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and a Light Purple Makes "Bargain"
ads. Doubly Interesting.

SECRET EVENING NEWS.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1905. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

"Time is Money"—and, Sometimes,
More than Money. Then a Want ad.
is an "Emergency Measure."

FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR.

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Twelve Hundred Dollars Reward for Mercenary Thug

CITIZEN SLAIN IN COLD BLOOD

Unknown Footpad Kills and Robs
Nephi M. Sheets at Brother-
in-Law's Gate.

AND THEN MAKES HIS ESCAPE.

Police Round up Thirty-Six Con-
victs and Suspicious Charac-
ters in a General Drag Net.

MANNER OF DEATH A MYSTERY

May Have Been Slugged and Then
Shot—Skull Badly Fractured—His
Own Gun Found Today.

Sheets' gun was found by the police
this afternoon. It was buried in the
snow a few feet from where his body
fell. On examination it was found that
one shot had been very recently fired
from it. In make it was a .44 caliber
Smith & Wesson. The theory is now
advanced that the shot that was heard
came from his own revolver in a life
and death fight and that he was
slugged by his assailant.

The autopsy over the remains of Mr.
Sheets which was held this afternoon
revealed the fact that he was killed
by a gunshot wound, the fatal bullet
entering the back of the head at the
base of the brain near the right ear
and lodged in the frontal bone just
above the left eye. The entire top
of the skull was shattered and gener-
ally fractured in a frightful manner.
The bullet recovered is considerably
battered and is not less than one of
35 calibre—possibly more.

The actual work on the autopsy was
performed by Assistant County Physi-
cian James Ostermann while County
Physician E. W. Whitney took numer-
ous measurements and notes.

This afternoon the coroner's jury
will be impaneled when it will re-
view the remains. The inquest before
Justice Dana T. Smith will be held
some time tomorrow at an hour yet
to be named.

The funeral of Mr. Sheets will be
held in the Waterloo meetinghouse on
Sunday at 2 p. m.

One of the most shocking of crimes
ever committed in Salt Lake was per-
petrated shortly after 9 o'clock last
night when a murderous thug killed
and robbed Nephi M. Sheets, a well
known citizen.

The assassination was directly in
front of the residence of J. D. H. Mc-
Allister, 241 east Fifth South. Mrs. Mc-
Allister is a sister of the murdered
man. Up to a late hour this afternoon
the murderer has not been apprehended,
but the police have hopes of run-
ning him to earth. They have many
clues, all ones to be sure, to work up,
but they are confident that eventu-
ally they will land the guilty man.

This morning, practically the entire
police force was out to work on the
case. Rumors have been received at
the police station thick and fast all
day. Each one of them has so far as
possible been run down carefully but
without any definite results.

MANNER OF THE MURDER.

The unfortunate man was probably
struck on the head and then shot by
the assassin. The top of the head shows
evidence of a fearful blow, and at the
base of the brain there is a wound over
an inch long, and about a quarter of
an inch in width, from which the brains
raged. In the opinion of the county
physician, death came instantly.

ROBBERY FOLLOWED KILLING.

After ruthlessly slaying his victim,
the robber took everything of value
from the body save 65 cents in small
change which was found in the watch
pocket of his trousers.

The attack was made from behind.
Whether there was a struggle or not
is forever a mystery. Those who
knew Mr. Sheets say that he would
most probably put up a fight if given a
chance.

But did he have a chance? There
is no one to answer that question.
That a blow was struck and then a
bullet fired the officers say there can be
no doubt. Sergeant Hempel, who was
on the scene shortly after the discov-
ery, says that the hair was powder
burned and that a crushing blow was
landed on top of the head. The skull
was badly fractured and a great
amount of blood was lost.

MANY HEARD THE SHOT.

That a shot was fired is beyond ques-
tion. Sergeant Hempel is responsible
for the statement that no less than a
dozen persons, residing in the neigh-
borhood, heard a shot at about 9 o'clock
last night. Members of Mr. McAl-
lister's family heard the shot but paid no
particular attention to it.

