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Ownership Plans Formulate Up North

Washington, March 23.—The census bulletin today shows the public indebtedness of the country to be \$33,500,000,000, but for every \$2.85 of public debt there is \$100 of national wealth. The percentage of increase in wealth from 1900 to 1904 is with- out parallel, except the decade from 1870 to 1880.

Stock Market Weaker.

New York, March 23.—Stocks closed with general declines within minutes after the opening, prices generally disordered with fractional rallies. Union Pacific stocks among the lowest, being off 1/2 point. There was a panic on the exchange in Berlin on account of advices from New York. In the mining shares dropped ten points, B. & O. and Pennsylvania dropped five points, and Canadian 1 1/2.

Pilgrim Society Honor Bryce.

New York, March 23.—Men high social and diplomatic life in Oregon are looking forward with great interest to the coming tonight to be given by the Pilgrim society of New York to the British ambassador, Mr. James Bryce, at the Waldorf-Astoria. The statistics of state, of war and of navy are among those who are also most of the prominent foreign diplomats. The Pilgrim society expect to make it a notable

and memorable event. About 500 guests will be present, and it is intended that these shall be as representative of the whole of America as possible. The Pilgrims society intended giving this dinner upon the arrival of Mr. Bryce, but Mr. Bryce asked that it be postponed, until he could first come to Washington and make the acquaintance of the President. Among the speakers are Secretary Root and J. H. Choate.

Entertaining Ambassador Bryce.

New York, March 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to Great Britain, entertained Ambassador Bryce, British ambassador to this country, with his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Alexander will give them a reception at their town house on Monday afternoon. Ambassador Bryce and Mrs. Bryce stopped over in New York for several days en route to Canada, where they will pay a lengthy visit. The Bryces are proving very popular in society and are considered quite unconventional, receiving friends without much formality.

Charter Day.

San Francisco, March 23.—President Nicholas Butler, of Columbia University, delivered today the Charter Day address at the University of California. President Butler is here on his honeymoon, and is making a lecture as well, presumably to get ahead of his wife, at least temporarily, on the lecture question. Happily there is time enough for Mrs. Butler's lectures. He will get back to Chicago on Monday April 1, when he will be the guest of the Columbia University Alumni association of Chicago.

China Famine Frightful.

Washington, March 23.—The Christian Herald notifies the department that its reports show the China famine districts to be frightful. They are sending \$50,000 additional to the Red Cross, and \$150,000 worth of supplies to be placed on the transport Buford, to sail from San Francisco next month.

DIVORCE CONTEST SETTLED

By Double Murder and Suicide

Another Double Crime Due to Jealousy at Astoria

Oregon City, March 23.—Wm. W. Henderson, crazed by jealousy, shot and killed his wife and wounded his father-in-law, Joseph D. Maxwell, at the William Tell Hotel, at 8 o'clock this morning. He then turned the gun on himself, dying instantly. His wife was suing for a divorce. Maxwell may not recover.

Details of the Crime.

Later reports are that Maxwell will not recover. The physicians were working over him, and expecting him to die at any moment, at 2 o'clock today. He made a statement to the Star reporter a few minutes after the shooting, while lying on the floor, saying Henderson did the shooting, killing his wife and then himself. They died within a few minutes of each other, the woman dying first, Henderson taking deadly aim. Henderson shot himself through the head after shooting his wife through the left breast with a 41-Colt's revolver.

What a Witness Says.

Ed. Willoughby, who had a room next to them at the hotel, overheard loud talking just before the shooting. All three took part. Henderson pleaded with his wife to take him back. She replied that he had mistreated her, and she could not think of it. He then heard her cry out: "For God's sake, don't." Then a shot was fired that penetrated the partition, and missed the listener by only two inches. They are all from Latrobe, Cal., and Henderson has been working at Seattle. Divorce proceedings were begun March 11th, and time for filing the answer had elapsed. This made Henderson desperate. The inquest will be held tonight.

Another Crime.

Astoria, Or., March 23.—Corporal Lewis of the Thirty-third coast artillery, stationed at Fort Canby, early this morning shot at Mrs. F. Robertson in a Commercial street saloon and then killed himself. The woman was not seriously hurt. Jealousy was the cause.

More California Storms.

San Francisco, March 23.—A rain storm of tremendous fury, accompanied by high winds, set in last night, rendering all railroad and telegraph conditions even worse than ever. Reports of a most alarming nature come from Sacramento and the San Joaquin valleys. It is feared that the already badly weakened levees have given way under the added strain. If they have millions of dollars' worth of damage will have been done. There are many unconfirmed reports of loss of life.

Public Ownership Plans.

Winnipeg, March 23.—Mantoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are working out plans for the government ownership of telephones and telegraphs, involving enormous sums of money in all cities. Municipal ownership of street cars, light, power and water will either be accomplished or bonds are being floated. Such great amounts are involved that conservative bankers are being alarmed.

