

LAND BUNKO THAT NETS MORE THAN QUARTER OF A MILLION IS TURNED UP

NEW \$18,000 SWindle

R. E. Moss of Chicago Paid Dear for Forged Certificates to Six Thousand Acres of Land.

IMMENSE SUMS GAINED BY THE FORGERS' RING

Agent West Now Has News of Disposal of Bogus Title to Thirty Thousand Acres of State School Land by McKinley, Puter and Their Gang.

Almost every day brings to State Land Agent West news of fresh instances in which eastern investors were robbed by S. A. D. Puter and Horace G. McKinley, the boldest buccannery that have figured in the spectacular story of the Oregon land frauds.

Moss wrote to the state land agent giving the numbers of the certificates which he had purchased and the description of the lands which they purported to convey.

It is estimated that within the last two years the Puter-McKinley gang cleaned up not less than \$250,000 by their swindling operations, and it is possible that even this estimate is far too low.

Both "High Rollers." Both Puter and McKinley are inveterate gamblers and are wont to play for big stakes.

In his palmy days McKinley was always known as a "high roller" and he was prodigal with his money.

But since their conviction in the federal court fortune has been epy and

POOREST MAN IN SENATE

Senator Gearin, With Fewer Dollars Than Any Other Member of Millionaires' Club, Buys, His Own Ticket.

IS WITH PRESIDENT ON RATE REVISION ISSUE

New Appointee Leaves on Morning Train to Take Up His Duties—Will Spend Holiday Recess of Congress Familiarizing Himself With Conditions.

Oregon this morning sent to Washington the poorest United States senator, financially, who will sit in that august body this winter.

Senator Gearin was met at his office this morning by his son, Hugh Gearin, and a number of friends, who accompanied him to the union station.

Senator Gearin is traveling on a ticket bought for cash at the city ticket office of the Union Pacific system yesterday—exactly—As he left the meeting of the executive committee of the board of trade he went to City Ticket Agent Stinger's office at Third and Washington streets and opened the door.

It is not known whether or not any of the transcontinental railroads offered Senator Gearin free transportation, but the assumption is that they did.

A few years ago the refusal of Oregon's representative to ride on a pass would not have been so significant.

Senator Gearin realizes that the big issue in congress this winter is the presidential rate regulation measure, commonly known as the Esch-Townsend bill.

"I have already stated my position on this question," said he, just before leaving.

It is an issue that appears to have been accepted by the people of the country as larger than partisanship and worthy of support from every senator and representative who understands the status of things in the nation.

It will be my desire also to assist in forwarding the interests of the state in relation to projects for the improvement of the rivers and harbors, and I wish

to be of service to the people of Oregon.

M'CALL MUST REFUND

President of New York Life Given Sixteen Days to Pay Quarter Million Given Hamilton for Lobbying.

MUTUAL EXPELS RYAN—PLACE GIVEN HARRIMAN

Trustees Plan to Oust Peabody From Presidency—Richard A. McCurdy Suffers Mental and Physical Collapse—Hyde to Leave Country—Investigators Go to Albany.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 16.—Developments in the management of the great insurance companies followed thick and fast today.

John A. McCall, president of the New York Life, has been given 16 days' grace by the trustees to return \$250,000, funds of the company illegally furnished Andrew Hamilton, the company's lobbyist.

It is announced today by directors of the Mutual that Thomas E. Ryan will be expelled from the directorate of the Mutual Life Insurance company and his place given to E. H. Harriman, who will also be placed upon the board of trustees.

