Demand the Presence of Every Member of the Association.

A mass meeting of the Commercial club is called for this evening at 8 o'clock sharp. The purpose is to discuss measures for the good of the city and a general conference on business, commercial and miscellaneous interests. In every business man of the city is interested. It is earnestly desired that every one of the 450 members of the Commercial club make an effort to be present. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 8 o'clock and will be exclusively a business affair.

HIGH PRAISE FOR NEW MEXICO

Mining Inspector Feels Assured Its Coal Mining Possibilities Are Almost Unlimited.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—J. E. Sheridan, United States mining inspector for New Mexico, in his annual report says the demand for coal in the territory has exceeded the supply, notwithstanding the substitution of oil for fuel on 2,000 miles of railroad. Great strides have been made in the territory's coal industry and the report says:

"Given ample transportation facilities and a sufficient number of miners, the New Mexico coal mines are today developed and equipped to quadruple the output, or produce 5,000,000 tons per annum, which can be easily increased to 10,000,000 tons, or ten times that amount with further increase of development and equipment."

HYMENEAL

May and December.

BLOOMFIELD, Ia., Nov. 30.—J. W. Burgess of Wamego, Kansas, aged 71 years, and Ida M. Sampson of Drake, aged 25, were united in marriage Saturday afternoon in the office of the county recorder by Rev. M. Downing. Until the day prior to their marriage they had never met, but had corresponded. Both have previously been married, and they became acquainted through a son of the groom.

ARREST ENDS GRAFT

Such is Statement of Lant K. Salisbury, Former Grand Rapids Attorney.

BANK ACCOUNT LARGELY OVERDRAWN

Reason Given by City's Legal Representative for His Illegal Acts.

NEW YORK MAN ADVANCED THE CASH

Funds Which Were Spent Came from an Eastern Inspector.

MANY PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE DEAL

Testimony Tends to Show Newspapers and Officials Had Part of Cash Sent to Aid Municipal Legislation.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 30.—The examination of State Senator David E. Burns, who was charged by Lant K. Salisbury, the former city attorney, in his confession of the bribery of municipal officials as others in connection with the notorious water deal in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for his work was begun today in police court. Salisbury was the first witness for the prosecution. He testified that he offered Burns \$200 in addition to \$100 which Burns told him he had already received. Burns swore the offered \$300, which he said was not a \$100 man, that he used to get introduced the bill in the legislature and have the other persons in the deal make a large amount, while he had just a little. Burns threatened, so Salisbury swore, that he would take on a referendum clause to the bill until the money was paid. He said he was given \$5,000. Finally Salisbury told him to put in the bill and to say nothing about the \$5,000 until the bill became a law, intimating that he would be further rewarded. The \$500 was paid to Burns in Salisbury's office in the city hall, witness testified.

Where Money Went.

Salisbury testified that the water deal first came to his attention in June, 1900, when Thomas F. McGarry, a local attorney, told him that he had some clients who wanted to get a contract to furnish the city with water and that there would be \$5,000 in it for him. Salisbury was driven into the deal, so he testified, because of a \$15,000 shortage in his bank account caused in unfortunate speculation in wheat. He met R. A. Cameron of New York and agreed to go into the deal for \$25,000 cash. The money was sent by H. A. Taylor of New York to the money man in the deal, to the State Bank. "My sole purpose was to take the \$25,000," said Salisbury, "to straighten up my bank account. If I had gotten that money at that time I would have settled the shortage and there the water deal would have ended."

Attorney McGarry, however, wanted \$1,500 from Salisbury, he testified, but it was finally agreed that Salisbury should pay him \$700.

Salisbury then went into the matter of the newspapers' alleged connection with the deal. "Mr. Cameron wanted to know if the newspapers would support us," I told him that I would take care of it, I paid Charles S. Burch of the Evening Press \$5,000. I also gave J. Clark Sprout, the manager of the Democrat, some. I was talking of becoming a partner with Sprout, it being understood that I was to use the paper as I wanted."

Implicates Others.

After paying McGarry \$700, so he testified, he went down to ex-Mayor Perry's office and gave him \$3,333. "Perry's theory," so Salisbury testified, "was for him and the Democrat (a local paper) to support the Bailey Springs water project, this being the national bank, who, as he said, represented the money man in the Michigan deal, in the interest of the water deal. He advocated the Bailey Springs deal with the sole purpose of getting the other papers to oppose the project, before it was known that the other papers would accept money. Mr.