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Chicago, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: In spite of the president's recommendation no citizenship for the people of Porto Rico will be granted by this Congress and probably not by the next one either. The leaders both in the house and senate have come to the conclusion that the time is not yet ripe for such action.

They have presented the matter to the president and he is now aware that his recommendation in this regard will not be acted upon. There are said to be grave matters of public policy involved which might be seriously complicated if citizenship were granted at this particular time to the people of Porto Rico. A general understanding therefore, has been reached at the political conference not only of Porto Rico but of Hawaii and the Philippines will not be seriously altered for some years to come so far as their relations with the United States are concerned. Congress is willing to do anything in its power to promote the material welfare of the island population, but does not intend to extend the franchise or United States citizenship until conditions change materially.

There is an understanding in Congress that the president will acquiesce in a decision, because it has been put up to him frequently by some of the strongest men at the Capitol, who are influenced by many of public opinion and are in no way desirous of interfering with the president's plans or the general program of his administration.

Refusal stated, the objection to citizenship for Porto Rico is based upon the existing condition of the population of that island. A large percentage of the people are of mixed strain of Spanish and negro blood. The proportion of illiteracy is naturally large. Much progress has been made in the school system but it is still approximately true that ten out of every hundred persons of school age are not receiving instruction.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Three Trainsmen Fatally Injured in One on Great Northern.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 21.—Three trainmen were fatally injured in a head-on collision between a light engine and a freight train on the Great Northern at Hilary shortly after midnight. The light engine, driven by Engineer Howard Lewis, was taking the freight train, which was being pulled by a locomotive, when the freight train started east. He saw the freight coming and tried to stop it. The freight train, however, was too close and the collision was inevitable. The freight train was pulled by a locomotive and was carrying a heavy load. The collision was a severe one and resulted in the deaths of three trainmen. The freight train was derailed and the locomotive was damaged. The freight train was pulled by a locomotive and was carrying a heavy load. The collision was a severe one and resulted in the deaths of three trainmen. The freight train was derailed and the locomotive was damaged.

PRESIDENT'S ANCESTORS.

Church in Which They Worshipped in Scotland Is Burned.

Glasgow, Dec. 21.—The parish church of Glasgow, where President Roosevelt's maternal ancestors were buried, was burned this morning. The small Presbyterian church, which was built in 1790, was destroyed by fire. The fire started in the basement and spread to the upper floors. The church was a fine example of Scottish architecture and was a place of worship for many of the city's residents. The fire was a great loss to the community and the church was a place of worship for many of the city's residents.

HIS NECK BROKEN.

Yet John McDermott of Yonkers Is Recovering From Injury.

New York, Dec. 21.—John McDermott, a wealthy farmer of Yonkers, is in St. Joseph's hospital, recovering remarkably from a broken neck and an injured arm. Eight weeks ago he was taking down a heavy door when it fell on him, injuring him as described. It was believed he could not live, but on his reaching the hospital the physicians placed him on apparatus designed to place the fractured vertebrae into position. Heavy bags of sand were placed on his head and neck, and he was strapped to a board, the idea being to afford his body absolute rest. He was fed through a tube.

Several days ago he developed symptoms of improvement and he was taken out of the apparatus. He was then found he could move his lower limbs and eat, but his eye lids and shoulders are still paralyzed. The hope is held out that he may recover altogether.

PETROVSKY TELLS MARTYR TALE

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—According to the story told by Lieut. Col. Vyacheslav Petrovsky, the Russian fugitive who has been denied admission to the United States by the immigration officials, the charge of being an anarchist, he is a martyr in the cause of the down-trodden Russian people, and he was sentenced to death for an infraction of the rules of the service by a high military tribunal at St. Petersburg.

Petrovsky is now out of custody of the federal officials on a bail bond of \$10,000. He denies that he was on parole, and declares that he left Russia for territory because he expected that a sentence would be returned against him by the St. Petersburg tribunal.

GEN. R. E. LEE.

Centennial Anniversary of His Birth Is To Be Celebrated.

New York, Dec. 21.—The centennial anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee will be celebrated by Washington, D. C., and the institution at Lexington, of which he was president

MRS. MAYBROCK IN PENITENTIARY REFORM.

She is Endeavoring to Better Conditions in the Penitentiaries of America.

TELLS OF HER EXPERIENCE.

Things Done for Salvation of Souls Lead to Their Damnation.

New York, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Florence Maybrock, who passed many years in English prisons and is now trying to reform the penitentiaries of America, discussed prison reform work last night before the Young Men's club of Dr. Parkhurst's church.

"I claim for all men," she said, "human rights, the right to sunshine, to ordinary decency, to labor. At Sing Sing strong men are shut up in cells six feet by three, without ventilation, sanitary provisions, or water for 13 hours a day. I know what it means. In England for nine months I had solitary confinement in a cell seven feet by four, with a log for a seat and my food passed in through a trap in the door. They do these things for the salvation of souls; they lead to damnation."

She declared the eastern penitentiary of Philadelphia, the worst of the 24 prisons she had visited in America. There prisoners are practically buried alive. But at Trenton, N. J., she found strange contradictions.

"They still have underground dungeons where not even the step of the warden can be heard," she said. "I heard a poor man call 'For the love of God, let me out. I have been here five days and can't bear it any longer.' Yet, as I came up I heard a sound I had never heard in a prison before."