Norwegian Ship Seized.

Mobile, Ala., March 23.—The steamer Columbia, from Honduras, today brought the first news of the seizure of the Norwegian ship Habil by Honduras soldiers, while taking fruit at Ceiba, March 17th. The soldiers planned to go to Truxillo and capture the city. Bonilla hurriedly ordered the ship restored to the crew when he learned of the seizure.

Kingston Again Shaken.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 23.—There was a severe earthquake here last night. People were panic-stricken, but nobody was hurt. A number of walls, damaged in the big shock, fell down. Cannon and other American tourists just missed sailing shortly before the shake.

HURLED BY DYNAMITE.

Ole Anderson Returned to See if Fuse Was Lighted.

Oregon City, March 23.—Ole Anderson, a Swede, was hurled 20 feet into the air by an accident that happened while blasting stumps on the farm of George H. Brown, two and a half miles south of New Era. Anderson sustained the loss of both eyes, a broken nose, a fractured rib and an ugly gash over one eye.

It seems that Anderson had lit the fuses of two sticks of dynamite, one of which appeared not to have been lit, and when Anderson went back to light it, both charges exploded at once, with the above mentioned result. Anderson regained consciousness in the evening. It is thought he will recover, but he is sure to be a cripple for life.

Jim Hill to Retire.

St. Paul, March 23.—The persistent rumors that J. J. Hill will retire in favor of his son, Louis, who will be succeeded by F. H. McQuiggan, the fourth vice-president of the Grand Trunk line, find no confirmation here. It is now said that Hill will retire July 1st.

FIFTY THOUSAND STRIKE

Is On the Stocks If Things Do Not Go Right

Chicago, March 23.—Unless the Western railroads recede from their stand in refusing to consider the further demands of employes, 50,000 railroad men will strike in April. A hundred committeemen from the local orders of trainmen and conductors met Grand Chiefs Garretson and Mirrissey today to plan future operations. A. F. Whitner, chairman of the committee, unofficially confirms that the men voted in favor of a strike. He says that if the roads persist in further opposition the men's decision will be put into effect. If there is co-operation of all the members of Canada and Mexico and all this country it is expected that the strike will exceed the one in 1894, when Grover Cleveland ordered the federal troops out in Chicago and Debs was sent to prison. Whitner says the men have the greatest strike fund ever collected.

The Seventh's Games Tonight.

New York, March 23.—The 51st games of the Seventh Regiment Athletic association will be held tonight. The regulation running, jumping and weight throwing contests are scheduled as are also the military events which have proved so popular at the meets in the past. There are a great many athletes in the regiment. The roller skating race, which made such a hit at the 50th games, will be given tonight, revived in the shape of a mile handicap affair. Harry F. MacDonald made a thrilling sprint in the last lap of the race last fall, and was robbed of victory only by an unfortunate fall at the head of the stretch.

To Select a Rhodes Scholarship.

Albany, N. Y., March 23.—Six of the eight candidates of New York state for the Rhodes scholarship have passed the examination, and it rests now with the committee to make an award by the selection of one from the selected six. The scholars-hip amounts to \$1500 a year, and entitles the recipient to a course in Oxford university. The committee meets in this city today to make the decision.

White Primary at Navasota.

Navasota, Tex., March 23.—A Democratic primary election is being held today in this city to nominate candidates for city offices at the April election. With the exception of the marshal's office, no opposition to the present officers is being put forward.

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THAW CLEARLY IS SANE

Is Opinion of Counsel For Defense

Many Letters and Affidavits Are Offered

New York, March 23.—Thaw's defense to Jerome's insanity proceedings was filed this afternoon. It consists of affidavits of Delmas, Gleason and McPike, Drs. Evans, Wagner, Jelliffe, Hammond and Shiels, also a number of notes by Thaw directing the case.

In one letter Thaw insisted upon his rights as a husband to see Delmas' notes on his wife's testimony, as he would permit nothing but the truth. He continued: "Today witness perjured herself in a very natural and studied manner. This grieves me, and forces me to insist upon my rights as a husband, if not upon that deference due my rights as principal." Later the mother's affidavit was filed. It tries to prove no hereditary insanity in either family, describing in minute detail what she terms "two cases of mental derangement and one epilepsy in the Thaw family."

Some Thaw Comments.

One of Thaw's letters is self-explanatory: "Do not permit Jerome before the jury to ask me when I said I had shot 'V.' This neither in fact nor in evidence." Another: "I am informed that in the last 20,000 cases detained in the Tombs not one suffered from his wife's being subpoenaed to produce letters." At another period in the trial Thaw wrote: "This whole line should be objected to. It will be sustained." One written apparently during the tiresome examination of Evans reads: "Jerome hopes Evans will tire the jury and they will judge according to the axiom, 'give a man rope enough and he will hang himself.'"

Thaw's Movements.

