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Yu Hsien a Scapegoat.
LONDON, Dec. 9.—Dr. Morrison in a
dispatch to the Times, dated Peking, Sep-
tember 8, says:
"A prominent Chinese official tells me
he believes the edict regarding Gen-
eral Tung Fu Shiang is the outcome of
the Empress Dowager's alarm at the re-
port received by her from the southern
Viceroys of the intention of the Ger-
mans to send an expedition to cut off
the court's supplies. He further declares
that the court is prepared to make a
scapegoat of Yu Hsien."
Holland is Alarmed.
LONDON, Dec. 9.—Special dispatches
from The Hague report the feeling there
as one of alarm at the prospect of an
Anglo-German-Portuguese combination
which might attack the Dutch seaboard
or seize Java. It is reported that
Mr. Kruger, but he has abandoned all
hope of any effective result of his visit to
Europe, although he does not despair of
meeting Emperor Nicholas, possibly on
the Riviera.
Boxers Disturbing Corea.
LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Boxers are dis-
turb North and Western Corea," says
the St. Petersburg correspondent of the
Daily Mail, "and the Russian troops are
preparing to scatter them."
To Cut Off Boers' Food Supply.
LONDON, Dec. 9.—A dispatch from Jo-
hannesburg says the town has been
fenced round with barbed wire to prevent
the inhabitants getting food to the Boers.

SCHOOL FUND LOSSES

Aggregate Over \$40,000
Every Year Under

BEST POSSIBLE MANAGEMENT

Suggestion That It Be Invested in
Current Loans Needed by
Cities and Coun-
ties.

SALISBURY, Or., Dec. 9.—The Board of
School Land Commissioners of the State
of Oregon has in its care and control the
common school funds of the state aggregat-
ing in value about \$1,500,000. The exact
amount of this fund is calculated every
two years, and will not be determined for
the present biennial term until near the
close of the year. This fund, at the
close of the last biennial term, December
31, 1898, was made up as follows:

Notes representing loans from
the fund \$1,537,152 97
Land notes (deferred payments) 545,726 29
In fund and in course of col-
lection 238,435 00
Land, securing loan notes, 24,900 00
Loans foreclosed 24,900 00
Loans recovered 24,900 00
In by the state 49,830 00
Cash on hand 444,828 17
Total \$2,199,932 43

This is the fund which produces the
money annually apportioned among the
common schools of the state. As will be
readily seen, the moneys outstanding are
of two classes—money due upon school
land which has been bought and only a
partial payment made thereon, and money
which has been borrowed from the school
fund upon mortgage security.

The board has two classes of duties to
perform: To sell the state lands and to
lend the trust funds given to its care.
When it sells state land, the principal sum
of the purchase price goes into the irre-
ducible common school fund, while any in-
terest that may be received upon the
payments for such land is placed in the
interest fund and forms a part of the sum
annually apportioned among the counties
of the state in proportion to the popula-
tion between 4 and 20 years of age. The
principal sum is lent on approved real
estate securities, and the interest received
on these loans is also placed in the inter-
est fund. All the expenses of managing the
funds are paid out of the interest, so
that it appears that the amount of money
annually disbursed to the public schools
of the state is the net interest upon the
irreducible school funds.

The question has been raised whether
the state would do better to go out
of the money-lending business and invest
its school money in securities, such as
National, state, county and city bonds and
warrants. This question is raised, pre-
sumably, with the thought that although
the state received formerly 8 per cent
interest, and now 6 per cent interest, the
expenses of managing the fund, and the
losses sustained by reason of bad loans
are so great as to cut the net revenue be-
low what would be realized upon the same
amount of money invested in securi-
ties which are perfectly safe, and which
require no attention in the way of col-
lection.

The first matter for investigation in
studying this question is the actual per
cent of profit that has been realized upon
the irreducible school fund in the past.
The first step in such an investigation
discloses a wretched condition of the
official reports, which might be expected
to throw light upon the subject. Here-
tofore the amount of the irreducible
school fund has been computed but once
in two years, and in some cases even that
computation is very incomplete and un-
satisfactory. In the biennial report of
the State Treasurer is set forth a list
after a page of a list of names of persons
who have paid small amounts of interest;
but there is no statement showing the
total receipts for any year. The bi-
ennial reports of the Land Department
set forth, in some cases, a detailed list
of men who have given purchase notes, but
falls to give the total amount of such
notes, and so it is throughout, in other
particulars. So far as can be ascertained,
however, the irreducible common school
fund for the last 10 years has been as fol-
lows at the close of each biennial term:

1890	.....	\$2,200,822 26
1892	.....	2,200,822 26
1894	.....	2,231,618 23
1896	.....	2,663,726 54
1898	.....	2,129,932 43
Total	.....	\$11,609,899 11

This makes the average amount in the
fund within the last 10 years \$2,617,967 86.
The annual appropriations for the same
period of 10 years were as follows:

1890	.....	\$4,272 25
1891	.....	125,472 05
1892	.....	152,151 50
1893	.....	156,963 60
1894	.....	182,750 00
1895	.....	307,693 32
1896	.....	323,281 70
Total	.....	\$1,196,304 89

The average of these appropriations is
\$119,630 49. As the appropriations are
made in August, it will be seen that the
amount in the fund is the principal, a
computation shows that the product is
5.1 per cent of the principal.

