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Senate's Neglect Left Opening in Santo Domingo.

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WASHINGTON, March 21.—The projected reorganization of the force of American customs collectors in Santo Domingo, based upon the expectation that the Senate would approve the pending treaty before adjournment, has been indefinitely postponed and it is impossible that any change will be made in the near future beyond the relief of Commander Leiter, who is now acting collector at Monte Cristi. Commander Leiter is called upon to go North to put in his ship out of commission at the Boston Navy-yard. The collection at Monte Cristi and Puerto Plata, will therefore, be under Mr. Abbott's direction for the present.

Some apprehension is felt here as to the probable action of those European powers that have claims against Santo Domingo, and it would not surprise the officials here if some attempt is made to secure joint action by these powers to seize the customs revenues at some Dominican port.

READER DID NOT NEGOTIATE

Dominican Diplomat Denies He Even Saw President Morales.

NEW YORK, March 21.—An official version of the alleged negotiations between A. B. Reader and the Dominican government was given today by Emilio C. Jibert, the Dominican chargé d'affaires at Washington, who is in this city. He said:

"I was in President Morales's office when Reader sent in his letter asking for an interview and pretending to be a representative of the United States. The President had word sent to Reader that he could not grant an interview until he was presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. If he had any business, to communicate it either through the Dominican Legation at Washington or the Minister of Foreign Affairs," said Mr. Jibert. "Reader sent a bundle of papers to Foreign Minister Sanchez which was returned without notice being taken of it. It is absurd to say that there were any negotiations with Reader."

"It is up to Assistant Secretary of State Loomis to vindicate me in the Government on behalf of the republic of Santo Domingo," said Mrs. E. B. Reader today. "He can substantiate my story in every particular, and in the absence of Secretary Hay he will be required to do so. The Santo Domingo negotiations by which I was to be made fiscal agent of the republic were in the hands of Mr. Loomis. He, himself, went to Santo Domingo some time ago in connection with them, and if Secretary Hay had the truth of every assertion I have made will be fully proven."

ORGANIZATION OF BOXMAKERS

Preliminary Meeting in Held With the Tacoma Manufacturers.

TACOMA, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—Prominent Tacoma manufacturers from throughout the state met with the Tacoma manufacturers today, and perfected the preliminary arrangements for a state organization. The meeting was held at the Tacoma Hotel, and the greater number of those present favored state organization, and another meeting will be held in the near future, at which time the manufacturers expect to organize formally.

Some of the larger manufacturers of the state are already identified with a Coast organization known as the Northern Box Manufacturers' Agency, which has its headquarters in Portland, and the Washington members there being represented by Mr. J. H. Murray. It is said to be one of the prime factors in the movement for a state organization.

It is understood that larger manufacturers who are members of the Northern Box Manufacturers' Agency, have for some time been dissatisfied with the Coast organization, since it does not include in its membership the greater number of the box manufacturers in the state, and an attempt will now be made to organize the state.

CROWD THROUGH A SMALL HOLE

Four Prisoners Escape From Umatilla Jail for a Short Time.

PENDLETON, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—City Hooksmith, Tom Moss, Albert Murray and Maynard Brown broke out of the County Jail a few minutes after 8 o'clock this morning, just as they were about to eat breakfast. They escaped by sawing one of the iron bars in two and crawling through a space barely seven inches wide.

Hooksmith, Moss and Murray were captured this afternoon a few miles from the city by Sheriff Taylor. Moss was taken to have been taken to Salem to serve a three years' term for forgery. He is a dangerous criminal, having served time in Nebraska for forgery, but had not received sentence for the present. The other two prisoners were serving jail sentences for petty offenses.

Big Lumberman Comes West.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 21.—H. L. Jenkins & Co. of Minneapolis, one of the largest lumbering firms of the Middle West, is completing the transfer of its interests to Seattle. The capital stock of the company is \$1,000,000 and it has already taken over the property of the Monarch Lumber Company at Blaine, this state, in which Mr. Jenkins has been a stockholder for some time.

Mr. Jenkins has also recently organized the Jensen Lumber Company of Spokane. The concern will distribute the product of the western mills in Eastern Washington and will also manufacture Eastern Washington timber.

Suit for Robber Crowley's Money.

ALBANY, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—District Attorney J. H. McNary today began suit in equity court to determine the ownership of \$184.25, money taken by Crowley, convicted of bank robbery at Lebanon and sent to the Penitentiary yesterday. The money is claimed by the Fidelity Company, by the bank robber and by Crowley's attorney. The latter have an assignment from the prisoner for the sum. All the claims for the money are made defendant. The purpose is to adjudicate the ownership.

Congressmen Off to Santo Domingo.

MAYAGUEZ, Island of Porto Rico, March 21.—The 11 Congressmen, mostly

JULES VERNE ON HIS DEATHBED

Great Novelist in Last Stages of Diabetes and Paralyzed.

AMIENTS, France, March 21.—The condition of Jules Verne is regarded as hopeless. Telegrams of sympathy from all quarters of the globe have been received. Many of them are from children and scientists.

M. Verne continued writing until recently, when he was obliged to suspend all literary work and his duties as a Municipal Councillor. He occupies the same room in which he wrote his extraordinary stories of voyages.

Later in the day Mr. Verne's condition improved. Tonight he was pronounced to be in the last stage of diabetes, and sustained a stroke of paralysis, affecting his right side, which has since been extending.

