

# DIPLOMAT IN PEST STRICKEN CITY

American Consul to La Guaira is Said to Be in Want.

## MINISTER'S CHILLY TREATMENT

No Official of Castro's to Say Goodbye When Mr. Russell Leaves—France Aroused, Too.

Willemstad, Curacao.—Thomas P. Moffat, the American consul at La Guaira, Venezuela, is still at that city without the means of communicating because of the plague and, it is feared, without the necessities of life. It is thought that the United States may send a gunboat there.

President Castro's decree shutting off La Guaira may be prolonged indefinitely, or until a full week passes without news of the plague making their appearance.

There is great distress among the unemployed, of which the number is large. Merchants in La Guaira are doing little business and are no longer able to support the poor. An appeal has been made to the chamber of commerce in Caracas for help.

A second relief train was sent to the isolated city yesterday with provisions. The death list is growing and the whole town seems to be infected.

W. W. Russell, the American minister to Venezuela, sailed from here today on the steamship Caracas for the United States where he will spend his vacation of two months.

The American minister arrived here from Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, sailing from that port yesterday after a visit to the United States gunboat Paducah. His departure from Puerto Cabello was greeted with a salute of 15 guns.

That there is a tension in the diplomatic relations between the United States and Venezuela was shown by the fact that none of the Venezuelan officials was on hand to bid Mr. Russell good-bye.

Paris.—The recent expulsion of eight Frenchmen from Venezuela has served to increase the resentment of French public opinion against President Castro's arrogant treatment of foreigners.

## FIVE MEN DROWNED

While Enjoying Ride Engine Breaks and Victims Are Swept Under Barge.

East Liverpool, O.—While enjoying a pleasure ride in a naphtha launch on the Ohio river, five men were drowned, just before midnight.

The dead—Thomas Nagle, plumber, married, with two children; Donald Mandy, Johnson, James Dawson, brother of patrolman Clifford Dawson, Carson Finch, married.

A party of nine men went out on the launch to spend the evening. When opposite the Chester tin mill the engine refused to work and the launch drifted helplessly with the current.

The boat was swept against a fleet of empty coal barges tied up at Babb's Island, it was upset and went under the barges.

Four of the men clung to the barge and saved themselves, hurrying to town when the police were notified. Nagle is a bowler, prominent in the National Bowling association, and did excellent work at the Cincinnati tournament a few weeks ago.

## FIVE ITALIANS DROWNED.

Naphtha Launch Capsizes and Four of Nine Are Rescued.

Newburyport, Mass.—Caught by a big wave at the mouth of the Merrimack river, nine men in a naphtha launch were capsized Sunday and five of them drowned.

Captain George E. Bailey, the owner of the launch, and three other men were picked up by passing boats. The drowned men, all Italians employed in shoe factories, were: Bernardo Parisco, Pietro Milone, Rocco Schent, Joseph Colombo and George P. Lumis.

## MAYOR'S LIFE THREATENED

Blackmailing Letters in Educated Hand Come to Reburn.

Philadelphia.—Mayor Reburn declared he has received recently a number of blackmailing letters, some threatening his life and others threatening to blow up his home. He said that he had received a number of the letters written in the same "intelligent" hand, evidently from a person of education.

"Whenever an outburst against me or my policies appear in the public prints," said the Mayor, "these blackmailing letters begin to come in."

## To Abolish Opium Traffic.

London.—The house of commons unanimously adopted a resolution urging that steps be taken for the speedy abolition of the system of licensing opium dens in crown colonies, particularly in Hongkong, the Straits Settlements and Ceylon.

Prof. Herbert F. Roberts of the Kansas State Agricultural college and experiment station, will visit Europe in search of superior sorts of hard wheats for introduction into Kansas.

## Big Fire in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga.—Two solid business blocks of Atlanta are in ruins as the result of a fire, which threatened for a time to carry its destruction through the business section of the city and perhaps wipe out the entire downtown district. The fire loss may be conservatively estimated at \$1,500,000.

Project is under way to build a new steel bridge over the Ohio from Parkersburg to Belpre, O., for interurban trolley purposes.

