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Chicago, Nov. 1.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, D. C., says:

To recover some little parcels of real estate, given by two grateful governments to George Washington about 100 years ago and worth, at the present time, hundreds of millions of dollars, are the object of proceedings started formally yesterday by the heirs at law of the father of his country.

After an undisturbed rest of nearly a century in the circuit court of Fairfax county, Va., the Washington estate has been reopened by the appointment of an administrator for the undistributed assets which consist of this almost forgotten land which he possessed. The appointment was made upon the application of Lawrence Washington, and other heirs-at-law of George Washington, Robert L. Lee at Fairfax county, was appointed administrator. He is a grandson of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and is a great-grandson of "Light Horse" Harry Lee, Gen. Washington's chief of staff.

The land which the heirs seek to recover, situated in Ohio, and is fully described in Washington's will. It aggregates nearly 10,000 acres and includes practically all the land on which the city of Cincinnati is built. Another tract of the land embraces Point Pleasant, the birthplace of Gen. Grant; while another, at the mouth of the Kanawha river, is rich in coal and oil deposits.

Part of the land was granted to Washington by the British government as a reward for his military services and part of it was granted to him by the United States later for the same reason. The heirs who have brought the suit sincerely hope to recover the entire tract of land granted to their forefathers, since by an error all the territory embraced in the grants has been, at one time and another, given to settlers.

But in default of such recovery the heirs expect to obtain from Congress a sum of money equivalent to the value of the land—whether its value at the time of the grant to Washington or at the present time is not known. If Congress should award the heirs the present value it would run up to hundreds of millions.

SALE OF RICHARD McCURDY'S OFFICE FURNITURE BEGUN

New York, Nov. 1.—Sale has been begun of furniture and objects of art which used to adorn the private office of President Richard A. McCurdy, of the Mutual Life Insurance company, the office of his son, Robert S. McCurdy, who was general manager, and other offices under the former regime. The former management of the company decided that those fittings could be profitably dispensed with, hence the sale is taking place at the Fifth avenue art gallery. The first day \$6,845 was netted. More than 400 persons attended, most of whom were women. The furniture offered was by Kinko or Paris, and consisted of finely carved parlor, drawingroom and office sets. Originally, it is said, these pieces cost \$70,000.

The best price thus far has been \$300 for a solid Mahogany table, 8 feet by 5. Louis XVI style. Among the most conspicuous buyers have been Mrs. Richard Hudnut, John H. Flagler, Jr., and Gilbert Rafferty, the last named a Pittsburg coal operator.

PICTURE POST CARD CRAZE REUNITES A FAMILY

Who Didn't Take Ride Test Won't be Retired.

Washington, Oct. 31.—None of the army officers who failed to take the test ride prescribed by the president will be retired as long as he is physically fit to discharge the military duties as it presents. An order was issued by the war department today requiring all officers to attend an examination at a retiring board at the Washington barracks on November 2d. This does not by any means represent the total number of officers who did not take the ride, and it will be ordered from time to time before the same board, for it is the purpose of acting Secretary of War, to avoid any difficulty in the selection of officers for different boards. Requiring all of the officers referred to, to appear before one tribunal governed by a set of instructions.

This year the board, unlike the ordinary board, is not to inquire into the physical fitness of the officers who appear before it, for any and all kinds of qualifications. It will be indicated, however, to consider and report upon the ability of the officer to discharge the duties upon which he is at present engaged, and to determine whether he has served or an engineer officer of great ability in the conduct of river and harbor works is assured, although he may not be qualified to ride a horse 12 miles over a battlefield.

The post-card was written from San Francisco, and simply said that the writer was well and prosperous.

Mr. Nomast said that there had been no reply to Harry leaving home two years ago, and said that it was probably an attack of "wanderlust." The card did not state whether the writer intended to return home. The father had offered \$400 reward for a trace of the boy.

A TALK BY TAFT.

Tells Americans Must Help Filipinos To Secure Prosperity.

Manila, Nov. 1.—Taft returned to Manila yesterday and in the evening addressed a meeting given in his honor by the Quill Club, composed of Americans. In his address he told the members of the club that the Americans in the islands must help the Filipinos to secure prosperity. He reiterated his previous statement regarding the neutrality of Philipines independence being assured before other countries would enter the market.

