

SAYS DEMOCRATS  
RECEIVE BRIBES

Lieutenant Governor Morris of Wisconsin Asserts Legislators Were Paid Big Sums by Stephenson.

MONEY TO THREE SENATORS  
Receives Information Through Partner of Edward Hines.

HAS NO DIRECT INFORMATION  
Senatorial Committee Refuses to Strike Out Testimony.

SHIELDS PUTS THROUGH DEAL

Witness Says Lumberman Furnished Half of Money and Shields Afterwards Demanded Fifteen Thousand for Services.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 17.—Testimony that Senator Stephenson secured his election to the United States senate through the expenditure of \$100,000 to members of the Wisconsin legislature was given this afternoon before the senatorial committee by Thomas Morris, lieutenant governor of Wisconsin.

Morris testified he had been informed by a Mr. Cook, a partner of Edward Hines, the lumberman, that the deal was put through by Robert J. Shields, who went to Washington just before the Wisconsin legislature met and secured money from Mr. Stephenson.

"Cook told me that a few days before the legislature met in 1908 a sum of money, approximately \$100,000, was placed in the hands of certain men, including Shields," testified Morris.

This money it was told afterward went to the three democratic members who by absenting themselves on March 4, 1908, assured Stephenson's election.

"Shields went to Washington and told Stephenson it would be impossible to elect him unless he raised a certain sum of money. Shields said Hines, the lumberman, was willing to put up half of the \$100,000. An arrangement was agreed upon and the deal put through. Shields afterward demanded \$15,000 for putting it through," Morris continued.

"Cook told me all this in a lawyer's office in the Rookery building in Chicago. Cook also said that after the charges were filed against Senator Stephenson, Mr. Hines went to Stephenson and represented that it would be impossible to elect him because of the charges, and suggested that if he put in \$45,000 Hines would put in an equal amount and use the money to bring about the election.

"I was told that a man named Baumerson, a former assistant sergeant-at-arms of the senate, and a certain C. H. Crownheart of Superior, Wis., that he had knowledge that part of the money went to the three democratic members of the assembly who walked out.

SOUTH DAKOTA PIONEER  
DIES AT OAKLAND, CAL.

TANKTON, S. D., Oct. 17.—(Special.)—James E. Witherspoon, one of the pioneer and unique characters of Tankton, died at Oakland, Cal. He arrived here before the Indians left in 1858, filed on a claim now the western portion of the city, walked to Washington to prove up; then walked on four times to California and later to the Klondike, fought Indians under General Sully and died at the age of 80 years. Mr. Witherspoon had walked 84,000 miles on his various trips, but being more of a roving turn of mind than anything else, failed to make good in a business way, although for some years he held land here rated at a high value. It all passed out of his hands before he left the city, which was to come more to the gold fields of California, about ten years ago.

MINNESOTA MAN TO SPEAK AT  
THE PRISON CONGRESS.



FRANK L. RANDALL, Superintendent Minnesota State Reformatory.

Quintuple Murder  
in Kansas Much Like  
Other Recent Crimes

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—The murders of a man, his wife and three small children as they slept in Ellsworth, Kan., was almost identical to the slaying of six in Colorado Springs, Colo., on September 21, and more lately the killing of William E. Dawson, his wife and daughter in Monmouth, Ill., October 1.

In each case an axe was the instrument of death and in every case each person in the house was killed apparently while asleep and with a single blow. In the Colorado Springs tragedy two families practically were wiped out. The bodies of Alice May Burnham, her 6-year-old daughter Alice and her 3-year-old son John, and Henry Wayne, his wife Blanche and their 2-year-old baby were found in their adjoining cottages. The bodies were not discovered for at least two days after the murders.

Dawson was the caretaker of a church in Monmouth, Ill. The tragedy was discovered by a committee of deacons who visited Dawson's home to reprimand him for failing to make the church ready for the Sunday services. After breaking in the door they found the three bodies each with its head crushed. The victims of the Ellsworth tragedy were slain in like manner, the murderer battering the features of his victims beyond recognition.

In no case has the slightest motive been discovered. All were working people, in comfortable circumstances with no known enemies.

