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BANK CLERK IN TROUBLE

John Gilmore Arrested on Charge of Forgery and Mail Robbing.

HE DEALT IN SIGHT DRAFTS

The Williamsport Bank Employee Accused of Taking Cash from Letters--He Does Not Relish Sleeping in a Prison Cell.

By the United Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 20.--John D. Gilmore, of this city, was arrested today for stealing from the mails and upon a charge of forgery. He was held in \$1,200 bail to answer the latter accusation in the Delaware county court, but as the letters he stole had never been mailed the former charge was dropped. Five valuable letters sent out by the First National bank, Williamsport, Pa., last November disappeared, and the bank charged that they had been stolen from the mails. The letters were addressed to the correspondents of the bank in New York, Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, Elmira and Shamokin, and represented a great deal of capital work, the cash and time items aggregating \$80,000. Gilmore picked the letters up on the street, where they had been dropped, and tried to deposit one of the drafts with the Delaware County Trust company, of Chester, Pa., under the name of D. McDonald. The receiving teller's suspicion was aroused, and Gilmore was requested to leave the draft for collection. The Williamsport bank was notified and his arrest followed. In addition to this the Delaware County Trust company arrested Gilmore on a charge of attempting to obtain money by false pretenses. A similar charge was made against him by the Central Trust company, of Camden, N. J., through which he collected one of the missing drafts for \$500. Admissibility Charge. Gilmore admitted that on Jan. 14 and 15 he forged the name of H. Painter, cashier of the West Branch bank, to two sight drafts on the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of this city. One was in the name of D. S. McDonald and was for \$400, and the other for \$500, was in favor of P. P. Shadle. Gilmore was, under the name of H. Painter, in the West Branch bank of Williamsport. It is not yet known how much money Gilmore realized. Chester, Feb. 20.--John D. Gilmore, the Williamsport bank clerk, who was arrested today for forgery and mail robbery, was brought to this city tonight and is being held on the charge of attempting to obtain money by false pretenses, from the Delaware County Trust company. He was put under \$1,000 bail and committed to jail. Gilmore begged the warden to let him go to a hotel, as he did not want to sleep in a cell, but his pleadings were in vain. Was an Esteemed Citizen. Williamsport, Feb. 20.--The arrest of John D. Gilmore, ex-clerk of the West Branch National bank, was a great shock to those who knew him here, he being very highly thought of. The value of the papers of the First National bank, he said he found, would not exceed \$15,000, and the bank stopped payment and secured duplicates. Of the lost paper four checks, aggregating less than \$500, were deposited at the West Branch National bank for collection. Who deposited them is not made clear. They were protested by the First National bank and returned to the West Branch National bank. Last August certain mail matter was also lost by the Western National bank. Among the items were railroad checks, which were also deposited at the West Branch National bank for collection.

WARWICK'S PLURALITIES.

Mr. Pattison Lost Beneath a Snow Bank of Nearly 70,000 Votes.

By the United Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 20.--The complete vote for mayor and receiver of taxes in yesterday's election was as follows: For mayor, Charles F. Warwick, R., 157,883; Robert E. Pattison, D., 76,879; John J. Habegger, Pro., 1,953; Albanus S. Alman, Pro., 184. Warwick's plurality, 60,883. For receiver of taxes, William J. Roney, R., 118,537; Sylvester Bonaffant, D., 78,475; George W. Bean, Pro., 978. Roney's plurality, 42,162.

FRED DOUGLASS DEAD.

The Well Known Colored Orator Expires from Brain Disease--History of One of the Most Noted of His Race.

By the United Press. Washington, Feb. 20.--Frederick Douglass, the well known colored orator, died suddenly of heart disease at his residence in Anacostia, opposite Washington, at 7 o'clock tonight. Frederick Douglass, who has been for half a century assuredly in the foremost rank of the orators of his race, had just completed his seventy-eighth year, and after his many vicissitudes of seemingly in excellent health, not many miles distant from the county on the eastern shore of Maryland, where he was born a slave in February, 1817. His early mastering of the ship carpenter's trade, in which he worked for the benefit of his owner, Colonel Lloyd, whose name the slave originally bore; his escape from slavery in 1835, assisted therein by William Lloyd Garrison and other noted abolitionists, together with his stalwart crusade against slavery and his later lecturing tours in Europe and subsequent events before and since the emancipation of slavery, gave him an actual world wide prominence that few of his race have enjoyed. These, which may be said to be a feature of the biographical history of the country, are of course widely known. The later incidents of his life, including the official positions he has held as United States marshal, and afterwards recorder of deeds in this district, his foreign mission to Hayti and San Domingo and his efforts to liberate this city made him personally known to thousands of citizens of this district. Frederick Douglass was married twice, his second wife being Miss Pitts, a white woman from New York state, who was a clerk in the recorder's office while he held that position. His writings include "Narrative of My Experience in Slavery," "My Bondage and My Freedom," and "Life and Times of Frederick Douglass." This last work was published in 1881 and had a large sale. He was also an occasional contributor to the magazines.