DISCOVERY OF DEED.

The discovery of the awful crime was
made by John Foote, an employe of the
city and county building, who was on
his way home, 654 south Third East
street. He observed the body lying on
the sidewalk, the head toward the east.
At first he thought he had found a
drunken man but, upon striking a
match, discovered to his horror a pool
of blood, and once saw that the
man was dead. Foote rushed back to
the city and county building and tele-
phoned to the police station.

The patrol wagon loaded with sev-
eral officers rushed to the scene at once.
By the time they arrived there was
quite a crowd about the place. Sev-

eral other persons had in the meantime
found the body, and Mr. McAllister was
informed. The latter was greatly shock-
ed when he discovered that the dead
man was his brother-in-law.

AUTOPSY THIS AFTERNOON.

The remains were removed to the un-
der-taking parlors of Joseph E. Taylor,
County Physician E. W. Whitney and
Justice Dana T. Smith, acting coroner,
were notified and saw the body. Dr.
Whitney made a superficial examina-
tion last night, but did not determine
what caused the wounds. This after-
noon he is performing an autopsy,
which will settle that question definite-
ly. Justice Smith will probably hold
an inquest.

Whether there was one or two rob-
bers is a matter of conjecture, but the
detectives working on the case are sat-
isfied that there was a brief struggle,
during which Mr. Sheets tried to get
away.

WAS SHEETS ARMED?

Another question which arose today
is: "Was Mr. Sheets armed?" That
he had a revolver and occasionally car-
ried it there seems to be no doubt.
Members of his family stated to Detec-
tive Shannon this morning that Sheets
probably had a revolver with him. The
dead man's son-in-law, Police Officer
Leaker, stated that Mr. Sheets had a
weapon and that he (Leaker) gave his
father-in-law a holster for the gun
some time ago.

If he had a weapon at the time of the
assault, it is missing now. The report
that Mr. Sheets lost a gold watch and
chain was denied this morning by mem-
bers of his family, a daughter stating
that the watch and chain were at the
family residence.

POCKETS WERE RIFLED.

Just how much money was taken is
also unknown. He had a few dollars
with him besides the small change men-
tioned above. The trousers pockets
were turned inside out, and application
blanks of the Independent Telephone
company, which were carried by Sheets
in his vest pockets, were scattered
about the immediate scene of the mur-
der.

RUMORS ARE MANY.

As before stated, rumors have been
numerously received at the police sta-
tion. Several reports of suspicious
looking men running rapidly away from
the scene of the murder have been re-
ceived. Two girls who were going
skating, stated that they saw a short
man dressed in black running on Second
South and Fourth East. One of the
girls, Jennie Eling, said that the man
ran East on Second South, crossed to
the north side of the street and then
turned around and hastened toward
town.

Another report is that a short man
was seen running westward on Fifth
South, and one of the detectives says he
has someone in mind but would not
state who, where or why. Still another
report was received from the Salt Lake
Telephone company that about 1 o'clock
this morning a man, appearing to be in
a great hurry, asked the way to the
Short Line depot.

In each case the officers have made a
complete investigation without securing
any tangible clue.

DRAWNET ORDER ISSUED.

Immediately after the shooting,
Chief Lynch ordered the dragnet net
as a result 35 men were arrested and
landed in jail on the charge of vagran-
cy. Of this number not one furnishes
the slightest clue. None were able to
account of their whereabouts.

LEAVES LARGE FAMILY.

The death of Mr. Sheets was a terri-
ble blow to his family, consisting of
a wife and eight children. Mrs. Sheets
was almost prostrated with grief when
Mr. McAllister sent her the sad tid-
ings. She went to the undertaker's
establishment last night but was not
permitted to see the body of her mur-
dered husband.

