

BODIES OF CHENEYS FOUND

American Sailors Find American Consul and Wife at Messina.

DEATH ESTIMATE IS NOW 90,000

Vice Consul Lupton Believes This is Number Who Perished in Single City—Plans for Rebuilding Messina.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The bodies of the American consul, Arthur S. Cheney, and Mrs. Cheney, were found in the ruins of the American consulate at Messina yesterday afternoon by the sailors of the American battleship Illinois, which arrived at Messina yesterday from Sicily. Captain Bowyer of the Illinois had been instructed by Admiral Sperry, while enroute from Suez to Malta, to proceed to Messina and endeavor to recover the bodies of the American consul and his wife, who perished when the earthquake devastated Messina, destroying the building of the American consulate. When Captain Bowyer reached Messina yesterday he sent a number of sailors ashore for the purpose of excavating the ruins in search for the bodies. They were successful in finding them during the morning. The bodies were prepared for shipment and taken aboard the American supply ship Culgoa, which will carry them to Naples, Admiral Sperry, to whom Captain Bowyer telegraphed the news, informs the Navy department by cable that arrangements are being made for the shipment of the bodies to the United States. Having accomplished its mission to Messina, the Illinois has returned to Malta.

Ninety Thousand Dead at Messina. MESSINA, Jan. 16.—An official estimate of the dead in Messina as a result of the earthquake of December 28, made by Bryan K. Lupton, the American vice consul on behalf of the American embassy at Rome, places the number at 90,000. Mr. Lupton estimates also that there are today still 10,000 people in the city. The work of getting information concerning individuals who were in Messina at the time of the earthquake is extremely difficult, as there are undoubtedly still tens of thousands under the ruins, and other tens of thousands have scattered themselves throughout Sicily and the peninsula. The people still in Messina are carrying out in the districts and it has been quite impossible to take any census of them.

Bayern is at Palermo. PALERMO, Jan. 16.—The chartered steamer Bayern, carrying relief supplies purchased with money subscribed in the United States, arrived here this morning and was received by the American consul and local authorities. A big crowd, composed chiefly of refugees from the earthquake district expecting relief, gathered on the water front to see it come into port.

NEW CROP OF JUDGES

Sheldon. In order to be fair between the parties, whose endorsements of these amendments was absolutely necessary to their being carried, I felt compelled to appoint another judge of the opposite political party from that which Judge Root and Judge Fawcett have aligned themselves. Both Judge Sullivan and Judge Holcomb have served with distinguished ability as district and supreme judges and chief justice of our state. The one received the highest endorsement by the members of the bar when they expressed themselves by ballot at their late annual meeting, and the other one was twice honored by being made governor of his state.

Hopes for Prompt Settlement. "I will say that I do not mean in the slightest manner to reflect upon the ability or eminence of either Judge Hesse or Judge Dean, but having determined that the legal situation demanded that I appoint another person to the place which one of them

holds, it seems to me the best solution to make no choice as between the two. "In any event I trust that the legal department of the state and the court will do everything that may be done to bring this question to an immediate and satisfactory decision. So far as I am concerned I have refused to take any action or to pass an opinion while the legislature was acting upon it which would in the slightest manner inject into the matter any political conflict. Since the legislature has seen fit to raise the question it seems to me that the action I have taken is demanded of me and should lead to an immediate settlement."

SENATORS VIOLATING THE LAW

May Have Trouble Getting Claims by the Auditor. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Nebraska's "economical, business-like, democratic" legislature in session under the shadow of Fairview regardless of law and order, has completed the first leg of its journey. The first two weeks of its existence will be remembered for the laws it has broken, the employes it has employed and the little it has accomplished.

In the house ninety-one bills have been introduced and in the senate ninety. Not one has yet been returned to the printer, no standing committee has reported and neither house has resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the discussion of any measure. Yet junketing committees have been sent out at the expense of the state to take a look at state institutions and two and three-day adjournments have been taken each week. The printer, not only has the senate violated the plain law in regard to the number of employes allotted to the upper house, but its printing committee has also violated the law in securing supplies. The law specifically requires that the letting of contracts for printing shall be under the supervision of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. But that is a dead letter so far as the senate is concerned. The printing committee of the senate let the contract for printing blank committee reports and was just in the act of letting the contract for letter-heads when someone called the committee's attention to the law. Then the bids were brought to the office of the secretary of state and here is what was discovered: The committee rolled out three bids for this work and each bid was from a democratic print shop.