## CAN'T CONVICT THE RICH

Nearest Jerome Ever Came to Was to Send Thaw to Asylum.

New York.—District Attorney Jerome, testifying in his own defense in connection with the charges of dereliction against him, said that the nearest he ever came to sending a wealthy man to jail was in having one of them committed to an insane asylum.

"You mean Harry Thaw?" asked Attorney Pierce, for the complainants.

"Yes, Thaw's the man," responded Jerome.

"You forget Al Adams," interjected Assistant District Attorney Kresel.

"Oh, yes," replied Jerome. "So I do, but he had only two and a half or three millions. He wasn't one of the big fellows."

Mr. Pierce asked what justification there could be for making contributions to either political party in 1904. "Differences in economic doctrines," Jerome replied.

"How could the economic doctrines affect the insurance cases?" he was asked.

"Well, the New York Life, the Mutual and the Equitable held between them some \$1,500,000,000 worth of securities. There was an opinion on the part of President McCall that a panic would follow Parker's election, and you can figure what a 5 per cent depreciation on the \$1,500,000,000 would amount to."

## CASHIER ACCUSED

Defalcation in Pittsburgh Bank Said to Be \$469,000.

William Montgomery, cashier of the Allegheny National Bank of Pittsburgh, was arrested by United States Marshal Robert H. McBurney, charged with the embezzlement of \$469,000 of the funds of the institution, which is located on Fifth avenue below Wood street.

The information was made by Bank Examiner William L. Folds, following an investigation. Examiner Folds says Mr. Montgomery claims to have used the money in helping his friends. It is understood that some of the loans thus made are backed up with collateral security; also that Cashier Montgomery has considerable property and that practically every cent of the \$469,000 alleged to have been misappropriated will be returned.

Examiner Folds says the Allegheny National is in such good shape financially that its credit cannot be impaired in any way by this shortage, and he adds that the chances of the bank not losing a cent are very good. "The bank can more than take care of itself," he declared.

## NO PIG IRON AGREEMENT

Producers Say Price Now Is \$8 Lower Than Last Fall.

New York.—Following a meeting of the leading pig iron interests of the country at the United States Steel Company's offices the following statement was issued:

The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing reports from the blast furnace interests of all sections of the country in regard to conditions affecting particularly the foundry iron trade. Prices of pig iron were only incidentally referred to. There is no agreement to maintain the price of pig iron. Prices are now \$8 or more below the high mark of eight months ago. It is believed the price of ore will not be reduced below the price of last year.

## MRS. SAGE OFFERS \$500,000.

Will Give Bible Society Money If Equal Amount Is Raised.

New York.—The American Bible society has received from Mrs. Russell Sage an offer to contribute \$500,000 toward a permanent endowment for the society, upon condition that an additional \$500,000 shall be contributed for the same purpose before the end of the present year.

The reports of the organization for the year 1907 show that during the year the society distributed 1,800,000 Bibles, testaments and scripture portions. These were printed in about 100 different languages, and were circulated in all parts of the globe.

## Orchard Pleads for Death.

Bois, Ind.—Declaring that the contempt to which he is subjected from the other prisoners makes life in the penitentiary unbearable, Harry Orchard said today that he wanted to die on the gallows and that he hoped the board of pardons would reject the application of Judge Wood to have his sentence commuted to life imprisonment. "I want to have an end to it all," he said.

## Bay State for Bryan.

Boston.—With some opposition to instructions in favor of William J. Bryan for presidential candidate, although such instructions were adopted finally, and with a more decided contest over the selection of delegates—at large, the Democratic state convention elected four leaders to represent the state at the Denver convention.

## Earning \$10,000 a Year, Steals.

Joliet, Ill.—Robert E. Ward today pleaded guilty to forging notes aggregating \$20,000, and was given an indeterminate sentence. Ward was agent of the Equitable Assurance society. His income was \$10,000 a year. Grain speculation caused his downfall.

## Treaty With Japan Signed.

Washington.—A general arbitration treaty between the United States and Japan was signed by Secretary Root and Ambassador Takahira. This treaty will permit of the arbitration at the Hague of nearly every class of dispute, which may arise between the signatory powers.