SENATOR JONES WEAKENS

He Will Press the Silver Bill No Further This Season.

HOUSE FAVORS BATTLE SHIPS

Senator Chandler's Earnest Addresses Upon the Silver Question and Appropriation Measures--Hopes for an Extra Session Freely Expressed.

By the United Press. Washington, Feb. 20.--When Mr. Welcott's (Rep., Cal.) resolution as to advisability of not pressing consideration of the silver bill at this session was laid before the senate this morning, Mr. Jones, (Dem., Ark.), who had charge of that bill, recognized the impossibility of passing it, and announced that his friends would not carry it further at this session. It was then sent to the calendar, as was also Mr. Welcott's resolution. Senator Chandler, (Rep., N. H.), made two speeches, one on the silver question and the other on the likelihood and desirability of an extra session in April or May next. In the first speech he took an advanced position in favor of bi-metalism, and stated his belief that the adoption of the single gold standard had helped to produce the financial troubles. The time was approaching, he said, when it would be necessary for the Republican party to present some affirmative measure of bi-metalism; otherwise the American voters would decide between gold monometallism and silver monometallism as the only alternative. Mr. Chandler's second speech was of a more positive character. It was made on an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, and to the point that all the amendments proposing general legislation on appropriation bills were rejected by the committee on appropriations with the design and purpose of provoking discussion preventing the passage of appropriation bills and thus necessitating the holding of an extra session of congress. He expressed the belief and hope that the president would call an extra session as soon as possible after the fourth of March, and suggested as work for that session the passage of a bill to construct the Nicaragua canal, not through a private company, but by public money, the annexation of the Hawaiian islands, and a searching investigation into the conduct of the secretary of the treasury, under the direction of the president. "The most remarkable fiscal transaction that ever took place in the history of the government, by which a loss of nine million dollars was caused to the treasury and people of the United States."

DAUGHTERS WERE WARLIKE

Exciting Scene at Convention of Descendants of Patriots.

NOISY SQUABBLES FREQUENT

The Daughters of the Revolution in Session at Washington Are Unable to Agree--Condition of the Liberty Bell Discussed.

By the United Press. Washington, Feb. 20.--Stormy scenes were frequent at today's session of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who are holding a convention here in connection with the triennial of the Women's National council. One scene of disorder occurred over the adoption of some reports and in the confusion a "penetrating voice" sent up the inquiry, "Would it be proper to discuss the congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, or the tower of Babel?" Another woman shouted "It is neither of them, it's a mob." This brought laughter and restored order. Noisy and disorderly followed the presentation of a resolution to postpone the election of officers, but it was finally adopted. After another noisy discussion, Mrs. Jewett, of Illinois, was elected chairman of the committee of the whole, but several members placed themselves on record as opposed to the proceedings because they were unparliamentary. A resolution directing that stationery be furnished the state regents in vouchers met with vigorous opposition, and the scene became so stormy that no one could be heard. The resolution was finally adopted after an hour's discussion. The Liberty bell, which made a journey around the country in 1832, was the cause of some heated talk. Mrs. Dickson, the president of the day, said the bell was on the lake shore in Chicago, unprotected, and Mrs. Ballinger wanted to know on what authority it had been removed from its depository in New York city. Mrs. Pugh, of Kentucky, said she had received a letter from General McDowell, stating that the bell was safely housed, waiting to be placed in a special car in which it was to be taken around the country by labor organizations. The matter was finally stricken from the record, as the Daughters have no control over the bell.

BARGAIN COUNTER RUSH.

Uncle Sam's New Bonds Went Off Like Hot Cakes.

By the United Press. New York, Feb. 20.--The subscription list for the new 4 per cent. was closed within twenty minutes after it opened at the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co., on account of the tremendous subscriptions in London, which are reported to be many times the amount offered. It was the original intention of the syndicate to raise the major portion of the \$20,000,000 of the bonds abroad. A principal member of the syndicate is authority for the statement that the enormous over subscription for the bonds was astounding even to the syndicate. The success of the whole deal is a real credit to the measure in the immediate connection with the sale of the bonds.

EXTRA SESSION RUMORS.

