

FIRE IN BUSINESS PART OF CHICAGO

Loss of \$1,200,000 and Destruction of Wall Paper Firm's Building.

TRAFFIC IS ALL STOPPED

Both Streets and Elevated Lines Delayed and Theaters Are Made Late—Much Damage Is Done by Flood of Water.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Fire in the business district tonight caused loss estimated at \$1,200,000 and the almost complete destruction of the building at 14 Wabash avenue, occupied by Alfred Deane & Co., dealers in wall paper, the building adjoining it on the south, occupied by John A. Colby & Sons, furniture dealers, and that in the rear, fronting on Michigan avenue, occupied by the millinery firm of Edson Keith & Co. Those to the north and south of the Keith building, occupied by Gage Bros. & Co. and Theodore Ascher & Co., millinery firms, were damaged by fire and water.

The fire started in the engineer's room of the Peats building, and raged for three hours. Streets lines throughout the downtown district and the elevated lines were tied up and theaters were delayed, many of them more than an hour. In reaching the playhouses. The work of the firemen was witnessed by at least 15,000 persons.

The principal losses, as apportioned tonight among the various firms, were: Alfred Deane & Co., \$1,200,000; Edson Keith & Co., \$400,000; Gage Bros. & Co., \$25,000; Theodore Ascher & Co., \$25,000.

Many basements in the Wabash and Michigan avenues were flooded by water used in fighting the fire, the damage from this source being estimated at \$75,000. A breakdown of part of the fire apparatus saved the flames a fresh start about midnight, but additional engines were sent to take the place of the disabled machines, and the flames were quickly gotten under control again.

OIL IN TANKS FLARES UP

Spectacular Fire at Port Harford Causes \$150,000 Loss.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., Jan. 28.—The fire which was started by lightning yesterday afternoon in an oil tank belonging to the Union Oil Company at Port Harford burned all of last night and into this afternoon, consuming with their contents, the tank which was first set on fire and three others belonging to the Standard Oil Company. No other damage was done, although it was thought at one time that nothing could save the Marre Hotel, the Port Harford wharf and several cottages belonging to workmen around the oil tanks.

All the contents of the hotel and the cottages were removed to the decks of the steamer or to the surrounding hills, and the inhabitants fled to the hills scantily clad.

A quantity of oil in the first tank to take fire ran out into tanks on boats in the company's oil steamer Lanning, but after the oil became too hot to pump with safety and the pumps were shut down, the remaining oil in the tank exploded and set fire to the other three belonging to the Standard Oil Company. These burned all through the night and were burning fiercely at noon today, although a portion of their contents had been pumped out and run into the Standard Oil Company's steamer Drake.

A large quantity of the oil spread over the ground by frequent explosions and ran down into the waters of the bay, blazing fiercely. Debris from one of the tanks, which exploded at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was blown more than a mile away.

A desperate fight had to be kept up all of the time to save the water, the cottages and the four other tanks, but at 5 o'clock tonight the wind shifted and all danger passed.

The total loss is roughly estimated at \$150,000.

GREAT PACKING-HOUSE BURNS

Nelson Morris & Co. Lose \$750,000 at Kansas City, Kan.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 28.—Fire of unknown origin started in the canning department on the second floor of one of the twin main buildings of the \$1,000,000 packing plant of Nelson Morris & Co. on the Kaw River, in Kansas City, Kan., tonight, resulting in the destruction of the entire plant, and caused loss estimated at \$750,000 because it was controlled. All efforts to save the east main building, in which the fire started, and the box factory were abandoned.

The building in which the fire started contained the canning department, the dressing-room, the wholesale department and killing-beds. The fire had gained great headway before the fire department arrived, and the heat was so intense that it was impossible for the firemen to make any progress except to prevent its spreading. The box factory in the rear of the main buildings was entirely destroyed. The flames also spread to the cattle-chutes, many of which were burned.

CURRENCY BILL IN SHAPE

Republican Senators Give Democrats Provisions They Have Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Aldrich financial bill will be reported to the Senate on Thursday. The finance committee today practically finished the discussion of the measure.

Mr. Aldrich acquiesced the Democratic members with the changes which the majority of the committee has practically decided must be reported. It contains the various amendments which have been published from time to time, including the increase in the amounts of emergency currency to be authorized; the provision for keeping notes on hand in the treasury; and the authorization to the Treasury Department to proceed to the collection of data concerning municipal bonds.