But all the notes bearing interest are
not loan notes, a considerable portion
are land notes, representing the unpaid
portion of the purchase price of school
land. Had the board been investing funds
in securities during those 10 years, it
could not have had the money repre-
sented by these land notes in that man-
ner. The common school funds, which
might be made available for such invest-
ment, are the moneys reported as repre-
sented by loan notes and the cash in the
treasury. The following table shows the
face value of loan notes and the amount
of cash on hand at the close of each bi-
ennial period:

1890—Notes	.....	\$1,715,283 26
Cash	.....	485,539 00
1892—Notes	.....	1,926,507 22
Cash	.....	273,315 04
1894—Notes	.....	2,296,736 74
Cash	.....	366,989 46
1896—Notes	.....	2,071,523 46
Cash	.....	592,202 97
1898—Notes	.....	1,420,827 97
Cash	.....	444,828 17
Total	.....	\$10,899,432 96

*This includes land bid in by the state
at foreclosure sale, and costing \$12,750 00.
This includes land, securing loan notes,
to the amount of \$53,550, bonded to the
state because the state could not collect
the debt; judgments obtained against bor-

STRIKERS STILL OUT

Santa Fe Telegraphers Firm
in Their Demands.

WILL ACCEPT NO COMPROMISE

Officials of Railway State Backbone
of Movement is Broken—Train-
men Threaten to Leave
Positions.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 9.—At 8 o'clock
tonight practically all the telegraphers
at the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe
proper are still out. A few men returned
to work this morning, under the im-
pression that the strike had been called

off, and were later on induced to join
the strikers. Later in the day they were
all out to a man west of Emporia. Not a
man will return to work unless their
grievances are settled in the fullest pos-
sible manner.

At 3:30 this morning an official at the
Santa Fe depot sent a caller after a
depot operator to go to work. When the
operator arrived the official represented
that the strike had been ended, and that
he had better return to work, as every-
body else had done so. The operator did
so, and soon the news of his action went
to the other strikers. They thus gained
the impression that the grievance was
settled, and many of them returned to
work, but stopped as soon as the real
facts were ascertained.

Men from different places all along the
line wired into the train dispatcher's of-
fice here, reporting the condition of
the train, some of the strikers would
immediately cut in and the effect of the
message would be lost. However, he said
the cut-off was of little importance, and
the attitude of the strikers there would
cause very little inconvenience.

Trainmen Threaten to Go Out.
TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 9.—The indica-
tions are that the Santa Fe will have
present trouble before long if the
men strike. Dispatches received here to-
night indicate dissatisfaction among the
trainmen at some division points. At 5
P. M. General Chairman Newman sent
the following message to R. M. Long,
Denver:

"Everything solid. I understand the
west end trainmen are out. Trainmen on
the Gulf division have given the officials
until 9 A. M. Monday to settle."
A dispatch from Galveston says:
"Gulf men are standing firm and every-
thing is very encouraging."
Chairman Newman wires from Wichita
that Santa Fe trainmen west of Wichita
are threatening to go out unless the
strike is settled.

MRS. McLEAN DEAD.

Passed Away at Her Washington
Home Early Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Mary L.
McLean, the mother of John R. McLean,
of the Cincinnati Enquirer, died here at
her residence at 1:30 o'clock this morn-
ing of acute heart affection. She had
been ill since Friday. At the bedside of
Mrs. McLean, when she died, were her
daughter, Mrs. Dewey, and Mrs. Lud-
low, wife of Rear-Admiral Nicoll Lud-
low; her son, John R. McLean, and Ad-
miral Dewey.

Mrs. McLean was a native of Kentucky,
but previous to coming to Washington
several years ago, she spent most of her
life in Cincinnati. She was the widow of
the late Washington Enquirer, proprietor
of the Cincinnati Enquirer. Mrs. McLean
was in her 72d year.

Death of an Old-Time Mason.

DENVER, Dec. 9.—Adnah Adams Treat
died here today at the age of 108 years
and eight months. He had long been the
oldest living Mason in the Province of
the Old World in point of time, and
connected with the order. He died of
old age.

Consul at Shanghai to Come Home.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9.—Pao Ho Nien, Tao-
tai of Chu-Chan Fu in the Province of
Che Kian, who was responsible for the
July massacre, and who absconded, has
been captured near Su Chau and sent
to Hang Chau Fu.

John Goodnow, United States Consul-
General in Shanghai, is about starting for
the United States on leave of absence.

WOULD NOT HONOR IT

Requisition For Indiana Man
Turned Down.