"If the bids are all right," said Secretary of State Junkin, "no doubt the board will let the contract under your bids." But when the secretary saw the three democratic bids and learned that only these firms had been asked to bid, he stopped proceedings and other firms were notified to get in their bids. But on the printing of blanks for committee reports the senate printing committee just went ahead and let the contract and that ended the matter for the present. In the house the printing committee learned of the existence of the law before it got busy taking care of friends, so there is no trouble from that end of the legislature about printing—yet.

But the people have not yet been bilked out of their hard earned money to pay political obligations of the leaders of the democratic legislature. The wise men who framed the constitution probably had in mind that some day Nebraska would have a Bryan democratic legislature. So the office of state auditor was established and this official was given authority and directed to investigate all claims against the state. Even a claim allowed by the legislature is subject to review by the state auditor. He has the final say so. When the illegally employed help of the senate comes before the state auditor with their vouchers, Nebraska will know whether the people are compelled to pay the expenses of candidates for office. The show-down will be on the question of whether the Douglas county senators can with impunity set aside existing laws to care for political hangers-on. There will also be a show-down when the illegally let contracts for legislative printing are presented for settlement.

MANY RELATIVES ON PAYROLL

Democratic Legislature is Strong on Nepotism. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—What is considered the biggest joke of the legislature so far is the contemplated introduction of a bill to prevent nepotism in the

state house, state institutions and the judiciary. Such a bill is as sure of passage through this economical, businesslike democratic legislature as a freeze-up in August. It will be recalled that nepotism was one of the big cards of the democrats in the last campaign, and so thoroughly was it discussed and so thoroughly did the democratic candidates for the legislature learn of the details of the system that now it is almost possible for a bill to get through one house without leaving the hands of a family.

Republicans and democrats alike have condemned the practice of nepotism, which has reached such proportions that state government has become a family affair.

But the obstacles in the way of the passage of such a bill are insurmountable. "Take it in the house alone and the death knell of the bill is already sounded. Nepotism runs rampant through the legislature. Here are a few of the obstacles in the way of the enactment of the bill into law. Henry and son, Snyder and son, Brown and son, Bates and daughter, and nephews and nieces and other relatives too numerous to mention.

During the last campaign the republican party had to pay the penalty for the employment of relatives by state officers, as this was made one of the issues of the fight. On their pledge to wipe out nepotism the democratic legislature has built a system which makes the employment of relatives by republicans seem amateurish.

WILL FORCE BRYAN INTO OPEN

Option Members May Address Him an Open Letter. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Slowly but surely the web is being spun around William J. Bryan. The indications are now he will for the first time be forced to take a stand upon a local question about which democracy is divided.

Mr. Bryan will either be sent a letter asking him to state definitely whether he is for or against county option, or perhaps he may be asked to answer that question when he addresses the legislature.

Incidentally, no date has yet been set for that event, though the invitation has been extended to the presidential candidate. Some there are who wonder if the Peerless One is afraid to address the legislature and run the risk of answering embarrassing questions.

The fact that Mr. Bryan gave his aid to the anti-option crowd in the organization of the house, since which time he has been keeping under cover as much as possible, has stirred up the other side and they want either his help or his public opposition.

Several county option advocates this morning discussed the matter and one of the leading members of the house, a democrat, decided that the best thing to do under the circumstances would be to address an open letter to the presidential candidate and ask for a definite and final decision in the matter. The whole question of the propriety of this action was gone over at this conference this morning.

INSANITY ON INCREASE.

