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'LAND GRAB'' FRAUD

Methods Employed to Defraud

the U.S. Government

HARD ON REAL SETTLERS

Many Unscrupulous Persons Lay

Claim to Large Tracts and Erect

Temporary Huts or Cabins-Un-

der Law a Minor Becomes Head

of the Family by Adopting a Child.

The ingenuity and audacity of the

men who have been and still are en-

gaged in defrauding the United

States out of public lands are

equalled only by the absolute con-

sciencelessness of this class of swin-

dlers. Every possible device is re-

sorted to by the men who have

sought to acquire illegal title to the

public domain, says the New York

An instance of this character which

A single contractor had

recently came to light was found in

erected, on the order of a land com-

pany, thirty-four cabins on as many

homestead entries-"one hundred

and sixties" they are called in the

Land Office-had furnished them

with the usual meager furniture of

the genuine cabin, had actually built

fires in the little sheet iron stoves, in

order that the cabins might appear to

have been occupied, and had hung

from the rafters of each a fragment

of a flitch of bacon. On each "one hun-

dred and sixty" about a quarter of

an acre had been actually tilled and

planted to potatoes. The entries were

made in the name of thirty-four in-

dividuals, the work done by the con-

tractor was performed the following

summer, and when the legal fourteen

months had expired the alleged set-

Times.

Idaho.

# JAPAN AND CHRISTIANITY.

## Converts Include Among Its Classes Japan's Best Element.

Accessions to Christian churches it Japan are estimated by Dr. Scherer at about 3,000 annually, but they embrace mainly the "influential classes" -legislators, judges, army and navy officers, lawyers, bankers and physi-

The masses seem as yet almost as immune to Christianity as are Mohammedan masses. Count Ghuma in represented by Dr. Scherer as among the Japanese of light and lending who feel concerned at the moral condition of Japan today. It is a question, says the count, "whether as a people we have not lost fiber as a result of the many new influences to which we have been subjected. Development has been intellectual and not moral."

Count Okuma, although not a Chris-

There is, in a word, ample evidence that the action of church-burning mobs in Tokio reflects no sentiment prevalent in the government circles of Japan. Prime Minister Katsura seems to think the American mind may be in the dark on this point, for he has kept the cables warm with assurances of official Japanese esteem for Christians and for Americans .- Current Literature.

### British Crown £ 175,000 Richer.

As the late tant. George Lindsay Anthony Wilson, the Folkstone recluse, died without making a will, the whole of his fortuen goes to the British crown. Several persons in his service had expected handsome legacies. Capt. Wilson, who was the illegitimate son of Sir John Wilson, Bart., at one time commander of the forces in Cevion. was a bachelor, and left no legal heirs, The estate reverting to the crown under this intestacy has been valued by the autoorities at £150,209. To this has to be added £25,663 left by Capt. Wilson's father. Sir John Wilson died in 1856, but Capt. Wilson refused to touch a penny of it, with the result that the estate has remained for 49 years unadministered. Now the crown

very rarely happened that so large an estate as Capt. Wilson's falls to the crown. Queen Victoria, during her long life, had only one or two as large. Although the aggregate amount which annually reverts to the crown in the Girton, A. E., Pine, case of persons dying intestate, without known heirs, is considerable, it is Hirleman, C. L., Benton Boro, chiefly made up of a number of very small estates, and there are usually many claimants. Persons entitled to John, Wesley J., Main, money are seldom far to seek when wanted, but the number of claimants of money who cannot show any title to is very large indeed." it

Tapeworms Make Pearls. Rice, Chas, Bloomsburg, Strauch, Elmer I., Jackson. of the worm dies nacreous matter is deposited round it, and the resulting Cadman, B. F., Millville,

cians.

tion himself, is represented as welcoming the endeavors which "Christians are making to supply to the country a high standard of conduct."

inherits both fortunes.

Says the London Chronicle: "It has ery rarely happened that so large an state as Capt. Wilson's fails to the rown. Queen Victoria, during her Casey, Wm. J., Bloomsburg. Capwell, Wm. S., Bloomsburg. Cup, W. A., Berwick.

