

FIFTIETH YEAR.

ROBERTS HEARING AGAIN IN PROGRESS

Miss Dr. Miles, Mrs. M. McDougall, Rev. S. E. Wishard and E. A. McDaniel Among Those to Say Their Little Piece.

Miss Dr. Miles Says Dr. Shipp Changed Her Name—Rev. S. E. Wishard, Always an Arch-Enemy to Mr. Roberts, Tells His Story—Questioned by Mr. Roberts—Mrs. McDougall Heard Strange Sounds—E. A. McDaniel Details Political and Convention Affairs Relative to Roberts's Nomination by the Democrats—How He Learned of the Congressman-Elect's Family Relations.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A number of witnesses from Utah appeared today before the committee of the House of Representatives, which is investigating the case of Mr. Roberts of Utah. They included Miss Dr. Lucile P. Miles, a practicing physician of Salt Lake City, Mrs. McDougall, Mr. E. A. McDaniel and S. E. Wishard, all of Salt Lake City.

Mr. Roberts was present and conducted the cross-examination.

Miss Dr. Miles was the first witness. She gave her profession as that of a physician at Salt Lake City, and a member of the medical society there. She gave the details of a call she made at the house of Mrs. Dr. Maggie Shipp Roberts on April 13, 1897, relative to some medical society affairs. She addressed Mrs. Shipp Roberts as "Dr. Shipp," whereupon the witness said she was interrupted with the request "Doctor, you can call me Dr. Roberts."

Mrs. Roberts went on to explain, the witness said, that she had been married to Mr. Roberts for several years. She asked that the medical society mail sent her in future be addressed to Dr. Roberts, not as "Dr. Shipp."

Subsequently, the witness called at the house, and after a visit Mr. Roberts came in and was introduced. She could not recall whether there was a specific introduction as husband, or whether his entry was with such familiarity as to indicate a marital status. When Mr. Roberts cross-examined the witness she repeated the same story.

After the witness had stepped aside, Mr. Roberts submitted an objection to the effect that this testimony related to 1897, whereas the committee had no jurisdiction over him prior to his becoming a member of Congress.

"Then you contend," said Chairman Taylor, "that the testimony should be confined to polygamous practices subsequent to March 4, 1897?"

"I do," answered Mr. Roberts.

"The objection will be noted," responded the chairman.

Rev. S. E. Wishard was the next witness. He gave his business as that of superintendent of the Home Missionary work of the Presbyterian synod embracing Utah. He knew Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Roberts, and related his first meeting with the latter in September, 1897. This occurred, he said, on the train at Salt Lake. He was in the car with Roberts, and spoke with him. A lady sat beside him, and he beckoned to her and then introduced her, saying "Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Wishard."

On cross-examination Mr. Roberts

TRIED TO INCLUDE POSTMASTERS

Congressman Lentz Wanted the Roberts Committee Authorized to Search Into Accusations of Alleged Polygamous Living.

Washington, Dec. 19.—When the House met today Mr. Lentz (O.) asked unanimous consent that the committee investigating the Roberts case be also instructed to investigate the cases of the two Utah postmasters alleged to be guilty of polygamy.

Mr. Sherman (N. Y.) objected.

explicitly for the application of this provision to banks "by less than the par value of the bonds."

A provision is also added for the repeal of the present law limiting the issuance of bank notes to less than the par value of bonds deposited.

Shot His Sister's Murderer.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 18.—The trial of Dr. S. M. Jenkins, charged with murder and abortion, came to a sudden and tragic end today, when Hugh Wheat, 28 years old, a brother of Mary Wheat, shot and mortally wounded the defendant in a crowded courtroom.

Court had just convened. The State introduced as the first witness Hugh Wheat, who walked into the courtroom with his hat on, came up to the railing where the defendant sat, pulled a pistol and shot Dr. Jenkins in the back, the ball passing near the spinal column, inflicting what is believed to be a mortal wound.

When Wheat fired he dropped the pistol and ran toward the door. John Halligan, a brother-in-law of Jenkins, grabbed it up and fired at Wheat, missing him. Wheat and Halligan were both put in jail later, but the latter was released on bonds of \$5,000. The condition of Dr. Jenkins is serious.

Goes to Supreme Court.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 19.—The supreme court today denied a rehearing in the case of Harding vs. American Glucose company, known as the glucose trust case, and the case will now be taken to the United States Supreme Court.

EIGHT PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH

Several Others Injured in a New York Blaze Today.

