

BOOKS KEPT BY GANG OF THIEVES

Chicago Men Made Business of Stealing Goods in Transit.

Automobiles, Motorcycles and General Merchandise Taken From Cars and Warehouses.

Chicago—That half a million dollars in property has been stolen by a syndicate of 20 thieves, headed by two physicians, now under arrest with two other men at detective headquarters, is the assertion of officers who have been following the trail of the thieves for months. The alleged leaders of the organization arrested are Dr. Nicholas Kern, Dr. Edward B. Stalhut, Joseph Todd and Romus Daghty. The property, it is declared, was systematically taken from railroads, warehouses and steamship lines, and consisted of automobiles, motorcycles and loads of merchandise of every description. Within the last two years, it is said, the band of robbers has included freight house employes, express company men, "fence" keepers and jobbing houses to dispose of the stolen goods. Loot amounting to \$10,000 has been recovered from barns and warehouses.

A little boy, adopted son of one of the alleged thieves, is said to have given the information that led to the disclosure of the hiding places. The boy told where the books of the syndicate were to be found.

A remarkable ledger, said to have been kept by the "manager" of the organization, showed just what property the system had on hand. A code was used, and columns of figures showed the cost price of the goods, the selling price, the cost of delivering the goods for auction and sale, and the profit accruing to the gang.

TYPHOON TAKES HEAVY TOLL

300 Reported Killed in Philippine Island Storm.

Manila—Owing to the prostration of the telegraph wires, no definite estimate is yet possible of the number of fatalities or of the property losses caused by the typhoon that crossed the islands of Samar, Leyte and North Panay several days ago. Such information as has been received indicates that 260 persons were killed in Samar and Leyte and 40 in the other territory traversed by the storm. Despite the enormous damage in Tacloban, capital of Leyte, the fatalities there were fewer than a dozen.

The government is forwarding relief supplies to the stricken district. No word has been received from Mindanao except a wireless dispatch from the transport Warren, which said the storm was unusually severe.

Washington, D. C.—A typhoon swept Visayas, Philippine islands, on November 25 and carried away three-fourths of the town of Tacloban and the town of Leyte, according to a dispatch received at the insular bureau from the governor general of the Philippines. No details of the disaster were told and no estimate was made of the loss of life.

War department officials say there is no reason for believing that a great number of lives were lost.

ZAPATA EXECUTES ENVOY.

Rebel Leader Carries Out Threat and Kills Peace Messenger.

Mexico City—Emiliano Zapata, the insurgent leader, carrying out a recent threat that he would put to death any additional peace envoys sent by the government to treat with him, a few days ago passed the sentence of death on two men who had approached him on behalf of the government, according to news received here from Cuernavaca, Morelos. One of the men was shot. The other escaped.

A dispatch to the impartial from Vera Cruz says that W. W. Canada, the American consul, has informed the correspondent of the impartial that the United States battleships Kansas, Michigan, Vermont and South Carolina soon will visit Vera Cruz.

The news has caused apprehension here, as it is considered unusual that naval visits of courtesy should be in such strength.

Troops Drive Elk Back.

Livingston, Mont.—To prevent a recurrence of last season's slaughter of elk, United States troops from Fort Yellowstone are engaged in a protracted battle along the boundary lines of the Yellowstone National Park. The echoes of the hills are continually awakened by the firing of blank cartridges in an effort to head off the elk herd, which, because of heavy snow, are trying to cross the borders into the lowlands, where hordes of hunters are in waiting. The season closes December 10.

Chinese Demand Firm.

London—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Peking says it is reported in Chinese circles that the Russian minister is under orders to return to St. Petersburg to discuss the entire Mongolian situation with Foreign Minister Sazonoff. A semi-official newspaper says the irreducible minimum of the Chinese government concerning Mongolia is that Chinese sovereignty and not suzerainty, shall be recognized throughout Mongolia.