Jules Verne was born at Nantes, France, February 28, 1828. He studied law in his native town and in Paris. In 1849 he began to write short pieces for the stage and was for some time secretary of the Theatre Lyrique. By his "Five Weeks in a Balloon," published in 1863, a romance based upon the discoveries of modern science and giving a rational explanation of the many mysteriously fanciful solutions of scientific problems, he became known. This work was translated into English, and was all his subsequent work was in the same character, including "A Journey in the Center of the Earth," "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," "From the Earth to the Moon," "Dropped From the Clouds," and "The Mysterious Island." One of his most popular books is "Around the World in Eighty Days," which was dramatized in 1874. Scarcely less known is his "The Mystery of the Yellow Peri," which was translated into English in 1874. He was the author of numerous other books. An unsuccessful attempt was made on his life in March, 1888.

LEAPS FROM STEAMER AT SEA

Son of Philadelphia Millionaire Follows Elopement by Suicide.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Andrew M. Griscom, of Philadelphia, who disappeared from Philadelphia several weeks ago and was supposed to be in Europe, committed suicide on March 19 by jumping overboard from the steamer Minnetonka from London to this city. When he jumped overboard the steamer was stopped and a boat was lowered, but he could not be found. It is supposed that he was temporarily unbalanced mentally. Griscom was a member of a well-known Philadelphia family.

When Griscom disappeared from Philadelphia it was reported that he had taken a young woman, and that both of them had gone to Europe. Griscom's mother, however, denied it. News of the suicide was made public when the Minnetonka reached the port today.

Governess Missing Also.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—Andrew M. Griscom was the son of W. M. Griscom, a millionaire resident of Bryn Mawr, a suburb. Young Griscom, who was a student at the University of Pennsylvania, left his boarding-house during the first week in February, and was not heard from until February 7, when he visited the New York office of the Reading Hardware Company, of which his father is one of the owners. The boy made a request for money and his father, upon being communicated with, ordered that his son be supplied with funds. Nothing further was heard from Andrew until February 28, when it was learned that he had sailed for Europe.

Later it was learned that Miss Hanson, who had been a governess in the Griscom family, had preceded young Griscom, and there were rumors of a contemplated elopement, but this was subsequently denied. When Griscom's father learned that his son was in Europe, he sent a friend to bring the boy home, and it is supposed that he was accompanying this man on the Minnetonka.

CLERICAL GAMBLER PUNISHED

Methodist Church Recommends Dismissal of Preacher Who Speculated.

WILMINGTON, Del., March 21.—Rev. Charles S. Baker, tried on charges of stock gambling, high imprudence and unministerial conduct by a convention of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, has been found guilty and his dismissal from the ministry recommended.

THE DAY'S DEATH ROLL

Descendant of John Alden.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Henry William Alden is dead at his home in Paterson, N. J., aged 81. He was a direct descendant of the Puritan colonist, John Alden. Henry W. Alden went to California in 1830 and afterward founded an extensive mercantile business in Stockton. He was the first treasurer of San Joaquin County.

John L. Boland, Confederate Veteran

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—John L. Boland, for many years prominent in St. Louis business circles, and a Confederate veteran, died at his country home near here. Mr. Boland was born in Ballington, Va., and leaves three daughters and two sons.

Wallace Shillito, Cincinnati.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Wallace Shillito, oldest son of the late John Shillito, of Cincinnati, a leading merchant of that city, is dead at his home here. He was president of the company founded by his father until his retirement from active business a few years ago.

Capt. George T. Hodges, U. S. A.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., March 21.—Captain George T. Hodges, chief clerk in the Quartermaster's Department, at West Point, is dead here, aged 84 years.

New Rural Routes in Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 21.—Rural free delivery routes have been ordered established in Washington April 15 as follows: Spokane, Moran rural station, route 1, population 200, houses 26; Wenatchee, Chelan County, route 7, population 616, houses 126.

Jerome Stirs Up the Theaters.

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New Colorado Eight-Hour Law.

DENVER, Colo., March 21.—Governor Jesse F. McDonald today signed the limited eight-hour bill passed by the Legislature.

DO YOU WEAR GLASSES?

Property fitting glasses and MURKIN frames by Dr. C. M. Murkin and wife, 1015 E. Main St., Druggists and opticians, or Murkin Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.

HAS DUG HIS OWN GRAVE

CONFESSED BRIBETAKER FOUND TO BE FALSIFIER.

Colorado Investigating Committee Denounces State Senator Morgan—May Recommend Expulsion.

DENVER, March 21.—The Colorado General Assembly in joint convention this afternoon exonerated James M. Herbert, vice-president and general manager of the Colorado & Southern Railroad, and Daniel M. Sullivan, Postmaster at Cripple Creek, who had been charged with bribery in the electoral contest.

On March 7 when the joint convention was hearing arguments in the Peabody-Adams contest, Senator Richard W. Morgan, a Republican, presented a signed declaration that Messrs. Herbert and Sullivan had offered him \$100,000 to vote for Alva Adams, and that one-half of this sum had already been given him. This money, he said, he had placed in the hands of District Attorney George Sudd-

er, responsible therefor, and their lives be made the forfeit.

The Moscow Assembly of Zemstvos is forcing the hand of Interior Minister Douglan in the matter of the reform issue of March 3, and has taken the bold step of requesting and practically demanding that the Minister accept the services of Zemstvo delegates throughout the empire in drawing up the plan of the new governmental organization to be created under the present law.

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Polish Terrorist Wounds Eight Police and Soldiers With Missile.

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