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MISSING GIRL'S MISS GIRL Parent of Dorothy A. Knows Nothing of Where She is. Denies that Griscorn Has Permission to Announce Engagement.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The end of the mysterious story of Dorothy Arnold by no means has been reached. The romantic turn given it yesterday by George S. Griscorn, Jr., in the expression of his confidence that the young woman is alive and in his quoted intention of marrying her if possible, was given a contrary twist today by the arrival here from abroad of the missing girl's mother, Mrs. Francis Arnold.

Two Direct Questions. The son-in-law, however, consented to the submission of two direct questions to his mother. She was found seated in her cabin with Misses M. L. and A. C. Shackelford, elderly women friends, and with a bow acknowledged the apologetic explanation that some statement from her was desired.

"Have you," was asked most formally, "at any time since your daughter's disappearance received any definite information that would lead you to believe she is dead or alive?"

"No, none. I have received no word that would tell me whether she is alive or dead."

"Have you," was asked, "given your consent to a marriage of your daughter, Dorothy, to Mr. Griscorn, Jr.?"

"No, definitely not. The reply came quickly and in a firm voice."

Young Arnold shielded the women of the party from further questioning. Discovering one of the Misses Shackelford replying to a question, he cautioned "you must not talk" and ushered her into a state-room.

Francis R. Arnold, the millionaire head of the family, and his younger son, Hickley Arnold, boarded the vessel as it tied up at its pier and shortly afterward the party drove in a taxi cab to the Arnold home.

No Future Plans. As to future plans, young Arnold said: "We have none. We are going to the search."

"Do you expect to go to Atlantic City or Philadelphia?"

"No, certainly not. My mother will remain at home for several weeks' rest."

"Do you expect Mr. Griscorn to come here to consult you, or do you expect to be in communication with him?"

"No, indeed. Why should we?"

When Griscorn's statements were recalled and he was told that a "person" advertisement in a New York newspaper was attributed to Griscorn, Arnold replied "I don't believe it." The advertisement in question said:

Civil Service Men Take United Stand For Goulden Bill

At Rousing Meeting Omaha Branch Votes Upon Choice of Retirement Plans.

A decided and unanimous stand against the contributory pension plan for retired members of the United States Civil Service Retirement association was taken Sunday afternoon by about two hundred members of the Omaha branch of the organization at a meeting held in Washington hall.

There was a large attendance and much enthusiasm at the meeting, interest having been aroused by President George J. Kieffer, who brought to the local branch a report of the national convention held in Washington last month.

Congressman C. O. Lobeck was invited to address the meeting, and he gave the members of the association some encouraging words. He declared that he would be with them at every stage of the game down at Washington.

Kaiser May Have to Have Throat Opened

Rumor that a Surgical Operation Upon the German Emperor is Necessary.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—(Special Cablegram.)—Serious concern is felt over the condition of the kaiser, and it is said the cutting short of the eastern trip of the crown prince is due to the condition of his father.

A rumor is current that Emperor William is to undergo a surgical operation. The rumor grew out of tonight's announcement by the official agents that for three days the emperor has been feverish under the attack of influenza and that it will be some time before he can wholly be rid of catarrh of the throat.

His temperature has not risen further, but removal of the catarrh, which will require some considerable number of days.

The principal Berlin newspapers will print no further statements tomorrow, although this may be because they have been officially warned not to alarm the public.

SCOTLAND ELECTS NASBY

John Reich Has Plurality in Four-Cornered Contest in South Dakota Town.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—For the second time within a month or two a South Dakota community has held an election to select a postmaster. Woonsocket was one of the towns, while Scotland is the latest to strive in this manner to make a choice of postmaster. When it was determined to hold a postmaster election it was expected there would be but two candidates—J. T. Smith and W. J. Johnston, prominent residents of Scotland.

Midshipmen Fail in Exams Thirty-Seven Dropped from Naval Academy Ranks at Annapolis and Winthrop Approves Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—For failure in studies at recent semi-annual examination, thirty-seven midshipmen have been dropped from the naval academy rolls at Annapolis. The recommendation of the board was approved by Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop today.

TOWNSEND GUILTY OF LAND FRAUDS

President of Corporation Convicted of Conspiracy to Defraud Government in Deuel County.

DISAGREE ON MILES AND FOX Jury Divided on Question of Co-Defendants' Latent.

CLOSE CALL FOR THEM BOTH But One to Four Ballots Against Their Conviction.

RETRIAL MAY INVOLVE ALL Motion Will Come Before Court February 22 for Argument—Penalty of Fine and Imprisonment.

George E. Townsend, president of the Western Cattle and Land corporation, is guilty of conspiracy to defraud the government out of hundreds of acres of Deuel county land, according to the finding of the jury into whose hands the land grab case was entrusted Friday evening.

The indictment under which these men were held for trial in United States district court embraced two counts, one charging the defendants with conspiracy to defraud and the second count accusing them of conspiracy to suborn perjury.

The penalty for conspiracy as charged in this indictment provides a maximum fine of \$50,000 or not more than two years confinement in the federal prison, or both.