About thirty-four years ago Mr.
Sheets married Miss Ellen McAllister.
The children who survive him are Roy,
Ella, Irene, Louise, Don, Scott, Katie
and Florence. The latter is the wife of
Officer Leaker. The youngest child is
10 years of age.

Mr. Sheets was 54 years of age. He
was a son of Bishop F. H. Sheets and
Susanah Musser Sheets. He was a
man of moral habits. He was quiet
and unassuming, a good husband and
a most kind and loving father. His
family loved him dearly. He had an
enemy no one knew it. Recently he
has been employed by the Independent
Telephone company.

HAD \$2,000 LIFE INSURANCE.

Mr. Sheets was a member of the A.
O. U. W., Eagle Gate Lodge No. 10. It
was learned this morning that he car-
ried \$2,000 life insurance in the order,
and that yesterday he paid his
dues to the lodge.

BROTHER OF DEAD MAN TALKS.

Bishop Sheets Says They Worked To-
gether on Father's Estate Yesterday.

Bishop Edwin S. Sheets of the Thirty-
first ward, in commenting on his brother's
death today, said that the "News" is
entirely right in its statement that
Nephi was not the slightest
doubt in my mind or in the minds of
the members of his family. That robbery
was the object of his assassin. How-
ever much money was secured from him
—not more than \$4 or \$5. Of that we
are also certain.

Commenting on the statement that "We
were together yesterday from 12 o'clock
noon until 4 o'clock, settling some mat-
ters in relation to our father's estate.
For a considerable time we were at the
office of Young & Moyle; then we went
to the office of Mr. Hoffman, and then
to the city and county building, finally
separating at First South and Main
streets at 4 o'clock. I was in better spirits
than he was yesterday. And that means
a good deal, for he was one of the cheer-
fullest men I have ever known. As we
parted was made a last detour, for the
reason that he was not home last night.
He left yesterday morning at 9 o'clock,
and did not return again. The fact
is he had some business

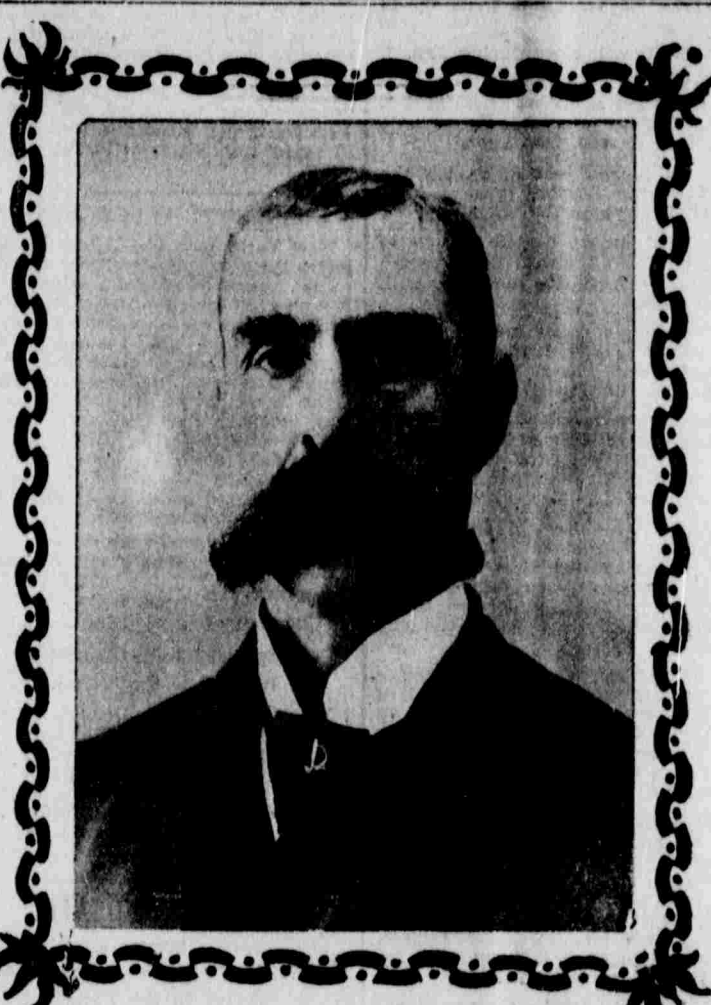
HIS OWN GUN MISSING.