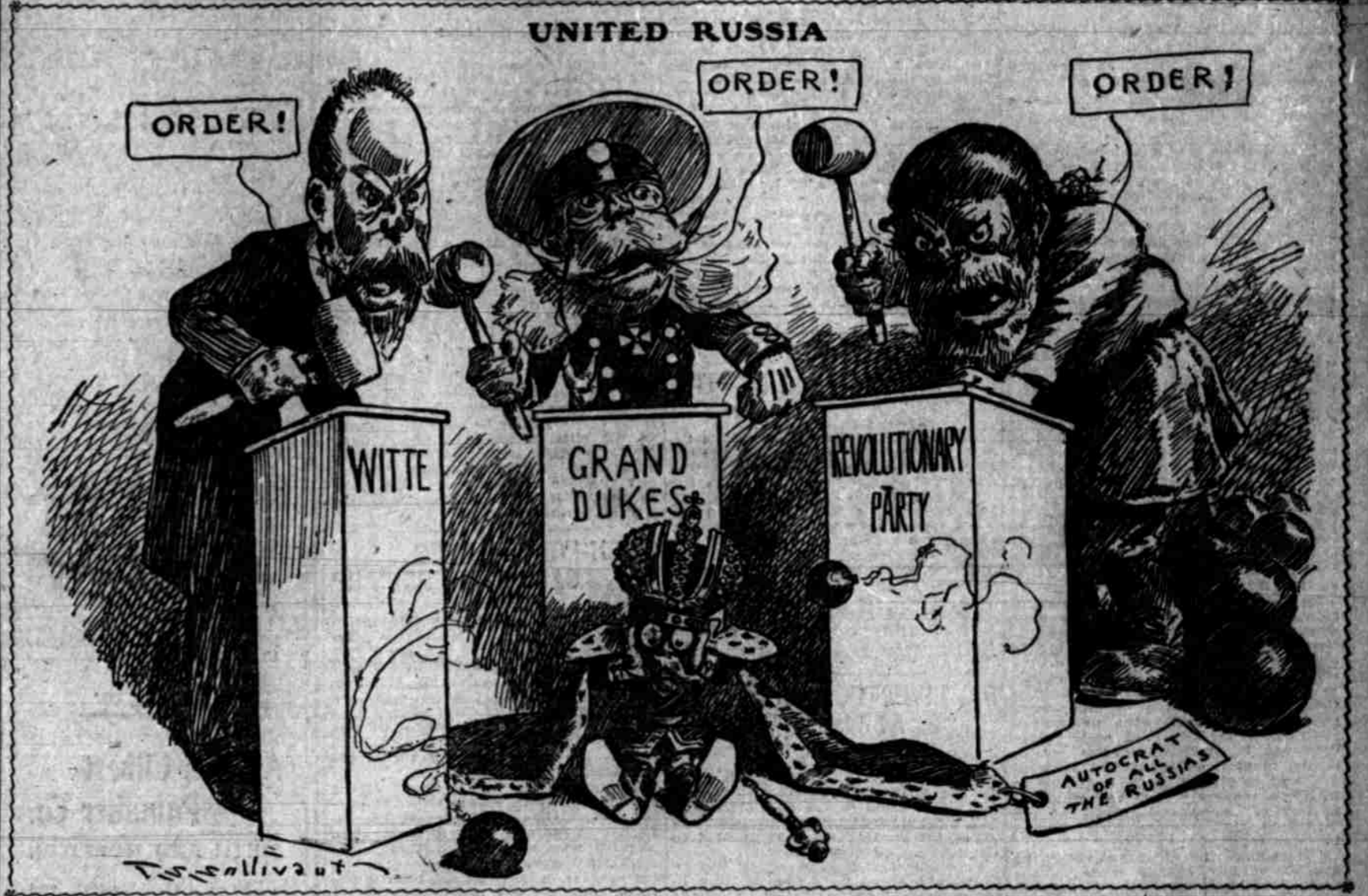
It is predicted among insurance men that President Peabody, the new executive of the Mutual, who was chosen this week to succeed McCurdy, will not retain the presidency for long, the men who were forced to accept him being ready to expel him.

James H. Hyde, former vice-president, said in answer to Attorney Hughes' inquiry regarding Odell's reference to "getting political influence as a result of his relations to Harriman" that the statements were factious and that Odell did not mean them.

ENTIRE FAMILY LOST IN BURNING DWELLING

(Journal Special Service.) Red Lake, Minn., Dec. 16.—Peter Martell, his wife and three children, were burned to death this morning. The position of the bodies indicates that Martell carried his children to the kitchen from the burning part of the house and then returned for his wife, when the floor gave way, causing all to perish.

