

The Weather: Tonight and Saturday, cloudy, unsettled weather; probably occasional rain; winds mostly southerly.

# A BARGAIN BURGLARY

### Residence of J. C. Flanders Cleverly Robbed This Morning.

## CUTS HOLE IN WINDOW

### Secures \$15 From a Trousers Pocket of Mr. Flanders—Helped Himself to Whisky and Cigars.

A clever houseworker, a veritable Beau Brummel in his tastes, visited the palatial home of J. C. Flanders, 199 North Nineteenth street, early this morning. Although he showed remarkable perseverance in his painstaking efforts in getting into the dwelling and in making a search for valuables, he secured but \$15 in money, a few cigars and a drink of whisky.

The work of the intruder marks him as an expert burglar. Falling to raise any of the windows of the house he finally cut a V-shaped hole in the pane and crawled through the opening. Not a clue was left but his muddy footprints on the carpet.

It was about 10 minutes to 3 o'clock when Mr. Flanders was awakened by a slight noise in his room. It was very dark and at first Mr. Flanders thought it was a dog. But his mind was soon disabused of this idea when he heard the burglar going through the pockets of his trousers.

Mr. Flanders' Fools the Burglar. Having no weapon within reach, and being under a great disadvantage, Mr. Flanders resorted to strategy. At first he was lying on his side but he noiselessly turned over. Even then he was unable to get a glimpse of the intruder. He feigned slumber and when the thief turned his electric searchlight full upon the householder's face he did not suspect that Mr. Flanders was awake. Patiently the latter waited until the burglar completed his search of the room.

After the thief had entered the hall Mr. Flanders shut the door of his room, called to his mother not to be alarmed and then commanded the night worker to get out. This frightened the thief who rushed down the stairs and out of an open side door.

In the bedroom the burglar made a thorough search of the occupant's clothing, finding \$15 in the pockets. He even calmly helped himself to a cigar which was in the vest. Mr. Flanders did not lose his watch, which he had under his pillow.

An investigation proved that the thief must have spent a long time in gaining entrance. He first attempted to raise the front window, trying nearly every one leading off the porch. But he found them securely fastened. Out of one pane he cut a piece of glass near the top of the sash, unloosening the catch. But in the Flanders' residence each window is also secured by a bolt and the thief was unable to push this back. The windows show the marks of a crowbar.

Worked With Bucket of Mud. Trying a new tack the thief went to the side porch, after going to the rear and filling a bucket with mud. This he plastered on the glass to deaden the sound of cutting, which was evidently done with a diamond chisel. In a very short time the opening was made in the shape of a V with the point toward the bottom. This was fully three feet above the floor. The glass was cut out in small pieces which were blown outside by the thief. A pal is entirely probable as Mr. Flanders is certain he could never have squeezed through the hole alone without breaking the glass or injuring himself. It is also apparent that the intruder was a small man or he could not have entered as he did.

Drank from a Decanter. On the ground floor the fellow made a systematic search, opening desks and bureau and dumping their contents upon the floor. He even searched Mrs. Flanders' work basket, but nothing of any value was taken. None of the rooms were locked and he had access to every apartment on the first floor. In a wicker desk he found a few postage stamps and helped himself to the cigars in a box. From a decanter he took a few drinks of whisky, being so forgetful as to fail to replace the stopper. Prior to arousing Mr. Flanders, the thief ransacked another room in the second story but he found nothing that he wanted.

How long the burglar was on the premises and in the house is unknown, but it was a considerable length of time. The Chinese servant states that he heard a noise, but thought it was a member of the family returning from a trip. That the man was an expert is Mr. Flanders' opinion and also that of the police. The fact that he selected a window concealed from the street by shrubbery upon which to work shows that he was not exposing himself unnecessarily. His work in cutting the window is that of a good thief and his precaution in deadening the sound brands him as a first-class crook.

After the man left the house Mr. Flanders summoned the police and three officers were at once dispatched by Captain Bailey. The policemen could find no clues but made a thorough investigation.

The Flanders are one of the pioneer families of Portland. Mr. Flanders is a member of the law firm of Williams, Wood & Lintthum.

## CREMATED WHILE ASLEEP.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nebhaus, wealthy and prominent people of Toledo, were cremated in a fire at their home yesterday.

