

ENTIRE CREDIT BELONGS TO VAN SANT

Northern Securities Case Investigated by Governor of Minnesota and Not by Republican Party.

Democrats Inquire if Merger Decision Is Going to Be Used As Campaign Battle Cry.

PRIOR TO ELECTION MATERIAL

Debate in House Caused by Reading of Editorial From World, Giving Credit to Republicans.

Washington, March 17.—Just before adjournment Southwick, of New York, precipitated a brief but lively debate by having read an editorial from the New York World, giving the republicans credit for anti-trust legislation and the merger prosecution. It was offered by way of reply to Williams, who yesterday asked if the merger decision was to be used by the republicans as a theatrical political trick.

Williams, after the editorial was read, declared that the securities proposition was instigated by Governor Van Sant, whom he styled "a blanket Indian republican," who refused to "consult headquarters" and that for very shame, after he had the case docketed, the administration, prior to an election, could not hold itself still.

Tawney, republican, of Minnesota, asserted that the democrats in the Fifty-first congress voted against anti-trust legislation, but a vigorous protest came from Gaines, of Tennessee, and Williams, each of whom asserted that the democrats unanimously voted for such legislation.

Throughout the day the postoffice appropriation bill was under discussion and little progress was made. The minority leaders declared that the postoffice department was rotten from the turret to the foundation and that the republicans were trying to reorganize it on an appropriation bill.

Married Teachers Resign.

New York, March 17.—Two school teachers in Astoria, Queens, have been forced to resign their positions because they had married. One of these wo-

men, formerly Miss Irene M. Gibbs, succeeded in deceiving the board of education for three years before she was found out and forced to resign. Miss Gibbs, now Mrs. Gerald J. O'Keefe, was a teacher in public school 7 on Van Alst avenue, at a salary of \$1040 a year. Miss Mary Waeterling, of public school 8, on Steinway avenue, whose name turns out to be Mrs. Frederick Hills, has been teaching at \$750 a year. Miss Waeterling eloped with the ticket agent at Calverton, L. I., last July, and was married in Washington. She is not yet reconciled to her family.

Good Thing He Slipped.

New York, March 17.—In Part V of the supreme court this morning, before Justice Best, the trial was concluded of two damage suits—one by Sarah O'Brien, of 205 Waiworth street, in the eastern district, and the other by Timothy F. her husband, both against the city of New York. While in front of 229 Waiworth street on February 9, 1902, Mrs. O'Brien slipped and fell on the sidewalk, which was ice covered, and sustained injuries which, according to the testimony, caused her to become a permanent physical wreck. She sued for \$25,000 damages, while her husband sought \$10,000 for the loss of his wife's services.

The jury returned a verdict in favor of Mrs. O'Brien or \$2500. They gave a verdict against O'Brien.

CONVICTED OF MURDER.

Monteana, Wash., March 17.—A. A. Armstrong was today convicted by a jury of murder in the first degree for the cold blooded killing of John E. Patton in a wood camp in the Wynoochee valley last November. Armstrong claimed as his own a log on which Patton and several other men were working. Patton refused to obey Armstrong's command to cease cutting up the log and fired three shots at him from a rifle. The fourth struck Patton, inflicting an injury which resulted in his death.

Noted Negro Banqueted.

Washington, March 17.—One hundred and sixty of the most prominent negroes of the District of Columbia banqueted Booker T. Washington at Odd Fellows' hall here tonight. Washington will be tendered a reception by the negroes of the district tomorrow night. Representatives from both houses of congress, the United States supreme court, Dr. Everett Hale and others have accepted an invitation to share the platform with Mr. Washington.

Sudden Change of Feeling.

Colon, March 17.—According to news received from the coast, Colombia has given up the idea of invading Panama. Public opinion in many parts of the republic favors the recognition of Panama.

RUSSIAN FLEETS SEEK PORTS WITHOUT AN EFFORT BEING MADE TO UNITE THEM

Latest Report Says That Port Arthur Squadron Is Back, Which Is Considered Significant When Coupled With Previous Reports.

Cruises Covering Radius of Fifty Miles Fail to Discover any Trace of the Enemy, so That Plans of the Japanese Are Veiled in Mystery—Retreat of Russians Across Yalu Due to Activity of Enemy's Outposts.