"There appears to be some question
as to whether or not he carried a gun
—that is, whether he had one on him
at the time of the murder. That is
something I cannot say anything about
for I don't know. We know that he
carried one occasionally, and may
have put one on last night owing to the
fact that the town was full of thugs
and lawless characters. Anyway his
gun is missing and it seems probable
that it may have been taken from his
body. But the story that he put it on
last night is all fiction, for he
left yesterday morning at 9 o'clock,
and did not return again. The fact
is he had some business

State, County and City Offer Money Prizes for Capture of Assassin.

Official and popular indignation was terrifically aroused this morning when details of the dreadful crime were made public. Mayor Morris before leaving his home announced his intention of offering a reward for the capture of the assassin and did so immediately on reaching his office. In the meantime Governor Cutler took similar action as did also the County commissioners. Following are the rewards in the aggregate:

State of Utah by Governor Cutler	\$500.00
Salt Lake county by the county commission	500.00
Salt Lake City by Mayor Morris	200.00



NEPHI M. SHEETS.
From a Family Portrait of the Man Who Was Murdered Last Night.

to attend to with his brother-in-law, Mr. McAllister. He had recently erected a fine new house, which he was renting, and was preparing to build another. It was to talk about this with Mr. McAllister that he started for the latter's house before going home. When I left him he did not have his overcoat on. I think he had left it at the Independent Telephone building, where he was employed. It may be that he left his gun there, and that he put it on when he put his overcoat on, but I don't know about that, either."

OFFICIAL REWARDS.

Big Money Offered for Apprehension
and Conviction of Murderers.

Rewards in the total sum of \$1,200 have been offered by the state, county and city for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of Nephi M. Sheets, who was killed last night on Fifth South street by holdups. Gov. Cutler issued a proclamation this morning offering a reward of \$500 in behalf of the state; Sheriff Emery was authorized by the county commissioners to offer a reward of \$500 and Mayor Morris posted a reward of \$200, which is the limit for the city according to the law. The amounts are the same as those offered by the state, county and city for the arrest of James M. Shockey, who murdered two street car men in this city about two years ago.

The proclamation by the governor follows in full:
By the Governor of the State of Utah, a proclamation: Five Hundred Dollars Reward. A reward of five hundred dollars (\$500) is hereby offered for the apprehension and conviction of the murderer or murderers of Nephi M. Sheets.

The crime was committed on the sidewalk in front of or near the home of J. D. H. McAllister, 241 east Fifth South street, Salt Lake City, Utah, on the night of the 28th of December, A. D. 1905.

Done at Salt Lake City, this 29th day of December, A. D. 1905.

JOHN C. CUTLER,
By the Governor: C. S. Tingey, Secretary of State.

THE COUNTY'S REWARD.

Sheriff Emery is having circulars printed authorizing a reward of \$500 on behalf of the county commissioners. It will be in practically the same form as the others issued. The sheriff has all of his criminal deputies at work on the murder and is doing everything in his power to discover the identity of the murderer and capture him. Some of the deputies were out all night working on the case, and are hard at it again today.

Following is the notice of the reward offered by Mayor Morris:
MAYOR MORRIS OFFERS REWARD
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
I hereby offer as a reward on behalf

of Salt Lake City the sum of two hun-
dred \$200 for the arrest and conviction
or for information that will lead to the
arrest and conviction of the party or
parties who murdered Nephi M. Sheets
in this city on the night of Dec. 28, 1905.
RICHARD E. MCALLISTER, Mayor.
Dec. 29, 1905.

WHY NOT ORGANIZE?

Citizen Suggests Adopting Plan of
Years Ago.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 29.