Boom for La Follette  
is Launched at Noon  
Luncheon in Chicago

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Senator Robert M. La Follette's campaign for the republican nomination for president of the United States against President Taft was launched in Chicago today by the Cook County Progressive league with a noon luncheon, at which Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota was the principal speaker.

Senator Clapp appealed to the voters to exercise their rights as individuals and not to allow themselves to be influenced in favor of candidates controlled or dominated by corporations.

"We of the United States should be interested in the conduct of our government more than the citizens of any other country," he said.

He said it is up to us to say what kind of a government we should have and if we fail to express ourselves the blame for unjust government is on our shoulders.

Amos Pinchot of New York gave assurance that the progressives of New York would aid the fight for La Follette's nomination.

"We will start the work in the east at once," he said, "and you can depend that we will not do it half way."

James Manahan of St. Paul, Minn., also spoke.

Indians Kill Light House Keeper, Die of Drinking Alcohol

WINNIPEG, Oct. 17.—The finding of the body of Robert Forbes, an aged light house keeper at Pelee Island, twenty-five miles from Fort William, Ontario, led the police to suspect Moses McDon, chief of a squaw band located north of Thunder bay, and Fred Smith, another Indian, as being the murderers.

A search for the Indians resulted in finding their bodies in a cabin on Squaw bay, near Pelee Island.

They had died from wood alcohol poisoning. The alcohol, it is said, was taken from the light house, where it was kept to clean the lamp.

Fire in Distillery  
Plant in Peoria

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 17.—The feed house of the Atlas distillery here belonging to the United States Industrial Alcohol company was destroyed by a fire which broke out at 3:15 this morning. The fire is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

Fireman John Wensell was badly injured by being thrown from a fire truck. At 3:30 o'clock a general alarm was sent in, as adjoining property was in danger and every fire apparatus was put into commission.

Mayor Woodruff was awakened by the latter alarm and jumped into his automobile and was at the scene at 4:30

NANKIN AND KAI  
FUNG MENACED

Capitals of Two More Chinese Provinces Are Attacked by Armies of Insurgents.

GERMAN MARINES FIGHT MOB  
Battle in Progress Between Natives and Foreign Troops.

IMPERIAL ARMY IS ADVANCING  
Government Expects to Reoccupy Wu Chang and Hang Yang Soon.

STATEMENT OF FOREIGN BOARD

It Says All is Quiet at Canton, Nankin, Foo Chow and Tien Tsin, and that No Disturbance is Feared.

PEKING, Oct. 17.—The acting counsel at Nankin, Alvin W. Gilbert, telegraphed the American legation here today that the fall of Nankin was imminent. He asks that a gunboat be sent there.

PEKING, Oct. 17.—The foreign board today issued a communication to the legations and press saying:

"Admiral Sah Chen Ping arrived at Hankow today with eight ships of war and troops from the north and east are arriving at Hankow. It is expected that the recapture of Han-Yang and Wu-Chang will be a matter of only a few days."

"Dispatches from Nankin, Chang Kow, Canton, Mukden, Kai Fong, Tien Tsin and Foo Chow state that everything is quiet and that there is no fear of any disturbances."

The information of the legations indicates that only the first statement of the official communication is strictly accurate.

The minister of war, General Tehang is at Chang Teh Shan, the home of Yuan Shi Kai with whom he is in conference. Word was received today officially that Russian troops have been ordered to move against the Hung Huise bands in north Manchuria. Recently the Russians reported that these robbers were becoming bolder and better organized.

As a result of reports that the rebels are massacring Manchus, the local Manchus women are adopting Chinese dress.

One paper here is publishing the revolutionary proclamations.

German Marines Fight Mob. BERLIN, Oct. 17.—Advices received at the foreign office from Hankow today report that a German force of blue-jackets, reinforced by German local residents, have been landed at Hankow and are now engaged in fighting in the streets with a Chinese mob.

The official report states that detachments were landed from the cruiser Laispach and the gunboats Tiger and Vatelard. Members of the German colony volunteered to support the marines.

The admiralty has no further details regarding the fighting at Hankow, but understands that the Germans are operating in the international landing corps movement commanded by the Japanese naval captain.

