

Last Edition.
FIFTY-THIRD YEAR

Castro's Reply Is Received.

It is Virtually an Acceptance of Allies' Proposal—Willing To Submit to Arbitration of Impartial Authorities—Answer Being Prepared for Transmission to Europe—Will Not be Given Out for Publication.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The answer of President Castro to the proposals of the allies to submit to the arbitration of the Hague tribunal, the Venezuelan difficulties, has reached Washington through Minister Bowen. The answer to a general acceptance of the principles of the proposition, President Castro being willing to submit his case to the arbitration of fair and impartial authorities. The details of the answer will be published here in advance of its reception by the European allies, in fact, it may be withheld entirely from publication on the ground that it is not yet received.

WOULD ANNUL THEIR CHARTERS

King's County, New York, Grand Jury Recommends That Steps be Taken to Set Aside Charters of Constituent Companies of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.

New York, Dec. 31.—The King's county grand jury made a presentment today recommending that steps be taken to annul the charters of the constituent companies of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. and that the city acquire and operate the surface and elevated lines. The presentment declares that present conditions are intolerable and contains the statement that the officials of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. had admitted they could cure the evils but were unwilling to do so. The jury expresses the opinion that the roads could be operated at a profit on a three cent fare basis. The presentment says: "The only solution of this vexed problem of metropolitan transportation is municipal ownership and operation of the means of public travel on street railways, railroads and tunnels, all the facilities of metropolitan transit that have been given away for absolutely nothing until recently, and practically nothing in this day, should be brought back where they naturally belong, under the control from which they passed, the ownership and operation of the public."

BIG RABBIT HUNT TOMORROW

Merciless Slaughter of Bunnies to Take Place Near Levan in Juab County—Object a Necessary And Laudable One.

A merciless slaughter of bunnies is scheduled to take place in the vicinity of Levan, Juab county, tomorrow. The hunt is a premeditated one, having been arranged by the citizens of that county with the avowed object in view of wholly, or nearly so at least, exterminating the genus rabbit which for years past has been a source of much annoyance to the farming community. The plan is to put at least 250 hunters in the field, half of them starting from Levan and working north and the other half leaving Nephi and working south. It is thought this scheme will have the effect of corralling thousands and when the parties get within halting distance of each other, they will have practically nothing to do but shoot and kill. Salt Lake will furnish a goodly number of volunteers, among them George A. Smith, O. C. Beebe, Dr. L. W. Snow, E. C. Wright and C. W. Gates, and Daniel Harrington and Capt. Bartlett. These gentlemen will be accompanied by their wives, and will be joined by many others at Provo and intermediate points. George O. Oster was up from Nephi today enlisting recruits and this gentleman is authority for the statement that the hunt will be a genuine treat to all who participate, as well as being of decided advantage to the farmers who for so many years have had to put up with the depredations complained of. As there is a bounty of 5 cents per head on each and every rodent killed, it is thought that this will do much to meet the expense of ammunition and necessary incidentals. A carload of bunnies will be shipped to the port tomorrow evening the hunters will be given a banquet and dance at Nephi, leaving the victors free to return home on Friday morning. It will be a gala day for all lovers of genuine sport.

THIS IS "HIGH JINKS" NIGHT.

Members of University Club Will See the Old Year Out and The New Year In—Old-Time Initiation Proposed.