Prof. Herdman's recent investigations on the subject of pearl formation have yielded some interesting conclusions. In the great majority of cases it appears that the pearl is due to the resence in the oyster of a marine tapeworm. When the spherical larva

grazing purposes. Another fertile :

probably have yielded double or tre-

ble that sum in timber, and then the

denuded land would have been left

in the hands of the land company, to

be sold as opportunity offered for

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# PAT CROWE'S FAILURE. How He Planned to Kidnap John D. Rockefeller.

In March 1905 It was my intention to go to Cleveland, kidnap Rockefelor the oil king, and demand a ranout of \$2,000,000 from his son unr penalty that if the ransom were of paid immediately I would "put be old man off watch."

Only about \$3,000 in cash was nemary to carry out the plot to kid-Rochefeller, I visited Forest Hill, near Cleveland, viewed the suroundings and considered it would be easy work to make the multi-milllensing a prisoner. I had planned to hire a handsomely equipped restdence in the suburbs of Cleveland, and in this residence would have hold Rockefeller a prisoner until the ransom was forthcoming. I intended to stock the stables with thoroughbred horses and equip the barn with the best of vehicles. A fine automobile had been arranged for, on which I was to have paid part of the purchase price in each. Everything surrounding the suburban villa was to have been of the finest.

I intended to dress up like a gontleman and cut a wide swath in Cloveland society. After becoming acquainted with the best people of the city I expected to make calls at the Rockefeller home. Having paved my way to a sufficient degree of intimacy, I was going to invite Mr. Rockefeller to take a "spin" in the automobile with me. Of course I had no iden of living as Pat Crowe. I Intended to assume the name of "Lord Tell" and to pose as a young Englishman sojourning in America.

After we once had Mr. Rochefeller safe within the house it was my intention to write a note to his son that unless \$2,000,000 was delivered to



me within three days the waves of Lake Erie would wash the old man's body upon the sands of the Euclid

efeller's son to cross Lake Erie in a small tug, manned by not more than three men, and take with him \$2,-000,000 in gold.

As the tug neared the Canadian would be seen. Tethered to this pole would be a scow. In this scow the bags of gold were to be deposited.





A CIGANTIC TRUST

Each of These German States Has a Population Less Than New York -Monarchs Alone Cost Millions Annually-The Emperor the Actual Boss of Entire Army.

At present Germany is not an abute empire, but a confederation of me score of sovereign states, who ve combined on the basis of a comon nationality to present a united out to foreign countries. The Gerian emperor, unlike the emperors of Insula and Austria, is nothing more than the hereditary president of the confederation of German states. The German emperor as such is strictly constitutional monarch, and it is as king of Prussia that he enjoys such extensive power over his subjects.

The present king has contrived to make us forget most of these facts. He is himself so prominent a figure In the affairs of his country that the world has almost forgoiten the existence of all the remaining German monarchs who are, theoretically, quite equal to the emperor in rank and dignity.

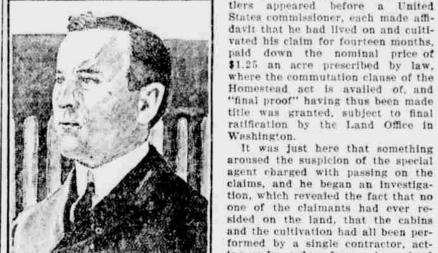
Apart from the kaiser there are 20 independent monarchs in Germanythree kings, six grand dukes, four dukes and seven reigning princes. Some of these states are so small that the maintenance of their sovereign rights is an absurdity in the twentieth century. Their existence dates from the times when Central Europe was dotted with large numbers of small feudal states, each ruled by its own petty monarch.