TENEMENT HOUSES BURNED

One Woman Perished Trying to Save Her Child—Terrible Scenes—May Be More Deaths.

New York, Dec. 19.—Seven lives were lost in two big tenement houses, which were destroyed by fire in this city early today. Five charred bodies were found on the upper floors of a burned tenement at One Hundred and Second street and Third Avenue, known as the Mentor, and five women and a little girl, all badly burned, were carried from the blazing house to near-by hospitals. There is thought to be but slight chance of any of the six surviving.

Several other persons only escaped from the flames and dense smoke with cuts and bruises.

Three members of the family of four perished, viz:

John Barrett, wife and daughter Julia, the latter 6 years old.

The other dead are: Mrs. Giles and a Miss Annie Farrey, and Richard Nickerson, mechanic, of Cincinnati.

The injured are: Delia O'Connell, 28; Kate Farley, 25; Susan McAdie, 60; Mary Barrett, 9; Mammie Seary, 23; Kate Farley, 26.

Adolph Schneider, one of the tenants, reported to the police after the fire that his wife and daughter were missing.

A few hours earlier a fire attacked the five-story tenement on Tenth Avenue, burning to death Mrs. Martin Fox and her child, George, two and a half years old.

The charred remains of both were found after the fire.

Mr. Fox is a huckster and was not at home.

The fire at One Hundred and Second street and Third Avenue is supposed to have started in the cellar. The air shaft in the building and stairs aided the fire in gaining such rapid headway that there was no successful fighting of the flames, which had gained tremendous headway when the firemen arrived.

The building was occupied by a liquor store on the first floor and on the upper floors by families. When the fire was discovered by a man named Ward the flames were coming out of the hallway. The man could not enter the hallway, but he ran into the street and threw stones at the building. There was no fire escape in the front of the building. Presently Ward saw at the fourth floor window a woman hanging on the ledge, the fire already having invaded her room. She proved to be Delia O'Connell. Her sister was also climbing out of the window and she had already been severely burned and half suffocated by smoke.

Both women were hanging on the window when a hook and ladder truck came up. The men on the hook and ladder extended ladders and firemen climbed up. At the fourth floor another woman, Mrs. Susan McAdie, 60 years old, was found partly burned and dazed by smoke, hanging out of a window. The firemen tied a rope around Mrs. McAdie and let her safely down. Three firemen caught the O'Connell woman in their arms not an instant too soon. Both were badly injured. By this time many men and women were found at the windows, having been driven out of their rooms by the flames.

A few of the people escaped by the rear where there was a fire escape. Hook and Ladder Captain Turpin scaled a ladder to the top floor and found little Mary Barrett, holding on to the window ledge. A sheet of flames had struck her in the eye.

The firemen tried to pull her down, but she refused to let go. Her father, mother and little sister were burned to death. The doctors say she cannot live.

Mary Seary was found at one of the upper floor windows clinging to the corner, too suffocated by smoke and too much burned to be able to help herself.

The loss on the building was \$40,000.

The other fire in Tenth Avenue, Ward said, started in the basement or first floor hallway and when it was discovered had such a headway that it was impossible to enter the house. The firemen tried to reach the roof, when they easily reached the roof, after the fire had been subdued, found two bodies at the foot of the stairs on the third floor. The positions showed that the woman had been trying to carry her children up the stairs. The damage to the building by the fire was comparatively small.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Gen. Buller Has Not Advanced—Gen. Methuen Is Being Closely Pressed.

London, Dec. 19.—Only the most optimistic gave any credit to the rumors that Gen. Buller had crossed the Tugela river and even they speedily realized that it was incredible that the war office would refrain from the immediate publication of news of such importance.

There is also no confirmation of the statement that Gen. Methuen's line of communication has been cut though there is a probability of such an event occurring at any moment.

According to the latest news from Gen. Methuen, dated Sunday, Dec. 17, the situation appeared to be a complete compass. The Boers were gathering reinforcements and extending their fortifications on both his flanks, but it was believed they would be unable to attack the British position. On the other hand, it was regarded as impossible for the British to turn the Boer flank which was resting on the river to the east, and rapidly approaching the river to the west. The Boer lines of entrenchments are continuous and capable of rapid connection at many points. From elsewhere at the front there is absolutely nothing to throw additional light on the situation.

The newspapers are full of stories showing the unanimity with which the volunteers and yeomanry are responding to the call to arms. Lord Chesham, commanding officer of the royal Buckinghamshire yeomanry, is to command the force of 3,000 yeomanry, which he has been authorized to organize for service in South Africa. Earl Dudley and other titled officers will accompany him.