Dr. Wagner's statements bring out facts never before shown, as when Thaw described to him his movements on the roof garden, just previous to the shooting. Wagner swears that Thaw denied to him Smith's testimony as to how Smith watched Thaw, because it being a first night the garden was decorated with plants and shrubs, among which Thaw walked, so one could not have followed him with his eyes. He said he didn't see White at all until he was about to leave the garden. Jerome this afternoon declined to discuss the affidavits.

Believe Thaw Sane.

All the attorneys and alienists asserted the opinion that Thaw was sane today. Dr. Shiels makes affidavit that he examined Thaw yesterday, and pronounces him fully competent to advise counsel. Delmas deposes that he had frequent interviews with Thaw in court and at the Tombs, received many notes and letters from Thaw. He asserts that "Thaw is and has been fully capable of understanding the nature and object of the proceedings against him, of comprehending his condition in reference to such proceedings, and of conducting his own defense in a rational manner. During the whole trial he has conducted himself in a rational manner."

Gleason deposes: "I have known Thaw for years. During the trial he consulted me frequently in a sane and intelligent manner." He declares Thaw's memory is extremely accurate. Other attorneys' affidavits are along the same lines, all appearing to think Thaw's letters to them are most important evidence of his present sanity. Many of his letters are appended to affidavits, showing that he initiated a number of moves his attorneys subsequently made.

Wreck at Astoria.

Astoria, Or., March 23.—An unknown steam schooner is drifting on the rocks at North Head, at the mouth of the Columbia. A gale is blowing, and distress signals are flying. Tugs are unable to reach her and her name cannot be made out. The words "San Francisco" are on the stern. She is loaded with lumber, and her deck is swept by the waves, and no answer to signals.

Y. M. C. A.

Over One Hundred Dollars Raised Yesterday—Many New Members Coming In.

The Y. M. C. A. fund still continues to grow and prosper. Over one hundred of the \$571 expense money to collect was raised yesterday. A few more days and the 1907 expenses will be paid. The committee is working hard to get the work accomplished as soon as possible and when the boys call on you be good to them and have your name on the list as one who helped build them a home. Many members are coming in to take advantage of the great benefits of the institution. The new swimming tank, the gymnasium and the baths are filled each day with bright boys who crave and need good healthful exercise.

Gilbert Taken to Oregon City.

George Gilbert, alias C. R. Clifford, who was yesterday taken into custody by Chief Gibson, was taken to Oregon City today by Chief of Police Burns, who came up for that purpose. Acting upon telegraphic dispatches, Chief of Police Gibson yesterday arrested the man who is charged with larceny by C. Crittiser, a resident of Oregon City. Mr. Crittiser arrived in the city yesterday and identified the man. The prisoner is charged with appropriating a watch and chain, a suit of clothes, a suit case and several other articles from his employer, Mr. Crittiser, in Oregon City, last Sunday.

Probate Business.

I. Baumgardner, C. E. Pearson and H. Hockett have been appointed appraisers of the estate of O. F. Sloper, deceased, and the bond of T. C. Sloper, administrator, has been approved.

Charles Sauvain, A. W. Anderson and T. Mapiethorp have been appointed appraisers of the estate of Adam Schutz, insane, and the bond of Mayme Schutz, as guardian, approved.

The property for the Carey guardianship estate has been appraised at \$900. The property consists of lots in Tillamook.

In Honor of Prof. Newberry.

A very pleasant surprise was given last evening at the home of Misses Beasie and Nellie Tucker, on Capital street, in honor of Prof. Frank Newberry, who will leave next month for Bond, Or., where he will rest.

A large number of friends were present, including many Y. M. C. A. boys.

Prof. Newberry has been connected with the College of Music, and more recently conducted a studio in the opera house block. He is a member of the Y. M. C. A., and will be greatly missed by a large number of friends in this city.

Attorney Carson Safe.

J. A. Carson, the well-known Salem attorney, sailed from Seattle March 11th on the steamer Northwestern, that was reported yesterday on the rocks at Tatouche Island, off the coast of Alaska. Later advices are that all the passengers and baggage were taken off and landed at Valdez by the next steamer that sailed from Seattle a week later. The indications are that the wrecked vessel was on the rocks for a week before relief came.

Trolley Wires Broken.

The Portland Electric Company's trolley wire, near the Willamette hotel, and one or two other places in the city, was broken down last night by the storm, and during the night a large force of men were kept busy repairing the broken wires and the are light circuit. No other damage was reported, and the company has all the lines now in good working order.

Organize Band.

The Pop Corn brass band has been organized again for this season, and has elected Roy McDowell president and James Best secretary. The band has a membership of 12, and doubtless will be a credit to the community.

Revival Meetings.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Branson are holding a revival meeting at the Pop Corn church, in Polk county, and are winning many converts for the organization of that place.

William Finley, who lectured in the city last night, has returned to his home in Portland.

Mrs. Nettie Linsey was a Salem visitor from Turner this morning.

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