# JAPAN IS VERY MAD

### Hope Is Given Up of a Peaceable Settlement with Russia.

## SENTIMENT IS FOR WAR

### High Military Leaders Confer and Active Preparations for Action Are Visible on War Ships and at Army Barracks.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Tokio, Japan, Dec. 18.—Popular sentiment against Russia is at a high pitch. If the issue were put to a vote, there would be no hesitation about a declaration of war. Great pressure is being brought to bear on the cabinet for the immediate opening of hostilities. The cabinet is cool and steady in the face of the crisis.

No reply has been made to the communication from Russia, and in many quarters it is believed to be a waste of time to carry on any further negotiations. The most conservative element declare that the adjustment of the controversy by diplomacy is out of the question, and the only solution in view of the past is a resort to arms.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OREGON COAST

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The secretary of the treasury submits today to congress the recommendation of the secretary of commerce that an appropriation of \$150,000 be made for the establishment of a lightship on Oxford reef, five miles north of Cape Blanco. The light house board, which investigated the matter is of the opinion that the light at Cape Blanco be continued in addition to the establishment of the light vessel.

The secretary of war also submits the report of the special board of engineers on the project for the improvement of Yaquina Bay. The board reports that existing conditions do not warrant continuing the improvement at the present time, with the view to securing an increased depth of harbor entrance, but believes the existing works should be maintained and recommends an appropriation of \$25,000 for this purpose.

## WANTS PORTLAND TO GET VALDES TRADE

(Journal Special Service.)  
Salem, Or., Dec. 18.—John A. Carson, western counsel of the Alaska Copper company, returned today. He will tomorrow go to Portland to appear before the chamber of commerce and urge the encouragement of a steamer line from Portland to Valdes to connect with the Valdez railroad, which will be a big thing for Portland trade. If Portland does not accept, Seattle will be approached. Carson's company is backed by Havemeyer and other New York capitalists.

## NEW POSTOFFICE IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, Dec. 18.—The board of architects of the treasury department to decide upon the plans for the San Francisco postoffice has selected those of James & Young of St. Louis. The building costs \$1,500,000 and the firm gets \$25,000.

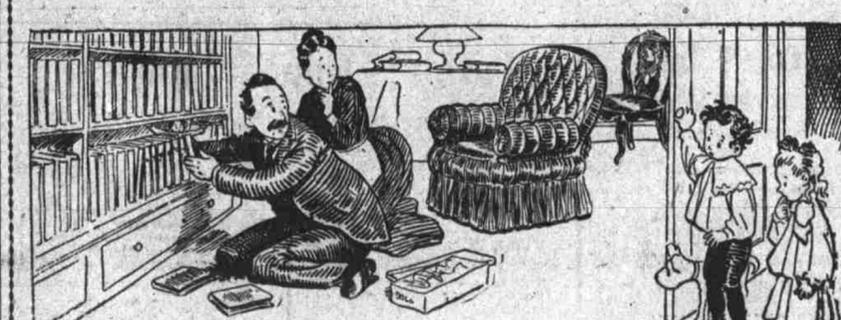
## ARMENIANS PREPARE FOR INSURRECTION

(Journal Special Service.)  
Vienna, Dec. 18.—Reports received here say that large quantities of arms and ammunition have been successfully smuggled into the Armenian districts of southeastern Russia by Armenians and all is now in readiness for a general insurrection in Caucasus in the spring.

# WE ARE NOW APPROACHING THE TIME WHEN EVERY HOME IS FILLED WITH INTRIGUE AND CONSPIRACY



Mamma—"Don't come in here, children! Run out and play like a good little girl and boy."



Papa—"Don't come in here! Run out and play, kids. Run along now."



"I wonder why everybody always wants us to run out and play. I wonder why."

From the Chicago Tribune.