The members of the University club will observe their time honored custom of "High Jinks" tonight in the ballroom in seeing the old year out and the new year in; and, as usual, the clubmen are sure of an enjoyable time. Punch will be served all day tomorrow. Next Saturday evening will be ladies' night with the club, and the nature of the occasion will be a talk from Eugene Dunne on conditions existing in Colombia. As there are 25 applications on the bulletin board for membership in the club it has been proposed to the secretary to honor the event of their entry into the club with an old time college society initiation. On such occasions it is known that the gentleman who holds high carnival, and the program includes, execution under tin whistles, sudden sitting down—to sink in tubs of ice water, bouncing from a blanket, incessant blowing of steam whistles into suffering ears, pouncing on planks, sliding down inclined planes with the cheerful information that a seven times heated Hades is at the end of the incline, being compelled to leap from a cliff, and being rolled around in coffins, and so on, and so forth, and especially the "and so forth." The trembling, terror-stricken novices are informed in the most profound chasm like tones, that the Harvard Med. Fac. the Yale Omnia Lambda Chi and the Princeton Gynaeceum have broken loose and may at any moment seize and carry them down on pitchforks to the abode of the forever lost. After a bucket or two of ice water has been poured down the neck of each novice, just as a reminder that he is in the flesh, he is declared a regularly initiated member, given the grip, and with coat turned inside out, he is handed up against the wall with eye bandage removed to enjoy the wholesome pleasure of seeing others being done as he has just been done himself. Several novices remarked that they would have a roaring old time of it, and perhaps call on the entire police force and fire department to preserve the peace.

THIRTY RAILWAY MEN CRUSHED

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Little Rock, Ark., says: Thirty men, railroad employees, were killed, four perhaps fatally, in a wreck today at the Fort Smith crossing in north Little Rock. The "hoodlum" train, in which the employees ride to work, approached the crossing at a fair rate of speed, the engine pushing the cars. Suddenly the engineer saw a light switch engine emerge from behind a building and start across the track ahead of him. He applied the emergency brakes, but the four cars broke loose at the sudden stop and rolled off, striking the switch engine broadside. The 200 men on the cars jumped, but 30 were caught and crushed.

Venezuela Will Treat France Right

Paris, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Latin from Caracas confirms the statement that Venezuela has promised France to treat her claims as those of Great Britain, Germany and Italy but not that a similar promise was refused to Belgium, Spain and Holland.

Loan of Greek Letter Badges.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 31.—After an animated discussion of the question of loaning the Greek letter badges to non-members of the grand chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma in session here decided adversely. L. Hartley Merick of Philadelphia was re-elected grand alpha.

WAYNE MACVEAGH GETS WARMED UP

At Dinner at Sherry's to Delegates To University Conference,

OVER THE COAL QUESTION.

Shows How a Graduate of the Coal Mines Did as Much as a University Graduate to Settle Strike.

New York, Dec. 31.—The coal strike question was discussed by some of the speakers at the dinner given at Sherry's last night to the delegates to the university conference. James W. Alexander, of Yale, speaking on "The Universities and Modern Business," suggested playfully that each university should have its trust and, after assigning various commodities to the different universities said: "Somebody else can take John Mitchell and the strikers. They are the biggest trust of all."

Case Against Mascagni Dismissed

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, was arraigned in court today on a charge of embezzling \$5,000 from his former manager, Richard Heard of Boston. After hearing both sides, Justice Hurley immediately dismissed the case. The courtroom was filled with Italians, who applauded vigorously as Mascagni, thankful and smiling, left for his hotel.

Fatal Duel With Pistols.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 31.—As a result of a quarrel, Albert McLean and William Wolfe, attaches of the Phoenix theater at Hobart, fought a duel today with revolvers, and both were shot. Wolfe's wounds resulted in his death. McLean will recover and is under arrest.

China Refuses to Pay in Gold.

Peking, Dec. 31.—Confirmation was obtained here today in dispatches to the consuls at Shanghai to the foreign ministers here of the report that the Chinese government had refused to pay the January installment of the indemnity on a gold basis, owing to the recent great fall in the price of silver. The ministers will insist upon the payment being made on the gold basis.

Justice Shiras Will Resign.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Justice Shiras, of the supreme court of the United States, will retire some time during the present winter. The date has not yet been fixed and cannot be until certain cases have been argued and other cases which have been set for argument have been disposed of. Mr. Shiras, however, will retire during the present session of Congress, in order that his successor may be confirmed before the adjournment. Among the names proposed as his successor is that of William H. Taft, civil governor of the Philippines.