The section relating to the issue of railroad bonds will remain in the bill, although it has been determined to rewrite it into such shape as to afford instant knowledge to the Treasury authorities who are to issue currency based on their security that the railroad bonds offered are of the proper character and value. The file of the Interstate Commerce Commission, where every railroad is required to place accurate data concerning its property and holdings, will be requisitioned by the Government in this respect. The Democrats will on Thursday offer their substitute for the Aldrich bill, which will prescribe the issuance of Treasury

notes in the form of deposits in designated depositories, the deposits to be protected by securities such as are designated in the Aldrich bill. The substitute will be voted down in committee, but will be presented on the floor of the Senate.

Aldrich Bill Condemned.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The board of directors of the Merchants Association, by a unanimous vote, approved the report of its committee on bankruptcy and commercial law, which condemns the Aldrich emergency currency bill, now pending in Congress.

CURTAIN ON DIRTY TRAGEDY

Aberdeen Merchant Convicted of Robbing Woman Will Go Free.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—A new feature in the Russell-Fogel robbery case developed today when it was learned that the Russell woman had filed an affidavit at Montesano declaring that all of the statements concerning Fogel, the woman, who was a member of the demimonde, charged Fogel with the theft of diamonds valued at \$900. Fogel was convicted to ask for a new trial, which motion is pending.

Last Saturday the Russell woman was married to Tommerson, who pitched for Aberdeen last year and the pair has gone to Chicago. It is alleged that the woman was paid for her affidavit. However, this is strenuously denied by Fogel and his friends.

The woman is liable to arrest on the charge of perjury, but it is the general opinion that the county authorities will not go to this expense. If Fogel is granted a new trial and the Russell woman does not appear his acquittal will follow. The case has many sensational features and has attracted a great deal of attention, as Fogel is a pioneer resident and has a wife and family.

MONTESSANO, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Mildred Devere of Aberdeen, who was married here Saturday to T. A. Tommerson, a ball player, also of Aberdeen, said to Justice L. B. Bignold, after he performed the ceremony, that there was one more thing she wished to do before she left this part of the country. She stated that she was the prosecuting witness in the case against Louis Fogel, the Aberdeen merchant, and that what she desired to do was to testify in the trial and state that Fogel had never given anything from her. She did this, she stated, at the instance of certain Aberdeen parties, whose names she refused to give, saying that she had been in such enough trouble in that city and did not wish to make any more. She and her husband had tickets for Kentucky and left Sunday for that state.

OREGON PENSIONS GRANTED

Increase in Representative Hawley's District Given.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 28.—Representative W. C. Hawley has been advised by the Committee on Pensions that his measure of pension has been granted in his district as follows:

Table listing names and pension amounts for various individuals in Oregon, such as Marion Alexander, Benjamin F. Adams, etc.

DON'T WANT TROOPS KEPT

Nevada Withdraws Resolution to Be Presented to President.

CARSON, Nev., Jan. 28.—The most important action of the Legislature tonight was the withdrawal of the resolution to keep President Roosevelt's troops in Goldfield for 90 days. This resolution will never be presented and the state will endeavor to rush the formation of a state militia. The Governor forwarded a resolution to both houses today requesting special legislation where county or district attorneys have been derelict in their duty. A bill was introduced in the Senate in compliance with the message. This measure primarily aimed at the District Attorney at Goldfield.

The Governor transmitted two messages to the Legislature this morning, the first recommending the passage of a law readjusting the first judicial district and the other requesting the formation of a state arbitration commission to adjust matters between disputants in all labor troubles. The measures are drawn in expectancy that they will go through within the month.

Many telegrams have been received by the Governor, congratulating him on the outcome of the session. It is the intention to bring all legislative work to a close by Saturday night, which will involve some rapid work on the part of the members.

ARE AGAINST PROHIBITION

Brewers to Organize Movement to Stop Rapid Spread.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—An organized movement against the wave of prohibition which is spreading over the country is now being made in New York and elsewhere. The brewers and dealers in brewers' supplies and machinery are behind the movement and are organizing associations throughout the country, the object of which will be to fight the prohibition movement. The organization in New York is known as the Manufacturers and Dealers' Club of Greater New York. It is proposed, as soon as the local organizations are well under way throughout the country, to organize them into a National organization. It is said that large numbers of business men are joining the local organizations. In this connection attention is called to a recently published statement of the Distillers' Securities Corporation to the effect that while the prohibition movement lessens the consumption of beer it has had at the same time the effect of increasing the demand for stronger beverages.