# FACTS FOUND DON'T CONSTITUTE CRIME

## U. S. District Judge Bellinger Sustains the Demurrer to the Indictment in the Pension Case of Thomas and Hosea Wood.

Judge Charles E. Bellinger in the United States district court this morning sustained the demurrer to the indictment which charges Thomas A. and Hosea Wood with making a fraudulent pension affidavit, inasmuch as the facts alleged to constitute a crime are not provided for in the statute under which they are brought. The opinion in part follows:

"It is alleged in the first count that the defendants did feloniously, wilfully and knowingly make and procure to be made a false, forged and fraudulent declaration and affidavit for a widow's pension, under the act of congress of June 27, 1902, which false declaration and affidavit pertained to and concerned the pension claim of Mary E. Bliss, and was then and there a matter within the jurisdiction of the commissioner of pensions of the United States.

"The alleged false and fraudulent affidavit is set out in full in the indictment. The notary public before whom it was taken, in his certificate thereto, certifies that it was sworn to before him on the 18th day of August, 1902. The falsity of this affidavit is alleged to be in the fact that the affidavit did not appear before the notary and sign the affidavit on the date mentioned.

"For Purpose of Fraud. The second count in the indictment charges the defendants with knowingly and wilfully presenting the affidavit set out in the first count to the commissioner of pensions at Washington, for the purpose of fraudulently procuring a pension.

"The third and fourth counts are substantially like the first and second, except that the alleged false affidavit in those counts is false in that it purports to have been signed on the 30th of June, 1902, whereas in fact it was signed on the 18th day of that month.

"Section 4746 of the revised statutes, under which the indictment is found, provides that it shall be a crime to wilfully or knowingly make or assist in making any false or fraudulent affidavit concerning a pension claim, or presents or causes to be presented such, or to present any pension voucher or power of attorney which bears a date subsequent to that on which it was actually signed or acknowledged.

"Continuing, Judge Bellinger says: 'It does not appear that the affidavits alleged to be false, contained any false averment, or were not subscribed and sworn to before the officer named by the person whose signature is attached as affiant, or that the persons whose names appear as witnesses were not present as certified. The alleged falsity of the affidavits consist, as already stated, in the fact that they were not subscribed and sworn to, in one case, on or near the date named in the certificate, and in the other case, that such subscription and oath, instead of being made on June 30, as certified, was made on the 18th day of that month.

"The false statement regarding the date of subscription and oaths does not make the affidavits a false or fraudulent one. If the statements in the affidavits are true it is not false, even if not subscribed to by the person whose affidavit it purports to be. In the latter case the affidavit would be a forged one, for which the guilty party would be liable under another statute.'

"John M. Hall appears for the government.

# FULTON IS SLAVERY ELOQUENT HORRORS

### Maiden Speech in Support of Lewis and Clark Fair Bill.

## POSTAL FRAUD REPORT BOLD, DESPERATE GANG

### Wanger Gains His Point and Papers Will Go to Postal Committee—Morgan Resoluion of the Panama Situation.

### Bought Into Slavery by Moy Bun and Smuggled into Country by Moy Sam Sing—Crimes Are Outlawed.

Washington Bureau of the Journal.  
Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Fulton's maiden speech was made in the senate today. His address occupied less than 15 minutes and was entirely extemporaneous. He was listened to with close attention and evidently made a very favorable impression upon members of both sides of the senate and at the close of his remarks was congratulated by many.

He reviewed briefly the historical events connected with the acquisition of the Oregon country, and the growth of its industries to their present proportions. He said that while the Lewis and Clark expedition is primarily to commemorate a great historical fact yet it will not deal entirely with the past.

The United States has carried its boundaries far beyond the Pacific coast, and is now the greatest proprietor in the Pacific seas. The people of the Pacific coast states look forward to the time when the commerce of the Pacific will equal that of the Atlantic. With the isthmian canal soon to be completed, and an increased trade developed in the Orient, a great era of development is at hand.

It will be the function of this exposition to bring together many people and products of the Orient, and of our country, and to benefit our entire nation, the government has appropriated many millions for expositions but never one dollar for one in the Pacific coast states. Our people do not complain of this and have always approved such appropriations. They now feel that with the beneficial objects and purposes of the Lewis and Clark exposition, the government would be justified in appropriating the amount asked for by the people of Oregon.

Senator Perkins of California presided over the senate today in Frye's absence. Dolliver presented a petition referring to the postal expenditures, the government would be justified in appropriating the amount asked for by the people of Oregon.