To the Editor:

It seems strange that some means
cannot be adopted to rid the city of the
many rough characters that infest it.
The affair of last night, killing our be-
loved townsman Nephi Sheets in cold
blood for almost no valuable consid-
eration, sends my mind back to the days
when the California volunteers with their
banners on arrived here. All kinds of
fortune seekers and bad men flooded
the town and life was then about as
cheap as it is at present.

Andrew J. Burt was then captain of
police. All his force of about 14 were
picked men and they soon restored
order, but not without an extra effort
and a great deal of danger and ex-
posure.

He also organized in every ward of
the city a special force, also picked
men, consisting of one captain and
five or six minute men. It was their
duty to patrol their respective wards,
and if any suspicious persons were
found they were arrested and prosecut-
ed and in most instances without kid
gloves.

This had a very satisfactory effect
and in a little while conditions changed
for the better and those disreputable
characters left for a more congenial
climate.

Of course in those days these special
acts without pay. Every citizen was
desirous that our lives and property
should be safe and protected and gladly
volunteered his services.

The question arises now, Why cannot
this system be re-established at the
present time? I believe that our citi-
zens of today would just as gladly give
their services now as then, in order to
restore a better state of affairs.

I am aware that the present police
force cannot cope with the situation.
If they scatter their forces to the out-
skirts of the town, the inside will be
exposed and to my way of thinking
nothing but the establishment of a
special force in the different wards as
outlined above will be effectual.

And even if the city were to pay
these special officers, whenever their
services were required and they were
on actual duty, as directed by the chief
of police, it would still be a paying busi-
ness.

I offer these suggestions for the con-
sideration of the public and especially
for the Hon. City Council. Respect-
fully,
C. H. WILCKEN.

SOLUTION OF THE FOOTBALL PROBLEM

Prest. Woodman of Dalhousie
University, Halifax, N. S.,
Makes Suggestion.

FAVORS NEW ZEALAND GAME.

Is a Modification of English Rugby—
Its Possibilities Immense—Bru-
tality is Minimized.

New York, Dec. 29.—English rugby,
not as it is played in England or Can-
ada, but the style of game adopted by
the exponents of the sport in New
Zealand, is suggested as a substitute
for the game of American football in a
letter addressed by President F. J.
Edmund Woodman, of Dalhousie uni-
versity, Halifax, N. S., to the confer-
ence of colleges now considering a re-
vision of the game. The New Zealand
game, Prof. Woodman declares, while
devoid of practically all of the objec-
tionable features which have brought
the American game into disfavor, pos-
sesses much of what is good in nearly
all forms of the sport. He calls atten-
tion to the absence of what he calls
"mob tactics" which it arouses among
the spectators. "The game also allows,"
he says, "give liveliness, greater variety
of possible plays and strategic situa-
tions, and few delays by reason of in-
jury to players. Its advantages, in ad-
dition to these points, would be great
probability of a security of a serious
injury; a game as intense and calling
for nearly as much exertion without
the exhaustion following the American
game, and a greatly decreased cost to play-
ers and clubs alike; the requirements
and the development of certain fine
qualities not called out by the other
game, especially quickness of individual
judgment and exertion.

In suggesting the substitution of rug-
by, Prof. Woodman says that this plan
seems to him to be the only possible
solution of the present trouble. He be-
lieves that any attempt to radically re-
vise the present American game would
only result in its destruction. It is es-
sentially a specialized game and he be-
lieves it would be impossible to suc-
cessfully despecialize it. To abolish
football entirely, he believes, would re-
sult only in that it would merely
bottle up the energy of the men with-
out providing a counter outlet. Slight
changes in the game would result in no
loss to the spectators, and would be a
permanent good. Association football,
Prof. Woodman declares, to be beyond
consideration.

OFFICIALS-ELECT

FILE THEIR BONDS.