The President May Call the New Congress Together on March 15.

By the United Press. Washington, Feb. 20.--A Washington evening paper makes the following statement: "Three representatives-elect to the next congress, Messrs. Smith, of Grand Rapids, Corliss, of Detroit, and Towne, of Duluth, who have been spending some days in Washington, called on President Cleveland this morning to pay their respects before returning to their homes. After chatting pleasantly with them for a while about the new duties they would soon be called upon to perform, Mr. Cleveland asked them how they would like to be called back here to enter their duties about March 15. The question was asked in a significant tone. The young members-elect replied that they were in no hurry to begin work and that they need not call an extra session on their account. They were perfectly willing, they said, to wait until December. "To this the president replied that conditions and not personal considerations must determine the time of their meeting. He did not say directly, however, that he intended to call an extra session."

ARRANGING FOR PARADE.

Convention of Ancient Order of Hibernians Held on West Side Last Night.

Nineteen divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the Board of America of Lackawanna county were represented at a meeting of the county board last night in Masonic hall on the West Side. Anthony McAndrew was the presiding officer. The object of the meeting was to make arrangements for the parade at Carbondale on Monday, March 18. M. H. Griffin, of this city, was elected chief of staff; John A. Collins, of Carbondale, commander of the Board of America division of the parade, and Thomas Hart and C. J. Donovan, of Scranton, and Michael Reid, of Bendheim, a committee to secure music for the occasion. Resolutions were passed on the death of Rev. J. J. Mangano.

QUARRY ACCIDENT.

Four Persons Seriously Injured by a Delayed Explosion.

By the United Press. Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 20.--While trying to remove a charge which failed to go off at the stone quarry of Frank Smetz, near here, this afternoon four persons were seriously and others slightly hurt. Samuel Shott will lose the sight of both eyes, Daniel Gents had a leg badly broken, Jacob Schmitt sustained terrible cuts and bruises about the body, and Frank Seltzer had his ribs fractured. Two others were slightly cut and bruised by the flying stones.

DIED IN THE BLIZZARD.

Four People Supposed to Have Frozen to Death in Monroe County.

By the United Press. Allentown, Pa., Feb. 20.--It is supposed that Mrs. Levin Erickel and Mrs. Louisa Next, of Bethlehem, and then guests, John and Kate Bender, of Galena, Ill., perished in the recent blizzard. They visited friends in a remote part of Monroe county and started to drive home several days before the great storm began. It is believed they were frozen.

BIG FIRE AT HAMILTON.

The Business Section Destroyed in a \$200,000 Blaze.

By the United Press. Utica, N. Y., Feb. 20.--The entire business section of Hamilton, a village twenty-nine miles south of this city, and the seat of Colgate university, was destroyed by fire late last night. About forty business places were burned. Estimated loss, \$200,000, with only nominal insurance.

LA GASCOGNE SAILS AWAY.

Celebrated French Steamer Again Braves the Mighty Deep.

By the United Press. New York, Feb. 20.--The French liner La Gasconne sailed for Havre at 2 o'clock today, the engine having been repaired for the homeward voyage and worked well. A great crowd was in the dock when the big vessel backed out into the stream, and a great cheer went up. All morning long crowds of sight-seers thronged her decks and saloons. The vessel has been newly painted white in the dock here. She carried fifty-five cabin and 100 stowage passengers.

LI HUNG CHANG'S DESIGNS.

Alleged Plotting Against the Manchu Dynasty--The Wei-Hai-Wei Prisoners.

By the United Press. Shanghai, Feb. 20.--It is positively asserted here that the journey of Li Hung Chang to Peking is intended to give him a chance to accomplish what he has long awaited--the overthrow of the present Manchu dynasty in China. He will begin his journey to Peking tomorrow.

CALIFORNIA WINE TRUST.

Dealers Combine and Purchase Nineteen Million Gallons.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.--The greatest wine deal that has ever taken place in the United States was consummated today. It involves the sale of 19,000,000 gallons and the leasing of six of the largest wineries in the state by the California Wine Association. The purchase and lease in the California Wine Association, an organization of the principal wine dealers in San Francisco. The transaction means that the California wine dealers can hereafter make a profit and that the big dealers will hereafter be merchants, leaving to the growers and the processors a clear field for their industry and enterprise.

WILL STAND BY WILD.

Charges of Bribery Made Against John McBride of the American Railway Union Will be Investigated.