It was granted a motion for a new trial and such a motion will be forthcoming. There will be an argument as to this phase of the case about that date and in the event that the motion is overruled the case will likely go to the circuit court of appeals.

Through the case was not spectacular in any way, it was of intense interest from a legal viewpoint. It was hard fought from start to finish by W. F. Gurley and his associates, who exploited a striking defense. The case was prosecuted by Sylvester R. Rush, special assistant to the attorney general.

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Representative S. C. Bassett of Buffalo county against whom a petition of recall is said to be circulating said this morning that he was not alarmed by it and would hold his position. The residents of Buffalo county who are demanding Bassett's resignation are objecting to his vote against capital removal, which they think might have been a benefit to Kearney.

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What They Haul Now



From the Minneapolis Journal. Will Canadian Reciprocity Hurt the United States Farmer?

INITIATIVE BILL UP SOON

Final Vote in Senate Expected Monday or Tuesday.

SEVERAL AMENDMENTS HAVE NOW CHANGED HOUSE BILL, WHICH WAS AT FIRST IDENTICAL WITH THE SENATE MEASURE.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The initiative and referendum bill recommended for third reading by the senate will come up for its final vote Monday or Tuesday. In the house the bill stands second on the list of bills on general file which will result in its being called up and either made a special order for some day during the week or discussed immediately in committee of the whole.

The house bill was at the beginning identical with the senate measure, but several amendments have been made to the senate file. The principal ones were those of the house which introduced the bill, and changes have so fixed its terms that a vote is taken on an initiated measure the majority required to pass it and make it a law must be at least 50 per cent of all the votes cast at that election.

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Escaping Gas Kills Family of Seven in Philadelphia Home

Bride-to-Be Dies Few Days Before Wedding in Accident Resulting from Father's Late Arrival.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Berkowitz and their five children were killed by illuminating gas in their home today.

When their bodies were discovered in the gas-filled room by neighbors the father lay fully dressed on one bed with the two small boys, while the mother and the three girls were in another bed in the same room.

The father was seen by neighbors going home about 1 o'clock this morning and it is supposed he accidentally stumbled against the tube in lighting it away from the fixture on the wall.

The bride-to-be, Minnie, 16 years old, was to have been married in a few days. Her trousseau was found in the room on the second floor.

Masons Turn Faces Toward Alexandria

Grand Masters of All Grand Lodges in United States Are Invited to Attend Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Alexandria, Va., will be the Masonic center of the country on Washington's birthday. The grand masters of all the grand lodges in the United States have been invited to meet at Alexandria by Washington lodge No. 22 on that day, to perfect the organization of the Washington Masonic association, the object of which is the erection of a Masonic temple in Alexandria.

President Taft has promised to be present in a special car to confer degrees upon a large class of candidates and a banquet will be given in the evening.

Uncle Sam Has Bears and Many Want Them

Item Sent Out from Washington Floods Senators and Representatives with Requests.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Senators and representatives are being flooded with requests for bears. In every mail that comes to the capital nowadays there is a request something like this:

"Dear Sir: I see by the Weekly Bugle that the government has agreed to give away a grizzly, if possible."

All this comes from the fact that an item went out from Washington the other day to the effect that the government had a lot of bears on its hands in Yellowstone and that these would be given away under certain conditions.

Fine Clothes Enter Into the New York Senatorial Fight

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The spirit of Faquin has become the occult control of the senatorial situation in New York, according to gossip in Tammany hall. The husky district leaders, most of whom would not know a redingote from a hobbie skirt, declare that the question is no longer whether William F. Sheehan or some one else shall be the next United States senator from New York, but whether Mrs. W. F. Sheehan or Mrs. John A. Dix shall wear handsome gowns as the wife of the next senator. They are forced to grin these district leaders, as they tell the story of a womanly division at Albany, and relate the manner in which Mrs. Sheehan's costumes fired Mrs. Dix with ambition for her husband's elevation to the senate.

Senatorial Fight. Mrs. Sheehan made many friends among the legislators at Albany and her costumes aroused much admiration among the legislators. Sheehan's candidacy was reported to first send in a carte blanche order to her own dressmaker and finally to urge her husband to sacrifice himself, if need be, to end the deadlock by accepting the election to the senate for himself.

Worry Over Extra Session

Members of Congress Would Give Much to Know.

MR. TAFT ALONE IS UNRUFFLED President Meets All Pessimistic Predictions as to Reciprocity Agreement's Success by Saying Vote Will Tell.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Members of congress would give much to know whether they are to be permitted to break ranks on March 4 and retire to their homes for the summer or whether they must linger in Washington for an indefinite period to act upon the Canadian reciprocity agreement in extra session.

There is some foundation for the report that President Taft is viewing with entire complacency the solicitude of members of the senate on the subject of an extra session. Several senators, who feel that he has never said, for publication, that he would call an extra session if such a vote is denied, but senators certainly have failed to obtain assurance that he would not do so.

The McCall bill to carry out the provisions of the Canadian agreement, having been reported to the house yesterday, the means committee, probably will be brought up tomorrow. Immediate consideration will be asked. If an agreement to that end is opposed the supporters of the bill will seek a rule for limitation of debate and inhibition of amendment.