The large German cruiser Gneisenau will arrive at Hankow tomorrow with Vice Admiral Von Krosigk, commander of the German Asiatic squadron. As the German vice admiral has a rank superior to that of the American admiral, it is probable he will supersede the latter in chief command of the international navy forces.

A German torpedo boat is accompanying the Gneisenau to Hankow.

Imperial Army Near Hankow. HANKOW, China, Oct. 17.—The imperial government began aggressive preparations for the recapture of Hankow and Wu Chang today. The first train load of troops from the north arrived on the scene and camped in a bushtide fashion north of Hankow. Several thousand troops are on the way and are expected to arrive before sundown.

A detachment of the Wu Chang garrison, which retired from that city when the rebels entered, crossed the river Hang Tsu, above the city and marched inland, probably to effect a junction with the troops from the north.

Earlier in the day the imperial naval force in the river was augmented by the arrival of one of the navy's modern gunboats, which carried Admiral Sah Chen Ping, who immediately took command of the situation. His first move was to assure the foreign consuls that the foreign concessions would not be endangered by any bombardment which he might undertake. His purpose, it was believed with some reason, was to divert the attention of the rebel defense around Wu Chang at once.

The Red Cross society, organized by the revolutionary leaders, began today removing the heaped up bodies from the streets of Wu Chang. Well to do Chinese are subscribing liberally to the funds for the work.

The revolutionary determination to end the regime of official graft was brought sharply to attention today by the execution of an officer who had been appointed to collect funds for the rebel cause. He was caught in an attempt to divert some of the money to his own pocket and was promptly beheaded.

No trains are leaving the Hankow terminal for the north and it is uncertain when service will be resumed. The tracks have been cleared everywhere to accelerate the passage of the government troop trains.

Clarion Man Killed. CLARION, Ia., Oct. 17.—(Special.)—Charles Abrahamson of Clarion was killed at Council Bluffs last night trying to board a freight train. He had been employed with the Great Western bridge gang. His mother, Mrs. John Abrahamson, lives here. The body will be brought here. He was unmarried.

The Grocery Bill is Breaking Into Society



From the Denver Republican

PROTEST AGAINST STEPHENS  
Objection to Placing Name on Populist Ticket to Be Heard Oct. 21.

ALLEGED TO BE IRREGULAR  
It is Charged that the Nomination Was Not Made in the Manner Prescribed by the State Statute.

From a Staff Correspondent. LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Secretary of State Walt has set Saturday, October 21, as the date for hearing the protest of G. A. Eberly of Stanton against placing the name of Dan Stephens of Fremont on the populist congressional ticket in the Third district.

Eberly, who is republican chairman in the Third district, alleges that the populist nomination was irregularly conferred upon Stephens and that in consequence he has no legal right to have his name on that ticket. The certificate of nomination from the democratic party with the secretary of state, September 28, while the populist certificate was filed October 12.

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Remaining Part of  
Black River Falls is  
Again in Danger

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis., Oct. 17.—Feared further destruction from a flood similar to the one which partially leveled the city several weeks ago, Black River Falls last night was a wakeful town, its residents fearing another inundation, due to the torrential rains. Early today the clouds had cleared away, but Black river was still rising.

Citizens of Black River Falls worked all night by the light of lanterns in order to prevent another disaster. The Black River is pouring over the crest of the great Black River Falls Light and Power company dam, in its old bed, and slowly eating its way into what is left of the former business district.

Buildings that had withstood the previous flood were washed away last night and floated in the raging torrent. The Merchants hotel, which had resumed business following the recent flood, is in immediate danger as well as the old postoffice building, the home of the Jackson County bank. Nothing, it is said, will save them but a receding of the river.

Residents of the low lands have been compelled to leave their homes and business men of Black River Falls, who were in temporary quarters, have again moved to higher ground.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 17.—The Mississippi river is one-tenth of a foot higher today than yesterday. Today's stage is 25, and is the result of a heavy rain which started Sunday afternoon and continued until late last evening. So far the month of October has a rainfall record of 7.35 inches. Today the weather is clear.