Governor Gooding of Idaho, granted a reprieve until July 2 to Harry Orchard sentenced to be hanged Friday, May 2.

# OHIO DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

State Ticket Nominated, Platform Adopted and Bryan Endorsed for President.

## TOM JOHNSON LOSES BATTLE

Judson Harmon Selected for Head of Ticket Against Wish of Cleveland Mayor.

Columbus, O.—In a tumultuous convention characterized by the intense factional feeling, the Democrats of Ohio nominated Judson Harmon of Cincinnati, for governor, endorsed William J. Bryan and instructed the Ohio delegates to the national convention to vote for the Nebraskan. A complete state ticket was nominated, former Governor James E. Campbell of Butler county, was endorsed for United States Senator, and delegates and alternates at large to the national convention were selected.

The Ticket.

For Governor—Judson Harmon, Cincinnati.

Lieutenant Governor—David L. Rockwell, Kent.

Judges of Supreme Court—Hugh T. Mather, Sidney; George B. Okey, Columbus.

Secretary of State—J. H. Newman, Troy.

Auditor of State—W. W. Durbin, Kenton.

Treasurer of State—D. S. Creamer, St. Clairsville.

Attorney General—Timothy S. Hogan, Wellstown.

Board of Public Works—J. A. States, Lima; Bernard Doran, New Lexington.

Dairy and Food Commissioner—David E. Ely, Jeromeville.

State School Commissioner—John A. McDowell, Millersburg.

Clerk of Supreme Court—Oliver C. Larson, Newark.

Delegates-at-Large to the National Convention—Tom L. Johnson, Cleveland; W. S. Thomas, Springfield; E. W. Hanley, Dayton, and Matthew R. Denver, Wilmington.

Presidential Electors—John J. Lentz, Columbus; Samuel A. Hoskins, Wapakoneta.

National issues were left to the Denver convention; but the platform endorses especially Johnson's initiative and referendum in state and local legislation and the taxation of franchises.

The platform strongly endorses W. J. Bryan and instructs the delegates to the national convention to vote for him. The unit rule is declared for. The other provisions follow:

Direct vote for United States senator on the Oregon platform is favored. The initiative and referendum is recommended in its strongest form for state, counties and municipalities with the majority of votes on questions at issue to rule. Home rule and the principles of self-government are referred to as desirable.

An employers' liability, child labor and eight hour laws are urged. Direct labor instead of the contract system is recommended for all public works. No temperance or anti-temperance plank was inserted.

National issues are not alluded to except as they affect the state. In other respects they are referred to the national convention.

Congress is asked for a nine-foot stage of water in the Ohio river.

## FLEET ENTERS GOLDEN GATE

Warships Reach San Francisco and Are Hailed With Delight.

San Francisco.—The battleship fleet was led into port by Rear Admiral Evans in person, anchored off the southern part of this city at 2:15 on the 6th.

San Francisco, Oakland and other cities nearby all took a holiday to witness the coming of the fleet. There was a complete cessation of business and the streets in the downtown section were absolutely deserted.

## BACHELOR 109 YEARS

Centenarian Just Dead Never Married; Indians Killed Sweetheart.

Traverse City, Mich.—Uncle Dan Whipple, aged 109 years, died here from hemorrhage of the brain.

Mr. Whipple was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., March 1, 1799. He was a member of General Fremont's exploring party across the Rockies, long a companion of Kit Carson and served through the Civil War in an Iowa regiment. He never married, being true to the memory of a sweetheart who was tortured to death by Indians before his eyes when he was a young man in the West.

## One Subsidy a Failure.

Washington.—A bill providing that for a period of six years passengers between Hawaiian ports and other parts of the United States shall be permitted to travel on foreign vessels without being subjected to the payment of the \$200 penalty, was reported favorably to the senate. This penalty was for the encouragement of American vessels on the Pacific ocean, but has operated to the inconvenience of travelers.

## JAPANESE COMING HERE

Financiers of Mikado's Kingdom Reach New York.

New York.—Accompanied by a party of distinguished Japanese men of finance, Baron Yoshio Sakatani, until three months ago minister of finance of Japan, arrived here en route to Washington. After visits to Pittsburg the party will return to New York on May 20 and sail for Europe.

