

AMERICANS BLEADED FOR LIFE

Details of Execution of Groce and Cannon by Zelaya.

GROCE BEGS AS BROTHER MASON

Men Are Notified of Their Fate Only Night Before They Are Shot—Symptoms Are Reported.

MANAQUA, Dec. 29.—The report that Groce and Cannon, the American recruits in the insurgent army, who were put to death at the command of President Zelaya, were tortured before being shot are untrue. The facts were in the possession of the state department at Washington a month ago, and it was generally supposed here that the details of the tragedy had been given publicly through official channels.

JUDGES WANT GOOD WORKER

District Bench at Des Moines Units in Appeal to Governor.

REMARKABLE REQUEST MADE

Business as Usual Conceded, That Unless Capable Successor to Judge Miller is Named, Others Will Resign.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—In the matter of the selection of a new judge to the three Polk county judges did the remarkable thing of interposing with the governor this morning.

Fewer Children Live in Iowa

Superintendent's Report Show Gradual Decrease in Youth of School Age.

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BLUE RIBBONS FLUTTERING

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 29.—In the belief that her 15-year-old daughter, Bessie May Priest, was poisoned, Mrs. Jennie Priest has retained the district attorney to investigate the death of the young woman, which occurred in Glendale on Christmas eve, after an illness lasting twenty days.

DOG THAT TAKE BEST MONEY

Winners of the Various Classes and Names of Owners.

Judging at the kennel show is progressing rapidly. Some surprises have been noted by exhibitors and winners in some of the classes, but the work of the judge has been commended.

Girl is Hurl'd Through Window

Body of Red Oak Strengher is Found Near the Washab Track.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 29.—Miss C. O. Dadd, aged 20, a stenographer, who lives at Red Oak, Ia., was found lying beside the Washab railroad track near Malvern, Ia., this morning. She was dead. Her face and head were badly gashed. An investigation which followed showed that she had fallen in a train at Red Oak in the lavatory of the car in the Washab train in which the girl was riding has caused investigators to think that the girl either jumped through the window or was hurled through the glass by parties unknown.

Sixty Men Lost Off Newfoundland

Eleven Schooners, with Crews, Go Down in Fierce Christmas Blizzard.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 29.—Eleven Newfoundland schooners and their crews of sixty men are believed to have been lost in the Christmas blizzard, the last destruction to property throughout this island colony has resulted. The storm, which reached its height on Sunday, raged for six days, but today had abated considerably.

FARMER DRIVES HIS WIFE BAREFOOTED OUT IN COLD

Women in Night Clothing Drags Herself to Neighbors—Will Lose Both Feet.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—George Hanley, a farmer living west of Des Moines, drove his wife from home this morning at 2 o'clock with the thermometer at least 22 degrees below zero, she was compelled to walk in her gown and without shoes to a neighbor's residence, half a mile away. She arrived at 3 o'clock almost unconscious from the cold and with her feet and lower limbs frozen. Doctors say both feet will have to be amputated. Hanley has been arrested and is in jail at Newton.

Resolution Call for Joint Inquiry

Move for Ballinger Investigation Will Be Made Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Senator Jones and Representative Humphrey, both of Washington, who will introduce in the senate and house, respectively, the resolutions calling for a joint congressional committee to investigate matters involved in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, had a conference with President Taft today. The resolutions will be put in next Wednesday.

FAIR MARKETING OF HOGS

Considering Prevalence of Snow, Statistics Show High Prices Have Brought Animals.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Price Current says considering the prevalence of snow in the west there has been a fair marketing of hogs. Total western packing was 465,000, compared with 63,000 the preceding week and 310,000 last year. Since November 1 the total is 1,489,400, and more than 400,000 more are prominent places compare as follows:

TAFT TO ATTEND WEDDING

President Will Go to New York for Nuptials of Niece.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—President Taft will leave Washington early tomorrow morning for New York to attend to that city in the late afternoon the wedding of his niece, Miss Louise Taft, a daughter of Henry W. Taft. The president will be accompanied by his daughter, Miss Helen Taft, and his son, Robert. He will return to Washington early Friday morning.

Homestead Reveler Held.

LEAD, S. D., Dec. 29.—After a two days' fight in the justice court before Justice Quimby, Clem Luma, charged by the state with discharging a firearm in a public place was bound over to the circuit court under a \$500 cash ball, which he furnished. This was the outcome of an accident that occurred on Homestead property at the Luma home during a celebration, when some shots were fired and several arrests made.

Woman Killed by Train.

WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Mr. and Mrs. F. Crosby were struck by a Rock Island train at Green, Ia., this morning. Mrs. Crosby being fatally injured. Both their horses were killed. On account of being muffled, Mr. Crosby did not hear the belated train.

GRAFT INDICTMENTS

by Chicago Jury

Coal Dealers and Politicians Are Accused in Connection with Sale to City.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Two indictments on the charge of obtaining money from the city of Chicago by false pretenses in connection with the sale of coal to the city were returned by the grand jury here today against James F. Conroy and Michael H. Rogers. Conroy is secretary and treasurer of the Chicago Fire Appliances company, one of the corporations which has been under investigation in regard to alleged graft charges. Rogers is democratic committee chairman of the 11th ward and is the head of the M. H. Rogers Coal company.

