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You will "know things" about real estate in this city if you read the NEWS carefully every day. AND YOU WON'T IF YOU DON'T!

FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR.

## MONEY TO BUILD LINE TO SALT LAKE

Moffatt Has Secured All He Needs To Extend His Road From Denver to This City.

## STILL CONTROLS ENTERPRISE.

Auditor Jones Says It Will be an Independent Road and Without Entanglements.

## AID FROM EAST AND EUROPE.

Work is to be Resumed in the Near Future With Prospects of Continuing Without Interruption.

Denver, Colo., March 29.—W. F. Jones, auditor of the Denver, North-western and Pacific railroad, has just returned from a trip east that he took in company with David H. Moffatt in the interest of the company. Mr. Jones brings the information that Mr. Moffatt has secured the money necessary to extend his line to Salt Lake and that work is to be started in the near future. He said:

"I am in a position to say that Mr. Moffatt has secured all the money required for the work to Salt Lake. This has been done through his business associations in the east and in Europe. He has been able to do this and yet retain control of the corporation. It will remain absolutely an independent line, and he proposes to keep it free from entanglements in every way, that it may be operated in the interest of Denver and Colorado."

## BAD BOYS CONFESS

To Robberies of Stores, Churches, Schoolhouses, Railroad Stations.

Chicago, March 29.—Ten boys of Harvey, a suburban town, have confessed in the juvenile court to the robbery of 11 stores, three churches, two schoolhouses and a railroad station. The boys, who are all of respectable families, and it was too true a distribution of the candy at school that at least enabled the police to capture to hand, who had led them in a merry chase for months.

"We started in just for fun," sobbed one of the culprits, "but when we got into it we could not stop. We just had to go right on stealing because there were always some boys that did not have what we wanted."

The boys, whose ages range from 12 to 15 years are all of respectable families. Their hearty repentance added to the pleadings of their parents induced Judge Mack to release the prisoners on probation.

## SMUGGLED GOLD DUST.

Collector of Port of San Francisco Takes Charge of It.

San Francisco, March 29.—Collector of the Port of San Francisco has taken charge of \$5,000 in gold dust which was on deposit to the order of William Loiseau & Co., a local bank. It had been smuggled into the state from Mexico and was held here without any records being made in the custom house, which is contrary to law.

The gold dust is held by the collector pending an application for a remission of penalties and forfeiture, which the gold is subject to under the law.

## STANDARD OIL CO.

It Will be Investigated by Federal Grand Jury.

Kansas City, Mo., March 29.—The Standard Oil company is to undergo a grand jury investigation by the federal government, such as the best trust is now burdened with in Chicago. The oil trust investigation is to take place in Topeka, according to a government official here, and is to be held in a couple of weeks. Incidentally, the railroads are to be dragged in.

A grand jury was drawn at Topeka a few days ago, ostensibly to look after the regular criminal business of the Kansas federal court. It will attend to business, but its really big task is to investigate Standard Oil methods. Great secrecy is maintained in regard to the matter. The name of the jurors will not be given out. It has been the custom in the past to publish the list of grand jurors along with the petit jurors. But a new rule has been laid down not to divulge the names of members of the jury.

From the same source it is learned that Commissioner Garfield will aid in the grand jury investigation in Kansas.

## Crew of the Ella G. Arrives.

Victoria, B. C., March 29.—Capt. Mekey and crew of the American hall-schooner Ella G. of Seattle, lost at Clayquot, where she was driven ashore during a storm on March 22, arrived here on the steamer Queen City en route to Seattle. They told the vessel as she lay on the beach at Clayquot for \$500.

## Henry Phipps' Daughter Engaged.

New York, March 29.—Miss Amie Phipps, eldest daughter of Henry Phipps, the Pennsylvania oil magnate, is reported by the American London correspondent to be engaged to the Hon. Frederick Guest, third son of Baron Wimborne. Guest is a lieutenant in the First Life Guards and was recently on service in Egypt. Lieut. Guest's mother, Lady Wimborne, is an English's eldest son is the Hon. Ivor Guest, M. P., who was the Duke of Marlborough's best man at his wedding. Miss Vanderbilt.