Bryan is Willing  
for Another to Be  
the Candidate

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Oct. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—W. J. Bryan spoke here last night to one of the biggest audiences ever crowded into the opera house. Owing to his making three talks at other towns during the afternoon and the miserable condition of the roads, Mr. Bryan did not arrive here until nearly 8 o'clock and it was nearly midnight when he concluded. Mr. Bryan talked along familiar lines. He paid high tribute to La Follette and said he would like to see him nominated by the progressive republicans. He also said he would consider it an honor to be sent as delegate to the national democratic convention and would be glad to see the presidential standard borne by another. In the party were supreme judge candidates Dead, Stark and Oldham, also Willis E. Reed and candidate Harmon. While talking the gas lights in the theater went out and the orator was compelled to finish his address in semi-darkness, two kerosene lamps being the only illumination.

Joseph T. Byrne  
Weds in Washington

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Joseph T. Byrne of Omaha was married this morning at 3:30 o'clock at St. Stephen's Catholic church to Miss Lucy Jones of this city. Miss Jones is a niece of Isaac B. Jones, one of Washington's substantial business men.

The wedding was a quiet one, only the relatives and close friends being present. Colonel Thomas C. Byrne, father of the groom, and Miss Esther Byrne were here to attend the wedding. Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Byrne left Washington for a short trip through eastern cities and will make their future home in Omaha.

ROADS ARE FORBIDDEN TO  
CANCEL RATE CONTRACTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—All railroads are forbidden by the Interstate Commerce commission today to cancel rate contracts with other roads when such action will result in a raise of freight rates. The decision followed investigation of the Northern Pacific's increase of rates on lumber rates from Oregon and Washington points on the Tacoma Eastern railroad.

At the farmers' institute discussions were led by W. Frank Gardner of Sturgis, S. D., Prof. H. M. Currell, agricultural commissioner of the Rock Island railroad, and Prof. E. H. Webster, dean of the Kansas Agricultural college.

The session of the main congress were devoted to technical subjects. Among those who read papers was H. L. Holler, North Dakota Agricultural college.

OFFICIALS PROBING WRECK  
Missouri Pacific Superintendent Says  
Freight Crew is to Blame.

WRECK VICTIMS DOING WELL  
Many of Those Injured Have Been Removed to Omaha Hospitals—Wreckage Has Been Cleared Away.

Superintendent A. De Bernardi of the Missouri Pacific road, who, with a number of other officials of the road, has been investigating the wreck on the road Sunday morning at Fort Crook, states that, without a doubt, the blame rested on the engineer and conductor of the freight train for failing to check off the register at South Omaha.

No action has yet been taken by the road in regard to the engineer and conductor of the freight. Action of the road is awaiting the verdict of the coroner's jury. It is doubtful if there is any law in the state that will convict the two men, relieved by the prospects of rapid work. James B. McNamara, on trial for the murder of Charles J. Haggerty, who was killed in the Los Angeles Times explosion a year ago, seemed to be one of the few fairly comfortable persons in the court room, in the summerlike heat that swept Los Angeles today.

"I don't want to stay here a minute longer than I have to," said one of the leaders among counsel to his opponent. "I'm going to do my full duty, but I'll be glad when it's over."

At the opening of the court the jury box was filled again by the addition of two veniremen, replacing Z. T. Nelson and F. F. Cross, both of whom were excused yesterday.

Talesman H. T. Quickenbush, who preserves the age average of the present set of talesmen by being 68 years old, was examined by Attorney Clarence S. Darrow, chief of counsel for the defense at the morning session of court.

Robert F. Bain and J. W. Roberts, the two talesmen passed for the present were held subject to their examination by either side on peremptory challenge.

Aviator Robinson  
Starts Down River

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 17.—Aviator Hugh Robinson started on his Minneapolis to New Orleans flight at 9:13 today. The weather was ideal for the trip. He arose in his hydro-aeroplane from Lake Calhoun to about 1,000 feet and headed east over Lake Street to the Mississippi river. He will follow the river to New Orleans.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 17.—Going at an estimated speed of a mile a minute, Aviator Robinson came down the river to St. Paul and passed over the Robert street bridge at 9:22 a. m. His air craft was sailing steadily.

At Robert street the aviator turned sharply to the right, making a short cut overland southward. He was visible for only a few minutes and soon disappeared. It is understood that his first stop will be at Red Wing, Minn.

