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MOODY ON THE STAND

Attorney General Principal Witness in Trial of Packers Case.

DENIES ACCURACY OF COPY OF LETTER

Says One Sentence in President's Note About Case Has Been Changed.

STATEMENT CREATES A SENSATION

Attorneys for Defense Object to Matter Being Brought Before Jury.

GARFIELD REPORT IN EVIDENCE

Mr. Miller, for the Packers, Begins Reading Book of Three Hundred and Fifty Pages to the Jury.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—United States Attorney General Moody took an active part today in the trial of the packers' case. At the opening of court he was called upon by Attorney John S. Miller, who represents Armour & Co., to produce the original copy of a letter written to him by President Roosevelt, or to admit the authenticity of a copy which Mr. Miller produced in court.

The attorney general admitted the accuracy of the document as a copy, but declared the clause in the letter which the attorneys of the packers construed as meaning that the department of justice and the department of commerce and labor were working on the case in unison was not correct. His assertion caused much excitement among the attorneys for the packers and they objected to the statement as being improper before the jury. The letter was not offered in evidence, but was marked for identification. But three witnesses were on the stand during the day, and their evidence was not of general interest, relating as it did, entirely to the manner in which the agents of the government examined the books of Nelson Morris & Co. and the Fairbank Canning company.

The afternoon session of the court was taken up by the reading to the court of the Garfield report on the packing industry. It is a document of 350 pages.

Attorney General Moody Called.

Attorney General Moody was today called on by the attorneys for the packers to admit the authenticity of a letter written to him by President Roosevelt, in which it was plainly stated that the Department of Justice and the Department of Commerce were working together in the packers' case and with the permission of the president, or to produce the original of the document.

The attorney general declared that he would admit the authenticity of the letter, subject to its verification by J. A. Kratz, his private secretary. The letter, as produced in court by the attorneys for the packers, was a copy of the original document as it appeared in a published account of the proceedings of the senate.

The attorney general read the letter and then rose to his feet. "If it pleases the court," he said, "I feel it my duty upon reading this letter to say in regard to this sentence which it contains, 'with my permission, the department of justice and the department of commerce and labor', is not correct."

All the lawyers for the packers rose to their feet at the words of the attorney general, several of them addressing the court excitedly. "I would like to finish—" said the attorney general.

Document Not in Evidence.

"I understand that the attorney general merely assented to the authenticity of the document," said Judge Humphrey.

Attorney Miller, for the packers, who made the request of the attorney general to admit the accuracy of the document, did not introduce it in evidence but had it marked for identification.

The cross-examination of C. M. McFarlane was then resumed by District Attorney Morrison. The questioning was directed toward the subsidiary companies, which, it is claimed by the government, were the medium through which the control of prices on all products was effected. Mr. McFarlane said that he had been present at a meeting of the directors of the Oppenheimer company as a representative of one of the easing men of the Fairbank Canning company.

"Did that man represent the Morises?"

"I don't know. I have been there for twenty years, but I don't know anything about it."

The witness declared that the government agents examined the books of the Aetna Trading company and the Kenwood company, but said that he knew little about the operations of the subsidiary companies.

At the conclusion of the cross-examination the attorneys for the packers attempted to prove the accuracy of the books by Mr. McFarlane, but met objections from the district attorney.

Darius N. Knight, chief clerk of the figuring department of the Fairbank Canning company, was called to the stand. The greater part of his testimony was similar to that of the preceding witness, Mr. McFarlane.

The direct examination of Mr. Knight was brief and he was not cross-examined by the government. Harry A. Timmons, chief accountant for the Fairbank Canning company, followed Knight on the stand, and his testimony did not differ materially from that offered by McFarlane and Knight. At the conclusion of Timmons' evidence Attorney Miller asked permission to offer in evidence for the packers the Garfield report of March 8, 1905, on the beef industry. No objection was offered and Mr. Miller commenced to read the report which contains 350 pages.

"Are you going to read the entire book?" asked the court.

"I so desire," replied Mr. Miller. "It might as well be now as at any time."

"Well, you might as well sit down while you read," replied the court.

The entire afternoon was occupied by the reading of the report.

Missourians Invest in Gotham.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—On the most expensive piece of ground in America, the southeastern corner of Wall street and Broadway, an eighteen-story building will be erected, beginning next May, by St. Louis capitalists connected with the Mercantile Trust company of that city. The building will be absolutely plain and of steel and vitrified brick. The plat is 20x40 feet and cost $700,000 several months ago. The building will cost $225,000.