Lady Wimborne is extremely religious and recently opened a religious book shop in London. Lord Wimborne is a millionaire coal and iron peer.

## Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

New York, March 29.—Records in the epidemic of cerebro spinal meningitis have been broken by reports of 32 new cases during one day in the boroughs

## JAPAN WARNED TO BEWARE OF OFFERS OF MEDIATION.

Washington, March 29.—It is stated here that Japan has received an urgent warning from all offers of mediation from any government and to insist upon direct negotiations with St. Petersburg.

## Imprisoned by Uruguayan Govt.

Victoria, B. C., March 29.—Advice has been received here that Capt. Maffra and crew of the sealing schooner Agnes G. Donahue, owned by Capt. Balcom of Victoria, have been imprisoned at Montevideo by the Uruguayan government, which seized the vessel for alleged poaching on the shore fisheries. The captain was sentenced to five years imprisonment and the members of the crew to two years. Capt. Balcom has protested and claims \$65,000 damages. The Ottawa government has taken up the case through Great Britain with Uruguay. The other schooners hunting off the South American coast have made good catches. The E. B. Marvin has 1,600 skates, the Edith Balcom 1,180, and the Enterprise 1,004.

## War on Oyster Pirates.

New York, March 29.—War has been declared on oyster and clam pirates by the planters owning beds in Great South Bay. A rowboat containing two men has been fired on by several planters in a shanty. One of the pirates was badly wounded. His companion had hard work to reach shore, as the shower of lead penetrated the boat, which filled rapidly with water. Warrants were procured, but the authorities were driven away by the men in the shanty. For some time the exclusive rights of the oyster men have been disputed in the courts and men arrested for help. Pirates are always released by the magistrates.

## Col. Duggan to Succeed Funston.

Chicago, March 29.—Col. Walter T. Duggan, former infantry, U. S. A., has succeeded Brig-Gen. Frederick Funston as commander, temporarily, of the department of the lakes, with headquarters in Chicago. Col. Duggan is now at Fort Wayne and will come to Chicago within 10 days. Gen. Funston, who has been transferred to the command of the department of California, with headquarters at San Francisco, will leave for the west next Saturday. Lieut. E. C. Long and Lieut. B. J. Mitchell, his aids de camp, will accompany him.

## Capt. John Simpson Dead.

San Francisco, March 29.—Capt. John Simpson, well known to the shipping community of the Pacific coast, is dead. For 17 years he acted as Danish consul at this port. He was 64 years of age.

## Record Trainload of Lumber.

San Francisco, March 29.—A record-breaking trainload of lumber has left this city for San Francisco, marking the beginning of a new phase of a California industry. The train, which was made up of 25 cars, was entirely of dressed redwood, curly and straight timber, and was designed for interior finishing. In each car there were 25,000 feet of lumber.

## Saw Rojstvensky's Fleet.

Durban, Natal, March 29.—The British steamer Dart, which arrived here today from Rangoon, Feb. 28, reports having passed on March 19, 30 warships and 14 colliers steaming eastward, 250 miles northeast of the island of Madagascar.

It is apparently confirmed that the Russian Second Pacific squadron commanded by Vice Admiral Rojstvensky, left Nossi-Bé island off the northwest coast of Madagascar about March 16, and if the warships steamed very slowly they probably formed the squadron reported by the steamer Dart, now at Durban.

## THE BROCKTON EXPLOSION.

Inquest Into Cause of It Begun Today.

Brockton, Mass., March 29.—The inquest was begun in police court today into the cause of the boiler explosion at the shoe factory of R. B. Grover & Co., here on March 20, when nearly 60 lives were known to have been lost in the destruction of the plant by fire. A number of persons are still missing. Another of the injured employees died today, making the fifty-eighth known death.

## KERCHNER'S EXPEDITION.

Eleven Men Killed, 22 Wounded In Fight With Natives.

Berlin, March 29.—An official dispatch from Winschke, German southwest Africa, today announced that 11 men of Kerchner's detachment were killed and 22 were wounded in a fight with insurgent natives March 19 and March 21 at Kosis and Gebenau.