"Yes," said the warden, "that's our string band practicing."

Mrs. Maybrock declared prisoners must have more sunshine. She asserted that at Sing Sing at high tide one could write one's name on the wall in the moisture.

In conclusion she put forth an earnest plea for such an awakening of public sentiment for reform as had already been brought about the separation of the first offender and the habitual criminal.

WORKING TO CLOSE BREAK

IN COLORADO RIVER BANK.

Imperial, Cal., Dec. 21.—Responding to the call made by President Roosevelt on E. H. Harrington yesterday to proceed to make a closure in the break in the bank of the Colorado river in order that effective action might be taken to prevent further damage, General Manager Curry, not a moment's time was lost. Every preparation had been made in anticipation of the order. The engineering program has been worked out and the equipment in the form of pile drivers, pumps, and other machinery and locomotives were being held in readiness. Many cars were even laden with gravel waiting for the order to lift the lower one of these dams will raise the water three feet, the next one three feet higher, and the third one will raise the water high enough to flow down the old channel. This same method was used in the previous closures and it is the belief of an interruption of the irrigation supply before the break can be closed which is now simply a matter of expense.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

Man and Woman Who May Have Robbed the St. Louis Express.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Aboard an eastbound train on the New York Central railroad at 1:30 o'clock this morning the police found and seized the trunk that is supposed to contain all the diamonds and jewelry alleged to have been stolen from the residence of C. V. Stein in Chicago by two of the family servants, Frank Halber and the wife. The Halbers have been managed to give the detectives the slip but were captured when the train reached Utica.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 21.—A man who gave his name as Frank Nieselski and a woman who claims the name of Madeline Kresnowski were arrested on a train arriving here this morning upon the charge of having robbed C. V. Stein of Chicago. The man had \$7,000 and \$10,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry in his possession. The prisoner said all the articles belonged to his companion, who he asserted, was a woman he met in the city of Chicago. He said that he was living with her at the time.

EMBEZZLER ANDERSON.

Arrives in Kansas City From Texas in Charge of Two Officers.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—William C. Anderson, the embezzling assistant teller of the First National bank, arrived in Kansas City early today from Austin, Texas, in the custody of two officers. E. F. Swinney, president of the bank, several of Anderson's old friends, and a group of newspaper men were at the railway station to meet the prisoner. Among them were some he had known for 20 years or more. Anderson greeted the crowd cheerfully. He denied that he had stolen as much as \$50,000, or that there is a woman in the case, but said he was glad to go home and "get the thing off his mind." The bank officials have always placed Anderson's honesty at \$20,000 and have denied reports that it far exceeded this amount.

BRITISH CABINET MEETING.

London, Dec. 21.—The cabinet had a special session today preliminary to the prorogation of parliament for the holidays.

Unusual bitterness exists in parliamentary circles over the severe blow which the cabinet sustained in the defeat of the Western Federation of Miners and the bill, the principal feature of its program.

The announcement of the appointment of James Bryce to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand as British ambassador at Washington is imminent and it will be followed by a considerable rearrangement of the cabinet with the view of presenting an aggressive front when the parliamentary session is resumed in February.

AGNES MYERS' CASE.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—Heads of the federal officials were brought in the federal court here today in behalf of Mrs. Agnes Myers, now confined in jail at Liberty, Mo., for the murder of her husband.

The United States supreme court recently refused to reopen her case.

ROGA JEW ARMY'S SILENTS ARE BAD

Convinced Against Its Will It Pro-nounces Them Worse Than "News" Did.

HOT ROAST FOR RALEIGH.

Street Supervisor Is Called on to the Carpet to Get Busy and Earn His Dig Salary.

The intolerable condition of Salt Lake's streets has at last reached a stage where the administration is sitting up and taking notice, and finding others to blame than the traditional "hierarchy" that is kept in the Tribune closet with a view of whipping it for everything that goes wrong.

In the present attack, the street department gets and overhauling, and is made the scapegoat for the wasteful administration which has spent all the cash in sight with never a thought of the streets all the time during the long summer and autumn, when preparation is usually made for the coming winter season. Regardless of protest after protest the streets were neglected last summer and fall, and the winter found them in prime condition to serve as lake bottoms and mud reservoirs.

And now comes the administration, forward with a beating for Raleigh. He is fayed, roasted, and publicly buried, while he is commanded to get busy, nothing being said, however, about the funds that have been used "elsewhere," till there is nothing on hand to use for the streets.

"NEWS" SOUNDED WARNING.

The roast is typical of the administration policy of whipping the "hierarchy" whenever anything is found wrong. Ten days ago the Desert News called attention not to the muddy streets—for that subject has been too obvious to be news—but to the growing antagonism to the administration on account of the street among teamsters, butchers, grocers, and even owners of light buggies who found it impossible to navigate.

The report from the Tribune was typical. It was declared the streets were the best ever, that the "hierarchy" was on a rampage because of the glorious "American" principles that were in charge of the work, and that this was the first time in years that a person could go into the suburbs without rubber boots.

Then followed something to wake the Tribune up. People from all over the city began to telephone the Butcher and Grocers' association, expressing sympathy with the big kick that was preparing to send the council, and backing up its charge that the streets were impassable, and in the worst condition in years.

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