Children Burn to Death.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 6.—Three children of J. B. Cypher, girls, aged 1, 3 and 5 years respectively, were burned to death in their home six miles south of Big Timber last night. The parents left the children alone. When they returned the house was in ruins.

FINNS ARE IMPORTING ARMS

St. Petersburg Newspaper Claims They Are Preparing to Join Revolutionists.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 6.—The Novoe Vremya today continued its revelations in regard to the importations of arms into Finland. The paper declared it had evidence that the radical organization in Finland was preparing for open war in support of the next outbreak of the Russian revolution. Not only were well armed infantry being drilled, but horses were being used for cavalry and artillery service and shells for field artillery were being collected.

The statements of the Novoe Vremya are undoubtedly correct so far as the Finnish extremists are concerned, but the nationalists, and even the social democrats organization, disclaim any connection or even sympathy with violent measures.

The appointment of General Langhoff, former commander of the Semionovsky regiment, to be state secretary of Finland, the connecting link between the emperor and the grand duchy, is unsatisfactory to the Finlanders. General Langhoff, though a native Finn, has been a lifetime in the Russian service and has no administrative qualities. The governor of Bjoerneborg, who was the Finnish candidate for the state secretaryship, was rejected, although his candidacy was supported by Count Witte.

Reports which have been in circulation for several days to the effect that General Grodekoff, who was governor of the Amur territory during the Boxer uprising and who became noted for his ruthless measures in restoring order in the Amur region and in Manchuria, will be appointed viceroy of the far east, with command of the land and sea forces, are semi-authoritatively confirmed. General Grodekoff, who is 62 years old, and a member of the council of the empire, left St. Petersburg last week for Harbin. General Linevitch, the commander of the Manchurian armies, will probably retire. His name has been mentioned in connection with the viceroyalty of the Caucasus.

FRANCE TO MAKE GUARANTEES

Moroccan Police Force Not to Be Used as Political Force.

ALGECIRAS, Spain, Feb. 6.—The discussion going on between the German and French delegates to the Moroccan conference begins to disclose their respective positions and how far each side is willing to yield on the main Franco-German question.

When France indicated a desire to control Morocco's police Germany objected on the grounds that it would permit of France to obtain complete political mastery of the country. France has now sought to meet this objection by suggesting certain guarantees limiting the scope of the police in such a manner as to guard against their use as an instrument for France laying hands on the Moroccan empire.

There is reason to believe that the foreign capitals have been advised of these guarantees and that some countries, but not all, have responded favorably. However, Germany doubts the sincerity of Algiers and continues to resist French control of the police as contrary to the policy of the open door, the German conception of the open door being that it should be a safeguard against exclusive political as well as commercial advantages.

RUSSIAN ELECTIONS FIXED

Delegates to Douma Will Be Selected April 7 and First Meeting Will Be Held April 28.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 6.—The elections to the National Assembly are fixed for April 7. The opening session will take place April 28. April 7 is the feast of the annunciation, one of the great Russian holidays. The three weeks' interval between the elections and the convocation of the National Assembly is the shortest time in which the representatives from Siberia and other remote localities could arrive here. The local authorities have the privilege of beginning the primary elections to choose delegates to the electoral college as soon as the election districts are complete.

Bodies from Valencia Wreck.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 6.—Six bodies of the Valencia wreck victims have been recovered, including twelve brought in yesterday—nine men and three women. Of the former four have been identified as O. W. Ingleborne of Ferndel, Wash.; Gus Erickson of San Jose, H. M. Peters of Los Angeles and Peter Glude of Brownville, Wash. One of the others is thought to be the remains of J. B. Montgomery, quartermaster.

FATAL FIRE IN MARYLAND

Nine Negroes Burn to Death in Flames Started by a Child.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 6.—About 3 o'clock this morning an isolated small frame house near the village of Curtis Bay in Anne Arundel county was consumed by fire, in which were burned to death nine negroes, only one of the inmates escaping alive. The only inmate who escaped with her life was Ella Webster, a woman who managed to get to a window and jumped from the second story to the ground. For a few minutes after striking the ground she was unconscious, and on recovering made her way to neighboring houses and gave the alarm.