## Donbassoff Made Czar's Aide.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—Admiral Donbassoff, who acted as commissioner for Russia on the international commission which inquired into the North Sea incident has been appointed aide de camp general to the emperor with the retention of his present post of chairman of the technical board of the admiralty.

## No Sports on Memorial Day.

Lincoln, Neb., March 29.—Both houses of the legislature have passed a bill prohibiting sports on Memorial day and the governor will sign it.

## Engineer Hotchkiss Dead.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 29.—L. Hotchkiss, an engineer on the Rocky Mountain limited which Eric Kuthleven says he wrecked near Homestead, Iowa, was killed today of injuries received. Kuthleven probably will be held for murder pending an investigation of his sanity.

## Fight for Consolidation On to a Finish.

Key Note at a Utah University Celebration Sounded at Big Gymnasium Demonstration Today—The Assembly Room Packed to the Doors With Enthusiastic Students—Speeches and Other Felicitations.

"The fight for consolidation is on and it will never end till these two big schools of Utah are united," declared President Stephen H. Love of the state senate at a mass assembly of the University of Utah this morning, "and when consolidation does come I want to hear the last of this cry of no money. We must then provide enough money to maintain the University of Utah in all of its branches."

The University this morning celebrated the securing of a \$15,000 appropriation to commence a gymnasium, by holding a big demonstration in doing honor to President Love, who left his seat as presiding officer of the senate to move that this item be inserted into the appropriation bill after it had been killed in the committee report. The assembly room at the University was packed to the doors with men and women students, each trying to out-yell their fellows in an effort to show how glad they felt over the way things came out. President Love was told he was all right, in a conglomeration of every slogan known to the campus, and special cheers were given for the others who had worked for the appropriation, and for the University. The engineers, led in the yelling, as they did on the day the legislators visited the University in a body, but instead of proclaiming it broadcast that the engineers were everybody, their yell had been amended to include the whole University.

President Love was escorted to the stand by Prof. Lyman of the engineering department, and Prof. Stewart, head of the normal school, while the orchestra and the rosters did their best to properly celebrate the occasion.

President Love was introduced by Dr. Kingsbury as a friend of the University who was not a strong promoter and talker, but who knew how to act, and when, and who saved the gymnasium to the university after the committee on appropriations had omitted it from the bill. Taking his cue from the introducing speaker, President Love led in at once to a heavy condemnation of certain legislators who had promised much and voted against their promises. "One of these men," he said, "came to me after the fight for consolidation had lost, and said, 'Well, Mr. Love, you are a good loser, but I am not. I am on it,' and I replied, 'Yes, maybe I am a good loser, but it hurts me to lose

some things, and it hurts me to lose my confidence in you. The man had promised to vote for consolidation all along, and had spoken constantly in its favor but at the critical moment he voted against it. 'I like a man who says what he means and who can be depended upon to act on the square.'"

President Love then began a series of stories from his observations which pointed morals calculated for the commiseration of the students. He told of a man who had been brought there as superintendent of the Chicago & Rock Island system, at an enormous expense of \$75,000 a year. The newspaper men flocked around to interview him, and to all he told them he had nothing to say and had no policy to announce. But one reporter, more curious than the others, insisted that the Record-Herald readers were right-fully interested in him because his coming must have some purpose, and demanded that he let them know something of his plans—and when turned down again the reporter said, "Then tell us anyhow how you came to get this important position." "That's easy," was the superintendent's reply. "I just got into a good push, and stayed with them. They were my friends and I stayed loyal to them as they stayed loyal to me. Now, many of them are prominent railroad men, and they pushed me in here."

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On the question of handling money, Mr. Love drew his example from the world's fair commission. "You observe," he stated, "that a stigma was placed on the names of some of the best men in the state because of the irregularities of a subordinate. Upon the stand one of these men, whom I believe was thoroughly honest, was made to appear like a thief, because his books were not in such shape that he could give a full and correct accounting of every cent of state money he had expended."