REPUBLICANS IN MINORITY.

Democrats Have Control of Next Congress—Progressives Few.

Washington, D. C.—Complete returns on the congressional election show conclusively that the recognized minority party in the 63d congress will have to be the Republican party. The returns show that among the minority members of the house, 128 were elected as Republicans and only 15 as "Progressives." The senate will have four "Progressives" only. On this basis, it is utterly absurd to set up the claim that the "Progressive" party will be the recognized minority in the next congress.

Regardless of previous partisan affiliations; regardless of the presidential tickets which received the individual support of the respective members of the new house; regardless of the possible deadlock in the senate that may result from dickers and trades between Democrats and "Progressive" Republicans and actual Bull Moosers in that body, the minority organization in the house and senate will be dominated by the Republican party and its chosen leaders. It is also true that there will be new Republican leaders in the next congress, resulting from the fact that many of the old leaders will retire on March 4.

The next house of representatives will comprise 435 members, of whom 292 are Democrats; the total minority will number 143. As the "Progressives" number only 15 in all, they will amount in the aggregate to less than 4 per cent of the total membership. This is a nucleus for a new minority organization which by no means approaches the Populist organization that existed in the 52d and 53d congresses. As a starter it represents a scant third of the original insurgent membership of the house as it stood at the heyday of its power, when Speaker Cannon was deposed from membership on the house committee on rules.

OFFICIAL COUNT SHOWS WOMEN LOSE MICHIGAN

Detroit, Mich.—The constitutional amendment providing woman suffrage in Michigan was defeated by 594 votes, according to figures compiled in the secretary of state's office at Lansing from every county in Michigan.

Until the result is officially announced by the state board of canvassers December 10, it is said that no definite statement will be made by the advocates of the amendment as to what course of action they will next take up. Plans are now being made in many districts, however, to petition the legislature to re-submit the question in the spring election.

The only recount definitely decided upon is in Saginaw, where the figures showed a majority of about 2500 against the amendment. There is a possibility that the recount may swing the victory back to the women suffrage advocates who have been claiming it up to within the last two days.

COLONEL RANDELL DIES.

Senate Officer Succumbs to Serious Operation.

Washington, D. C.—Colonel Daniel M. Randall, sergeant-at-arms of the United States senate, former United States marshal for the District of Columbia, and an intimate friend of the late President Harrison, died here as the result of an operation performed November 7.

Colonel Randall was one of the well-known figures of public life. He had been sergeant-at-arms of the senate nearly 12 years, having been elected to the post in January, 1900. As such officer he had practically complete charge of all official senate affairs, the issuing of subpoenas in senate inquiries and the conduct of senate functions. He was 70 years old and a native of Indianapolis, where his body will be buried Sunday.

Four of Six Powers Agree.

London—Sir Edward Grey's proposal that the ambassadors of the six great powers, Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary and Italy, assemble in one of the capitals with the view of emphasizing the points arising out of the Baku war on which the nations are already in agreement is understood to have the support of Germany, France and Russia. The idea is intended to avert the disposition to drift into an alignment of the two groups of powers forming the triple alliance and triple entente.

River and Harbor Bill Soon.

Washington, D. C.—"We hope congress will make the most liberal appropriation for rivers and harbors this year that has ever been made," said Representative Randall, senator-elect from Louisiana and president of the national rivers and harbors congress. "The needs of the country are so pressing that I believe the appropriations should not be less than \$50,000,000, and we hope to have the bill passed by the Christmas holidays."

Salvation Army to Help Police.

New York—The Salvation Army is going to help New York police the slums. "Blood and Fire" soldiers believe that they understand how to handle the roughs who have terrorized New York better than the guardians of the peace, who work with "billy" and revolver. They are going to take active steps to train and educate their officers in the exact and accurate handling of desperate characters.