He deplorated the formation of the proposed American League of any association likely to disturb the amity existing between Philipines and America.

He said he strongly desired to tell Congress that the people here want nothing but all subjects relating to the islands.

Secretary Taft has agreed to adhere to his original program and will not leave until Nov. 9, as there is important business yet to be settled.

Mag. J. W. Leonard Wood will remain in the Philipines until February, 1908.

TO MOVE COTTON CROP.

New Orleans, Nov. 1.—Several plans for moving the cotton crop and therefore all cotton products of general value of the winter war between Texas and the Southland, and was received from East of the Mississippi.

that he will investigate the possibility of paying out cash at the New Orleans sub-treasury for money deposited by European cotton buyers with United States fiscal agents abroad.

New Orleans bankers acting with state banks have arranged to modify the present stringent rules about paying cash so as to favor the movement of both cotton and sugar. This plan contemplates a judicious distribution of cash to country banks.

CORPORATION CAPITALIZATION FOR OCTOBER \$79,100,000.

New York, Nov. 1.—According to the Journal of Commerce, new charters filed in various states in October for capitalization of corporations with an individual capital of \$1,000,000 or more represented a total capitalization of \$79,100,000, which compares with \$76,000,000 in September and \$38,550,000 in October last year. The grand total of all companies incorporated in October with a capitalization of \$100,000 and over including new charters than those of the east was \$132,455,000 against \$113,660,000 in September and \$276,376,000 in October a year ago.

Conditions generally in October this year militated to a greater extent than in any previous month of 1907 against the promotion of new enterprises of any sort. It is not surprising therefore that the aggregate incorporation should fall so largely below those of last year.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 1.—Army headquarters in Omaha has received an official report from Capt. Johnson, who was sent to the Cheyenne River Indian reservation to hold a pow-wow with the Ute Indians.

Capt. Johnson found the attitude of the Utes very peaceful. A grand council of war was held and the Indians aired their grievances. They had been given to understand that their rations would be cut in half, which would entail great distress on the women and children. Agent Downs had told them they must send their children to school 50 miles away. The Utes voted on the question and refused but agreed to send the children to a day school at the agency.

Capt. Johnson explained to them about the schools and secured their consent to having the children sent to the distant school.

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A TOY BALLOON'S TRIP.

One Sent Up from Paris Found in Finland 1,956 Kilometres Away.

Paris, Nov. 1.—A toy balloon, one of many released by the newspaper, the *Éclaire*, has been found in Finland. It traveled a distance of 1,956 kilometers from Paris, thus beating by 25 kilometers the long distance balloon record made by Count de Lavaux.

RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER THE PASIG COLLAPSES.

Manila, Nov. 1.—The new railroad bridge over the Pasig river near Fort McKinley, collapsed owing to the breaking of the super structure and 60 workmen were precipitated into the river. Three Americans and 29 Filipinos were injured. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

LIFE CONVICT MURDERS GUARD AND KILLS HIMSELF

Laramie, Wyo., Nov. 1.—A special to the Republican from Rawlins says a convict named A. Eckard, serving life sentence, today shot and killed Mr. Sanderson, the housekeeper at the Wyoming state penitentiary, in an attempt to escape. Eckard had a pistol and a stick of dynamite and when Sanderson opened his cell this morning the prisoner shot him dead. Eckard then tried to dynamite the outside door and falling in this blew off the top of his own head with his pistol.

HOLY GHOST AND US."

Shiloh, Me., Colony Sails for the Holy Land.

South Freeport, Me., Oct. 31.—The yacht Kingdon, with about 60 members of the "Holy Ghost and Us" colony at Shiloh on board, and a crew of 20, sailed today for the Holy Land.

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SIX PERSONS KILLED.

By Derailing of a Train Near Elingen-on-the-Rhine.

Berlin, Nov. 1.—A mixed freight and passenger train was derailed today on the Brohl valley road, near Elingen-on-the-Rhine. Six persons were killed and 14 dangerously wounded.

The train was passing over a bridge and high embankment when the locomotive and a passenger car were derailed and fell to the bottom of the valley. The freight cars, which were loaded with stone, fell upon the passenger car, not one of whose occupants escaped injury.

TO CALL GENERAL STRIKE.

