

ALASKA IN UPROAR

Registration Lists Have Been Stolen and Concealed.

TROUBLE OVER AN ELECTION

Secretary of Registration Board Is Compelled to Ask for Protection From the Police—An Appeal to Ottawa Has Been Taken.

Seattle, Dec. 6.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson City says the greatest excitement prevails over the theft of the registration lists. Intense interest is being taken in the election of a candidate for the Dominion parliament. Thompson, independent, charges that the friends of Congdon, government candidate, are responsible for the thefts. The secretary of the registration board has applied to the police for protection. An appeal has been made to the cabinet at Ottawa.

REDISTRIBUTE THE SOUTH.

Rather Than Have Negro Rule Senator Bacon Willing to Accept Reduction.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 6.—Congressman Hardwick, of the Tenth Georgia district, a few days ago wrote a letter to Senator Bacon asking his views upon the present political situation. Senator Bacon replied at length.

The senator says there is an attempt to republicanize the south. He declares that white supremacy must be maintained in the south, and southern prosperity is due to the white supremacy. He advocates the repeal of the fifteenth amendment to the United States constitution, and insists that unless this shall be done the people of the south will be forced to maintain their proposition of white supremacy. Rather than have negro rule, Senator Bacon is willing to accept a reduction of southern representation in the congress of the United States. He adds:

"The repeal of the fifteenth amendment, leaving to each state the power to regulate for itself the negro question, would destroy the sectional barrier which the south so greatly deprecates, and for the removal of which it knows no other method."

SARCASTIC GOVERNOR.

Says the President Has It in for Him on an Old Score.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 6.—The Commercial Appeal publishes a letter received from Jackson, Miss., in which Governor Vardeman declines to be permanent chairman of the national cotton boll weevil convention at Shreveport. After declining to serve, Governor Vardeman says:

"One of the strong (?) arguments made by an editor of your city against 'permitting' Governor Vardeman to serve as chairman of the convention, was based upon the fact that Governor Vardeman has incurred the displeasure of the present president of the United States, who would regard a courtesy to Governor Vardeman as a discourtesy to him, and for which discourtesy to him he would with 'dee-light' punish all the cotton growers of the south by withholding federal aid from their effort to stamp out the boll weevil. The people of the south are indeed in a deplorable condition if in the life of this republic it has come to pass that in order to enjoy the privilege of citizenship and exercise their rights under the constitution they must kiss the hand that smites them."

ANOTHER AUTO ACCIDENT.

Auto Wrecks a Carriage and Injures a Farmer and His Wife.

Big Harbor City, N. J., Dec. 6.—Fred Schroeder, a prosperous farmer living near this city, was struck by an automobile while driving home late this afternoon. His wife was with him. The machine's speed, Schroeder says, must have been a mile a minute. His horse shied at the machine, and the next minute the crash came. Schroeder and his wife were thrown from the carriage, and in falling on the hard road were badly bruised and cut about the head. The machine was slightly damaged. Its occupants, after looking for a moment at the wreck they had caused, drove rapidly away.

No number was visible on the machine. The carriage was totally demolished.

NEW EXPERIMENT.

Attempt Will Be Made to Tow a Barge Around the Horn.

New York, Dec. 6.—The Standard Oil tank steamer Atlas will sail on Monday of next week for San Francisco by way of Cape Horn. The Atlas will have in tow steel tank barge No. 93. The distance to be covered is 14,000 miles and it is the first attempt ever made to tow a barge around the Horn.

Many attempts have been made to tow barges on long ocean trips, but

few have been entirely successful. The strain on the steel hawsers by which the barges are held to the steamer always has been sufficient in heavy weather to cause them to part.

In order to obviate that difficulty the Atlas has been equipped with cylinders which will bear the strain of the hawsers. The barge will carry a cargo of 20,000 barrels on the voyage.

WAR ON FAKE MEDICINE.

Use of Cheap Drugs the Cause of Many Deaths.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The war of the government on "fake" medicines broke out in Chicago today. Acting on evidence gathered by the authorities in Washington and in other larger cities, federal detectives, assisted by the Chicago police, today made raids on places where bogus drugs are said to be made, confiscated four patrol wagon loads of "medicine," and arrested five persons for misusing the mails. This was the result of the government's attack, which is said to be national in scope, and likely to result in scores of arrests in different cities.

The evidence upon which the arrests of today were made was based upon a chemical analysis made by Dr. Virgil Coblenz, professor at Columbia university, at the request of government authorities. He found that "triethylate," sold to druggists as a substitute for "trional," a sleep-producing medicine, acted as an irritant instead of healing. This "doctored" drug was being disposed of at 2 cents an ounce, while the genuine article sold for \$1.50 an ounce.

An analysis of aristol, sold as a substitute for iodoform, proved that it contained 75 per cent of fuller's earth, colored with iron rust.

"There is no doubt that the use of these drugs has cost many lives," said Inspector Campbell of Postal Inspector Stuart's office. "The fraud extends throughout the country."

NECK BROKEN BY AUTO.

Thrown From an Automobile and Instantly Killed.

Barrington, R. I., Dec. 6.—James Donahue, of Providence, was thrown from an automobile and instantly killed here this afternoon. Benjamin F. Blackington, a companion, who was operating the machine, escaped uninjured. The automobile was speeding rapidly over the Hawatt road toward Providence, when it suddenly swerved to the right and crashed into a telephone pole.

Donahue was thrown a distance of fifteen feet and was dead when picked up. His neck was broken and his skull fractured. He was thirty-seven years old and a native of Putnam, Conn. The primary cause of the accident is not explained.

HUSBAND WINS.

Wife Has to Pay an Immense Alimony to Her Spouse.