## TRYING TO SAVE FINE

Allege in Appeal That Standard Oil Company Did Not Know Its Rates Were Illegal.

Chicago.—The Standard Oil Company of Indiana has commenced a new fight to escape payment of the \$29,240,000 fine levied by Judge Landis in the United States district court. Attorneys appeared before the United States circuit court of appeals to argue the appeal from the judgment of the lower court.

The opening argument of the company was made by John S. Miller. Mr. Miller declared that a reversal should be granted because, according to his statement, the oil company did not know that it was using illegal rates, and that each train load of the company's product should have been taken as the basis of a shipment, instead of each car, as charged in the indictment under which the company was convicted.

## RELIGIOUS CRANKS

Make Oklahoma Town Hideous and Mayor Calls Extra Policemen.

Bromide, Okla.—Mayor Isaac Smith of Bromide, swore in 10 additional police officers to preserve the peace. A band of "Holy Rollers" landed in town and took possession of several springs without regard to common usage and the ordinance of the new town.

The "happy band of religionists," as they call themselves, proceeded to make the new town hideous by their loud acclaim and the beating of drums and the tooting of brass horns. They actually removed their clothes and waded into Bromide spring, which had recently been enlarged and made several feet deeper. Five buxom young women horrified the residents of the town by disrobing and wading out into the cold spring water, singing and praying all the while at the top of their voices.

## KILL FOR LESS THAN \$100.

Train Robbers Fail to Get Big Prize in Express Car.

Denver, Col.—Train robbers, who boarded a Denver & Rio Grande train at Castle Rock shot and killed the express messenger, Charles H. Wright, aged 69, employed by the Globe Express Company. From the dead messenger the robbers took the keys to a small safe in the baggage car, which they opened and took the contents, in all worth less than \$100.

A big safe in the car, which contained a large sum of money, and the combination of which is known only to clerks of the company in the principal stations along the route, was tampered with, but the robbers were unable to enter it.

## BIG DEAL IN OIL LANDS

Operators Sell Property to Ohioans for \$235,000.

A deal was closed for the transfer of the holdings of the Superior Oil Company in Crawford county, Illinois, to the Ohio Oil Company, for a consideration of \$235,000. The property consists of leases on 2,200 acres, on which there are 39 wells with an aggregate producing capacity of 1,000 barrels a day. Only about 800 acres of the total holdings have been developed, but the rest has been tested and is known to be productive. The remainder of the property will be developed at once.

The Superior Oil Company is a subsidiary of the Benedum-Tree Oil Company.

## WANT MEXICO TO EXPLAIN

Guatemala City.—Persistent reports on the border.

Guatemala City.—Persistent reports are current regarding the presence of Mexican troops on the frontier, and the Guatemalan government has requested the government at Washington to ask an explanation from Mexico.

The Mexican government has made the statement that the reports so far as special bodies of troops are concerned is untrue, and that only the regular frontier guard is there. Nevertheless the rumor is insistent that federal troops are massed on the frontier.

## Pardoned by Alfonso.

Madrid.—To commemorate the first anniversary of the birth of the prince of the Asturias, King Alfonso's first son, his majesty pardoned Nakens, Ibarra and Mata, who have been serving a sentence of nine years imprisonment for aiding in the escape of Manuel Borales, the man who threw a bomb at the King and Queen Victoria on their wedding day, May 11, 1906.

## Thaw Now in Jail.

Temporarily, at least, Harry K. Thaw is out of the Matteawan Hospital for the Criminal Insane. As a result of proceedings on the writ of habeas corpus sued out in an effort to have him legally declared sane, he will remain in the Dutchess county jail until the final decision on the writ is handed down.

## Senate Passes Relief Measure.

Washington.—The senate passed without amendment a house resolution appropriating \$250,000 for the relief of the sufferers from the cyclone in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. The resolution requires only the signature of the President to become effective.

## Trust Company Assigns.

Cleveland, O.—The Euclid Avenue Trust Company made an assignment to the Cleveland Trust Company. The bank was capitalized at \$200,000. J. P. Madigan, county treasurer, is the president of the institution. It is understood that the deposits amount to between \$1,200,000 and \$1,300,000.

