

BROKAW POOR MAN YET WORTH MILLION

Just After Asserting Wealth Is \$1,638,937, He Groans at Poverty Amid Smiles.

ALIMONY ONLY QUESTION

Amount Wife Is to Get Believed to Be Only Unsettled Factor—Decision to Be Announced After Submission of Briefs.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—"I am a poor man," was the announcement made by W. Gould Brokaw on the witness stand at Almsola, N. Y., today. Brokaw's assertion caused a general smile in the courtroom. A moment previously he had testified that he was worth \$1,638,937, the amount given in the formal statement of his resources submitted to the court which has been trying his wife's suit for alimony.

Alimony Only Question.

It is believed only the question of alimony remains a factor in the case, in which Justice Putnam is expected to give his final decision after he has examined the briefs of the attorneys to be submitted within the next two weeks.

"Poor Man" Worth Million.

Brokaw sold the management of his securities to the Standard Oil Co. and his financial agent. He never inquired into the transactions, required an accounting or gave directions as to sales or purchases, he declared. He denied knowledge of what his annual expenses were.

"Would you say \$15,000 or \$20,000?" he was asked.

"I don't know," replied the witness. Asked what he was worth, Brokaw replied:

"The amount that statement says I am."

"That is \$1,638,937?"

"Yes."

"Then you are a poor man?"

"Yes, I am a poor man," replied Brokaw, and the audience laughed.

Court adjourned after the attorneys had been directed to submit briefs within a fortnight.

NEW AND OLD ASSEMBLE

Early and Late Settlers of Glendale Hold First Union.

GLENDALE, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)

The most successful event in the history of this vicinity was the first annual Newcomers' and Old Settlers' Union, given by the Glendale Commercial Club here today. Practically every family in Cow Creek Valley was represented in the hall, where the program consisted of addresses by members of the Commercial Club and responses in behalf of the old settlers and newcomers. As each person entered the hall, prizes were awarded to the oldest settler, youngest settler, and to the fattest, shortest, tallest and thinnest among the native-born men and women. The largest family of old settlers and the largest family of newcomers were also awarded prizes. Dinner was served to the entire assembly free. The club plans to make the reunion an annual event.

\$3,000,000 GOES TO FOUR

Mrs. Booth Tarkington One of Heirs of Indianapolis Banker.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 1.—An estate of the estimated value of about \$3,000,000 is disposed of by the terms of the will of Stoughton J. Fletcher, the Indianapolis banker, who died in Galatin, Tenn., December 25. The will was filed in the Probate Court yesterday by Edward E. Gates, attorney for Stoughton J. Fletcher, the son.

The will, which was executed February 25, 1904, leaves the entire estate to Stoughton A. Fletcher, the only son, and to his three daughters—Mrs. Julia E. Fletcher Barnard, of Pasadena, Cal.; Mrs. Laurel Louise Fletcher Tarkington, wife of Booth Tarkington, and Miss Hilda Fletcher, of Indianapolis.

TOM L. JOHNSON IS OUT

Cleveland Old-Time Mayor Succeeded by H. T. Baer.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 1.—While the official term of Tom L. Johnson, for eight years Mayor of Cleveland, closed last midnight, the transfer of the office to his successor, Herman T. Baer, took place at noon today.

The retiring Mayor will take a rest for several weeks, and then will return to keep in touch with the local Democratic organization.

DEATH HIS NEW YEAR GIFT

Pittsburg Man Kills Wife, Wounds Children, Then Commits Suicide.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 1.—William Gibson, aged 48 years, resident of Manhattan, a suburb, tonight shot and killed his wife, and seriously wounded a son, fired three shots at his fleeing daughter, and then killed himself.

EGGS NOT REALLY FRESH

Ten Cents Added, in Chicago, Just to Improve Taste.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The Record-Herald is giving an interview with a

prominent South Water street merchant this morning, says: "When you go into a grocery and ask for strictly fresh eggs, and the grocer behind the counter gives you a dozen and 12 cents' change out of a half dollar, don't glare at him angrily, but blame yourself. "The situation is just this:—You pay 25 cents a dozen for strictly fresh eggs (extras costing you 43 cents a dozen). You pay 25 cents a dozen for cold storage eggs. But no matter whether you pay 25 cents or 23 cents, you get the same eggs. They all come from some cold storage warehouse. If you were charged only 25 cents for 'strictly fresh' you would know they were cold storage eggs, so when you ask for fresh, 10 cents is tacked on to the price to make them taste better. "All the real fresh eggs that are coming in now are being snapped up by big hotels, and the wealthy and favored customers of a few dealers. They pay 42 cents and even more.

NEW COMMISSIONER OF PENITENTIARIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—J. L. Davenport is the new Commissioner of Penitentiaries. He was Assistant Commissioner and was promoted on the resignation of Commissioner Warner recently.



J. L. Davenport.

DYNAMITERS IN TOILS

STRIKING MACHINISTS ATTEMPT VIOLENCE, IS BELIEF.