TURBANS FOR WINTER



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The model below is the Richelieu turban, named after Cardinal Richelieu of France. It is composed of red silk crown, denoting the Cardinal's color, puffed and bound with a gold embroidered band. The brim is slightly rolled on the front and sides. The model above is wearing another style turban hat constructed of fur with a feather standing out at side which will be worn at social functions, being specially fitted to go with low cut gowns and scarf drapery. The hat can be pulled down over the hair to be in style.

PLAIDS ALWAYS IN DEMAND DESIGN FOR SILK STOCKINGS

Now Bid Fair to Be More the Rage Than They Have Been for Some Time.

The material most commented on at present is Scotch plaid, which is always associated with autumn, says the Indianapolis News. Numbers of fashionable women are ordering two skirts with these new plaid costumes. The semi-fitting jacket covering the hips is worn with a short skirt made for the country. The material just touches the ankles, and the trimming consists of a wide box plait, back and front. The same box plaits repeat themselves on the second skirt, ordered for town wear. Below the knees starts a flounce of the plaid material with narrow box plaits touching one another. This flounce adds extra width to the new autumn skirts.

Straps in plaid trim the jacket at the back, starting at the side beneath a long, square steel buckle. A couple of revers in surah widen as they cross the shoulders and form a hood ending in a point at the waist. One large plaid button fastens the jacket below the bust.

EVENING CAP



The coiffure matters not at all with one of these quaint new evening caps which are much the fad for theater wear. The cap is made of pearl beaded gold net, which is mounted over thin silk. Heavy pearl bead and tassel ornaments at the sides drag the cap down over the ears. The hair is softly waved and drawn fluffily beyond the edge of the cap.

Oriental Characters Are the Latest to Be Used by Those Who Like Embroidery.

Girls who are fond of needlework will want to embroider themselves two or more pairs of silk stockings in the now fashionable Oriental designs. Select a good grade of silk stocking woven with thread silk, black or any color you desire; then with a sharp-pointed piece of tailor's chalk outline a design representing some curious Chinese or Japanese symbol, lettering or number.

These can be found in any Oriental shop or on a Chinese laundry check. They are not difficult to sketch, being for the most part broad lines crossing each other in a curious manner.

These should be slightly padded with very soft darning cotton, so that the center will be raised above the outer edge. The embroidery is then done in fine floss silk, using brilliant red, green, yellow, purple and blue. All colors rich in tone are effective, and occasionally threads of silver and gold can be introduced in the embroidery.

Care must be taken when applying the work to colored stockings that the colors used in the embroidery harmonize with that of the stocking itself. Any color or combination of colors can be used on black.

Tiny beads and small flowers are lovely when worked in rich Oriental colors. For example, a spray of wistaria is charming on violet silk stockings. Cherry blossoms on white or green, iris on blue or yellow, and the flaming poppy on black.

When working, an easy way to keep the stocking taut so the embroidery will lie smooth is to slip a china egg or very smooth darning egg into the stocking, then hold the silk tightly over that as you would for ordinary darning. The embroidery will then be perfectly smooth when worn.

Tinting Lace.
A weak solution of permanganate of potash will tint laces that deep shade of ecru so much used at present.

It must be carefully dissolved, otherwise it will produce stains which are impossible to remove.

Test the dye with a small piece of muslin before dipping the lace. If the color is too deep, dilute the solution until the required hue is obtained. Never allow the lace to remain in the dye; simply dip in and out again. Tea or a solution of coffee is excellent to tint laces. The latter produces the fashionable string color.

Lace trimmings to match the material of the frock are much used this season.

With two or three simple colors even an amateur can produce good results.

French Raincoats.

The French raincoat is an excellent one to wear with fine gowns. It is made of rubberized crepe de chine and peau de sole. These coats are excellent protectors, and yet are so light in weight that they will not leave their imprint on a beautiful gown.

WARSHIPS TO STOP FOR COAL

American Fleet May Be Augmented in Case of European War.