Artist Roche Arrives.

New York, Dec. 31.—Alexander Roche, the portrait painter, who, it has been announced, comes here to paint the portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie and Miss Carnegie, has arrived.

Kahn Will Bring a Contest.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Congressman Julius Kahn, defeated for re-election in the Fourth California congressional district by E. J. Livernash, has served

WANT A THOUSAND COPIES

Big Order From The New York Mailing & Advertising Agency Which Asks for That Number of The Deseret News Christmas Edition.

When the Deseret News received an order from Pettigill & company, the great New York advertising agency, a few days ago, for 500 copies of its Christmas paper, it got and filled what was probably the largest individual order ever given to any intermountain newspaper. But large and gratifying as it was, it has been eclipsed just one hundred per cent by an order which came today from another big eastern concern, The New York Mailing and Advertising Agency, which asks for 1,000 copies of the same edition, which it believes it can use with profitable results to its patrons.

This comes pretty nearly clearing out the entire edition, and is just one more mighty testimonial of the worth of the Deseret News as an advertising as well as a news medium. The keenest and most discriminating judges of advertising in the world are these big agencies and when they place immediate orders without solicitation and for spot cash, it may be accepted as a certainty that they know that the paper will get them their money back with a good profit for their pains and foresight.

chief broke away and escaped. It is believed that he did not take any stamps or letters.

South Park Train Wrecked

Denver, Dec. 31.—The combination train on the South Park railroad, which left Denver last evening, was wrecked about 4 o'clock this morning near Breckenridge. The engine and four cars jumped the track and rolled down an embankment. Engineer Daniel Williams and Fireman Frank Younger, both of Como, were pinned under the locomotive and were terribly scalded. Williams died two hours after being removed from the wreck. Younger may recover. The passenger car remained upon the track and no passengers were injured.

Ex-Banker Dreyer Goes to Jail.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Edward S. Dreyer, former banker and treasurer of the West Park board, was taken to jail today to begin a long delayed sentence for withholding \$316,000 of park funds. Nearly four years have passed since the conviction, during which time he has been incarcerated in the county jail waiting the results of efforts looking toward his release.

Customs Figures for 1902.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Customs figures for the calendar year, December estimated, at imports of gold and silver, \$10,508,000, against \$19,357,786 last year. Merchandise, imports, aggregated \$583,321,455, as against \$585,979,375 last year. Duties collected for merchandise amounted to \$179,954,394, an increase of about \$15,000,000 over last year.

JONAS GLASS CO.

Court Hears Arguments in Suit for Attachment for Contempt.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 31.—Argument was heard before Vice Chancellor Gray today in the suit brought by the George Jonas Glass company to have the conviction, during which time he violated an injunction restraining the association and its members from intimidating employees of the glass company who were not members of the union. Vice Chancellor Gray will later hear arguments on counter proceedings instituted by the Glass Blowers' association to restrain the Jonas company from interfering with them.

Fatally Shot By Robbers.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 31.—In Kansas City, Kan., today, one of two men shot and fatally wounded Jesse B. Dullin, aged 33, keeper of a stall at the city market on the Missouri side, firing from behind. Dullin, who was driving a wagon, arose in the seat after being shot and fired at the two men, wounding one, but both escaped. Their purpose evidently was robbery.

Capital Stock Increased.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 31.—The Consolidated Tobacco company today presented at the secretary of state's office for filing a certificate increasing its capital stock from \$34,000,000 to \$40,000,000. The document was rejected because of some technical imperfection. A new certificate will be presented later.

Dr. Lorenz Sails for England.

New York, Dec. 31.—Dr. Lorenz, the orthopedic surgeon of Vienna, sailed today for England.