Quite a number of terrible murders have recently occurred in Ireland, and several of these crimes turned out to have been perpetrated by people of unsound mind. Statisticians say that insanity is on the increase in this country, and there has been some talk of calling a royal commission to deal with the whole subject of insanity within the United Kingdom. Irishmen take a certain amount of saving grace to their souls over the Omit's, however, by the fact that the increase of insanity is not confined to Ireland, but that it is making its ravages in Scotland, England and Wales as well. Mental experts claim that the reason lies in the terrible amount of unemployment in all sections of the country. In this particular respect, however, Ireland is no worse off than England; in fact, her position is somewhat better, owing to the great revival in Irish farm industries, and the spread of the co-operative movement in all sections of Ireland, giving employment to more than 200,000 people, and this great movement—conducted under the auspices of Sir Horace Plunkett—has started throughout the country, the acute unemployed crisis which confronts England. Of course, in the larger towns, such as Belfast and Londonderry, there is much depression. Ireland's insanity is due more perhaps to the meager standard of living throughout the country, which can only be improved by fundamental legislation made by the Irish people themselves, who know their own needs better than anyone else in the world. This is only another way, of course, of saying that nothing will serve Ireland in her need but home rule, pure and unadulterated. F. X. CULLEN.

JERRY HOWARD ON WARPATH

South Omaha City Charter Bill the Occasion. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Jeremiah Howard is mad, awful mad, and he is down in this dear old Lincoln all by his lonesome, tearing his hair and doubling up his fists for one Senator Tanner from South Omaha. Between explosions he is penning a few amendments to the South Omaha charter bill. The publication this morning that Tanner had the charter bill ready for introduction Monday and the substance of what it contains is what upset the Omp Paul of Nebraska. Brevet of his liberal Irish accent, Jeremiah said:

"The trusts and the business men have gotten together and squeezed labor out of their pockets for office. They will catch it when it gets in here. They have cut out the double shift firemen. I'll see to that, too. That is the work of Lawyer Sears and the city attorney. Sears is the packing house attorney. That's all right, but they shan't murder labor that way. I am preparing an amendment that will fix them. I will provide that no lawyer who has a case against the city shall be eligible for city attorney. See? What will that do to Mr. Williams, the city attorney? He had to hire another lawyer to defend the city against a \$25,000 suit because he was the attorney for the plaintiff."

Then Jeremiah went on to tell how he called a meeting and selected a committee to get up charter amendments and Sears and Williams took charge of the matter. "I called the meeting and the city came and by that you see they had to let me in at the meeting. When the people all got there I thanked the laboring people for electing me and promised them I would stand by them. Then I called on Mr. Sears to speak, and I said, 'I am glad the corporation are here by their representative, Mr. Sears.' You see, I put him right on record. Then Sears and City Attorney Williams got busy and they fixed up a committee to make the charter amendments. I got my labor people together and at another meeting we threw them over the board on a vote. Now here comes Tanner with a new charter. All right, let him come. I'll get the double shift for the firemen just the same and they won't raise any salaries that I don't want raised."

SHELDON WRITES TO AUDITOR

Considers Himself Entitled to Seven Days' Pay. LINCOLN, Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Ex-Governor Sheldon today sent a letter to Auditor Barton defending his claim to seven and a half days' extra pay during the first of the present year. He holds his term begins when he qualifies and continues while he is entitled to hold the office. He quotes the constitution as requiring his term to "two years from the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January next after his election."

Governor Sheldon holds Governor Shellenberger did not become governor until late in the afternoon January 7 and cannot be legally paid for services rendered before that time. Governor Sheldon sent a check for \$20.25 to Governor Miley for a similar time for which he was paid early in his own term. He declares because it has been the practice to pay the governor for his services from January 1 of the year in which he was inaugurated to the last day of the year preceding that in which his office terminates he does not think sufficient reason for continuing an unconstitutional practice.

TREMOR NOTICED AT MANILA

Government Observatory Records Earthquake Shock Long Distance Away. MANILA, Jan. 16.—The instruments of the government observatory here today

HALF-OFF FURNITURE SALE

We are going to inaugurate this week one of the biggest furniture sales that has ever been held in the city of Omaha, and if price cutting means anything we are going to demonstrate to you our ability to slice prices to the very lowest possible point. If you contemplate buying any furniture, carpets or rugs this spring, we advise you to anticipate your wants and take advantage of this important sale.

CHIFFONNIERS HALF OFF. \$10.00 chiffonier, golden oak, cut to \$5.00. \$15.00 chiffonier, golden oak, mirror top cut to \$7.50. \$27.00 chiffonier, golden oak, full serpentine front, cut to \$13.50. \$40.00 chiffonier, golden oak, extra large, cut to \$20.00.