Each of these sovereign German states has a population less than that of New York and Chicago. The kingdom of Wurttemberg has a population of a little more than 2,000,000. the kingdom of Saxony a little more than 4,000,000, and the kingdom of Baveria a little more than 6,000,000. and all these states are overshadowed by Prussia with its population of 35,000,000. Apart from the imperial chancellor, Prince Bulow, and the central federal government, Germany possesses 20 prime ministers, 20 cabinets, 20 royal courts and 18 parliaments, for two German states, Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Mecklenburg-Strelitz, are absolute monarchies governed by their grand takes without any assistance from cted representatives of the people.

the cast of maintaining all these larchies with their courts and scholds is a heavy financial burfor the German nation. The king

: Bavaria receives an income of \$1,500,000, the king of Saxony an income of \$1,000,000 and the king Beach. of Wurttemberg an income of \$600,-600 per annum. The grand duke of Baden, the grand duke of Hesse, the grand duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, the grand duke of Saze-Weimar and the duke of Anhalt each receive incomes varying from \$250,000 to \$200,000 a year. The duke of Saxe-Meiningen, the duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and the duke of Saxe-Altenburg receive incomes varying from

150,000 to \$200,000 and maining German monarchs receive an average of \$125,000 per annum. The 20 monarchs between them own 115 royal palaces, which, together with the three dozen palaces owned by the kaiser as king of Prussia, makes a total of 150 palaces dotted all over Germany. These palaces are surrounded by parks with a total area of 25,000 acres, all of which is, of course, lying wasted, so far as productive purposes are concerned. In the smaller German states the cost of maintaining the monarch amounts to about \$2 per head of the population, or \$8 per head of family, a heavy burden on a population which is by no means prosperous. The 20 royal courts in Germany are effective supports of reactionary politics and personal snobbery. The little German courts have been fruitful of all sorts of queer situations and scandals. The throne of Bayaria has been occupied for the last 20 years by a raving madman, who crawls about on his hands and knees. barks like a dog and eats his food off the ground. Nevertheless, this being. although more beast than man, is his Majesty King Otto of Bavaria by diwine right. His predecessor, King Louis, was also a lunatic and drowned himself. The future king of Bavaria, Prince Rupprecht, has been involved in matrimonial scandals, and his quarrels with his wife have been public report for some years past. A curious feature about all these little German courts which cost so much and which produce so many scandals calculated to discredit monarchical institutions, is that they are purely ornamental. Although all the little monarchs theoretically possess sovereign powers they are as a matter of fact nothing more than vassals of the emperor. It is true that the emperor can declare war, conclude treaties, and promulgate laws in the name of the empire only with the consent of the federal council, but the council is absolutely controlled by his own country of Prussia.



I should have commanded Rock-



PAT CROWE.

# sided on the land, that the cabins and the cultivation had all been performed by a single contractor, act-

# ing under orders from a large land company, and that each of the fictitious settlers was under contract to sell his homestead as soon as the title was perfected to the land company for a nominal sum. Had the scheme worked in this instance, as it doubtless has in numerous others, the land company would have ac-

quired a tract of 5,440 acres at a cost of a little less than \$9,000, and this tract would have been worth at the least calculation \$55,000, would

shore a red light posed on a pole

As the tug pulled up to the red light the instructions were that a rocket should be fired from the vessel. This was to be the signal by which I should know that the money was on board and would be deposited at the point designated. So close to the shore was this scow to be anchored that in case more than the required number of persons should be on board the tug my pal and I with a rapid fire gun at a convenient point on the shore would have sunk the tug then and there. My friend said he had the cash in the bank and that he would draw \$3,000 and turn it over to me. With this I was to rent the palatial home of which I have spoken, and begin to make the people of Cleveland take notice of "Lord Tell." From the time I held up that Indianapolis banker for \$18,000 and "counted ties" for seven days I have always had a good front on me, while my finances were apparently unlimited. This counts some, you know. In fact, a man's front is everything. No matter how crooked he may be, if his dress be neat and respectable, and he has a sparkler or two scattered about his duds, he can gain entree into the best circles. Even John D. himself would welcome me into his circle of acquaintances were I to make a show of gold. But this Cleveland enemy of the oil king turned me flat when the time for the delivery of the money came around. I had a good front, a sparkler or two, but did not have the price of a meal ticket in my pocket. Consequently, I had to abandon the gigantic kidnapping project.

List of Jurcis for December Term

## The Barn's Fault.

Judge-You are accused of havthe accident.

Chauffeur-You do me grave in-Way.-Chicago Post.

My confederate was to have received \$500,000 as his share of the proceeds of the kidnapping.

