

IRIQUOIS GRAND JURY CONCLUDES ITS LABORS

Many Are Indicted, Charges Being Manslaughter, Culpable Neglect and Criminal Carelessness.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—The special grand jury summoned to investigate the Iroquois theater fire completed its labors tonight by voting indictments against five men, and no bills against four others. A formal report of the jury will not be made public until next Tuesday. Those who were indicted are:

Will J. Davis, part owner of the Iroquois theater; Thomas Noonan, busi-

ness manager of the theater, and Jas. E. Cummings, stage carpenter, all of whom are charged with manslaughter; George Williams, building commissioner, and Edward Laughlin, building inspector, are charged with culpable omission of official duty while in office. No bills were voted against Mayor Harrison, Fire Marshal Mushman, Fireman William H. Sellers, and William McMullen, operator of the footlight which set fire to the asbestos curtain.

but luckily it was deserted for the time being.

The avalanche started fully 2000 feet above, and came down with a deafening roar. Every movable object in its path was swept along to the bottom. The buildings of the Chloride were engulfed in the snowy depths, and completely obliterated from the sight of men. Much of the debris was carried several hundred feet down the canyon, and there it rests, a mute evidence of man's insignificance when pitted against the elements.

The damage to the property cannot be estimated until the snow has melted sufficiently to allow of an investigation, but it will be considerable. This is the third slide that has occurred at Rock creek this season.

ENLISTING FROM CINCINATI.

Many Young Officers Are Going to the Far East.

Cincinnati, Feb. 20.—Agents of the Japanese secret service are quietly at work in the United States offering inducements to former officers who saw service in the Spanish-American war to accept commissions in the Japanese army.

In Cincinnati fully 15 young American soldiers, now in private life, have signed to go to the far east and lead the Japanese against the Russians.

Among them is Lieutenant J. C. Malone, of Rough Rider fame, who made a reputation for daring with the Ninth Massachusetts regiment at the battle of El Caney.

Lieutenant Malone has accepted a senior captaincy in the royal Japanese army and will sail in a few days direct for Port Arthur.

A lieutenantcy in the regular army of the United States pays \$1400 a year. American soldiers taking service with the Japanese will receive \$1800 a year as first lieutenant and \$2400 a year as captains. Lieutenant Malone will receive \$2500 a year.

Notice of what the Japanese government agents propose has been quietly circulated among Spanish-American war veteran associations, and many Cincinnatians are answering the call.

TROUBLE IS BREWING.

Row Between Stockmen of Canada and the United States.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 20.—Another matter which is not calculated to improve relations between Canada and the United States will be brought up at the first annual meeting of the National Association of Canadian stock breeders. British Columbia will be represented at the gathering, which is to start on March 7, and will last the best part of a week.

The stockbreeders of Canada have a grievance against the United States which is likely again to be much discussed. At present no Canadian records are recognized by the United States agricultural or treasury departments. Animals recorded in Canadian records are not allowed to enter into the United States duty free; to obtain that privilege they must be recorded in American records. But the Canadians do not like the methods used by the Americans, claiming that the associations are controlled by a few wealthy men, to the detriment of the rank and file of the farmers.

It is urged that it is time that Canada had national records; that the Canadian department of agriculture and the dominion railways to refuse to recognize American records, thus paying the republic back in its own coin, and that all Canadians should refuse to support American records.

KING SOLOMON SAID SO.

And Because of That Seattle Woman Will Eat Nothing.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Jessie Young is slowly starving to death because she says that King Solomon, a haughty colored clairvoyant, has ordered her not to eat. Her case is a

pitiful one. Because of her refusal to eat and her belief in the silly sayings of the fortune teller, the woman's mind became so affected that she became insane. Yesterday the King county superior court ordered her confined in the state insane asylum at Stellacoom.

Six months ago Mrs. Young's husband, Nicholas Young, filed a suit for divorce against his wife. He alleged that the woman was under the power of the disreputable colored clairvoyant, who had told Mrs. Young that she should desert her husband. Young further alleged that Mrs. Young lived with King Solomon prior to the time that the police made it so hot for the negro that he had to leave the city. The divorce suit, however, was not brought to trial.

Later the woman's mind became affected. Her hallucination is that King Solomon is God, and that he has ordered her not to eat any more as a penance for not obeying his orders about various things. The poor woman says that Solomon is always with her and continually pointing his fingers at her when she attempts to raise a morsel of food to her mouth. The clairvoyant's whereabouts are unknown by the police, but it is thought he is in Denver.

NO USE FOR INTERVIEWERS.

Editor of Christian Advocate Grants Brief One After 38 Years.

Cincinnati, Feb. 20.—For the first time in 38 years Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, New York, whose editorial in last week's issue created so much discussion in Methodist circles, has granted an interview.

Dr. Buckley, at the Grand hotel, was the essence of courtesy. He declared he never gave an interview, that he had made a vow to that effect 38 years ago. Then he talked. He said:

"I can not discuss the attack on me, made by a Methodist leader, which appeared in the Commercial Tribune Tuesday.

"In the first place, while I have read the article and know all about it, I can not discuss it because it was published anonymously, and, moreover, I never give an interview. I made this resolution 38 years ago, and I have always kept it.

"I'll tell you how it came about: Once upon a time I answered a series of questions on an important subject, and the answers in a way explained the questions.

"By and by an enterprising reporter thought it would be a great joke to eliminate the questions and leave the answers, making it appear that they expressed my opinions as they stood. It caused a great commotion, and the interview was telegraphed from one end of the country to the other.

"I think I was asked for interviews from a thousand reporters, at least, and fairly deluged with mail, and then and there I made a vow that I would never grant another interview.

"That was 38 years ago, and of course, I can't break it now," and the doctor nodded to his committee, waiting on the other side of the parlor, and intimated that the interview was at an end.

PERSONAL MENTION.

James Gill is in Portland today visiting with his people.

Charles V. Brown returned last night from a trip to Port Townsend.

Mrs. Lee Herring, who has been very ill with Bright's disease, was reported yesterday to be much improved.

Mrs. August Swanson went to Portland yesterday, being called there by the serious illness of her brother.

L. J. Stevin, advance agent for "The Slaves in The Mine," a play that is booked for Fishers', is in the city.

J. J. Hoffman, representing Mason, Ehrman & Co., returned to Portland last night, after a business visit to Astoria.

The Floradora Club gave an enjoyable dancing party in Hawthorn's hall last evening. There was a large attendance and everybody had a good time.

So far as was learned, there were no further desertions from the dredge Chinook yesterday. The men who left the vessel the previous day have not made any effort to get back their places, and the work of shipping a crew has gone on. Since the trouble came up a detachment of soldiers has been on the vessel and the effects of all the men were searched before they were permitted to leave the ship. The officers of the vessel expect to complete the crew within a few days. It was stated yesterday that others of the crew would also leave, but this statement was not borne out by developments, as far as could be learned.

Report on Dreyfus Case.

Paris, Feb. 20.—M. Eolre, the reporter for the court of cassation, submitted his report on the Dreyfus case today. The court will take it up next

week and, it is expected, will complete its examination early in March.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 20.—The steamer Lyra arrived this morning from Yokohama after the roughest passage ever made by her across the Pacific. The steamship battled with hurricanes all the way. The Lyra brings the most valuable cargo ever shipped from Japan to America, consisting of articles for the Japanese exhibit at the St. Louis exposition. The vessel left just before the outbreak of the war.

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