A company has been formed for introducing wireless and long-distance telephone service between Mexico City and Vera Cruz.

# MURDERS REVEALED IN INDIANA TOWN

Many Bodies Exhumed on Farm of Woman Who, With Her Family, Burned to Death.

## CLEARING HOUSE FOR CRIME

Expressman Told of Trunks Delivered at Gunness House During Last Six Months.

Laporte, Ind.—One of the most gruesome wholesale murder mysteries ever unearthed came to light when the bodies of five persons, all of them murdered, were found in the yard of the home of Mrs. Belle Gunness, who, with three of her children, was burned to death on the night of April 28.

This makes a total of nine probable victims of murder on the premises, with possibly others yet to be revealed.

But this is not all. Other previous crimes are coming to light, including the murder of a former husband started to collect insurance.

The discovery of the bodies led expressman to tell of the delivery of five trunks to the Gunness farm during the last six months, and this fact has caused the authorities to work on the theory that the place was a clearing house for murderers. They suspect that wealthy persons, after being lured to Chicago and killed, were packed in these trunks and sent to Laporte and disposed of.

Three Bodies Unidentified.

So far only two of the bodies found today have been identified. These are Andrew Heldgren, who came to this city from Aberdeen, S. Dak., to marry Mrs. Gunness, whose acquaintance he had made through a matrimonia bureau.

The other is that of Jennie Olson Gunness, a Chicago girl, who had been adopted by Mrs. Gunness. She disappeared in September, 1906, and it was said had gone to Los Angeles to attend school.

The other bodies were those of two men and a woman. None of them has been as yet identified.

The body of Heldgren was dismembered and the arms, legs, trunk and head were buried in different parts of the yard.

It is believed by the authorities that Guy Lamphere, who has been under arrest since the burning of the Gunness home on the charge of murdering Mrs. Gunness and her family, committed the Heldgren crime. Lamphere is a carpenter, and the manner in which the body of Heldgren was dismembered leads to the belief that it was done by some one familiar with the use of a saw.

The developments also caused the authorities to recall that the two husbands died under peculiar circumstances, both meeting violent deaths. The first, Max Sorenson, was insured for \$8,500 and the second, Gunness, for \$3,500. This insurance was paid over to Mrs. Gunness by the companies.

## MORE BODIES FOUND

Further Search Proves Extent of Woman's Crimes.

La Porte, Ind.—A possible solution of the Gunness farm mystery, which was deepened when four additional bodies were found in the barnyard, developed. Evidence tending to show that the nine dismembered corpses taken up had been shipped to La Porte, probably from Chicago, came to light.

Testimony of draymen, who had carried trunks and boxes to the Gunness home, lent color to this supposition. La Porte police also received information that two trunks consigned to "Mrs. Belle Gunness, La Porte, Ind.," are held in an express office in Chicago. Assistance of the Chicago police in unraveling the puzzle was sought at once.

Two of the nine mutilated bodies were identified this afternoon with reasonable certainty. Antone Olson of Chicago, viewed the body supposed to be that of Jennie Olson, 16 years old, foster daughter of Mrs. Gunness, and pronounced it to be his daughter. A sister of the girl, Mrs. Lee Olander of Chicago, confirmed the father's identification.

## The Matrimonial Bait.

Chicago.—Following is Mrs. Gunness' "matrimonial bait" with which victims were lured to death: PERSONAL.—Comely widow, who owns large farm in one of the finest districts in La Porte county, Ind., desires to make the acquaintance of gentleman equally well provided, with view of joining fortunes. No replies by letter considered unless sender is willing to follow answer with personal visit.

## To Maintain Iron Prices.

Birmingham, Ala.—Southern pig iron manufacturers decided that there were no reasons for any reductions in iron quotations. A resolution was adopted by the two companies represented addressed to Northern producers, requesting that there be a steady-riding of conditions in the North.

## British Kill Sixty Afghans.

London.—Sixty Afghans were killed in the fighting which took place between a large Afghan force and the British troops in the Khyber Pass near Landi-Khotal, according to a dispatch sent in by a correspondent with the British column.