DRESSERS HALF OFF. \$14.50 dressers, solid oak, cut to \$7.25. \$22.00 dresser, solid oak, cut to \$11.00. \$30.00 dressers, pattern mirror, double swell front, cut to \$15.00. \$40.00 dressers, extra large mirrors, cut to \$20.00. \$50.00 dressers, highly polished, very massive, cut to \$25.00.

IRON BEDS HALF OFF. \$3.50 Beds, all sizes, cut to \$1.75. \$5.00 iron bed, choice of enamels, cut to \$2.50. \$10.00 iron beds, very heavy, cut to \$5.00. \$25.00 iron beds, very massive, cut to \$12.50.

Note These Extraordinary Furniture Bargains. \$1.25 dining room chairs, wood seat, golden finish, special, 69c. \$2.00 dining room chairs, solid oak, cane or wood seat, special, 98c. \$4.00 box seat, dining room chairs, highly polished, special, \$1.98. \$10.00 extension tables, 6-ft. extension, well constructed, special, \$4.95. \$15.00 extension tables, very massive construction, 4-ft. extension, highly polished, special, \$7.50. \$25.00 pedestal tables, 6-ft. extension, highly polished, special, \$11.25. \$27.50 solid oak sideboard, best of construction, \$13.75. \$30.00 sideboard, very massively constructed, \$19.75. \$30.00 buffet, hand-some design, special price, \$15.50.

Half Off Carpet & Rug Sale. 50c Ingrain carpets, per yard, 29c. 65c extra Ingrain carpets, per yard, 39c. \$2.00 all wool Ingrain carpets, best quality, per sq. yd., 49c. \$1.10 Brussels carpets, all colors, some with border, per sq. yd., 65c. \$1.50 Royal Wilton velvet carpet, all shades and designs, per sq. yd., 90c. \$1.25 Axminster carpets, all shades, borders to match, per sq. yd., 78c. \$7.50 reversible Ingrain rug, room size, sale price, \$3.75. \$15.00 Brussels rug, size 12x18, sale price, \$9.75. \$35.00 Wilton velvet rug, room size, colors red, green and tan, sale price, \$17.50. \$32.00 Axminster rug, medallion and floral designs, size 12x18, sale price, \$19.75. Hundreds of other rugs at equally low prices.

COUCHES HALF OFF. \$12.50 velour couches, cut to \$6.25. \$19.00 couches, chase leather, cut to \$9.50. \$28.00 couches, chase leather, cut to \$14.00. \$40.00 genuine leather couches, cut to \$20.00. \$70.00 couches, genuine leather, cut to \$35.00.

KITCHEN CABINETS HALF OFF. \$5.50 kitchen cabinets, cut to \$2.75. \$10.00 kitchen cabinets, cut to \$5.00. \$15.00 kitchen cabinets, cut to \$7.50. \$25.00 kitchen cabinets, cut to \$12.50. \$35.00 kitchen cabinets, cut to \$17.50.

PARLOR SUITS HALF OFF. \$25 parlor suits, 3-piece velour, cut to \$12.50. \$40 parlor suits, 3-piece chase leather, cut to \$20.00. \$65 parlor suits, 3-piece genuine leather or loose silk cushions, cut to \$32.50. \$80 parlor suits, 3-piece genuine leather or loose silk cushions, cut to \$42.50. \$85.00 5-piece velour parlor suits, cut to \$42.50.

UNION OUTFITTING CO. 1315-17-19 FARNAM ST. THE STORE THAT'S SQUARE ALL OVER.

recorded a severe earthquake at a distance of 200 miles from Manila. It is estimated that the seismic disturbances must have occurred at least 2,000 kilometers from Manila.

DONEGAL TO BE SOLD

(Continued from First Page.) the meantime the jewel itself remains as much a mystery as ever.

MURDER FIXED ON CURTAIN

(Continued from First Page.) her pocket and backed toward the door. A regiment of women from the district testified, going into the minutest details of the tragedy. The conduct, route taken, words uttered—all were related. According to the women of the resort, Anna Cardot, one of the women in the Wilson resort, stepped up to the intruder and told him to leave Anna Wilson alone.