JUDGES PLEDGED TO RELEASE RUFF

Rabbi Nietro Tells All About the Broken Immunity Contract.

TRUST IN PROSECUTORS

Proposition Came From Burns and Judges Lawlor and Duane Agreed. Langdon and Burns Renewed Promise of Immunity.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—In a statement given to the public tonight Rabbi Jacob Nietro, who has had much to do with the famous broken immunity contract between the prosecutors and Abe Ruef, after reviewing the circumstances which led up to his taking an active interest in the matter, tells how he finally induced Ruef to agree to the terms of the contract and, in return for immunity from the respective chambers of the President, Ruef's sole interest in the matter was his interest in the welfare of the city and seeing existing conditions purified.

He states that after the proposition, which came from the prosecutors originally, had been presented to Ruef and he had expressed his willingness to accept the terms of the contract, a doubt arose in the mind of Ruef that the judge to whose court the case might be assigned would, after he had confessed to the charges of extortion in indictment No. 36, which had been agreed upon as the one to which he was to confess, fail to agree to the carrying out of the agreement granting him immunity.

Get Pledges From Judges.

"It was then arranged," said Rabbi Nietro, "that Dr. Kaplan and myself should accompany Mr. Heney to see said judges and obtain their assurances in the matter. Accordingly we were taken to the respective chambers of these judges, saw them personally and heard their statements as made to Mr. Heney personally, which caused us to believe we were justified in counseling Ruef to trust himself entirely to the prosecution. The meeting took place at midnight on April 29 and Mr. Burns brought the judges there to meet us.

"In our interview with Judge Lawlor he said: 'Gentlemen, I do not wish to know any particulars. It has been the practice of this Court, as this Court had confidence in the District Attorney's office, to act on all recommendations and suggestions that the office might make in the interest of justice. Such recommendations being made in open court and the case dismissed.'

Judge Dunne Gave His Word.

"Later we met Judge Dunne, to whom Mr. Heney said: 'Judge, Ruef will plead guilty to indictment No. 305. We may subsequently ask you to have the plea of guilty withdrawn, that of not guilty substituted and the case dismissed.'

"To which Judge Dunne replied: 'I have confidence in the District Attorney's office and will do what you ask.'

"As he was leaving the office, Dr. Kaplan said to him: 'Judge, do you really mean that you will allow the plea of guilty to be withdrawn and dismiss the case?' and the Judge answered, 'Certainly.'

Dr. Nietro tells how he went with Detective Burns the following morning to see Ruef and impressed upon him the necessity of not delaying his part of the contract.

On his return from Europe after a lapse of three months, Dr. Nietro was told, he says, that the verbal agreement had been put in writing and had been placed in escrow. Mr. Heney assured him that the word of the promise given to him in regard to substituting the plea of not guilty for that of guilty in the case of indictment No. 305 would be kept, Dr. Nietro says, and the written agreement was in accordance with the terms of that contract.

Dr. Nietro says on the day the trial of Ford closed without Ruef having been called to the witness stand, District Attorney Langdon told him the word of the prosecution would be kept, and later Mr. Burns called at his residence and reassured him of the same thing. Dr. Nietro said no suggestion was made during this period that Ruef was not fulfilling his agreement to tell the whole truth.

Dr. Nietro concludes his statement by saying that Ruef never sent for him, nor did he have any communication with Ruef concerning his case, until the time when he accidentally met Burns in the courtroom and was asked by him to speak to Ruef. What he has done, he says, was in the interest of public justice, as a minister and as a man.

TAX ON TITLED HUSBANDS

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covered into the Treasury," retorted Mr. Johnson to the accompaniment of Democratic applause.

"As a matter of fact," he continued, "liberally, it has not been paid."

The banks that bought the bonds up, he declared, gave their checks and immediately these checks were handed back to the banks and the Government was given credit.

HOUSE IN LONG SESSION

General Debate Among Members With No Results.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—National politics, international marriages and Government expenditures formed the themes of discussion in the House today. Incidentally it was the longest sitting of the House this session. The urgent deficiency bill was up for consideration but in several instances it was ignored under the license of general debate. The presence of William J. Bryan in the lobby of the House furnished inspiration to Mr. Walker, of Arkansas, for a vigorous speech in which, while admitting that Mr. Bryan had made mistakes and had been charged with talking too much, he said that the Nebraska was worthy of the honor and suffrage of all the states.