CHICAGO GAME POSTPONED  
BECAUSE OF WET GROUNDS

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Wet grounds caused a postponement of the fourth game in the city championship series between the Chicago American and National league clubs today. The game, which was postponed yesterday because of rain, will be played tomorrow.

LAND PRODUCTS  
DRAW THROUGHS

Second Exposition is Far Greater Than One Given Here Last January.

FINE WEATHER BRINGS CROWDS  
Commercial Men Attend Big Attraction and Bring Many Friends.

ALL IS READY FOR VISITORS  
Entrancing Music Furnished by the Big Land Show Orchestra.

HAWAIIAN SINGERS' CONCERT  
Exhibits Are Varied and of High Character, and There Are Enough of Them to Demonstrate Possibilities of the West.

The attendance and the interest displayed Tuesday has demonstrated the fact that the second Land Show is to be even more of a success than the one held last year. Monday afternoon and evening the rain kept down the attendance, but Tuesday when the gates opened the crowd came. The attendance during the afternoon surpassed all expectations, but it was nothing like what it was in the evening. From 7 o'clock until 9 the turnstiles clicked merrily, admitting the thousands who visited the Coliseum to gaze upon the wonderful display and listen to the entrancing music furnished by Green's Concert band and the Hawaiian quintet.

Tuesday night was Commercial club night and it seemed as if all of the members of the organization were present. Like boys, the staid and serious business men left their cars behind and proceeded to enjoy themselves. They visited the numerous state and county displays, praising them and marveling at their comprehensiveness and the scope they covered. They listened to the music; they watched the performing seals and strolled through machinery hall to look upon the great engines in operation. Then they took time to watch the moving pictures and listen to the lectures.

It was quite a shock before the last of the Commercial club members left the Coliseum and when they did so they all voted the Land Show a pronounced success in every particular.

All Exhibits Are Ready. Tuesday, with one or two exceptions, all of the exhibits at the Land Show were ready for critical inspection and well it stood the test. This was best evidenced by the statement of L. J. Bricker, general immigration agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, who has visited every fair and similar exposition held in the United States in the last ten years. Speaking of the Omaha show, he said:

"The Omaha Land Show this year comes about as near perfection as it is possible to have a project of this character. The exhibits are varied and of a high character. There are enough of them to demonstrate thoroughly the possibilities of the sections of the country they represent. It is a great show and the managers are entitled to much credit for what they have accomplished."

San Diego, in its attempt to prove that California is the land of eternal sunshine and that San Diego is the best place in California, has installed a specially constructed electric globe at the Omaha Land Show. This globe was constructed after a careful examination of government statistics of climatic conditions in the world and was made under the supervision of a government weather bureau official.

The globe, electrically lighted from within, revolves slowly and the continents and lines to denote their climatic conditions are brought around and before every spectator. According to the weather bureau's statistics, the sun shines in San Diego 285 days out of the year. Its climate is "Alaskan summers and Egyptian winters," the temperature averaging between 60 and 70 degrees the year round.

EXHIBITORS HAVE DUTCH LUNCH  
Entertainment Will Follow Banquet at the Home.

The exhibitors at the Land show will be given a Dutch lunch at the Rome hotel Wednesday evening, and after the lunch an entertainment by the following: Johnnie Walker, the lad from Kilmarnock, in Scotch dialect; "Chatterbox" James and Lucia Cooper, in popular selections. The "acts" will be put on immediately after the banquet. The leader (violin) of "The Jersey Lilies," at the Gaiety, will accompany the "acts."

Slide of Strawstack Fatal. PORT DODGE, Ia., Oct. 17.—Harold Resbury, 16 years old, living south of Dayton, who slid off a straw stack yesterday and whose body was pierced by a pitchfork handle, died today at a hospital in the city.

Boxes of O'Brien's Candy. Daltzell's Ice Cream Bricks. Tickets to the American Theater.

All are given away free to those who find their names in the want ads.

Read the want ads every day, your name will appear some time, maybe more than once.

No puzzles to solve nor subscriptions to get—just read the want ads.

Turn to the want ad pages—there you will find nearly every business house in the city represented.