Woodward for Customs Surveyor. (Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Among the presidential nominations is that of Edward F. Woodward for surveyor of customs for the district of San Francisco.



PATIENTS REVOLT IN HOSPITAL

Cripples Brought Back From East Drive Officers Out and Shout for Revolution.

LINIEVITCH POWERLESS TO STOP MUTINY IN ARMY

Commander Wires Capital That Half of His Troops Are in Revolt—Warships Sent to Bombard Riga Where Republic Has Been Declared.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—Hospital patients returned from the front are on a strike. A legless soldier refused an artificial leg offered him, saying that the Japanese legs were better.

A courier from Rostoff brings news that the troops inflicted heavy loss of life in suppressing a riot at that place.

Two cruisers and two torpedo boats have been sent to Riga to shell the city if the revolutionists refuse to surrender.

The soldiers sent back an enthusiastic reply.

Alarmed at the situation the government has given orders to disarm Linievitch's forces before they begin their homeward trip.

Troops at St. Petersburg are becoming more open in their revolutionary demonstrations.

Reports from the provinces show that revolutionary turmoil continues. The situation in the Caucasus is most serious.

THOMAS W. LAWSON REPORTED TO BE ON VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY

Author of Frenzied Finance Denies That He is Broke but Admits Mortgaging Property for Over a Million—Worsted in Efforts to Bear Copper Stocks.



Thomas W. Lawson.

(Journal Special Service.) Boston, Dec. 16.—Is Thomas W. Lawson "broke"? Have Rockefeller and his Standard Oil cohorts finally secured the financial scalp of the belleguered author of "Frenzied Finance"? These are the questions which State street is asking today, and it would seem that there are good grounds for the queries.

Lawson himself denies that he is vanquished of that he is "broke," but admits that he has been going rapidly in that direction for several months.

CARNEGIE PLEADS WITH COREY

Laird of Skibo Vainly Tries to Induce Steel Magnate to Forsake Actress.

THREATENS TO OUST HIM FROM TRUST'S PRESIDENCY

Library-Giver Told to Mind His Own Business, as Corey Will Do as He Likes in His Personal Life—Parting of Two Men Not Friendly.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 16.—During Andrew Carnegie's annual dinner to his former business associates at his home in Fifth avenue last night, it leaked out that Carnegie had a personal controversy, which became almost a quarrel, last Tuesday evening with William Elms Corey, president of the steel corporation.

It was a dramatic meeting, if the stories told are accurate. It is declared that Carnegie used all his influence to induce Corey to throw over Miss Giltman and become reconciled to Mrs. Corey.

Corey retorted in substance: "This is none of your affair. I shall do as I like in my personal life."

Anna Held Talks. (Journal Special Service.) Paris, Dec. 16.—Anna Held, when told that William E. Corey, president of the American steel trust, threatened to make a revelation involving the actions of prominent Pittsburgh men at a banquet at which Miss Held sang in this country, she said:

"Yes, there was a dinner given by Frick at the Duquesne club, Pittsburgh. I was asked to sing at the dinner and consented. When I arrived, which was late in the evening, many of the guests were drunk and excessively noisy. I sang 'Won't You Come and Play With Me'."

"The man removed his coat and shouted 'Certainly.' I at once left the dinner. Before I got away my clothing was slightly torn. I cannot remember the name of the man who took off his coat, Frick was there, I saw him. The dinner was 'hot stuff.'"

Aged Mother and Son Exterminated. (Journal Special Service.) Chicago, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Mrs. William E. Frick, aged 82, was found dead this morning in a bed that she occupied for many years.

SANTA CLAUS COMES ONCE A WEEK

That is, to the homes of readers of The Journal. Every issue for three weeks past and for five weeks to come carries with it one mechanical cut-out toy for the children. There's nothing funnier—as a toy—than the midnight cat. Thomas is this week's toy and he's sure to make the children laugh.

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