No amendments of any consequence were made to the urgent deficiency bill and was still pending when the House adjourned.

REFORM LAWS ARE WANTED

Committee Presents Specimens Decried to President Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—As a result of the action of the National Conference on the Combinations and Trusts held in Chicago

Company today declared annual dividends of 5 per cent on both the first preferred and the second preferred stocks. The dividend on the second preferred is an increase of 1 per cent over that of the previous year. The first preferred dividend is unchanged.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—A semiannual dividend of 1 per cent on the common stock of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company was declared by the directors today. This is a reduction of 1 per cent as compared with the last previous six months.

RECEIVER FOR NEVADA BANK

Serious Charges Made Against State Bank & Trust Co.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Jan. 28.—Applying for a receiver for the Goldfield branch of the State Bank & Trust Co. Company has been made in a suit filed against that institution by G. Urbenga, a depositor, who seeks to recover \$15 deposit and eight days' interest. The bank closed its doors. The plaintiff makes some startling allegations against T. B. Riekey, president of the company, and the board of directors.

War Department to Decide.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The case of Major William F. Hancock, Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at Fort Barrancas, Fla., has been received at the War Department for the decision of the President. Major Hancock was tried by court-martial at Atlanta, Ga., on charges growing out of the alleged violation of a pledge to abstain from use of intoxicating liquors.

Favorable to Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The House committee on interstate and foreign commerce today agreed to report favorably the Townsend arbitration bill. This provides for the appointment by the President of a permanent commission to investigate all disputes of moment arising between capital and labor.

Raises Money to Reopen.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 28.—The suspended National Bank of Commerce of this city will be reorganized, and soon to be demonstrated, with the aid of maps, the strategic importance to the United States of Pearl Harbor as a naval base.

Guilty of Unlawful Fencing.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 28.—Andrew McMillan, a prominent Dawson County ranchman, today pleaded guilty in the Federal court to the unlawful fencing of the public domain. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to jail for 30 days.

Lifesavers' Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The President today sent to the Senate a message recommending that pensions be granted to members of the lifesaving service, such as are given to firemen and policemen in the large cities.

Delegates Are Received.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Senate today ordered that the privileges of the floor be granted to Benito Legarda and Pablo Ocampo, Resident Commissioners appointed by the Philippine Assembly.

EX-SENATOR IS BANKRUPT

WARNER MILLER, OF NEW YORK, MAKES ASSIGNMENT.

Receivers Appointed for Gold Mine, of Which He Is President—Former Power in City's Politics.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Ex-United States Senator Warner Miller, who was elected to the Senate in 1881, and who since his retirement has been engaged in mining enterprises in this city and up-state, made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors to Ernest I. Conant today. Mr. Miller has been ill at his home in Herkimer, N. Y., for several days. Mr. Conant was assigned, said tonight that he could make no statement concerning the liabilities and assets of the ex-Senator, as he was not acquainted with the situation.

A few weeks ago receivers were appointed at Charleston, W. Va., for the Sierra Consolidated Gold Mining Company, of which Mr. Miller was president. The company owned property in Mexico, which it tried to develop, but the recent financial stringency made it difficult to secure funds. The action for the receivership was begun in the West Virginia courts by the bondholders, it is said, in default of interest.

Twenty years ago Warner Miller was a power in New York politics. He was elected to the Senate, where he served from 1881 to 1887, as an outcome of the feud between Senators Thomas C. Platt and Roscoe Conkling and the President over Federal patronage in this state. Mr. Miller was an advocate of the Nicaragua route for the isthmian canal. His political activity ceased several years ago.

LARGEST YEAR IN HISTORY

Steel Trust Declares Same Dividend as Usual.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The report of the United States Steel Corporation for the quarter ending December 31, 1907, expectantly awaited by the public as an index of industrial conditions, was made public today. The net earnings for the last three months of the Corporation's year were \$2,553,995. The figures exceeded the hopes of the steel trade. The net earnings for the year 1907 were \$10,984,477, the largest in the company's history. The unfilled orders on hand at the end of the year amounted to 4,624,553 tons. The surplus for the quarter was \$2,553,974.