CAIRO COUNCIL OFFER REWARD

Officials Do Not Believe Man Lynched for Pelley Assault Was Principal in Crime.

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 29.—The city council tonight renewed its offer of \$1000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of the murderer of Anna Pelley, whose mutilated body was found in an alley Sunday night. William James, a negro, was charged for the crime November 11, and another negro suspect, Alexander, is held. Circumstantial evidence was strong against James, but the authorities are not convinced that he was the leading agent in the assault on the girl. The case will be taken up by a special grand jury January 3.

J. J. MURPHY DIES IN SIOUX CITY

Brother of General Manager of Cudahy Plant Succumbs After Long Illness.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—John J. Murphy, hog buyer here for the Cudahy Packing company, died this afternoon. He had been in poor health for some time and had intended to leave this week for Tucson, Ariz., when he was taken severely ill and confined to his bed. He had been hog buyer for Cudahy here since December 11, 1896. He was a brother of General Manager M. J. Murphy of the Omaha plant.

Robbers' Victims Freed.

PIERCE, S. D., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff Laughlin and State Attorney Marston were called to Blunt today to investigate a case of alleged robbery. The report was that two men, giving the names of West and Marshall, who belonged to a railroad construction crew, had robbed two other men by the names of Peterson and Somers after stopping them. The victims were robbed, one having his coat taken and left lying in the snow. They were discovered, badly frozen, and for a time one was not expected to recover. The parties accused are under arrest and will be given a hearing on the charge.

American Schooner Forfeited.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 29.—The American fishing schooner Charles I. Woodbury, was April 18 in the Scott Island group by the government steamer Keeler, after a lively chase and many shots, was forfeited to the crown in the three-mile limit. Nothing about the chase or the shots was said in court today.

Cafe Loyal

Will Remain Open on New Year's Eve

Special New Year's Eve Menu (Service a la Carte).

Music

From 11 P. M. to 1 A. M. By Hotel Loyal Orchestra, Emil Hofman, Director.

Tables May Be Reserved

Hotel Loyal

AMUSEMENTS

CHICKENS AND DOGS At Auditorium NOW OPEN All Day and Evening Admission, 25 cts. and 15 cts.

BOYD'S TONIGHT

SPECIAL MATINEE TODAY Henry W. Savage Offers

THE MERRY WIDOW

Next Sunday—T.M. MURPHY.

KRUG THEATER

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ALL SEATS 50c.

ST. ELMO

SUNDAY—IN OLD KENTUCKY.

ADVANCED VAUDEVILLE

Daily Matinee, 3:15—Evening, 8:15

GAYETY

FRIDAY NIGHT, 8:15—SATURDAY NIGHT, 8:15

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Dr. MacKenzie on Bellevue Mission

President of Presbyterian College Board Comes to Investigate Official Report.

Dr. Robert MacKenzie, president of the San Francisco Theological seminary and also president of the college board of the Presbyterian church, is in Omaha for the purpose of looking into the matter of Bellevue college's union with Hastings, on which he will formulate a report for his board.

GOOD REPORTS RECEIVED FROM SENATOR'S BEDSIDE

Condition of Sick Statesman Improves and Frank B. Heller, Jr. Will Mend from Now On.

Favorable reports have been received concerning the condition of former Senator C. H. Dietrich, who has been at the Methodist hospital for the last four weeks. His improvement has been quite marked in the last few days, and is expected to continue satisfactorily.

ROADS SCORED FOR DELAY

Commission Says They Purposely Refuse to Refund Overcharges.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—In a decision by the Interstate Commerce commission handed down today, involving a claim of 20 cents in an overcharge on freight made against the Aberdeen & Ashboro Railway company and other lines, railroads generally are severely reprimanded for their delay in adjusting claims where there has been a palpable overcharge.

ROOSEVELT PARTY AT KATWE

Objective Point is Fifteen Miles Beyond, at Kinsinga—All Members Well.

KAMPALA, Uganda, Dec. 29.—A forty-mile expedition from Katwe, 400 miles from the coast, to Kinsinga, 15 miles from the coast, was started on Monday night at Katwe. Eight miles beyond Katwe, Colonel Roosevelt and the others of the party were well.

NO NEW TRIAL FOR MORSE

Circuit Court Denies Motion of New York Banker Now in Tomb.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Judge Hough of the United States circuit court this afternoon denied the motion for a new trial for Charles W. Morse, who is now in the Tomb under sentence for having violated the national banking laws.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—That Lawrence county has more than kept pace with the increase of population in other parts of the state during the last decade is shown by the result of a private enterprise that is about to be launched here by individuals who have carefully compiled a mailing list of every adult person in the county who is in present residence within its limits. Of this list, as assessors' lists and personal canvasses were carefully gone over and even the large number of Lead residents were left

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