Some of the papers express considerable misgiving at the troops going from India to South Africa. They think the risks too great, and that it may



MAJOR GENERAL HENRY W. LAWTON.

This distinguished United States military officer was a native of Iowa, and rose to the rank of major general of volunteers and brigadier general in the regular army by his efficient service as a brave and skilful soldier and commander.

lead to two continents being ablaze instead of one.

The most ample recognition is given in the press to the great outburst of loyalty of Canada, and the remarks of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the premier, and the cabinet, as representative of both the English and French sections, are specially welcomed.

THE BANQUET OF FIRE FIGHTERS.

Open Handed Hospitality of the Hook, Ladder and Hose Lads.

ARE GOOD ENTERTAINERS.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Justice—Horace Speed to be United States attorney for the territory of Oklahoma; H. G. Ewart to be district judge for the western district of North Carolina.

Navy—Capt. George W. Melville to be engineer-in-chief of the bureau of steam engineering in the department of the navy with rank of rear admiral.

Postmaster—Washington: W. R. Baker, Colville.

Failure in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 19.—Dillaway & Starr, bankers and brokers of this city, have assigned. The assets and liabilities have not yet been computed.

(The firm is one of the most prominent of the kind in the city and is composed of Charles W. Dillaway, George H. Flint and A. W. Lawrence.)

America Not Interfering.

Washington, Dec. 19.—It is asserted at the state department that our government has interfered in no degree whatever between France and China in connection with the pending difficulties between these two countries. It is positively denied that either through Mr. Porter or any other person has the United States addressed any communication to the French government for an explanation of its action.

In Critical Condition.

London, Dec. 19.—The Marquis of Queensberry, who was found insensible in bed at the Raleigh club yesterday, is now in a very critical condition.

Clark Case on Jan. 5.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Senate today adjourned after a session of two days, and the case of Senator Clark of Montana, to occupy his seat in the Senate, is now in a very critical condition.

The Quay Case was not considered in committee.

Illness of Sol Smith Russell.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Sol Smith Russell was obliged by illness to discontinue his appearance at the Grand opera house to-night. The breakdown occurred in the first act in "Honorable John Grigsby."

A sudden fit became apparent he had lost his lines. His companion player of the scene tried to prompt him, but without success.

Mr. Russell then rose and, in a weak voice and with rather incoherent phrases, asked the audience to excuse his further effort and to consider the performance ended. He bowed his head and the curtain came down hurriedly, however, but retired with little assistance to his dressing-room, and a half hour later, in company with his wife and manager, was driven to his hotel.

Dr. Frank Billings, a nerve specialist, was called to the hotel. He declined to discuss the condition of the patient. Mr. Russell's manager states that the actor's malady is nervous dyspepsia.

Policy of Abyssinia.

New York, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Herald from Berlin says:

A dispatch to the Berliner Tageblatt from Zurich states that Herr Lig, Menelik's chief adviser, will arrive there in January.

This proves that the Negus does not intend to make any startling change in his policy. Otherwise he would not have allowed Herr Lig to leave Abyssinia.

Bank Failure.

New York, Dec. 19.—The National bank of Port Jarvis, N. Y., did not open its doors for business today. A notice, signed by President Francis Marvin and Vice President Sharp, was posted, saying that temporary suspension was necessitated by the stringency in the New York money market. The suspension is attributed primarily to the recent defalcation of L. E. Goldsmith, the assistant cashier.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION OF 1900

Committee Called for February Next, to Fix the Date.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the committee to be held at the Raleigh hotel in this city on the 22nd of February next. The purpose of the meeting is to fix a time and place for holding the national Democratic convention next summer.

CEN. H. W. LAWTON IS SHOT DEAD.

Gallant American Officer Falls a Victim to a Filipino Bullet at San Mateo, this Morning.

Was Commanding Officer at the Battle of El Caney, in the Campaign Against Santiago—Death Came as He Stood in Front of His Troops—Shot Struck Him in the Breast—News Received in Washington With Sorrow—His Commission as Brigadier General in the Regular Army Was Being Made Out—Fought in the Civil War—Promoted for Gallant Services.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Gen. Henry Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo. He was standing in front of his troops and was shot in the breast and died immediately.