All-American Bowling Team.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Manager Sam Karpoff, Althebach, John J. Voorhees of New York, Peter Wolf of Brooklyn, and Ernest P. Peterson of Chicago, who made up the All-American bowling team, which has been touring the western country, arrived here today on their way to Saginaw, Mich. While no meeting will be effected between the All-Americans and the "Big Three"—Ward, Thompson and Strong—on the present trip, it is said to be possible that a match can be arranged upon later and the Indianapolis national tournament in February is suggested as a favorable opportunity. So far the All-Americans can show a clean slate, having won every series they rolled, although dropping some 45 games on the trip.

EQUALIZATION BOARD REPORTS.

Files Its Annual Statement With the Governor.

ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR

It Amounts to \$115,047,210, An Increase of \$5,445,561 Over Last Year.

The annual report of the state board of equalization has been filed with Gov. Wells. The report shows the total assessment of all the property of the state for the year to be \$115,047,210, which is an increase of \$5,445,561 over that of the year 1901. The total amount of property assessed by the board alone was \$22,169,650, an increase of \$3,999,512 over last year.

The secretary of the board states that it is very difficult to make a proper assessment on the proceeds of coal mines owing to the fact that the larger producers turn the products of their mines into coke, and claim that the net proceeds from the sale of coke is not included in the law and are not taxable, thereby depriving the state of the revenue it should receive from such coal companies for the coal so converted. The secretary recommends the passage of a law whereby the proceeds from the sale of coke could be assessed.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The board makes a number of recommendations, which follow in full: First—That the allowance to the board for its expenses be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,100 a year.

Second—That more stringent legislation be enacted, compelling county commissioners to have maps prepared for the use of the assessor.

Third—That specific penalties be provided for the failure by county auditors to make reports on the date required by law.

Fourth—That the secretary of the state board of land commissioners be required to furnish assessors each year the total amount paid up to the time of making the report on each piece of land sold by the state, with the name of the purchaser.

Fifth—That a law be passed defining coke as one of the products from which coal mining companies receive "net proceeds," and compelling the companies making coke to return the net proceeds of the same to the board.

AFRAID AT POINT LOMA.

A House Maid Tells Court How She Was Overworked.

San Diego, Dec. 31.—The cross-examination of Miss Matilda Kratzer, who testified that she was overworked as housemaid at Point Loma, was commenced when the Times-Tribune trial resumed this morning. She said that money was not paid to the institution for the maintenance of herself or her mother, and that she expected to do some work in return for education. She was certain 15 minutes twice a week was all the time that she had to practice upon the piano. Giving an account of her time from morning until night, the witness justified her original statement that she was kept busy. Miss Kratzer said again that her own dress, made from the pelvis to the chest, gradually suspending the functions of the organs until death ensued. The pressure of the cartilaginous growth upon the heart and other organs of respiration, believed to have been the immediate cause of death.

Special Series of Time Signals.

Washington, Dec. 31.—A special series of time signals, on the same plan as the signals sent out daily at noon, will be transmitted from the United States naval observatory here over the lines of the W. U. Telegraph company at midnight, seventy-eighth meridian time, Dec. 31, and again at 1, 2 and 3 a. m., seventy-fifth meridian time, Jan. 1, as an exact midnight signal to the eastern, central mountain and Pacific coast sections, for the benefit of those interested in all parts of the country in knowing the exact instant of the beginning of the new year.

Judge Allen Craig Dead.

Mauch Chunk, Pa., Dec. 31.—Judge Allen Craig, of the common pleas court of Monroe and Pike counties, died suddenly at his home in this city last night.

Rain to Have Conductor.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Archbishop Rain has received word from Rome empowering him to apply for a conductor, and he has issued a call to the consultants and the irremovable rectors of the archdiocese of St. Louis, asking them to meet at the place two men, waging a name for the conductorship on Jan. 6, at Kenrick seminary. This action of the propaganda does away with any

Germany Notifies Spain.

Her Attitude Towards Morocco Will be Similar to That of France and Great Britain—No Great Fear for Safety of Missionaries—England, Spain and Portugal Send War Vessels to African Coast.

Madrid, Dec. 31.—Germany has notified Spain that she intends to observe an attitude towards Morocco similar to that of France and Great Britain. All the powers are thus in accord with Spain's desire to maintain the status quo.