The bonds of several of the city offi-
cials-elect were filed with City Recor-
der Critchlow today. Among them were
Auditor-elect Rudolf Alf in the sum of
\$10,000, with the United States Fidelity
& Guaranty company as surety; Ator-
ney-elect Oden Hill, \$5,000, with M. H.
Walker and James Hogle as sureties;
Councilman E. A. Hartenstein,
\$200, W. H. Dole and J. W. Hanson as
sureties; W. J. Tuddenham, \$500, J. H.
Woodman and J. E. Langford, sureties.

Councilman-elect Fernstrom, Mulvey,
Carter and O'Donnell filed their bonds
yesterday afternoon, each in the sum of
\$500. C. B. Felt and John Halverson
are sureties for Mr. Fernstrom; Messrs.
O'Donnell and Carter for Mulvey; Mul-
vey and O'Donnell for Carter; and R. O.
Marron and M. Brandt for O'Donnell.

AMERICAN CATHOLICS

REMONSTRATE TO THE POPE

Rome, Dec. 29.—The Vatican authori-
ties have received remonstrances from
several American bishops against the
audiences granted by the pope to
Americans who, in the opinion of these
bishops were not worthy of the honor.

which it is added, created dissatisfaction
among the faithful.
The pope has also been informed that
among the persons presented to him
a few days ago was an American woman
who had been divorced. This ir-
ritated the pontiff who declared that
such a presentation must not occur
again.

The officials of the Vatican are also re-
calling that two Americans recently re-
fused to kneel when the pope appeared
and the persons having authority in
these matters have been ordered to be
more strict in arriving at decisions up-
on applications from Americans for
audiences of the pope. American ap-
plicants in the future must be recom-
mended by their respective bishops or
have their applications supported by a
recognized official here.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
UNION PROCEEDINGS.

St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Intense interest
in today's proceedings was manifested
by the various members of the com-
mittees of the Northern Presbyterian and
Cumberland Presbyterian churches as
they gathered in the parlors of the Southern
hotel this morning awaiting the final
report of the sub-committees which
would mark the first step in the or-
ganic union of the two churches.
Before the day is over the churches
will be consolidated as the opinion
expressed unanimously.

All details, it is said, have been agreed
upon and it only remains to perfect
the details of the report with regard
to its legal aspects, that there may be
no difficulties later in connection with
the various college publications and
other institutions which are to be com-
bined.

The representatives of the Cum-
berland church anticipate legal opposi-
tion from the minority of the church,
which held a meeting Wednesday in
Nashville, Tenn., and passed resolutions
protesting against union with the Pres-
byterian body. It is said that no at-
tempt will be made to wrest individual
church property from those objecting to
the action, but that legal separation in
other respects will have no effect upon
the plans for the union.

Rev. Dr. Fullerton, pastor of the Lu-
cas avenue Presbyterian church, St.
Louis, said:

This is a wheel within a wheel, but it
will all ultimately work out. We are
proceeding slowly and carefully, that
no flaws may affect a perfect union.
We want every point exhaustively set-
tled so that any possible legal contest
later may be met.

When there was a cessation of pro-
ceedings shortly after 1 o'clock for
lunch the sub-committees were still at
work on the arrangement of details and
the general committees were hold-
ing separate secret sessions. It is stated
that the day would probably be far
advanced before the matter of effecting
the union actually came before the gen-
eral committees in joint session.

BRYAN MADE NO

PROMISES TO FILIPINOS.

Manila, Dec. 29.—Filipinos who spoke
at the banquet given to W. J. Bryan
demanded the immediate independence
of the islands and said they were look-
ing to him to champion their cause with
the American people. Mr. Bryan, in
his response, made no promises and the
natives were disappointed. Aguinidao
was among those present. The menu
displayed an American flag, supported
by an insurgent banner.

Americans here are pleased with Mr.
Bryan's conservatism.

WATERLOO BECOMES

PART OF SALT LAKE.