London, March 18.—The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent, cabling March 17, asserts that the Russian fleet has returned to Port Arthur. If this is correct, the correspondent adds, it is evident from Rear-Admiral Baron Von Stackelberg's report that the Russian cruisers which left Vladivostok returned to that port without an attempt having been made to unite the fleet, or if an attempt was made, it was unsuccessful.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, cabling under yesterday's date, asserts that a portion of the Russian fleet made several cruises at a radius of 50 miles off Port Arthur without finding a trace of the enemy.

London, March 18.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chefoo, who has just visited Chinampo, Corea, says: "On the way to Chemulpo we passed a constant succession of Japanese transports. Three thousand Japanese landed at Chemulpo at the end of last week."

The correspondent adds that the Russians are retreating across the Yalu river before the advance of the Japanese outposts, and that their forces in this district number 20,000.

From Seoul to Wiju.

Seoul, March 17.—Five thousand engineers are now employed in the build-

ing of the military railroad from Seoul to Wiju. Only a few miles have been completed. Civilians are working on the railroad from Seoul to Fusan. This road cannot be completed before next October.

Recross the Yalu.

Seoul March 17.—The Russian authorities have been advised that the Russian cavalry in northern Corea has partly recrossed the Yalu river and that the Cossack battery has also withdrawn. A small Russian force still occupies Chong Ju.

Riots Among Students.

Vienna, March 17.—Serious riots have occurred at Agram, the capital of Croatia-Slavonia, between students for and against Russia. Several on both sides were wounded.

Charges Are Empty.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—The charges against the Japanese violating the rules of civilized warfare in using explosives forbidden by The Hague convention find no echo in responsible circles here.

News From Kuropatkin.

Paris, March 17.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that General Kuropatkin telegraphs that he has passed Onsk and he adds that tomorrow there will be 200,000 Russian troops concentrated between Harbin and Port Arthur.

BRISTOW CLEARS MATTERS.

Claims Part of Report As His Own and Exonerates Congressmen.

Washington, March 17.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow, testifying before the house special committee on the postoffice report today, claimed for himself responsibility for only the first seven pages of the report which was sent to the postoffice committee, and he said the other portions of the document were the work of the other officials of the department.

The clerk hire sections, he said, was prepared in the office of the first assistant postmaster-general and that part relating to leases by inspectors and others in his own department. Mr. Bristow's testimony threw much light on all phases of the inquiry. He practically cleared the members of congress from wrong doing touching the clerk hire section of the report by stating that it was the duty of the first assistant's office to ascertain the condition of work in an office where an increase had been recommended.

TEN STEAMERS FINED.

Port Townsend, March 17.—For the violation of navigation laws 10 steamers were fined today \$500 each. The steamers fined were:

The James Dollar, Charles Nelson, Portland, Laconner, Valencia, Santa Ana, Skagit, Queen, Bellingham, Laurel and Olympia. The violation consists of failure to carry a sufficient number of life preservers, fire axes, life boats, buckets, etc. Owners of the penalized vessels will ask the treasury department to remit the fines already imposed.

WANTS CANFIELD IN PRISON.

Albany, March 17.—"I want to put Richard Canfield in the state's prison and I want Reginald Vanderbilt, of New York, as a witness to help me do it," declared District Attorney Jerome, of New York, to the senate codes committee today in the course of a hearing on the bill to make it possible for a witness to give testimony without

having his evidence used against him and which eliminates the excuse of declining to testify through fear of incriminating himself.

Jerome said he had found obstructions and obstacles placed in his way from the beginning, but he was determined to pursue Canfield to the end and make it plain exactly from whom he was receiving protection.

Proceeding, he said that besides Canfield, there were seven other such places in New York city that he was after.

New Bank for Pendleton.

Washington, March 17.—The comptroller of the currency has approved the application of W. L. Thompson, of Lewiston, Idaho; R. C. Beach, of Walla Walla; T. G. Halley, C. J. Smith and W. P. Temple, of Pendleton, to organize a national bank at Pendleton, Ore., with a capital of \$50,000, and to be known as the Commercial National bank of Pendleton.

MAY PROVE HER INNOCENT.