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Prettiest Valentines for Pretty Sweethearts Here

Established 1850—FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS IN BUSINESS—Established 1850. Lipman, Wolfe & Co. Good Merchandise Only—Quality Considered, Our Prices Are Always the Lowest

Entire Stock Muslin Underwear Reduced

Lipman-Wolfe's January Sale is famous for its supremacy in Muslin Underwear selling. Months ago we harvested extra thousands of snowy garments at the 25 per cent lower prices then prevailing, whose uniform excellence of fabric, style and workmanship is noticeable in every grade, and whose upwards of a thousand charming models are, particularly in the higher classes, revelations of grace and beauty. ALL THESE PRICES ARE REDUCED.

- Gowns, 59c, 79c, 85c to - \$14.40
Chemise, 49c, 59c, 85c, to \$11.25
Dressers, 25c, 42c, 85c, to \$11.25
\$1.75 Nainsook Corset Covers, only \$1.18
\$2.25 Cambric Walking Skirts, special \$1.48
\$2.25 Nainsook Gowns, reduced to only \$1.48
\$1.50 Nainsook Gowns reduced to only \$1.10
Italian Silk Vests, special, \$2.55 to \$6.40
French Skirts reduced to only \$2.90 to \$30

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Cream Wool Dress Goods, Tailor Suitings

Extraordinary January Sale Bargains in Portland's Leading Dress Goods Store—Many Not Advertised.

- \$1.00 Cream Yachting Serge, 79c
\$1 quality Cream Yachting Serge, 44 inches wide.
\$1.25 Cream Pebble Cloth, 89c
Regular \$1.25 quality, 50 inches wide.
\$1.50 English Yachting Serge, \$1.29
\$1.50 quality Cream English Yachting Serge, 52 inches wide, for tailor suits.
\$1.25 Cream Mohair Sicilians, 95c
\$1.25 quality imported Cream Mohair Sicilians and Brillantines, 44 inches wide, extra high luster.
\$2.00 Tailor Suitings, \$1.25
\$2.00 quality superfine tailor cloths, invisible stripes and checks, 56 inches wide, in light and medium gray and tan.
\$1.50 Tailor Suitings, 98c
\$1.50 54-inch Tailor Suitings in dark heather mixtures and invisible plaids; also a few pieces of light gray and tan mixtures, suitable for Spring wear.

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Highest Grade Tailored Suits

Reg Val to \$50 at \$19.75

Special for our great January Clearance we offer, in addition to many other suit bargains, 50 highest grade plain tailor-made suits, all new this season, in three-quarter, tight and semi-fitting coats, tight-fitting and semi-fitting cutaway and short jackets; made of broadcloths, melton cloth, serge and chevrot, in plain brown, leather, navy, black and smart striped effects. Skirts in ultra fashionable effects. All jackets silk and satin lined. Reg. values to \$50, only \$19.75

45 Coats Values to \$37.50 at \$12.75

Women's Long Coats in semi-fitting and loose-back styles, of broadcloths and mixed suitings in red, brown, black, navy, gray, black and white checks. Sold regularly to \$37.50. Clearance Sale price reduced to only \$12.75

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January Clearance in All Depts

All Garments in Cloak Dept. Reduced
All Muslin Underwear Garments Reduced
All Leather Goods Are Much Reduced
All Jewelry Reduced Below Cost. Great Reductions in Dress Goods, Silks, Wash Goods, Linens, Laces, Embroideries, Rugs, Curtains, Hosiery, Underwear, Etc.

last October, resolutions in advocacy of reform legislation were today presented to President Roosevelt with the two houses of Congress by Seth Low of New York, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists. It is understood the President made no expression of his views on the subjects dealt with. The committee made arrangements for hearings before the proper committees of the two houses. No date was set.

Speculators Come Last. NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Speculative operations in real estate in this city and many others, according to leading operators, will be small in volume until what are considered the more legitimate demands for cash of the mortgage borrowers are satisfied.

Mortgages in this city alone who are pressed to renew their loans or to get new loans need nearly \$9,000,000, said an official of a prominent institution which makes large loans on realty, in discussing the subject yesterday. "They must have our first consideration," after

their wants are supplied there will be plenty of money for the more speculative demands of operators. During the next few months, while the surplus money is being taken for urgent requirements, rates will be strong. Later they will get lower, because the pressure from necessary sources will be relieved.

Cashier and Deposits Gone. ALVA, Okla., Jan. 28.—The Alva Bank of Commerce, with \$10,000 capital stock, is closed and Cashier Lou Westfall is missing. He is charged with looting the institution of practically all of its deposits. The depositors will lose nothing, the directors declare. Late tonight it was said the bank's loss is \$4700.

Attend Rosenthal's great clearance sale for fine shoe bargains.