By the United Press. Columbus, O., Feb. 20.--The charge of bribery made by Mark Wild, president of the Columbus Trades assembly, and state organizer of the American Railway union, against John McBride, president of the American Federation of Labor, were not satisfactorily disposed of by the recent miners' convention which exonerated McBride, and now those who believed McBride guilty will take advantage of existing circumstances to sift the matter to the bottom. Already some very damaging evidence against McBride has developed and this investigation bodes no good for him. Next Monday night Mr. Wild will tender his resignation as president of the local trades assembly pending a full investigation of the McBride charges, and a committee will be appointed to go to the bottom of the affair. It is of national importance in the labor world and will settle the fate of either Wild or McBride. At one of the banks of this city has been found a check for a large sum of money made by a prominent coal operator and endorsed by John McBride. It was paid about the time of the settlement of the miners' big strike last summer, and an effort is to be made to have McBride account for the money. That the Ohio miners believe McBride guilty and mean to stand by Wild is evidenced by the fact that the latter is daily receiving scores of letters commending him for the stand he took in the McBride affair.

CASHER FIGGAT'S CRIME.

The Absconding Bank Officer Left Distress and Ruin Behind Him.

By the United Press. Lexington, Va., Feb. 20.--Robert E. Goodwin, assistant cashier of the Bank of Lexington and brother-in-law of C. M. Figgat, the absconding cashier, has been arrested on the charge of being a party to Figgat's frauds. President Campbell says that Figgat's surety bonds will realize \$5,000, which will pay depositors 65 cents on the dollar, but it is feared that the defalcation will be larger than this. An examination of the accounts of the Virginia Military institute shows the defalcations to amount to \$155,000. It has caused much distress in this town. Business firms are short of cash, widows and orphans are left destitute, and students in Washington and Lee university are without means to pay expenses. Before he absconded Figgat made a deed of trust in favor of his bondsmen, turning over to them property worth about \$45,000.

FIRE STILL RAGING.

Trouble at the West Bear Ridge Colliery Is Not Yet Over.

By the United Press. Peckville, Pa., Feb. 20.--All reports to the contrary notwithstanding, the danger from the fire in West Bear Ridge colliery, where five men were killed by gas explosion on Monday, are not yet over. The fire was not pronounced extinguished until this morning, and this with a great deal of men under the bosses had been working day and night in constant danger of their lives from gas. General Superintendent R. C. Luther and Mining Superintendent Veith, of the Reading Coal and Iron company, spent all day at the colliery and returning home this evening express themselves as apprehensive that the trouble is not all over, but it may again break out.

LOOKING FOR A ROMEO.

Actor Gentry Says He Did Not Intend to Shoot Miss Drysdale.

By the United Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 20.--Gentry, the murderer of Madge Drysdale, the actress, was given a hearing in the hospital today, and held to await the action of the coroner. The physician says his chances for recovery are even. He is suffering from exposure more than actual injuries. Gentry made a deposition this afternoon in which he admitted the shooting because of his insane jealousy of the girl. He had no intention of shooting her, but thought he might have to shoot some Romeo in the foot. He fully expected to find a man in her room, a little blonde fellow.

ASKS \$10,000 FOR STONE TAKEN.

William Williams began an action against the Crystal Lake Water company yesterday to recover \$10,000. He alleges that at divers times during the last six years the company has taken from his land and carried and removed stone owned by him. He is represented by Attorney I. H. Burns.

SEEKING TO RELEASE THE BARRETT GIRLS.

Mrs. Catherine Bromage applied to the court yesterday for a writ of habeas corpus to have Mary and Della Barrett released from the House of the Good Shepherd, to which institution they were committed last summer. A writ of habeas corpus was granted and made returnable Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Bromage is a relative of the Barrett girls.

TO ABOLISH THE SIGN BOARDS.

The police officers are making a crusade against obnoxious sign-boards on Lackawanna avenue, which are placed on the sidewalks in violation of the city ordinance. Unless the boards complained of are removed within a specified date warrants will be issued for the arrest of the offenders. The minimum penalty is \$5.

WEATHER REPORT.

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IN TERROR OF NEGROES.

Citizens of Harris County, Ga., Appeal to the Governor.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 20.--Governor Atkinson has been called on by the citizens of Harris county, which is near the Alabama line, for aid to protect them from the depredations of negroes who, it is believed, are on the verge of an uprising. A few days ago the negroes fired the Captain Clark, commander of the Gordon troops, and much of the equipment of the company was destroyed. The negroes are handed together in secret societies and have been doing all sorts of depredations. There has been white kidnapping, stealing of all kinds and many threatening letters have been sent to white people. The negroes are largely in the majority in that section.

THE TROUBLE IN EGYPT.

Rumors of a Proposed Uprising of Natives--French Sympathy.