When the neighbors arrived the house was a pile of blazing and smoking debris, and when the bodies were recovered nothing but the charred bones of the victims were left. According to a statement of the survivor the fire was caused by one of the younger children, who got up to stir the fire in the chimney place and accidentally scattered coals on the floor.

SMOOT HEARING POSTPONED

Other Committee Work Prevents Attendance of Quorum of Senate Elections Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The resumption of the hearings in the case of Senator Smoot before the senate committee on privileges and elections, which was to have begun today, was postponed until tomorrow. A large number of witnesses and lawyers were present in the witness room, but it was found at the last moment that so many members of the committee had committee engagements that it would be impossible to maintain a quorum.

There was evidently a disappointment over the postponement on the part of the people assembled. John G. Carlisle represented the protestants in place of Judge Taylor, who apeared previously in the case. As in the former hearings, a large number of the spectators were women.

Mr. Tillman's resolution for an investigation of the Chinese boycott was adopted.

YATES' MANAGER ENDS LIFE

Rev. George Simmons of Peoria Takes Poison and Dies at Home.

BANK CLOSED AND DEPOSITORS EXCITED

Sensational Confessions from Boys Affecting Morals of Minister Believed to Be Cause of the Suicide.

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 6.—Rev. George Simmons, pastor of the First Baptist church, president of the Interstate Savings bank and the People's Savings bank, and recently appointed manager of the Yates senatorial campaign in Peoria county, was found dead in bed this morning. He has been the object of investigation at the hands of the state's attorney, the two banks, and his congregation on the gravest charges, and it is presumed to be a case of suicide.

The body was found by his wife when she called him to breakfast. He had remained downtown until a late hour last night disposing of some business matters. A letter found beside him showed his death to have been premeditated. He said this was his last night on earth and wanted to leave a message of undying love to all. In part it said:

"Also no blame must attach to ex-Governor Yates nor his associates. He simply gave me an opportunity which his opponents and my enemies have prevented my using."

The last line, "That time fails me should I attempt to write personal messages," indicates he was dying as he brought this letter to a close.

Three physicians who were hastily summoned are of the opinion that death was caused by cyanide of potassium. Coroner Baker has taken charge of the remains. The People's Savings bank, of which Simmons was president, in the workmen's quarter of the city did not open its doors this morning. Cashier Look said it would remain closed until some further action was determined upon.

Run on Bank.

There was a run on the bank yesterday and by 10 o'clock this morning a large crowd surrounded the building clamoring for their money. The Interstate Savings bank, of which he was president up to yesterday, when his resignation was accepted and E. R. Hedrick elected in his stead, was also the object of runs yesterday and today. Early this morning the bank building was crowded with depositors demanding their money. Cashier Anicker said they would be able to stand the drain.

Dr. Simmons came to the First Baptist church five years ago from Terre Haute, Ind., and had been remarkably successful. He secured national publicity two years ago by advocating a dramatization of the life of Christ. He became manager of the senatorial campaign of former Governor Yates a week ago and shortly after serious stories affecting his morals were circulated. State's Attorney Scholes undertook an investigation yesterday and secured some sensational confessions from boys of his congregation. Dr. Simmons was 40 years of age and leaves a widow. He held charges in Texas, Jackson, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky., before coming here.

Bank Said to Be Solvent.

No proof has been produced today to show that the suicide was a defaulter, although the secrecy maintained by the officials of his private bank has led to much uneasiness. Mr. Simmons had little property himself, and his estate is not expected to run above $30,000. His interest in the Interstate bank was but $1,000. The Interstate bank suffered withdrawals of $20,000 today, but paid all demands.

The coroner's inquest will begin at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. The autopsy performed late tonight indicated cyanide of potash poisoning.

COLD IN THE NORTH AND EAST

Forty Degrees Below Zero is Reported from Points in New York.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Feb. 6.—At 7:30 this morning the mercury stands at 25½ below zero. Yesterday's record of 28 below at 8 a. m. was broken at Hibbing, Minn., where the mercury fell to 31 below.

BALLSTON, N. Y., Feb. 6.—The temperature dropped to 26 below zero here today.

ROME, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Northern New York was today swept by a cold wave, which involved greater hardship because of the unusual warmth of the winter thus far. Today was by far the coldest of the winter. One of the coldest points was at Camden, where 40 below was recorded. It was 32 below in this city, 35 at Northville, 26 at Johnstown, 19 at Amsterdam and 30 below at Saratoga.