New York, Dec. 6.—The Constantine divorce suit which has been before the court from time to time for more than a year, has ended, says a Herald dispatch from London, in an order by Sir Francis Jeune against the wife to make her husband a handsome allowance, to be increased on the death of her mother.

When Mr. Constantine obtained a divorce from his wife Julia, daughter of the late Stephen Rall, a millionaire Greek merchant he was awarded the record damages of \$125,000. The case was also remarkable as being the only instance where the husband, who himself admitted misconduct, had obtained a divorce.

MONEY STILL MISSING.

Surety Company May Be Appealed to to Make Amount Good.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Nothing has been discovered further regarding the missing \$15,000 which disappeared from the local office of the Wells Fargo Company recently in a mysterious manner. It is now admitted that, in spite of the rules to the contrary, 20 employees entered the place where the money was last seen. All the clerks who handled money or valuables are bonded with a surety company and it is considered possible that a claim may be made if the money is not recovered, upon the bonding companies for the amount of the loss.

DEAL FALLS THROUGH.

Railroad Declined to Buy the Big Pennsylvania Coal Concern.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—The negotiations opened by Thom Fowler, president of the New York, Ontario & Western railway in the interests of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway for the purchase of the property of Lehigh Coal & Navigation company, the largest individual anthracite mining company in Pennsylvania have been declared off. In anticipation of a deal the stock of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company has recently risen from \$5 to 131 1/2, or about \$28,000,000.

Captain Exonerated.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Captain Alexander Kirkwood of the steamer Mineola, wrecked off the Siberian coast Sept. 5, has been fully exonerated from all blame by the local inspectors of hulls and boilers who have just closed an investigation of the case.

REVISE THE LAWS

Taxes on Oleomargarine to Be Reduced.

ALSO ON GRAIN ALCOHOL

Claim is made That High Taxation Results in Cheap Liquors—Oleo Comes Rather High for a False Alarm.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Oleomargarine, which, since the enactment of the law of 1902, has been taxed at 10 cents a pound, will at a comparatively early date, if the present plans are not disarranged, be taxed at a much lower rate. The house committee on ways and means will report a bill providing for the reduction on oleomargarine from ten to three or four cents a pound, which will be the compromise reached between those members of the committee who favor a high tax and those who believe in its removal altogether. That such a measure will provoke powerful and determined opposition not only in the house but from various influential interests throughout the country, is acknowledged, but the necessity for providing increased revenue is apparently paramount, and the committee will act accordingly.

It is pointed out by those officials who are friendly to the proposed legislation that the imposition of a prohibitive tax on a manufactured commodity so largely in use resulted practically in the death of that industry, with a corresponding decrease in the revenue derived, so that now it is an unimportant factor in the running expenses of the government. Many other reasons are advanced why the tax should be reduced, and these will be urged in extenuation of the possible harm resulting from the introduction and favorable consideration of the measure to the dairy interests of the country.

It is declared that for a considerable time interests antagonistic to the oleomargarine industry have quietly but persistently enlisted the support of individual members of congress and pledged them to oppose any attempt to reduce the tax. This movement was especially strong in Pennsylvania, Iowa, and in many agricultural sections of the country. It is not known how many of these pledges were secured, but it is said that the entire Pennsylvania delegation is opposed to any change, and that a majority of the representatives from Iowa will also be against it. The farmers of the country are almost solidly in favor of a prohibitive tax on oleomargarine, and will vigorously oppose the attempt to reduce the tax, for they have no idea of tamely letting oleomargarine again figure in competition with butter.

It is the intention of the house ways and means committee to revise the existing internal revenue laws because of the apparent need of an intelligent and satisfactory modification of the statutes. In addition to the oleomargarine problem, another pressing question that will be taken up for consideration will be the tax on alcohol. Grain alcohol is now subject to a tax of \$1.10 a proof gallon, while wood alcohol is subject to no tax at all, and is not even under the supervision of the government in its manufacture or sale. The imposition of the high tax on grain alcohol practically amounts, it is declared, to prohibition, as the cheaper product is used wherever possible. This has led to the use of poisonous wood alcohol in beverages.

Lively times are expected when the ways and means committee attempts the revision of the revenue laws, especially when the oleomargarine tax is under consideration.

Bishop Potter Stands Pat.

Bishop Henry C. Potter, who is now visiting this city, has long been distinguished for doing things which appear to many to be strange and to be incongruous for a minister of religion. The indorsement which he recently gave to the opening of the subway tavern in New York city brought upon him a storm of denunciation not only from those who do not use liquor themselves, but from many who do and yet who feel that the church or its ministers should not encourage the habit. Bishop Potter, however, claimed that

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the tavern would really become a powerful factor in minimizing the evils of drink, and that as all other methods had failed it was proper to try this. Bishop Potter's defense was greeted with derision by his critics. But they undoubtedly received a heavy blow when the Archbishop of Canterbury, the head of the English established church, immediately after his arrival in this country, in response to a question as to what he thought of Bishop Potter's attitude, replied that he not only indorsed it, but that his own wife had been the patroness of a tavern like the subway in London, and that the results in reducing drunkenness and promoting sobriety had been most satisfactory. Bishop Potter in an interview yesterday declared that the New York experiment was proving successful, and gave cogent reasons for his approval of it.—Pittsburg opt.

Decorators Convene.

New York, Dec. 6.—The National Alliance of Amalgamated Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers has convened here for the purpose of arranging if possible, a combination with the United Brotherhood of Painters. Delegates from several cities were present and after some discussion a committee was appointed to arrange a conference with the Brotherhood to settle all differences and endeavor to bring about amalgamation.

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