Mayor Morris today signed the ordi-
nance passed by the city council on
Tuesday night by which the territory
between the city of Salt Lake and the
city of Provo, Utah, was annexed to
the city of Salt Lake. The territory
annexed is bounded by Fifth East, Tenth
and Eleventh South streets, commonly
known as Waterloo, is annexed to
the city. The residents of that district
are citizens of Salt Lake City and are
entitled to all the privileges of municipal
government.

STABBED HIS FRIEND.

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—William Murphy,
31 years of age, son of Jeremiah Mur-
phy, wealthy pork packer, was arrest-
ed and is being held on the charge of
having stabbed his friend, David
Leahy, early today. Leahy is stated to
be a blacksmith. Murphy attacked him
and stabbed Leahy when they resisted,
Leahy refused to talk of the matter.

GOLDEN GATE LTD. WRECKED.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 29.—The Rock
Island railroad's Golden Gate Limited
wrecked early this morning 40
miles north of El Paso. Officials of the
company report that no one was in-
jured in the accident. The entire train
left the track but the coaches remained
upright. Previous to this accident the
train had been delayed 24 hours by
snow.

CHARLES T. YERKES DEAD.

Wife Did not go to See Him and Re-
fused to Discuss Matter.

New York, Dec. 29.—Charles T. Yerkes
died at 2:30 p. m. this afternoon.
The cause of death was an aneurism at Mr.
Yerkes' home at Sixty-eighth street and
Fifth avenue today whether or not Mrs.
Yerkes, in view of the conflicting state-
ments about her husband's condition,
would say anything, a servant said that
Mrs. Yerkes would not see reporters but
gave this message:

"That she had not been to the Waldorf-
Astoria hotel during Mr. Yerkes' illness
there, that she did not go there, and
that she refused absolutely to discuss her
husband's condition."

CHARTERS TAKEN OUT IN

EASTERN STATES IN 1905.

New York, Dec. 29.—Charters taken out
in eastern states during 1905 represent a
total capitalization well over two bil-
lions, according to figures made public
today. The exact figure is \$2,135,348,181.
During December the companies in-
corporated totaled \$118,909,130, bringing the
total for the year to \$2,135,348,181, compared
with \$1,962,542,200 for 1904 and \$1,725,294,
000 in 1903. Companies having an author-
ized capitalization of \$99,000 and less
than \$1,000,000, represented a total for the
year of \$479,229,000.

REPLY TO EMPEROR'S SPEECH.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—In the house of peers
today the reply to the emperor's speech
from the throne at the opening of parlia-
ment yesterday was adopted together with
a loyal address to the throne and an ad-
dress of thanks to the army and navy
for their gallant and efficient service
throughout the country. The house of
peers adjourned until Jan. 29.

REVOLT HAS BEEN CRUSHED.

Workmen's Council is Now Nego-
tiating for Terms for the
Strikers.

RADICAL PAPERS VICIOUS.

Continue to Inflame Their Read-
ers With Stories of Desperate
Fighting at Moscow.

German and Other Foreign Socialists

Have Instructed Revolutionists

In Use of Arms.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29, 1:30 p. m.—

The correspondent of the Associated
Press at Moscow telegraphs that the
scattered revolutionists there are only
able to keep up a feeble show of re-
sistance to the troops and the work-
men's council realizing that the revolt
is crushed, is negotiating terms for the
strikers with a view of calling off the
strike on Monday. Nevertheless, the radical
papers of St. Petersburg continue to
inflame their readers with stories of
desperate fighting in the streets of
Moscow, reporting the revolutionists
as being in complete possession of 10
miles square of the city, which the
troops with all their authority and ma-
chine guns are unable to pierce. These
papers print columns of descriptive
matter in the interest of the revolution-
ists fighting valiantly behind barri-
cades, standing on heaps of corpses of
their comrades.

The Mova prints an interview with a
student who claims to have been in
Moscow, in which the student says that
the horror of the sights he witnessed was
driving him insane and he was forced
to flee.

It seems established that some