BOSTON, Feb. 6.—A cold wave driven by a high wind sent a shiver over New England today. The coldest point was at Northfield, Vt., where the thermometer registered 22 below zero. In this city and on the coast generally it averaged 2 to 4 degrees below.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Today was the coldest of the present winter in New York City, the thermometer touching 5 above zero. This was 1 degree colder than the previous low record for the winter.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 6.—Street thermometers registered 10 degrees below here today—6 degrees warmer than yesterday. At La Crosse, Wis., the mercury fell to 18 below zero and the extreme cold weather is interfering with the running of trains, all trains being from ten to thirteen hours late.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 6.—With the thermometer registering 10 below zero, Pittsburg today experienced the coldest weather of the winter. Last night the police stations were filled with the homeless and a gas shortage in several sections of the city caused much suffering. Colder conditions are expected.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Feb. 6.—A temperature of 40 below zero was reached today from Loon lake in the Adirondack mountains.

AUTOMOBILISTS ARE FINED

Manufacturers Who Break Laws in Displaying Goods Are in Hands of Police.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Considerable friction has developed between the local police and the agents of automobile companies from other cities who are exhibiting at the automobile show now in progress in this city.

The agents, when desirous of showing the good points of their automobiles to prospective customers, run out on the streets and many of them give speed exhibitions. Every day since the commencement of the show a number of them have been arrested for speeding on the streets and for operating without a city license. When arraigned in the police courts nearly all of them have been fined, much to their disgust.

TOM LAWSON AT DES MOINES

Boston Man Confers with Governor Cummins Regarding Insurance Investigation in Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 6.—Thomas W. Lawson of Boston today called on and invited Governor Albert B. Cummins to serve with four other distinguished reformers of America on a committee to which he will turn over his New York Life and Mutual Life of New York proxies and which he asks to attend the coming annual meetings of these two companies for the purpose of electing good, honest, sound, business men as directors.

Governor Cummins replied that he would consider the proposition, and after a conference with Governor Johnson of Minnesota, one of the other members, would make definite answer.

The conference between Mr. Lawson and Governor Cummins was held in Governor Cummin's private office at the state house. Mr. Lawson was accompanied by E. J. Ridgeway, one of the publishers of Everybody's Magazine, in which Mr. Lawson's story, "Frenzied Finance" appeared.

Mr. Lawson told Mr. Cummins that the other members of the committee will be Governor Johnson of Minnesota, Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, George Braward of Florida, and ex-Attorney General Monett of Ohio. He said he had received a large number of proxies from policyholders in the New York Life and Mutual Life of New York, which, with the others he expects to get, and which he is confident will come in if the committee plan goes through, will give him control of both companies.

The proxies are so worded that Mr. Lawson cannot vote them himself. He must turn them over to a committee of unquestionably responsible men to be represented by him, which committee will attend the annual meetings and vote the proxies.

Mr. Lawson also told Mr. Cummins that he desired the committee to take steps to have the New York statutes amended to make a majority of the directors of the two mutual companies elected annually. At present less than a majority are elected each year.

Lawson addressed the Iowa legislature this morning by special invitation, and delivered one of his characteristically pointed but brief speeches on the insurance investigation and controversy.

FOUR KILLED, TEN INJURED

Rear-End Collision Between Passenger Trains Near Bridal Veil, Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6.—Four persons were killed and ten were more or less seriously injured in the collision today on the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company's line near Bridal Veil, Ore.

The dead:

E. L. SINNOTT of Portland, an employe of the American Type Founders' association.

A. E. EDWARDS of Portland.

GEORGE W. BUCHANAN, accountant, Portland.

J. W. FROST, Walla Walla, Wash.

The more seriously injured:

Mrs. [illegible], Walla Walla, Wash.; badly injured.

James J. Russell, East Oakland, Cal.; badly injured; may die.

Engineer Swain of No. 5, Portland; scalded, not serious.

Passenger train No. 5, known as the Pacific Express, from Chicago, ran into the rear of passenger train No. 3, known as the Spokane-Portland Special, which was standing on the main track with a disabled engine. The rear Pullman car on the Spokane-Portland special was badly wrecked. The other cars were not so badly wrecked, while almost the only damage done to the rear train was to the engine.