ACT OF COLORADO'S GOVERNOR

Alleges Technical Grounds, but Pri-
mary Cause is Refusal of Indi-
anna's Executive to Deliver Up
W. S. Taylor, of Kentucky.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 8.—Governor
Montgomery received word that Govern-
or Thomas, of Colorado, had refused to
honor a requisition from Indiana for the
return of Clifton Oxman, of Princeton,
Ind., accused of defrauding in a real estate
deal, J. Mayor Greene, of Chicago. A
special from Denver says the Indiana
Sheriff had Attorney-General Campbell,
of Colorado, inspect the papers, and they
were declared legal. Afterward, it is
stated, Governor Thomas had a consulta-
tion with Mr. Campbell, and then an-
nounced that the papers were not made
out in technical form, and this, taken
in connection with the attitude of Govern-
or Mont. of Indiana, in refusing to
honor Governor Beckham's requisition for
the return to Kentucky of W. S. Taylor,
who is now living in Indiana, and who
was wanted in Kentucky, he said would
cause him to refuse the requisition. Govern-
or Thomas, it is stated, at the same
time said that several other Governors
had, he believed, decided to take similar
steps regarding Governor Mont. This
matter has created considerable comment.
Governor Mont., when told tonight of
Governor Thomas' action, said he was
surprised at it. "There may be some-
thing political in this matter," he said,
"but I am surprised that Governor Thom-
as resorts to any so-called precedent in
his action on the requisition. He cites my
action in the Kentucky cases as a pre-
cedent, which he says he is inclined to
follow. I considered no precedent when I
refused the Kentucky requisition. I did
so because I did not believe the men
could get a fair trial in their own state.
Governors do not as a rule resort to
precedents in settling on such questions.
Each stands on its own merits."

TO PROHIBIT POLYGAMY.

Congress Will Again Be Urged to
Move in the Matter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A mass meet-
ing was held here today under the aus-
pices of the Women's Interdenominational
Union, in the interests of the pro-
posed Constitutional amendment prohib-
iting polygamy in the United States, and
in all territories under its jurisdiction. Dr.
Josiah Strong, of New York City, pre-
sided. In an address he recalled the mass
meeting held a year ago in London, in
which the English people were urged to
send a message to the United States
church to oppose the seating of Mr. Rob-
erts, of Utah, in the House of Repre-
sentatives, and the sending of a petition
to Congress protesting against seating
him and also asking for legislation pro-
hibiting polygamy in all states. No action
had been taken on the request for an
anti-polygamy law, said Dr. Strong, and
the meeting was called to press the is-
sue. A letter was read from ex-Senator
Edmunds, Dr. Sarah J. Elliot, of Moab,
Utah, expressed herself strongly in re-
spect to polygamy in Utah.

Illinois Took High Honors.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Students from the
University of Illinois won a majority of
the high honors in the judging competi-
tion held Friday at the livestock expo-
sition. Results were made known and
prizes awarded today.

There were 45 students competing, rep-
resenting seven schools in the United
States and one in Ontario. The Boer
troopship and the agricultural
school with the highest aggregate stand-
ing of best three men, was captured by
Illinois. The teams of Wisconsin, Indi-
ana and Michigan were ranked after the
winners in that order.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS.

Congress.
Senate will devote present week to Hay-
Pauncefote treaty and ship subsidy bill.
Page 2.
Establishment of ship subsidy bill as regular
order will displace Nicaragua Canal mea-
sure. Page 2.
Bills for reduction of war revenue tax and
legislative appropriations will likely pass
House this week. Page 2.

Foreign.
Japan is much disturbed by Tokio municipal
scandal. Page 2.
Delegates Wilcox, of Hawaii, strongly oppose
importation of negro labor into islands.
Page 2.
Netherlands disavows responsibility for sym-
pathetic despatch of Minister to Kruger.
Page 2.
Johannesburg will be fenced around with bar-
bed wire to cut off Boers' food supply. Page 2.

China.
Russia says all credit for securing existing
entente belongs to United States. Page 2.
United States Consul Goodnow, at Shanghai,
will return home on leave of absence.
Page 1.

Domestic.
Governor Thomas, of Colorado, refused to honor
requisition of Governor Mont. of Indiana,
and cited Taylor case as precedent. Page 1.
Annual report of Postmaster-General Smith.
Page 2.
Practically all the Santa Fe Railway telegraph-
ers are still out. Trainmen threaten to
join them. Page 1.
Santa Fe Railway officials strike the backbone
of the telegraphers' strike is practically
broken. Page 1.
The sixth annual international six-day bicycle
race opened at Chicago today. Page 2.
Eight persons were drowned by sinking of iron
ore barge on Lake Erie. Page 3.
Pacific Coast.
Losses on Oregon school fund average \$40,000
a year. Page 1.
Sale of ice of opinion that its census returns
were wrongly counted at Washington.
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Tacoma has visions of an immense Indian
school. Page 3.
The Portland-bound German bark Edmund is
aboard at Santa Rosalia. Page 3.

Portland and Vicinity.
Lawyers agree that Supreme Court should have
assistance. Page 8.
Moonshiners arrive after a very rough pas-
sage. Page 12.
Multum arrangements for Christmas football
match with University of Oregon. Page 12.