No Organized Opposition. In view of republican domination of the committee on rules, headed by Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania, who, as a member of the ways and means committee voted against the reporting of the bill, it may not be possible to secure such a rule.

The consideration of the bill, nevertheless, probably will result in one of the liveliest debates of the session.

The democrats of the house are pledged to the reciprocity agreement under the caucus action although a handful of the minority will oppose the measure, being exempted under being bound by the will of the party majority when such action brings them into conflict with the expressed will of their constituents.

A conference of democratic senators has been called for Tuesday, but it is expected an adjournment will be taken until the house has acted upon the agreement. Several democratic senators feel that they ought not to define their attitude on the measure until they learn in what form it will be presented to them.

The indications are that Senator Brown of Nebraska will not have to invoke his threatened opposition to appropriation bills in order to bring about votes on the resolution providing for popular election of senators, the Lorimer case, a service pension bill, and the bill to create a permanent tariff board.

The situation in regard to these measures has changed during the last week. It is entirely probable now the senate will vote upon all of them before the session is adjourned.

Senators in Senate. A canvass as careful as it is possible to make at this time, but nevertheless not (Continued on Second Page.)

INVESTIGATORS TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Senate and House Election Probers Will Frame Up Line of Action Today.

CHAIRMAN HARRINGTON HERE Committee Head Holds a Confab with Bailiff.

SENATOR TIBBETS ARRIVES Democratic Member from Hastings on Scene Early.

YEISER'S EVIDENCE READY Lawyer Prepared to Submit Evidence on Corruption in Third Ward Polling Places—Meet at Rome This Morning.

Action of the senate and house committees of the legislature in the investigation of frauds in Omaha elections will be determined at conferences to be held this morning.

The house committee, on adjournment February 4, agreed to resume the hearing at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The senate committee will hold a meeting, probably at the home of the committee, on the subject of the investigation, this morning.

Chairman Harrington declined to state how many witnesses would be called or who would be the first witness at the resumption of the investigation today. He admitted that it was possible that a large number might be called, possibly 100.

John Yeiser, lawyer, who represents Governor Aldrich at the legislative investigation, declared last night that he was ready for the submission of evidence to the committee as the result of his investigation of the records of the polling places in the Third ward. He has spent a week in the city records on file in the office of Dan Butler, city clerk, and D. M. Havarly, county clerk.

Personnel of Committee. The members of the senate committee are: L. L. Albert (dem.), chairman, lawyer, Colfax; George W. Tibbets (dem.), lawyer, Hastings; J. D. Lee (dem.), Lynch; J. H. Kemp (rep.), lawyer, Fullerton; W. V. Hoagland (rep.), lawyer, North Platte.

All members of the committee with the exception of Senator Kemp are expected to be on hand for the conference at the Rome. Senator Kemp will probably remain in Lincoln today on account of an engagement. The members of the house committee will be in Omaha by 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Locomotive Runs Away in Sioux City

Milwaukee Engine Springs Throttle and Runs Five Miles, Striking a Freight Train—None Hurt.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—A runaway engine on the Milwaukee road dashed through the city with a clear track and crashed into the rear of a freight train pulling out of the siding at North River street, five miles north of here, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The throttle of the engine blew open at the roundhouse. There was no one in the engine and it had a clear track through the depot. Many people and vehicles along the road had narrow escapes. A freight on the siding had pulled in in time to avoid a smashup, but another freight train was just pulling out in charge of Conductor Whittemore. No one was hurt, but the engine and caboose were demolished. The engine was going at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour.

Woman Gets \$15,000 Under Jim Crow Law

Miss Pearl Morris Given Verdict Against Railroad for Selling Berth in Car Containing Negroes.

VIKESBURG, Miss., Feb. 12.—First advantage in the testing of Mississippi's "Jim Crow" law went to the plaintiff when a verdict awarding \$15,000 to Miss Pearl Morris was returned in the circuit court. Miss Morris alleged she was sold a berth in a sleeping car by the Alabama & Georgia railroad in which three negroes had berths.

The case will go to the supreme court of the United States, attorneys for the railroad say, if the state supreme court upholds today's decision.

TEAM GOES THROUGH WINDOW

Exciting Runaway Disturbs Peace of Red Oak Saturdays—No One is Hurt.

RED OAK, Ia., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Sistering and men and women left the team attached to a buggy owned and driven by David Owen ended a wild runaway by plunging through a plate glass window yesterday. Mr. Owen, who is a farmer living near this town was driving in with two neighbors.

While passing down the main thoroughfare the horses became frightened at an automobile and started to run away. They went through the window of the hotel where they were kept. No one was injured.

FOUR HUNDRED DIE DAILY

Another Plague Spot Discovered Forty Miles East of Harbin.

HARBIN, Manchuria, Feb. 12.—A plague spot extending from Harbin has been discovered in the Chinese city of Asakha, forty miles east of Harbin. It is an average of 40 deaths in the place daily.

The plague has also appeared in the suburbs of Hingowen-ho, Russian territory, are patrolling the Russo-Chinese frontier.