The Pacific Express was late and was making up time. At Bridal Veil the engine of No. 3 broke down and an effort was being made to repair the break. Brakemen were sent out with the customary signals, but through some mishap the heavy train was not stopped in time and crashed into the rear car of the standing train.

From advices received at the division superintendent's office in Portland an injector pipe on the engine of train No. 5 burst when Engineer Swain tried to stop it. The scalding steam drove the two engine men from the cab before they could stop their train.

CASHIER'S BODY IS FOUND

Corpse Discovered at Roanoke, Va., Identified as that of Pittsburg Banker.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 6.—The badly decomposed body of a man with a bullethole through his head, which was found yesterday in a thicket on the outskirts of Roanoke, Va., is believed to be that of Sturley C. Armstrong, the cashier of the Washington National bank, who mysteriously disappeared from this city on January 2. The identification was made possible early today when the number, 243,241, attached to a bunch of keys which were found on the body was identified as the number of the accident insurance policy carried by the missing cashier.

Mr. Armstrong's wife and four children were prostrated on hearing the news. Since his disappearance they have hoped he would come back safe, and the news of his death was a great shock to them.

Mr. Armstrong was well known in banking circles in this city and had held responsible positions for twenty years.

Notwithstanding the fact that his accounts were found to be entirely correct, many of the foreign depositors of the bank, becoming frightened at his prolonged absence, withdrew their money, but the deposits from others far exceeded the amount withdrawn and confidence was quickly restored.

Mrs. Armstrong, the cashier's wife, declared it was her belief that her husband's mind had become deranged from overwork and anxiety.

WABASH MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

Approximately One and One-Half Million Dollars Will Be Spent in Ohio.

CANTON, O., Feb. 6.—Announcement is made here that a contract was let by the Wabash Railway company Monday for the construction of the Bolivar-Orrville cut-off of twenty-two miles. The price is $450,000 and work is to begin within ten days. It is given out that a contract for the construction of the new shops of the company at Justus, O., for which a large tract of land has been purchased, will be let in a short time. The outlay for the shops and yards is estimated at $1,000,000.

It is admitted by railroad officials that the Sugar Creek & Northern railroad, a corporation recently organized under the laws of Ohio, is a Wabash project. The contract for a cut-off awarded Monday is given in the name of the Sugar Creek & Northern.

JEROME TO BEGIN WORK

District Attorney Will Present Insurance Frauds to Grand Jury.

MANY PROSECUTIONS DECIDED UPON

Witnesses Instructed to Be Ready to Appear Thursday—Cost of Investigating the Equitable.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Witnesses in one of the life insurance cases under examination by the district attorney's office were today notified to be in readiness to appear before the grand jury on Thursday. This will be the first active step taken by District Attorney Jerome in the prosecution of life insurance officials. It indicates abandonment on the part of Mr. Jerome of his original plan to have an extraordinary grand jury impanelled for the special consideration of life insurance cases. Whether an extraordinary grand jury will be impanelled later depends on the number and character of the cases which the district attorney shall decide on as deserving of criminal indictment.

Mr. Jerome, it is stated, has practically decided upon a large number of prosecutions and is only awaiting the publication of the report of the legislative investigating committee for the additional light it will throw upon some of the matters involved.

Investigations Are Expensive.

Special investigations of the Equitable Life Assurance society within a year have cost that corporation more than $300,000, according to a statement authorized today by Paul Morton, president of the Equitable, who added that while these investigations had been exceedingly expensive, they had been worth to the policyholders more than they had cost. It was reported in life insurance circles that the bills rendered by chartered accountants employed last summer by Mr. Morton to investigate the society's affairs amounted to about $275,000.

"That would be an over statement," said Mr. Morton. "It is true, however, that their services have been expensive. It must be remembered that this task has engaged the services of seventy men here for six months. This, together with special expenditures of a similar nature, collectively have amounted to between $30,000 and $40,000."

Begin Work on Mutual.

Having just completed their joint examination of the New York Life company, the insurance superintendents of Wisconsin, New York, Kentucky, Tennessee and Nebraska, it was stated today, have practically determined to begin at an early day a similar inquiry into the affairs of the Mutual Life Insurance company.

AFTER INSURANCE OFFICIALS

Former Pennsylvania Commissioners May Be Charged with Malfeasance.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 6.—The legislative investigating committee, which has been inquiring into the methods employed in the state insurance department, presented its report to the senate and house this afternoon.