About this time I became disgusted and discouraged. I returned to Omaha with the intention of giving myself up. But I was informed that the Pinkertons were hot on my trail and intended sending me up for life, were that possible.

One whom I considered a trusted friend-a bartender-told me that I looked as though I had murder in my heart. I unbuckled my six shooters ing driven your car directly against from around my waist and handed the barn. You made no apparent ef- them to the barkeeper with the refort to keep to the road and avoid | mark that I had never yet killed any one and did not intend to.

When I stepped outside the saloon justice, your honor. I tooted my door two detectives placed revolvers horn repeatedly and even slowed at my head and told me to come down to eighteen miles. The barn along with them. I went. With my had ample time to get out of the going the Rockefeller kidnapping scheme exploded .- New York World.

the provision of the land law which entitles soldiers or soldiers' widows to deduct from the five years necessary to a free homestead entry the term of army service of such soldier. For instance, a land or cattle company desiring to secure title to a large tract will scour the country for indigent widows of old soldiers. When a sufficient company has been gathered together each will be "located" on a homestead entry. These women are generally ignorant of the character of the transaction in which they are asked to participate. They are only informed that they can secure their living and from \$50 to \$75 in cash by living for six months each year in a little cabin which will be furnished them without expense. If a soldier has served throughout the war, four years, his widow can "prove up" after one year's residence on the claim, and this "year" is apocryphal, for in practice, it is reduced to six months, generally the summer season.

The injustice resulting from the acquisition of large tracts of land by cattle and lumber companies is grave. One or two thousand acres or more fenced and devoted to grazing or lumbering operations renders the region almost untenable to the genuine settler. He is deprived of neighbors, roads, school-in a word, of all those advantages which a community would afford him, and all too often he sickens of his isolated position and finally sells his homestead to the company which has already acquired a monopoly of his surroundings. And all this is in addition to the frustration of the purpose of the government in granting land to settlers on such easy terms, the settlement of the area by small home owners. The great landed companies which already monopolize so great a portion of what were originally public lands, not only constitute an impassable barrier to the advance of civilization and the development of the country, but they have in many instances become a menace to law and order, ruling the country about them with an iron hand. prostituting its courts and destroying its liberties in a most high-handed manner, so that peaceable settlers gladly embrace the first opportunity to escape from their baneful influences.

Mount McKinley, in Alaska, has never been climbed, although countless attempts have been made.

mass is known as a pearl. The life his-tory of the tapeworm is continued in Fairefailds, J. M., Briarcreek. the bodies of certain species of file Goodhart, Wm., Mifflin, fish which prey on the oysters. These Girton, Clark, Main. file fish, again, are devoured by fish- Gerrity, Wm, J., Centralia, eating rays or sharks. In these latter Hongland, Alfred, Roaringcreek, eating rays or sharks. In these latter the tapeworm becomes mature, and Hess, H. W., Mifflin, Hauck, J. S. Mifflin. sets free numerous embryos into the Hagenbuch, O. D., Stillwater. sea. These finally enter the oysters, Helwig, Charles, Locust, and so complete the life cycle.

The small so-called "seed" pearls are caused by the deposition of necreous matter round small crystals formed in certain muscles of the oyster. Perhaps the most important result of Prof. Herdman's work from the scientific standpoint is the establishment of a marine biological station at Galle for further research .- London Globe.

# Lessening Fires at Sea.

Carbonic acid has been suggested by an Italian inventor as means for lessening the danger of fires on shipboard. The gas could be stored in the hold, either in the solid form or in steel cylinders in liquid condition. It is argued that in either form it would be innocuous to cargo and, as its density is very high, it would permeate all the interstices between bales and cases and sink to the bottom of the hold. Wherever it reaches nothing can burn, so that perfect immunity from fire would be obtained up to the level of the gas. The gas itself is a waste product of breweries and the only cost is the expense of the condensing plant. Before discharging the cargo ventilation would be necessary.

India's Water Supply.