By the United Press. Paris, Feb. 20.--Rumors of an unsatisfactory nature as to the condition of affairs in Egypt are causing uneasiness here. A dispatch from Cairo says that friendly natives assert that an uprising of the natives will take place on Feb. 26, during the Ramadan, the great annual fast of the Mohammedans, which lasts, during the day, for a month. In the rising, the dispatch says, has been foretold in Mohammedan fanatical circles.

DEFENDED HIS BRIDE.

Joe Ruffian Killed at a Wedding Party in Indiana.

By the United Press. Hammond, Ind., Feb. 20.--Driven to desperation by a brutal assault upon his young wife by ruffians in his presence, John Pitrowski shot and killed John Kovajak and sent a bullet into the leg of Kymare Kovakool, both members of the gang. Pitrowski was married last night, and while the festivities were in progress a gang of ruffians stoned the house, finally demanding admittance. The couple were at the home of Wladlaw Ptaznski.

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BOOM IN COAL TRADE.

Mines in Salineville Working for the First Time in Ten Years.

By the United Press. Columbus, O., Feb. 20.--A special from Salineville, O., says that every coal mine in that important vicinity is in full operation for the first time in ten years. These mines have a capacity of more than a hundred cars per day and are now furnishing employment for about 10,000 men, many of whom were in need of some means of earning a living. Indications also point to an early resumption of work at the plant of the Salineville Furnace company, which has been idle for the last six months.

SENT GROVER TELEGRAMS.

Denver Man Confesses He Cannot Control His Wife.

By the United Press. Denver, Col., Feb. 20.--William F. Scott, president of the Scott Machine and Hardware Manufacturing company, has confessed that he is unable to control his demented wife, and today she was placed in the county hospital. Mrs. Scott is the woman who has been sending telegrams to President Cleveland at Washington calling on him for protection against her imaginary enemies. A few weeks ago she violently assaulted Governor McIntyre's private secretary.

DUNHAM'S APPLICATION REFUSED.

By the United Press. Harrisburg, Feb. 20.--Judge Dunham's application to the attorney general for a writ of quo warranto to require the three judges conducting the judicial contest between Stitzer and Dunham in the Sullivan-Wyoming district to show by what authority they are holding the court of inquiry, was refused today. The attorney general was asked to grant the writ on the ground that the act of 1874 authorizing the court is unconstitutional.

NEW BOARD OF PARDONS.

By the United Press. Harrisburg, Feb. 20.--Lieutenant Governor Lyon, Attorney General McCormick, Secretary of the Commonwealth Geisler and Secretary of Internal Affairs Brown, composing the new board of pardons, will meet for the first time next Tuesday. Seventeen new cases are on the list. Among those handed down from the last board is that of Hugh Dempsey, the Homestead poisoner.

TRIAL OF TRAIN ROBBERS.

By the United Press. Stafford Court House, Va., Feb. 20.--The trial of Charles A. Morgan, alias Morganfield, and C. J. Seavey, charged with robbing an express car of \$25,000 on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad at Aquia Creek, fifty-one miles from Washington, on Nov. 12 last, began here today.

HIGH HAIR TABOOED.

By the United Press. Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 20.--The assembly today passed the bill prohibiting the wearing of high hats at places of amusement.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

By the United Press. Harry Osgood, of New York, chief clerk of the fourth assistant postmaster general, was stricken with apoplexy yesterday while at his desk and died shortly after 2 p. m. without being able to be removed from the building. There is said to be a strong probability that the senate will pass the bill paying sugar growers of this country the bounty on all sugar grown up to the time the new tariff act went into effect and on all that will be produced under the license authorized prior to the repeal of the McKinley act up to the time of the expiration of these licenses, July 1 next.

RAIDED THE MOONSHINERS.

Seven of a Kentucky Gang Captured After Some Fighting.

By the United Press. Lexington, Ky., Feb. 20.--Otter Creek, Knott county, has been a stronghold for moonshiners, and until yesterday no deputy United States marshal succeeded in taking one of them away for trial. A few days ago Deputy Marshal George Drake, with Thomas Hollefield and Town Marshal Wilder, of Jackson, captured Moses Felner, Madison Messer, Joseph Fields, Finley Bailey and John Vanover, but Green Dalley got away and ran up the creek.

STUDENTS DROWNED.

A Host of Skaters Go Through the Ice and Are Lost.

By the United Press. Moscow, Feb. 20.--While a large number of students were skating on the Moskva river today the ice gave way. Thirty of them were plunged into the water and drowned. None of the bodies have yet been recovered.