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experience, and principles from seeing them worked out. I remember once the Chicago papers were saying a great deal about a man who had been brought there as superintendent of the Chicago & Rock Island system, at an enormous expense of \$75,000 a year. The newspaper men flocked around to interview him, and to all he told them he had nothing to say and had no policy to announce. But one reporter, more curious than the others, insisted that the Record-Herald readers were right-fully interested in him because his coming must have some purpose, and demanded that he let them know something of his plans—and when turned down again the reporter said, "Then tell us anyhow how you came to get this important position." "That's easy," was the superintendent's reply. "I just got into a good push, and stayed with them. They were my friends and I stayed loyal to them as they stayed loyal to me. Now, many of them are prominent railroad men, and they pushed me in here."

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## HEAVY EXPLOSION IN SUBWAY TUNNEL

It Took Place at a Point Beyond Which Trains Are Run.

## 120 FEET BELOW THE SURFACE

Train Took Fire—Firemen Unable to Get at the Burning Cars.

New York, March 29.—There was a heavy explosion in the subway tunnel at One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, and Broadway today, where the tunnel is 120 feet below the surface of the street. Fire apparatus and extra police were summoned. The explosion took place at a point beyond that to which the trains are run at present, and near the American League baseball park.

An uptown subway train, which had been emptied of passengers at One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, and was run to One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, was switched across to the downtown tracks, got beyond the control of the motorman and ran into a pile of construction material in the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street station. The cars jumped the track and caught fire. It was reported that some loose powder which was to be used in digging the tunnel was ignited and exploded. For some time it was not known whether or not the train crew had escaped. An attempt was made to operate an elevator running from the tunnel to the street, but it could not be moved. Some of the employees in the tunnel ran through the tube to the One Hundred and Eighty-first street station and reached the surface at that point.

The firemen passed hose down into the tunnel and fought the blaze of the burning cars.

Two hours after the accident the motorman of the subway train had not been found, and it was reported that he had been pinned in his compartment in the first car and either died by the collision or was burned to death. It was reported that the conductor and guards of the train and a gang of 25 laborers employed in the tunnel had escaped by way of the shaft at the One Hundred and Eighty-first street station.

The firemen made desperate efforts to get at the burning cars, but were unable to do so as the tunnel was filled with smoke on both sides of the station, where the accident occurred, and they could do was to pour water indiscriminately into the tunnel in the hope of flooding the fire.

It was ascertained that the train had run against a heavy bulkhead of pine which had been built across the tunnel and that the wood was set on fire after the collision. There were two explosions, said to have been of dynamite cartridges used in blasting.

Subsequently it was ascertained that the motorman escaped uninjured.

## W. M. HAMMOND SUICIDES.

One of the Most Prominent Real Estate Men of Boston.

New York, March 29.—William M. Hammond, one of the most prominent real estate men of Boston, committed suicide at the Hotel Astor here today by shooting. Despondency, due to illness is supposed to have been the motive. He arrived here recently from a six weeks' trip to the Bermuda and Porto Rico, taken in hopes of improving his condition.

## SAN DOMINGO COLLECTOR, HIS DUTIES NOT YET DEFINED.

President Will Select J. Ross Gould, Cashier of the B. & O. Freight Office, Baltimore.

## HIS DUTIES NOT YET DEFINED.

May Have Charge of All the Ports—Dominican Government is Greatly Pleased.

Washington, March 29.—The president has decided to recommend the selection of J. Ross Gould, cashier of the B. & O. freight office, Baltimore, as one of the collectors of customs at San Francisco.

It has not yet been determined whether Gould shall have general charge of the collections at all ports or whether other persons will be appointed. The details are still under consideration.

## WHO GOULD IS.

Baltimore, March 29.—J. Ross Gould of this city, appointed as collector for San Domingo, is the cashier of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad freight office at Locust Point. He said today that the announcement of his appointment is a great surprise to him, and that he will not make up his mind whether he will accept of the position until he has received official notification and has had time to consider.

## DOMINICANS PLEASED.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, March 29.—The news of the acceptance by the government at Washington of the proposition of the Dominican government that the government of the United States assume control of the finances of this republic with the view of setting aside a portion of its debts pending definite action on the part of the American senate has had a most favorable effect here. The opinion is expressed that the action taken by the authorities at Washington will change the situation completely.