Senator Penrose offered a resolution referring to the Turkish trouble, calling on the president to secure the convening of the Berlin congress of 1878 to see that the provisions of that treaty are carried out. It was referred to the committee on foreign relations. Senator Morgan offered a resolution bearing on the Panama revolution saying that the president had no right to use American troops to prevent Colombia warring with Panama. It went over.

Wanger's resolution was adopted by a vote of 109 to 100. The bulk of the papers are already in the hands of the committee on postoffices.

## SEND CRUISER FOR MINISTER BEAUPRE

(Journal Special Service.)  
Panama, Dec. 18.—Arrangements were made today for a cruiser to go to Cartagena to conduct Minister Beaupre from Colombia to Colon. No reason is given, but the presumption is that it is to give Beaupre an opportunity to communicate freely with Washington regarding affairs at Bogota.

## POPE GETS LEGACY FROM LEO'S ESTATE

(Journal Special Service.)  
Rome, Dec. 18.—It is reported that the Gotti today handed the pope \$7,000,000 in foreign securities as the legacy of Pope Leo to his successor.

## SENATOR HOAR REBUKES SCOTT

Washington Bureau of the Journal.  
Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Hoar and Editor Scott of the Oregonian had a lively tilt at the capitol last evening, which is the talk of the town. Scott and Senator Mitchell were coming down from the senate chamber in an elevator when Senator Hoar got on at the lower landing. Mitchell introduced the two and Scott reached out his hand. Hoar said: "If you are the editor of the Oregonian I decline to meet you. Your paper printed an unjust attack upon the late Senator Morrill, at the time of his death, to the effect that the senate paid his funeral expenses, when his family was able to do this, and I want nothing to do with its editor."

Scott explained that he had never seen or heard of the article in question, and if he had seen it before it was printed he would have suppressed it. Senator Hoar rejoined: "That does not matter. I hold you responsible." Then the two turned back upon one another and the rest of the journey down the elevator shaft was continued in silence.

SECRETARY IS SELECTED.  
(Journal Special Service.)  
St. Louis, Dec. 18.—Layina Egan of Shreveport, La., was today elected secretary of the St. Louis exposition board of lady managers.

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(Journal Special Service.)  
Columbus, Dec. 18.—Governor Nash today instructed the attorney-general to bring to punishment all the principals, promoters and witnesses of the prize fight between Fulton and Green, which was pulled off at Akron last night. Five hundred spectators were present.

MOUNTAIN BATTERY READY FOR PANAMA  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Fort Leavenworth, Dec. 18.—A thousand rounds of fixed ammunition for the Twenty-eighth mountain battery arrived today by express. The battery is now prepared for immediate call. If ordered to the isthmus it will probably go via San Francisco for operations on the western side.

MONTANA SYSTEM OF BLACKMAIL IN EAST  
(Journal Special Service.)  
New Haven, Conn., Dec. 18.—Armed guards have been placed on the express trains of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad as a result of a letter received by the officials, in which the writer threatens to wreck and rob a train unless a specified sum of money be placed in a spot designated.

KILLED AND HURT BY THE THOUSAND  
INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION MAKES REPORT ON RAILWAYS—EARNINGS AND FREIGHT RATES INCREASING—SLEEPS LAW CORRECTED SOME ABUSES.  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, Dec. 18.—The report of the interstate commerce commission, issued today, shows returns for 201,000 miles of railway, approximately 98 per cent of the entire mileage in the United States. The gross earnings show nearly two billion dollars, while the operating expenses are a billion and a quarter. The earnings show an increase over those of the previous year of about thirty-four millions.

The report declares the Elkins law beneficial, as it has checked many violations. The freight rates show an increase, as there is no way in which advances can be prevented. Some solution has been made of the car couple problem.

During the year 164 passengers were killed and 408 injured. Of employees \$95 were killed and 6,400 injured. A total of 1,659 killed and 10,800 injured.

CIVIC FEDERATION MEETS IN NEW YORK  
(Journal Special Service.)  
New York, Dec. 18.—The annual meeting of the National Civic Federation began here today. President Hanna presided and Volney Fowler, a Chicago manufacturer, addressed the meeting this afternoon on the industrial question. Among those present were John Mitchell, Bishop Potter, President Elliott of Harvard university and Chief of Conductors Clark.

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