"Stand back," he said gruffly, pointing his gun at her, and she meekly backed against the wall of the room and remained there for thirty minutes. Jennie, also called Detsy, Smith, followed the man and tried to get the lookout away from him. In the middle of the street he struck her a blow with the butt of his revolver on the top of the head, from the effects of which she is still confined to her bed and was unable to testify at the inquest.

How He Was Dressed. Curtain continued to the other side of the street, heading toward the northeast corner of Ninth and Dodge. He was wearing a brown checked suit of clothes, long black overcoat and black stiff hat, and the man now at the hospital lying between life and death has been positively identified by Anna Wilson, Pearl King, Hazel Farley and Anna Cardot, witnesses, as the man in the brown suit who did the shooting. "Oh, you were drunk."

Besides Sofie Miller, Mamie Starling, 31 North Ninth street; Quentin Klier, 316 Dodge, and William Barry, who lives at the Victoria hotel and was in the neighborhood, eye witnesses of the shooting, told similar stories at the inquest. According to one or two of them, the outlaw fired one shot when within a foot of Officer Smith, the latter staggered four or five

TWENTY-ONE KILLED

(Continued from First Page.) were to get off at this point. Dotsoro is being held with no station and no telegraph office.

When the relief train reached the scene it was found that a long string of freight cars on the freight train were in the way and the only way they could be disposed of was to back them to Shoshone, eight miles from the wreck. The physicians and nurses however left the relief train as soon as they reached there and ministered as best they could to the dead and dying.

A special train with Amos C. Ridgway, general manager of the Denver & Rio Grande and other officials on the road on board, was here last night for the scene of the wreck. The special was given the right of way over the Colorado Midland, and Denver & Rio Grande, and made a record run to Dotsoro.

OMAHA WOOL MEN VICTORS

(Continued from First Page.) the resolutions committee did not report until the afternoon session and had been brought about through the hardest kind of work on the part of the delegates from that city, who leave this evening, arriving home Monday morning, if the train service, which is badly deranged on account of washouts and snowstorms west of here, will permit.

Commissioner Guild, by turning to account the treatment accorded Omaha at Rawlins, and by a subsequent clean and determined fight here, has advertised and made friends for the Omaha wool market beyond all expectations, and was warmly congratulated on every hand by the growers, who wanted to see Omaha recognized. The solution of the controversy, the hitching of Omaha with Chicago, is considered by all a happy stroke of good business for the wool growers and their scheme for independence.

What Wilson in Cabinet. The wool growers' convention today sent a telegram, signed by officers of the association, to President-elect Taft at Atlanta, Ga., asking that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson be retained in his cabinet.

Dakota Sheriff's Convention. PIERRE S. D., Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The Sheriff's association in annual session in this city was lightly attended. They selected as officers for the coming

year: President, Charles E. Young of Leadville; vice president, J. W. Laughlin of Hughes; secretary, L. W. Plotner of Davison; treasurer, John Anderson of Brown. The state treasury today made a call for \$2,000 of registered warrants for the 29th of this month.

Death Due to Hemorrhage. Death was due to hemorrhage caused by the severing of iliac artery and vein, which supplies blood to the right leg, according to Dr. Dunn, the coroner's physician, who took the stand at the inquest and told of conducting the examination of the body. He declared that Smith was shot only once instead of twice, the bullet entering the body an inch and a quarter below and to the left of the navel and taking a downward transversal course, coming out through the bones of the pelvis. It was not found. Before entering the body the bullet cut off and battered a brass coat button. Three quarts of blood were found in the abdomen in the post mortem examination and the intestines were perforated in several places.

Curtain was caught on the Douglas street bridge by Detectives Devereux and Heitfeld after a pitched battle, during which both Devereux and the outlaw were dangerously wounded. Officers Dunn, Heitfeld and Heitfeld had previously met the two detectives on the bridge and then had gone south toward the Union Pacific bridge, while Devereux and Heitfeld remained to watch the street cars and the street railway bridge.

Life Sentence for Murderer. PUEBLO, Colo., Jan. 16.—Cleveland Nunn, who made a written confession that he had murdered Thurman Walker to secure possession of his saddle and watch, was yesterday found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to life imprisonment.

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