The committee in its report calls the attention of Governor Pennypacker and Attorney General Carson to the testimony secured by it which may tend to establish malfeasance in office on the part of former Insurance Commissioners Luper, Lambert and Durham.

The committee further recommends that all the employes of the insurance department be salaried.

The report details the amounts received in fees by the different insurance commissioners during their respective terms of office. According to these figures Commissioner Luper received in his three-year term $16,422 and Commissioner Lambert in a four-year term $27,485. In Commissioner Durham's term of five years J. Clayton Erb, who was acting as actuary, was given $141,223 in fees. The records showed that only $5,000 was paid direct to Durham himself.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR IN COURT

Hayes Faction of Society is Restrained from Holding General Assembly Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Justice Anderson, in equity court No. 1 yesterday, signed an injunction against the Hayes faction of the Knights of Labor. John W. Hayes, Isaac H. Sanderson, Isaac D. Chamberlain, Henry A. Beckmeyer and Michael T. Judge are restrained as individuals and as alleged officers of the Knights of Labor from injuring, destroying or in any wise disposing of the records of the order; from calling or holding any meeting of the general assembly of the order pending the determination of the quo warranto proceedings on the law side of the court.

The defendants named may not, according to the injunction order, effect a change of parties to the controversies involved or receive any monies from the members of the order, or disbursing the same without keeping accurate books of account. The restraining order is not to go into effect until the complainants file an undertaking to be approved by the court.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP MOVE

Federal Circuit Court Upholds Right of Indianapolis to Buy Plant.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Purchase of the gas plant of the Consumers' Gas Trust company of Indianapolis, Ind., by the city of Indianapolis for municipal ownership purposes is declared to be legal in an opinion given here today by the United States circuit court of appeals. The decision reverses the decree of the district court in Indianapolis restraining the city from purchasing the plant of the gas company, the franchise of which has been terminated. Today's decision of the court of appeals is in an auxiliary proceeding, in which the city of Indianapolis asserted the right to become the exclusive purchaser of the gas plant.

SUFFRAGISTS IN BALTIMORE

Many Conferences Held Preliminary to Opening of National Convention Today.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 6.—As the number of delegates arriving increases there is multiplication of conferences looking to the perfecting of details of matters to come before the thirty-eighth annual convention of the National Woman Suffrage association, the regular session of which commences tomorrow. The business committee was in session practically all day, and at a meeting of the executive committee held tonight its recommendations were received and the plan of work of the convention was considered.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and Warmer Wednesday. Fair Thursday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	12	1 p. m.	22
6 a. m.	11	2 p. m.	24
7 a. m.	10	3 p. m.	24
8 a. m.	9	4 p. m.	23
9 a. m.	10	5 p. m.	24
10 a. m.	13	6 p. m.	23
11 a. m.	16	7 p. m.	22
12 m.	21	8 p. m.	20
		9 p. m.	19

ATTEMPT TO CREMATE NINE

Men Detected in Act of Firing House Occupied by South Dakota Sheriff.

MINOT, N. D., Feb. 6.—The village of Portal is greatly excited over what appears to have been a deliberate attempt to burn a home and cremate its nine inmates.

The scene was at the home of Lee Olson, foreman of the Soo roundhouse. Sheriff John Lee of Ward county also lives there, and the plot, it is thought, was against him.

Olson was awakened at 1 o'clock this morning by the sound of someone boring beneath his bedroom window. Jumping from bed he saw three men outside, who started to run away when they saw Olson. The latter awakened Sheriff Lee, and the two started in pursuit. After a running fight one man, who gave his name as Howard Smith, was captured. Another man was shot by Olson, but escaped. He was found later at a hotel on the Canadian side. It proved to be William Coyne, and the Canadian authorities turned him over to the American officers. Both men were brought to Minot. Coyne's condition is critical.

On examination it was discovered that the men had bored a hole through the side of the house. Besides this there was a large can of gasoline. It is thought by both the sheriff and Olson that the men intended to pour the gasoline into the hole and then set fire to the house in the hope of cremating the sheriff, who last week caused the arrest of eleven Portal gamblers.

Many threats of lynching have been made.

OMAHA MAN SEEKING A CHILD

Contests with Divorced Wife for Custody of Adopted Little One.