Washington, D. C.—Realizing the possibility of rapid and important developments in the Balkan war, the Navy department has slightly changed the itinerary for the cruisers Tennessee and Montana, now on the way to the Orient under command of Rear Admiral Knight. Instead of going direct from Gibraltar to Smyrna, Admiral Knight has headed first for Malta, with the Tennessee, while the Montana, which was destined for Beirut, has started for Port Said, at the entrance of the Suez canal.

The change in the itinerary will make it easier for the cruisers to replenish their coal bunkers, pending the arrival in the Mediterranean of the collier Brutus.

It was said at the State department that there is no present intention of sending other warships to reinforce the Tennessee and Montana in the Mediterranean. European navies are extending all necessary protection in the larger ports of Turkey.

Of course, in the event of a general European war, it might be necessary to dispatch the greater part of the Atlantic fleet to Europe.

PENSION NEEDY EMPLOYEES.

T. R. Thinks Faithful Workers as Deserving as Ex-Presidents.

New York—Discussing the plans of Andrew Carnegie to give an annual pension of \$25,000 to future retiring presidents, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt said:

"As it does not apply to me, I have nothing to say on that side of it. In any event, my interest is not in pensions for former presidents, but for the small man who has no chance to save and who faces direct poverty when he becomes superannuated.

"I think the small government employe who gives years of faithful service at a small emolument should be pensioned upon retirement. I believe we must work out some system of insurance and pensions, relieving the ordinary workman from the haunting dread of extreme poverty in old age."

MICHIGAN VOTE IN DOUBT.

Suffragists Fear Returns Indicate Cause Will Lose.

Lansing, Mich.—Leaders in the fight for the passage of the suffrage amendment to the constitution of Michigan admit for the first time that the complete official returns may show the defeat of the measure by a few hundred votes. But three counties, Keeweenaw, Montcalm and St. Clair, remain to be heard from officially. The official vote from the remainder of the state gave a majority of 165 for the amendment. Unofficial returns from the three missing counties rolled up a majority of about 700 against it.

There is a possibility that the official returns may be changed in some instances before the contest is finally determined.

RAILWAY EARNINGS GROW.

November Shows Increase Over One Year Ago of 6.5 Per Cent.

Chicago—A further increase in railroad activity is indicated by the returns of all United States roads reporting gross earnings for the first two weeks of November, the total amounting to \$15,822,490, an increase as compared with the earnings of the same roads for the corresponding period a year ago of 6.5 per cent.

These roads reported a gain of 4.4 per cent the first week of the month, and 4.1 and 4.9, respectively, for the first two weeks of October and September. The improvement is now quite uniformly distributed, the loss reported being very exceptional and extremely small.

Sweet Potato Cannery Opened.

Americus, Ga.—The large potato canning plant of the Ware-Progress Orchard company, near Americus, has started operations for the season and with favorable conditions will preserve probably 50,000 bushels of sweet potatoes here during the next three months. This plant is equipped with machinery of the latest type and on full time employs 90 operators. Some trouble is experienced in getting sufficient labor, but with this supplied the cannery will be operated on full time during the winter season.

Peasants Fear Turks' Return.

London—Bulgarian peasants in the vicinity of Kirk Kiliseh are still wearing the turban for fear the Turks will return and take revenge upon them, as was done in 1878, wires Noel Buxton, member of parliament, who has been visiting the devastated districts of Turkey in the interests of the Red Cross. "Thousands are homeless," he says, "and the distress is indescribable. One Bulgarian doctor alone is treating 500 cases."

Princeton Students Run Farm.

Princeton, N. J.—That success is assured for the farm run by the undergraduates of Princeton university is shown by the recent report of the manager, E. C. Page, of the class of 1912. While the project did not make money, indications point to prosperous seasons in the future. The reasons given for the lack of financial profit were that the plan was carried out more in the nature of a trial, and that extensive farming was not done.