A British government engineer living in Bombay asserts that India has the largest artificial fresh-water reservoir in the world. He says that in the native state of Uralpur in Rajputana, some thirty miles south of the city of Udalpur, is the great Jalsa- Holdren, George, Pine. mand, the Dhebar lake. The dam of Hess, H. G. Berwick. this lake was built some 200 years ago by the Maharana Jai Singh. It covers an area of between twenty-one and twenty-five square miles. Its depth at the dam is ninety feet and its capacity is estimated at 153,000,000,-000 gallons.

Canada now posssesses twelve wire-Canada now possesses twelve wireand gulf of St. Lawrence and the Atlantic coast. Of the twelve stations, which are under the direction of the department of marine and fisheries, nine are high power and three low power. The former can communicate with vessels up to a distance of 250 miles, while the radius of the latter is about 130 miles.

Hartman, Charles, Hemlock. Ikeler, R. R., Bloomsburg.

GRAND JURORS

eishline, Lewis, Fishingereek, Bower, H. F., Briarcreek.

Edgar, John, Benton twp. Freas, C. W. Berwick.

Hummer, George, Sugarloaf.

Lemon, Theodore, Greenwood,

Roosyl, Ray, Boomsourg, Rhoads, Isaiah, Cleveland, Ruckle, John, Benton twp, Roberts, W. H., Catawissa twp, Runyon, C. W., Bloomsburg,

Alpeter, Rev. Peter, Catawissa,

Creveling, Daniel, Bloomsburg.

Adams, Emanuel, Locust.

Blank, Levi, Berwick.

Bomboy, Paul, Bloomsburg.

JURORS-FIRST WEEK

Miller, S. A., Greenwood, Pensyl, Ray, Bloomsburg,

Fritz, Ray, Jackson.

Johnson, Chester M., Madison, Kline, Clark, Greenwood. Lemon, Elliot, Fishingereek. Mummy, Albert, Beaver. Mensch, Wm., Montour. Murray, Geo. L., Catawissa twp. Nuss, J. B., Main. Oliver, Daniel, Berwick.

Ohl, Austin, Scott. O'Brian, O. G., Benton Boro, Ruckle, Taylor, Montour. Palmer, Hiram, Bloomsburg. Rhoads, Clark, Cleveland. Reilly, C. M., Bloomsburg, Roadarmel, Wm, G., Conyngham, Richart, John A., Roaringcreek. Ralston, Roy, Bloomsburg. Shultz, D. A., Madison, Snyder, Henry W., Cleveland Stevens, Elias, Jackson. Vansickle, Floyd, Sugarloaf, Whitmoyer, R. F., Pine, Thomas, H. W., Madison, Trump, Chas., Orange twp. Yaple, Jeremiah M., Fishingerreek, Yorks, C. E., Sugarloaf, Yeager, Wilson, Berwick. Hippensteel, Joe, Scott. Ferguson, Wm., Bloomsburg.

JURORS-SECOND WEEK

Ash, W. S., Briarcreek, Betz, Miles W., Bloomsburg, Brobst, M. L., Mt. Pleasant, Chamberlain, James, Pine, Crawford, Clinton, Mt. Pleasant. Clossen, Pugh, Orange twp. Demott, Cyrus, Millville, Davis, C. W., Briarcreek, Evans, Abner A., Briarcreek, Evans, Warland, Montour. Montour. Grimes, B. R., Millville, Hess, H. O. Mt. Pleasant. Ikeler, B. A., Mt. Pleasant. Johnson, A. B., Pine. Kashner, Peter, Montour. Kerrigan, James, Conyngham, Kline, Henry, Mt. Pleasant. Kramer, Chas., Madison. Labor, George, Fishingereek. Low, Zerbin, Orangeville, Larish, C. L., Sugarloaf. Lazarus, Emanuel, Bloomsburg, Marteenie, Clem., Berwick. Nuss, Henry, Mifflin, Rowan, Dennis, Conyngham. Ruckle, B. J., Mt. Pleasant. Stahl, Wm., Centre. Savage, John, Jackson Shaffer, E. W., Mt. Pleasant. Trump, Jas., Orange twp. Var Liew, G. W., Fishingcreek. Welsh, Orval, Orange twp Hartman, Pierce, Sugarloaf.

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