Daniel Lawler, the Democratic nominee for Mayor of St. Paul, was elected over Joseph McKibbin, Republican, by an estimated plurality of about 3,000.

## BIG MONEY FOR TRUST

Hitchcock Arraigns Department of Interior for Gross Misinterpretation of Law.

Washington.—Charging that the officials of the department of the interior had been for years guilty of making a "gross misrepresentation of an act of Congress," Mr. Hitchcock of Nebraska, in the house of representatives said that in consequence the government in the last seven years had been deprived of \$7,000,000 to which it was entitled. He was referring to the stone and timber act, which fixed a minimum price on certain timber land of \$2.50 per acre.

He declared that 8,000,000 acres had been sold for \$20,000,000, "while the department in all its branches has admitted, and in writing, that the actual aggregate value of that land was \$77,000,000."

These lands, he asserted, had passed into the hands of the lumber trust and were sold to the people of the United States at an advance of 70 per cent.

## AFGHANS REPULSED

Prompt Move by British Officer Has Good Effect.

Simla, British India.—The promptitude shown by Major General Sir James Willcocks, commander of the British forces, in rushing his troops to the scene of the disturbances has deprived the Afghan raid of present danger.

He attacked the raiders on the hills west of Landi-Kotal, in Khyber Pass, and drove them back over the frontier, scattering them in various directions. Finding no support from the other tribes, the raiders are dwindling away. According to advisers received here, the Mohmands and other border tribes are quiet and engaged in harvesting.

## TRY TO WRECK EXPRESS

Two Foreigners Caught Jamming Switch With Old Iron.

Philadelphia.—The "Royal Blue" express train on the Philadelphia & Reading Railway had a narrow escape from being wrecked at a switch near Nicetown, a suburb. Two men, said to be foreigners, jammed the switch with old iron, which was sufficient to derail the express, then nearly due.

A towerman saw the men tampering with the switch and telephoned for a railway policeman stationed nearby, who removed the obstruction.

The policeman arrested Wencys Koowi, a Pole, on suspicion. The suspect was held in jail for a further hearing to-morrow. The towerman identified the prisoner.

## SAYS THAW IS INSANE

Asylum Physician's Opinion of the Prisoner's Condition.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—Dr. Amos T. Baker, acting superintendent of the Matteawan State hospital, in his return to the writ obtained by counsel for Harry K. Thaw, denied the allegation in the petition of counsel that Thaw is now sane, and averred, on the contrary that Thaw is insane. Dr. Baker has had Thaw under observation during his confinement in Matteawan following the trial for the slaying of Stanford White.

## MINERS RATIFY THE PACT

Referendum Vote Approves Toledo Agreement by Big Majority.

Indianapolis, Ind.—It was announced from the headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America that the two-years' wage contract entered into at Toledo last month by miners and operators of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana had been ratified by a referendum vote of the locals by 77,000 to 7,000.

## New Jersey Uninstructed.

Trenton, N. J.—The Republican state convention to select delegates to attend the national convention today named a delegation that is uninstructed. The convention also voted down resolutions endorsing the candidacy of Secretary Taft for President and favoring the renomination of President Roosevelt. A resolution favoring former Governor Franklin Murphy for Vice President was adopted without opposition.

## Dowie's Personality Worth \$1,200.

Chicago.—Mrs. Alexander Dowie was awarded \$400 by the appraisers of the personal property of the late founder of Zion City. They filed their report showing that instead of the great wealth supposed to have been held by Dowie, the total amount was \$1,200. Mrs. Dowie received the widow's share, one-third. She still has a claim on the real estate, whatever it is or may prove to be.

## CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

While trying to save their brother, Benjamin and John Henness were drowned in a slough of the Quivire river, near St. Charles, Mo.

It is reported that there is a strong likelihood of the management of the Japanese railways being taken over in the near future by a syndicate of leading European financiers.

The Senate passed the Gallinger bill to regulate the employment of child labor in the District of Columbia. Chairman Dolliver, reporting the bill to the Senate, said the measure applied to the district alone.

Three Killed in Automobile. Bakersfield, Cal.—W. E. Loucke, his wife and their baby were instantly killed when an automobile in which they were riding