CARNEGIE GIVES AWAY MILLIONS

Makes Will and Says He's Glad Load Is Off His Mind.

Corporation Gets All But \$25,000,000 of Vast Estate—Approves Discussion of Pension Plan.

New York—Andrew Carnegie, in a statement Wednesday afternoon, announced that all but \$25,000,000 of his fortune, which will be disposed of under his will, will be left to the Carnegie Corporation of New York, which has been made his residuary legatee, and which will carry on his educational and charitable work.

Mr. Carnegie's statement likewise explains his reasons for planning to pension ex-presidents of the United States, as he provided recently through the Carnegie Corporation.

In making his announcement, telling how he had gone about putting his "gospel of wealth" into practice, Mr. Carnegie said:

"I resolved to fulfill the requirements of the 'gospel of wealth' by transferring funds, and have done so, except that I have found it desirable to retain for a while personal distribution of my United States military telegraph corps pensions and Pennsylvania Railroad pensions to Pittsburgh division men and their widows, because my old boys would dislike the change, and so, no doubt, would others upon my pension list.

"To meet these payments and others under my will, \$25,000,000 of bonds upon which the New York state tax has been paid have been reserved. But the New York corporation has been made my residuary legatee and all surplus left after meeting the provisions of my will goes to it.

"I am happy in getting all this off my mind. It is a greivous business, but I find that this earth is rapidly becoming more heavenly, so that many good men and women I know labor for others. Surely Luther, Franklin and their followers were right, who held that 'service to man is the highest worship of God.'"

In explaining his pension plan Mr. Carnegie cited the case of three ex-presidents as affording justification for the project, the announcement of which, he said, was "making the desired impression." His trustees and himself were all hoping, he said, "that congress would meet the situation by proper action."

"Not one of us but will rejoice should this be the result," he said.

CONTRACTORS THREATENED

Plants Dynamited After Refusal to Employ Union Men.

Indianapolis, Ind.—As tending to show the implication of labor union officials in plots, the government introduced at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial testimony that explosions on non-union iron works followed the refusal of contractors to unionize their jobs after personal visits by some of the defendants.

Before two charges of dynamite exploded on a bridge in St. Louis on August 9, 1908, testified John T. Garrett, president of a construction firm, he was visited by John H. Barry, of the local Ironworkers' union.

"Barry wanted me to unionize the job," Garrett said. "You'll find it a great deal cheaper, for you know what will happen," he said. I told him I suspected he was going to dynamite the job and he had better be careful. It was blown up later."

Elliott Orders 4100 Cars.

Tacoma, Wash.—The Northern Pacific Railway company has ordered the building of 500 flat cars at the South Tacoma shops and has also placed orders for 2500 new box cars and 1100 refrigerator cars. The shippers of the Northwest responded splendidly to the plea for co-operation issued early in the fall and the Northern Pacific has had less trouble this year in handling the crop than ever before. Fully 45 per cent of the wheat crop of the Northwest has already been moved.

Big Sale of Hops Made.

Oroville, Cal.—By a deal completed here S. H. P. Eakle, of Sacramento, who is the leading grower of hops in the Feather River bottom lands near this city, sold his entire crop of 41 acres to Wolf & Netter, of San Francisco. The purchase price was \$6,500. I. S. Marks, a buyer who has inspected the crop, declares the hops grown in the Feather River bottom to be equal to the best in the state.

Epidemic Scares Redding.

Redding, Cal.—On account of the epidemic of smallpox here, the city board of health has ordered all moving picture houses, theaters, churches and lodges closed for a fortnight. The public schools were closed several days ago. During the quarantine no public gatherings of any nature will be allowed. One new case was reported. The disease is reported to be of an unusually mild type.

Continuance of War Wanted.

London—A majority of the ministers at Constantinople favor continuing the war, according to a dispatch from the Turkish capital to the Standard. The minister of war has been ordered not to accept the Bulgarian proposal, but to wait instructions.