Railroad Bridge and Shops Filled With Workmen Are Objects of Villainous Plot.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—Following an attempt last evening to blow up the Gaystreet bridge of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, three men were arrested on a charge of conspiracy with intent to dynamite the bridge and also the Mount Clear machine shops of the company. The bridge was not seriously damaged.

William B. Shipley, Hamilton W. Lighter and William H. Zimmerman, all machinists, were later taken into custody. Detective Captain Humphrey failed to have evidence directly implicating the men.

Both Zimmerman and Shipley, who went out with the striking machinists of the Baltimore & Ohio here last May, in formal statements today confessed they had engaged in a plot to blow up the Mount Clear shops last night.

In the shops at the time the bomb was to be exploded were more than 1000 workmen, and the alleged plotters admitted that they did not know how many persons might have been killed by the explosion. Detectives are looking for three other men, whom they say they can connect with the plot.

Fifteen Teachers Successful.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Fifteen out of the 25 teachers who took the recent examination in this city were successful, and certificates have just been received by County Superintendent McBride from the State Department of Public Instruction for Carrie M. Bolen, Adele La Londe, Anna M. Melr, Minnie H. Morden, Mrs. Agnes Alderson and Mrs. Carrie M. Scott, of Vancouver; Florence M. Case, Gwendoline Carpenter, Dixie Greathouse, of Portland; R. S. Durkee, of Battleground; Martha Leister, Bertha Leader, of Kluckatt; Jesse M. Newcomb, of Felida; E. B. Hill and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hill, of Ridgefield.

Sheriff Takes Minister.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—Rev. E. O. Thiburne, charged with the endorsement of funds from the Christian Church of Linton, Ind., consented today to return east with Sheriff Bramstetter, who arrived yesterday with extradition papers. Daniel Smith and his daughter May, with whom the clergyman is alleged to have eloped from Linton, are accompanying the Sheriff and his prisoner.

BETTING EVEN ON LIBERALS' VICTORY

English Sportsmen Expect Asquith to Win Battle Against Lords.

PEERS ARE HOWLED DOWN

More Skill at Foxhunting Than Statesmanship Is Shown—John Burns, Deserted by Labor, May Be Beaten in London.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—With the first polling of the general election only a fortnight away, the campaign shows less popular excitement than the last stages of previous general elections. Betting at White's Club, which is the sporting rendezvous for the aristocracy, is even that the Liberals will have a small majority independent of the Laborites and the Irish members. The Laborites already are conceding the loss of some London constituencies which turned the color of the last election and which will be the first to poll in the coming election. Battersea is likely to elect John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, because the workingmen say he has deserted them.

Peers Furnish Much Fun.

The peers on the platform continue to furnish a picturesque element. They were compelled to face the public in order to vindicate the claims of their class to power, and as a good proportion of them shine more brilliantly at fox hunting than at statesmanship, their audiences get plenty of fun out of them and frequently howl them down.

Since the first tremendous uproar over the rejection of the budget by the House of Lords and the general explosion of oratorical fireworks with a remarkable amount of personal abuse by rival politicians, the contest has settled into a dull bombardment of speeches and newspaper articles dealing with the House of Lords and tariff reform.

Wrangle Over Cost of Living.

The newspapers are wrangling fiercely over the question of whether the cost of living is higher and whether more unemployment exists in America than in Great Britain.

A. J. Balfour, Lord Curzon and Lord Milner are leading the opposition's fight, with Austen Chamberlain putting tariff reform to the front and Lord Charles D'Arcy attacking the government of neglecting the navy. David Lloyd-George and Winston Churchill, of the administration forces, drew the largest crowds.

Lord Curzon's declaration that a heraldic chamber is sure to contain more able men than an elective one has been the most discussed utterance of the week.

The list of candidates still is far from complete, while factional squabbles between reformers and free traders in the Unionist ranks forces the Radicals and Laborites in the government forces to leave many opportunities for changes in nominations already made in order to avoid three-cornered fights.

PAROLED CONVICT IS SHOT

Three Run After Robbing Saloon, Policeman's Bullet Stops One.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Harry Featherstone, a paroled convict, who has a long police record, was shot and seriously injured here today in a chase which followed a robbery of a South Side saloon.

Featherstone and two companions were pursued from the saloon after they had rifled the till and a policeman who joined in the chase sent a bullet into Featherstone's back. Search was begun for his companions. According to the police, Featherstone has participated in many daring robberies.

Firemen Give Grand Ball.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Firemen's apparatus and paraphernalia, evergreens and flags formed the decorations at the Armory ball tonight, where the grand annual ball of the Vancouver Volunteer Fire Department was held. The old year was danced out and the New Year in. The occasion was one of the most popular and enjoyable social events of the year. The committee which arranged for the dance was composed of W. P. Hancock, W. B. McCann, and H. W. Reynolds. The music was furnished by a Portland orchestra.

Adams to Be Tried January 21.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Fred D. Adams, of Portland, will be tried January 21 for contempt of court in failure to pay alimony to his divorced wife. Adams was brought into court the day before Christmas, and on the day of his arrest was to have been married to a Portland girl.

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