Magnifying Glass Used to Show Where Poisoned Candy Came From.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 17.—By means of a powerful magnifying glass it was discovered tonight that the box of poisoned candy sent to Miss Rena Nelson, at Pierre, South Dakota, does not bear the Boone, Iowa, postmark. This discovery will have a tendency to prove the innocence of Mrs. Sherman Dye, who has been accused of sending the fatal package.

Snowiest Winter of All.

Chicago, March 17.—In a furious snow storm today enough snow fell to make the total for the winter break all records for Chicago. As a result of today's storm, elevated railroads were blockaded for two hours.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY PUT OUT.

President Removes Man Who Brought Charges Against Dietrich.

Washington, March 17.—As a result of the inquiry into the charges against Senator Dietrich, of Nebraska, Wilfrid K. Medford, of the Nebraska state committee of Nebraska, will be appointed to succeed Summers.

district attorney of Nebraska, will be removed from office. President Roosevelt informed Senator Dietrich and Edward Rosewater, of the Omaha Bee, that he would take such action against Mr. Summers. The probabilities are that Chairman Lindsay, of the republican state committee of Nebraska, will be appointed to succeed Summers.

Omaha, March 17.—District Attorney W. S. Summers was shown the Washington dispatch stating that he would be removed from office as a result of the Dietrich investigation, and refused to discuss the matter, remarking: "Just say that silence is golden."

Friends of Mr. Summers, however, have anticipated action of this nature, and the announcement did not come as a surprise to them.

Must Measure With Germans.

Berlin, March 17.—The expulsion of Russian students is likely to be followed by revision and more stringent enforcement of university entrance regulations, requiring foreigners to prove equal in preparation with Germans.

AWFUL LEAP ENDS ALL.

Austrian Miner Terminates Troubles at Shaft's Bottom.

Butte, Mont., March 17.—Marco Briovich, an Austrian miner, ended his life in a tragic and awful manner last evening by throwing himself head first down a shaft of the Minnie Healy mine from the 700 level station to the bulkhead, about 50 feet below the 1000 level. His body, horribly mangled, was picked up by miners working in the shaft below the bulkhead and taken to the surface. The neck, both arms and both legs were broken, and the bruises about the body indicated that there was hardly a whole bone left in the body.

Briovich returned from Alaska about two months ago, and has been employed at the Minnie Healy since that time. He was interested in a general merchandise business at Douglas, Alaska, and lost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2000 in the venture. Since his return to Butte he has brooded over this loss, and was able to talk of but little else to his friends. Day after day he appeared to become more gloomy, and this melancholy spirit finally culminated in his resolve to end his troubles on earth. Briovich leaves a wife and a 6-months-old daughter.

A temperance meeting will be held at the Norwegian Danish M. E. church this evening at 7:45 o'clock. The program will consist of speeches, recitations and music. All are cordially invited to attend.

DIFFERENCE OF MANY YEARS SETTLED

England and France Reach Final Agreement Regarding Occupation of Shore Strip of Newfoundland.

Claimed That Non-Payment of Taxes by French Settlers Prevents Use of Authority.

RIGHTS ARE RELINQUISHED

Provincial Government Will Have Complete Control of Island, Only Fishing Privileges Being Retained.

Paris, March 17.—It is asserted in positively authoritative quarters that both the form and substance of an agreement between France and England concerning Newfoundland had been concluded.

The differences over Newfoundland are of long standing. Great Britain claiming that the French right to occupy a strip of the Newfoundland shore without the payment of taxes and without being subject to Newfoundland laws has prevented proper exercise of the provincial authority. It is understood that the French territorial rights are relinquished, but the rights of off-shore fishing are retained. Newfoundland is permitted to exercise authority throughout the island.

LUMBER WAR THREATENED.

Vancouver, B. C., March 17.—The prospect of war in lumber prices at Vancouver appears to be gradually developing. The local combine is confronted with the announcement that E. H. Heaps & Co., owning a large mill here, will supply builders in defiance of the selling pool combine. A reprisal credited with having made the state-mentative of a lumber mill in the city ment today that unless E. H. Heaps & Co. agree to go into the pool selling scheme, five of the strongest mills in the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association would inaugurate cut prices and would eventually force the price of rough lumber down from \$12 to \$2.

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