## J. E. SHIELDS ARRESTED.

Is Important Witness in Beef Trust Investigation.

Chicago, March 29.—John E. Shields of Brooklyn, N. Y., a former employee of Armour & Co., was arrested today by a deputy United States marshal. Shields is a witness in the federal grand jury investigation of the beef trust, and is alleged to have been tampered with by Thomas J. Connors, general superintendent of Armour & Co. Connors was arrested last night on a bench warrant, but was at liberty today on bail. Shields' arrest today was to make sure of him as a witness against Connors. Shields was later released on \$1,000 bond until the July term of court, when it is expected the charges against Connors will be tried before Federal Judge Humphrey.

## No Change at the Front.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—Chief of Staff Karkovitch telegraphs from the front today that no change has taken place in the positions of the armies. Russian sharpshooters March 25 were in conflict with a force of Japanese infantry and cavalry at Khovanchina. The commander-in-chief, Gen. Linovitch, has inspected the Second army and found the troops to be in excellent spirits.

of the loan will be allotted to French investors have been disclosed. San Francisco, March 29.—Subscriptions for the new Japanese loan of \$150,000,000 were opened in this city at 10 o'clock today by the Anglo-California bank and the Nevada National bank. Within half an hour the subscriptions amounted to nearly \$6,000,000 with no abatement of the demand. The amount to be received by the city is not yet known, but it is believed that it will be less than the amount already taken, as the total subscriptions in the United States have been limited to \$75,000,000.

## BRITT AND WHITE WILL FIGHT APRIL 25

San Francisco, March 29.—James Britt of this city and James White of England have matched to fight 20-rounds before the Cosmo Athletic club on April 25. They are to box under Marquis of Queensberry rules and must weigh in at 133 pounds at 2 o'clock on the day of the contest. They will receive 50 per cent of the gross receipts of the house, 60 per cent to go to the winner and 40 per cent to the loser. They agree to post \$1,000 each as a guarantee of weight and appearance. The referee is to be mutually agreed upon at least 12 days before the contest.

Britt has gone to Harbin, Springs. White will train at Larkspur in Marin county.

## Portland Mills Suit.

Council Bluffs, Ia., March 29.—The motion to take the Devil's Own mining claim out of the Doyle-Burns suit for \$5,000,000 of Portland stock and dividends was overruled by Judge Thornell this morning. J. R. Bishop, formerly bookkeeper for the Portland company, testified that Doyle received \$105,000 in dividends from 1894 to 1897. Doyle claims he did not get any stock until 1897.

Doyle's attorneys today subpoenaed J. A. Munday, a Burns' witness as he was leaving the city to return to Colorado. Munday is alleged to have given perjured testimony and will put him on the stand again.

## A COLORED WOMAN'S DEATH.

It Raises Comment in Connection With a Montana Murder.

Helena, Mont., March 29.—A special to the Record from Miles City says Mrs. Thomas Akens, a colored woman who was at the McGilvary ranch near Miles City when William McGilvary shot and killed W. H. Aughey, died in a Miles City hotel last night under circumstances indicating suicide. The woman's sudden death in connection with every cent of state money he had expended.

## EX-CONVICT ARRESTED FOR THE \$10,000 ROBBERY

San Francisco, March 29.—John Zimmerman, an ex-convict, was today arrested by the police in connection with the \$10,000 robbery at Stege's. Zimmerman was found in possession of a money bag containing \$10,000. He was arrested by the police in connection with the robbery of the Central Bank of Oakland.

## MILDRED C. LEE.

All Respect Paid Her Body as it Left New Orleans.

New Orleans, March 29.—Escorted by delegations from the confederate associations and the Ladies' Confederate Memorial association, the body of Miss Mildred C. Lee, the youngest daughter of Robert E. Lee was taken from the confederate camp at Lexington today where it was put aboard a train for the northeast. There was a large gathering of old soldiers, friends of Miss Lee and of citizens to pay their tributes of respect to the dead. The car in which the body was carried was filled with flowers. The interment probably will be at Lexington.

## SECRETARY HAY.

Reaches Gibraltar and is Feeling Better.