LEWISTON, Mont., Feb. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Habeas corpus proceedings instituted by William S. VanDusen, an Omaha business man, against his divorced wife, Minnie VanDusen, in which he seeks to recover a 2-year-old child adopted by them jointly prior to the divorce, has been heard by Judge Cheadle and taken under advisement. The woman was located here by VanDusen after a long search. He claims that under the decree of the Nebraska court the woman was forbidden to take the child from that jurisdiction. The defense asserts there is nothing in the decree to warrant such a conclusion, and that the little one, not being a child of the parties, cannot be taken from her and turned over to her former husband. If the little one was actually the child of the parties they could not display more interest than they are doing.

NEBRASKAN COMMITS SUICIDE

In New York Town and Waiting for Woman Who Evidently Disappointed Him.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Feb. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas Stack of Orleans, Neb., was found lying on the floor of a room in the Hotel Holahan at Unadilla yesterday with a 44-calibre revolver bullet through his head. A few days previously he had received a package from T. M. Shea of Orleans, Neb., who he said was his closest friend. He had been expecting a woman from Omaha and left directions at the hotel that should she arrive he be told without disclosing to her the fact that he was in the house.

According to his statements he had lived in Nebraska forty years, and was worth $5,000 in Nebraska real estate. The remains have been held waiting instructions from Nebraska relatives.

HANOVER BANK ENJOINED

Boston Concern Can No Longer Transact Business in State of Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Feb. 6.—A temporary injunction restraining the Hanover bank of this city from doing further business in this state was issued today in the equity session of the Massachusetts supreme court.

A representative of the attorney general's department informed the court that the condition of the institution was hazardous and that public necessity required that it be closed. The injunction is the result of an investigation into the bank's affairs.

Foster Hooper, vice president of the institution, was arrested here on the charge of using the mails to further a conspiracy to defraud, the arrest being made on a bench warrant issued by the United States district court of New Jersey.

IDENTIFIES MANN'S WRITING

Solicitor for Fads and Fancies Testifies Against Town Topics Financier.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Moses E. Wooster, solicitor for "Fads and Fancies," was a witness in the hearing of the case against Colonel W. D. Mann, editor of Town Topics, who is charged with perjury.

Wooster testified that he saw Colonel Mann write the characters "O. K." and "W. D. M." on a letter written by Count Reginald Ward. Colonel Mann's denial in the Hapgood libel trial that he wrote these characters on the letter forms the basis of the perjury charge against him.

W. L. Daniels, secretary-treasurer of the Town Topics Publishing company, testified that the company had a free list.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Feb. 6.

At New York—Arrived: Bleucher, from Hamburg; Vaderland, from Antwerp; Prinz August William, from Hamburg. Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, for Bremen; Prinzessin Victoria Louise, for St. Thomas; Georgia, for Naples; Deutchland, for Naples.

At Antwerp—Arrived: Zeeland, from New York, via Dover.

At Bremen—Arrived: Neckar, from New York.

At Christiansand—Sailed: Oscar II, for New York.

At Trieste—Arrived: Carpathia, from New York.

At Genoa—Arrived: Brasil, from New York.

At Cardiff—Sailed: Massachusetts, for New York.

At London—Arrived: Jason, from Tacoma; Maine, from New York.

At Glasgow—Arrived: Laurentian, from Philadelphia.

At Liverpool—Arrived: Montfort, from St. Johns, N. B.; Victoria, from New York. Sailed: Devonian, for Boston; Ivernia, for Boston.

At Southampton—Arrived: Minnetonka, from New York.

PROTEST BY PACKERS

Object to Having Cost of Inspection Service Thrown on Them.

INSIST LOSS OF THE STOCK IS ENOUGH

Congressman Kennedy Bestirs Himself to Secure an Appropriation.

INDICATIONS HE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL

Ready Letter Writer of the Railroads Falls Into Important Error.

AMERICAN WOMEN COMPLAIN OF THE TURK

Seized and Thrown in Jail on Arrival in Constantinople and Then Discharged Without Explanation.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Kennedy is determined, if such a thing be possible, to secure as large an appropriation for meat inspection at the packing houses as was carried in last year's agricultural budget and to emphasize in some way the necessity for continued inspection by the government. Since the failure of the efforts put forth by himself and Mr. Pollard when the urgency deficiency bill was before the house to secure an increase in the appropriation reported by the committee on appropriations, to the end that Secretary Wilson might put on an additional force of inspectors to meet present demands, Mr. Kennedy has been insistent that something should be done for the farmer. By reason of his inquiries he has learned that there is a feeling among some of the members on the agricultural committee that the packers should pay for the inspection instead of asking the government to do it. This is so foreign to what was intended by the law that Mr. Kennedy has been stirring himself for the last few days in an effort to counteract this influence.