Gen. Lawton started for Manila last night with cavalry, under Capt. Lockett, and battalions of the Twentieth and Twenty-seventh infantry, under Lieut. Col. Sargent, for the purpose of capturing San Mateo, where Geronimo was said to have 200 insurgents.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Up to this afternoon the war department had received no word of Gen. Lawton's death except that conveyed in the Associated Press dispatch, which was given immediately to the war officials. The President's first intimation of the loss of this brave officer was also given him by the Associated Press. The dispatch was sent to the White House, while the cabinet meeting was in progress, and was received with expressions of sorrow and regret.

It was learned at the war department that instructions had been received last night from the President to prepare Gen. Lawton's commission as a brigadier general in the regular army, to fill one of the existing vacancies, and the adjutant general's clerk was at work on the commission when the information of General Lawton's death was conveyed to the department.

Gen. Lawton was a native of Toledo, Ohio. He was appointed to the army from Indiana, and won his commission by signal gallantry during the war between the States. He was known as a good fighter and a soldier of experience and ability. He served in the Union army throughout the civil war, having entered the service as sergeant of Company E, Ninth Indiana volunteer infantry, in April, 1861.

He was successively promoted until, in March, 1865, he was brevetted colonel for gallant and meritorious services during the war. He entered the regular establishment in July, 1866, as second lieutenant of the Forty-first infantry, colored, and remained with that branch of the army until January, 1887. In September, 1888, he was appointed inspector general with the rank of major.

At the opening of the war with Spain President McKinley appointed him brigadier general of volunteers, and assigned him to the command of a division in the Fifth army corps, commanded by Gen. Shafter. In July, 1898, he was chosen for the important duty of opening the military operations against the Spaniards by the capture of Caney, and the interception of Spanish reinforcements then nearing Santiago de Cuba.

Gen. Lawton sailed for the Philippine Islands on the transport Grant, January 19, 1899. His distinguished services in the Philippines are recent history. He received a special message of thanks from President McKinley after his capture of San Isidro.

ANOTHER CASE OF SMALLPOX.

F. M. Samuelson of 769 South Second East Street is Afflicted with the Disease—Is a Painter and Has Been at Work in Sanpete County.

Another case of smallpox in town was reported to the health department this afternoon. F. M. Samuelson, who resides with his family at 769 south Second East street, is stricken with the disease. Mr. Samuelson is a painter by trade, and has recently been at work down in Sanpete county, where there has been several cases. There is a family in the house and strict quarantine will be established in order to prevent a further spread of the disease.

It is the intention of the Board of Health to remove Mr. Samuelson to the pest house at the earliest possible moment. The family consists of the wife, a child and a man and an old lady who are living with the Samuelsons, and efforts will be made to prevent them from contracting the disease by an early removal of the afflicted man.

A HUNDRED FEET DOWN A SHAFT

Eric Scydeman, a Finnish Miner of Bingham, Goes Hurling to the Bottom of the Richmond Shaft—No Hope of Recovery is Entertained.

Eric Scydeman, a miner at Bingham, today fell nearly a hundred feet down what is known as the Richmond shaft and received injuries from which he is not expected to recover.

Scydeman was engaged in cleaning the shaft, which runs at an angle of

COMMISSION GRANTS EXTENSION.

A Washington dispatch to the "News" this afternoon says the interstate commerce commission has decided to grant the request of the railroads for the extension of time in which to equip rolling stock with improved couplers and other safety equipment. The commission will announce its decision probably tomorrow, and it is understood the time limit will be extended six months from January 1 next, the date now set.

CHECK WAS VALUELESS.

Yesterday afternoon an Italian, whose identity is at present a mystery, entered the store of J. Shapiro on Second South, between East Temple and First South, and purchased several articles of wearing apparel—an overcoat, hat, pair of gloves and a watch and chain. In payment for the goods he tendered a check on an Order bank for \$70.

Shapiro took the check and gave the customer \$10 in change. That was the last seen of the purchaser. He has levanted. When Shapiro tried to cash the check he received a shock that nearly resulted in a case of nervous prostration, for the check is bogus. The matter was reported to the police and they are working on the case.

SLIGHTLY OVER TWENTY-ONE.

Gustave Olsen, aged 73, a resident of Huntsville, Weber county, and Johanna Christina Christensen, aged 57, of this city, were granted a license to marry this afternoon.

Clerk Sears inquired of the bridegroom-elect if he was over 21 years old, and he replied, "Well, slightly."

VOLUNTEER MEDALS.

There are a number of volunteer medals still unclaimed at Governor Wells' office. Parties entitled to them can obtain possession either by personal application or by letter.