Gibraltar, March 29.—The White Star liner Crete from New York March 15 for Naples, with Secy. of State Hay and Mrs. Hay on board, arrived here this morning. In an interview Mr. Hay said he felt much better than when he left New York. He thoroughly enjoyed his trip.

Although Secy. Hay has improved, he has by no means recovered his health. The Crete will sail from here at noon for Algiers.

## Col. Jacob L. Greene Dead.

Hartford, Conn., March 29.—Col. Jacob L. Greene, president of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance company, died today of apoplexy at his residence here aged 68 years. During the Civil war he served with a Michigan regiment.

## Russo-Danish Arbitration Treaty

Copenhagen, March 29.—The Danish parliament today adopted the Russo-Danish arbitration treaty.

## LAND COM'R RICHARDS.

He is Not Aware that His Office is to be Investigated.

Omaha, March 29.—W. A. Richards, the commissioner of the general land office, passed through Omaha today en route to Wyoming to visit his daughter. Richards' report from Washington that his office was to be investigated with regard to the land office, which was a knowledge of anything of the kind, but would have no objection to it. During his administration of the land office promotions had been made solely on merit in accordance with the requirements of the law. Some clerks had been reduced because of their inability to earn the salaries which they were receiving. Richards was not given any special credit for the false report of an investigation.

## RUSSIA MAKES PEACE ADVANCES

Japanese Indirectly Informed of Negative Conditions Upon Which It May be Concluded.

## NO CONCESSION OF TERRITORY.

And No Indemnity—If This Basis is Accepted, Negotiations Can Be Begun at Once.

## CAREFULLY CANVASS SITUATION.

Czar's Government Wants Peace but Continues to Make Preparations For War.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—The Associated Press is in a position to announce that a step in the direction of peace actually has been taken. Russia has indirectly made known to Japan the negative conditions upon which peace may be concluded, namely, no concession of territory and no indemnity, leaving Japan to determine whether negotiations can be begun upon that basis. No reply from Japan has yet reached the Russian government.

The above represents practically all the facts obtainable. Through what channel or channels Russia has indirectly communicated with Japan the Associated Press is not in a position to state definitely, although there is reason to believe that it is through the United States. It is practically certain that France and possibly Great Britain as the two oldest and the belligerents and the United States as the country acting for Japan, have been apprised of Russia's position. Last night's rumors that President Roosevelt had received his good offices from both parties are incorrect. The president's friendly disposition and perfect willingness to undertake to open negotiations, are, however, well known to all, and without asking directly that they be communicated to Japan, Russia could make known to President Roosevelt through Ambassador Cassini the conditions to which Russia could not agree while thus giving Japan an opportunity of knowing officially what the basis of the peace negotiations must be. Russia avoids the attitude of suing for peace, actually suing for peace, and besides places the United States and Great Britain and the powers generally in a position where they could offer Japan advice as to the reasonable basis of actually suing for peace. Another report promises that Russia has two alternatives, either to decline absolutely to open negotiations on such a basis or indicate her own attitude. Russia probably will be prepared to make broad concessions on collateral issues as stated by the Associated Press.

## PREPARE TO CONTINUE WAR.

St. Petersburg, March 29, 2 p. m.—Russia's attitude was described today by a prominent official as follows: "The government is now for peace but continues to prepare for war." The whole situation with reference to the prosecution of the war is being carefully studied. The official view is now strongly optimistic that peace is not far distant. This view is not due to exact information, but is the result of a settled conviction that peace is in the logical outcome of Russia's present predicament. However, the foreign office refuses to credit the various reports that France is taking a hand in the negotiations and intimates and specifically denies the report from a northern capital that Russia has asked Foreign Minister Delcasse to act as intermediary.

## OFFICIAL VIEW OPTIMISTIC.

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This likewise is not credited in high quarters. Some clerks had been reduced because of their inability to earn the salaries which they were receiving. Richards was not given any special credit for the false report of an investigation.

## Secy. Morton Leaves Havana.

Washington, March 29.—The navy department was advised today of the departure of Secy. Morton and party on the Cuba mail for Havana, Cuba, to be on the spot for the false report of an investigation.