"An inspection on the part of the packers, where they put up the money for inspection purposes, would not create confidence abroad," said Mr. Kennedy today. "The stamp of the government agent is the only stamp recognized. If we should permit the packers to do their own inspecting I have grave doubts if any of the foreign governments would accept our meats and ruin would stare both the packers and the farmers in the face. It is part of the business of the government to see to it that the meats that go from our packing houses are in prime condition and, that the inspection complies with the requirements of foreign countries."

Protest from Kenyon.

Mr. Kennedy today received from W. J. C. Kenyon, manager of the Union stock yards at South Omaha two important telegrams. One notifies him that resolutions passed yesterday by the South Omaha Live Stock exchange urging the committee on agriculture to make an appropriation for paying the cost of inspection as heretofore existing, had been mailed to Chairman Wadsworth of the agricultural committee. The other telegram was as follows:

I have just wired you a copy of the resolutions passed by the Live Stock exchange. My understanding is that the government is now considering the question of inspection expense, which footed up last year to something like $800,000, and that there is a disposition to saddle this expense upon the packers. Permit me to call your attention to the fact that at the present time the packers purchase live stock freely upon all markets, and that it is not possible to detect by an exterior examination tuberculosis in cattle and numerous other diseases in hogs and sheep until a post-mortem examination has been had. In the meantime the packers have purchased and paid for the animal outright, and when the animal is condemned by the government in the packing house the packer has no recourse on the seller. If, however, the expense of maintaining the inspectors at the packing houses is shouldered upon the packers it will result in the loss of condemned stock reverting back to the shipper, as the packer cannot afford to assume the maintainance of inspection expenses and stand the enormous loss which he is now subject to by reason of post-mortem examinations bringing to view diseases that were not apparent to the eye upon visual examination. Why should the packer be compelled to pay for an examination of this kind, which is in the line of the pure food commission? It would be class legislation pure and simple.

Wadsworth Promises Action.

This telegram was shown to Mr. Wadsworth by Mr. Kennedy. Mr. Wadsworth said that in all probability the agricultural committee would favor the present system of government inspection at government expense. Mr. Wadsworth further said that if Secretary Wilson would abandon certain lines of work which he has mapped out for his department the money thus saved could be used for continuing the present inspection service without seriously interfering with packing interests, and the money thus obtained would be sufficient to tide the department over until next fiscal year. It is believed Secretary Wilson will see the importance of this statement and act accordingly.

Bede Reluctant to Come.

Congressman J. Adam Bede of Minnesota, one of the great orators of congress, is reluctant to go to Omaha on February 24 to participate in the celebration of the McKinley club, although he will be in Peoria on February 22. However, it is believed Congressman Kennedy will land Mr. Bede for the evening of February 24.

Letter Writer in Error.

Letters which are coming from railway employes in Nebraska to members of the Nebraska delegation and which appear to be written by the same typewriter and on the same quality of paper make one very serious mistake. They all, or nearly all, urge the delegation to vote against the Esch-Townsend bill. As a matter of fact, there is no Esch-Townsend bill pending before congress. That bill died with the close of the fifty-first congress. The Hepburn bill has taken the place of the Esch-Townsend bill, embodying many of the features of the former measure, and bears the name of the chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee of the house. This explanation is made to set right the clever letter writer who is undoubtedly connected with the railroad headquarters in Omaha.

Calling the Turk to Time.

Two American women have been so brutally treated recently in Constantinople that Secretary Root has taken necessary steps toward securing redress. A short time ago Miss Anna Snyder, a member of a prominent family of Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Miss Elsie Stern, daughter of Judge Stern of Buffalo, N. Y., took a trip to Europe with a party of friends. When they reached Berlin they decided to extend their trip to Constantinople, where other friends were awaiting them. They were provided with passports which had been properly vised by the Turkish representatives, yet immediately upon reaching the Turkish capital they were seized by gendarmes and hustled off to prison. Here