Boston, Nov. 1.—The executive committee of the Amalgamated Society of Railroad Servants today adopted a resolution to call a general strike.

SENATOR WARREN RETURNS.

Does Not Think Financial Disturbance Will Have Bad Effect.

New York, Nov. 1.—Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming, who has just returned from a vacation trip abroad, was greatly interested in the recent financial disturbance and asked many questions about it when he landed. He said he believed there was no occasion for alarm, as the troubles were merely caused by the swinging back and forth of the market.

"These panics cannot hurt the country," said Senator Warren. "I have noticed that the country after each financial depression is much stronger than it was before. We see how really strong the nation is when these panics come. The fundamental industries of the country are not affected by these conditions. I am not advocating any idea to take powers or rights away from state, but I do think that something stronger than state control is necessary to govern the trust companies."

These companies should have at least 25 per cent in reserves, but we don't know what the reserves are worth at the time of the grant to Washington or at the present time is not known. If Congress should award the heirs the present value it would run up to hundreds of millions.

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MAY BE MAKING FOR CANADA.

Boston, Nov. 1.—Advices received from various sections of New England tend to show that Raymond Hitchcock, the fugitive, is now bound for Canada.

Camden, Maine, Oct. 31.—A mixed freight and passenger train was derailed yesterday afternoon at 11 o'clock last night and became forgotten by the engine driver. The train was passing over a bridge and high embankment when the locomotive and a passenger car were derailed and fell to the bottom of the valley. The freight cars, which were loaded with stone, fell upon the passenger car, not one of whose occupants escaped injury.

STORY REVIVED.

The story of the disappearance of Ezra Penny and his son has been told and retold many times during the last nine years. The occurrence was fast becoming forgotten by all except the immediate family and friends, when the finding of skeletons supposed to be the remains of Ezra and George Penny, who disappeared mysteriously from Millard county, made news again.

Hitchcock's examination was set for yesterday afternoon, and when he failed to make an appearance Asst. Dist. Atty. Garvan moved that his bail be forfeited. Hitchcock's counsel, however, adjourned the hearing of the case until next Thursday, in order that friends may have an opportunity of finding the fugitive.

SHERIFF IN DENVER.

One of the Harpers had been in custody since the killing of the Pennys, but there was not sufficient evidence to convict him. Soon after the finding of the skeletons a week or two ago in the San Francisco mountains, Beaver County, Utah, plans were made for the apprehension of the Harpers.

It was also reported in North Adams that Hitchcock remained overnight in a private house starting yesterday afternoon for Rutland, Vt., and connecting at the latter place at 3 o'clock last night on a train bound for Montreal.

HUSBAND AND WIFE SHOOT THEMSELVES.

At the hospital Kirwan recovered enough to tell the physicians that he and his wife had decided to kill themselves. He did not give a reason.

STAND OF ACCUSED.

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 1.—Hearing two shots fired in rapid succession early today, the employees of the Highland hotel burst into a room and found Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kirwan, of this city, lying unconscious on the floor.

Both were shot through the heart, and a bullet wound in the abdomen.

The couple were married last June, Kirwan is 26 years old, while his wife is 18. They came to the Highland hotel about 11 o'clock last night and going immediately to a room ordered a light lunch and some liquor.

At 12 o'clock this morning the catchman heard two quick reports of a revolver in Kirwan's room. The night clerk and a porter burst open the door and found the woman unconscious on the bed and the man in the same condition on the floor. Both had bullet wounds in their breasts.

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PARTIES ARRESTED.

Following the disappearance of Ezra Penny and his son, in October, 1898, a thorough search was made for their bodies, but it proved unsuccessful. A week ago some prospectors found two skeletons in the Prince mountains, Millard county, and Miss Ezra Penny, daughter of Ezra Penny, identified one as the skeleton of her father by the gold bridge in his teeth. Harper and his brother, John Harper and Sarah Armstrong, were suspected and Sheriff Niblet of Denver was notified. He secured George Harper at Fort Lupton, John Harper at Arapahoe Crossing, and Sarah Armstrong at 1909 Central street, Denver.

CLAIMS ALIBI.

"It seems that George Harper had once been in the service of his country, for almost the first words of Harper, as he began his statement, were to the effect that he was in the employ of the government at the time the murder is supposed to have been committed.

He was answered by the prosecutor, "What do you mean?"

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