A dispatch received here from Ceuta, Morocco, says that a Moor who was under British protection has been murdered by Moors between Tangier and Tetuan.

The Kabyles, in the vicinity of Melilla, Morocco, are quiet.

People who have arrived at Ceuta from Fez do not take very serious views of the situation there.

MISSIONARIES PROBABLY SAFE.

London, Dec. 31.—The missionary headquarters in London have telegraphed to Tangier for information regarding the missionaries in Morocco for whose safety, however, not much fear is felt.

The latest advices from the Americans at Mequinez show that Messrs. Welliver, of Minnesota, and Reed, of Kansas City, were to go after two recent trouble at Mequinez. Six other missionaries are presumed to be at Mequinez.

PORTUGAL SENDS WARSHIPS.

Lisbon, Dec. 31.—The government of Portugal is sending warships to Morocco to protect Portuguese interests there.

SPANISH WAR VESSELS SAIL.

Gibraltar, Dec. 31.—The Spanish sloop of war, Infanta Isabel, sailed from Algeciras today for Morocco.

Gen. Chacel will assume command of the Spanish expeditionary force should developments in Morocco necessitate its dispatch to that country.

ORDERED TO TANGIER.

Barcelona, Spain, Dec. 31.—The cruiser Rio de la Platta has been ordered to Tangier, where she will watch events.

College Chess League Tournament.

New York, Dec. 31.—The fourth annual tournament of the triangular college chess league, consisting of Brown, Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania was begun here today. Each university was represented by two players. The tournament will be continued for the rest of the week, one round to be played each day.

Geo. Chapman Again Arraigned.

London, Dec. 31.—George Chapman, whose preliminary trial is still going on at a police court here, was today arraigned on additional charges of murdering his first and second wives, the autopsy of whose estimated remains indicated that they had been poisoned. The prisoner has applied to Consul-General Evans for protection.

Chapman went to London from America in 1892. He was arraigned at a police court Oct. 27 last charged with having poisoned a young woman reputed to be his wife.

The public prosecutor identified the prisoner as Severino Proski, a native of Warsaw, Russian Poland, where he at one time combined the callings of doctor's assistant and barber.

Relief for Finland.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—Count Bobrinsky, who co-operated with the American famine work in 1917, has received information from the Finnish government that the relief required in Finland and telegraphed to Minister of Interior Von Plehve, who has authorized him to say that money will be gratefully received, but that other contributions are not wanted.

Sloan's Valet Bound Over.

London, Dec. 31.—Tod Sloan's valet, a Swiss, named Carl, was remanded at a police court here today charged with stealing the American jockey's diamond sleeve links, valued at \$425, a dress suit and other articles. Sloan, who said he desired to go abroad, was bound over to attend the trial.

Milwaukee Carriage Plant Burned.

Milwaukee, Dec. 31.—The entire plant of the Charles Abresch company, carriage makers, at 323-326 Fourth street, was destroyed by fire at an early hour today, entailing a loss of upwards of \$100,000.

The fire was under control and the flames were directed streams on the smoldering ruins. The south wall of the main building fell, injuring seven firemen. The injured were taken to the emergency hospital. Capt. Patrick Roddy of engine company No. 1 was the most seriously injured. The condition of the injured men is not regarded as serious, the injuries consisting of cuts and bruises.

John C. McKenna Resigns.

Bradford, Pa., Dec. 31.—John C. McKenna, for 21 years general manager of the Bradford, Bordell and Kinross railroad, has resigned to take effect Jan. 1.

Boers Volunteer to Fight Somalis.

Cape Town, Dec. 31.—A detachment of 200 Boers have volunteered for military service in a Somaliland expedition from here next week.

Austrian Provisional Budget.

Vienna, Dec. 31.—An imperial decree under article 14, the emergency clause of the constitution, was gazetted today authorizing a provisional budget for the period ending June 30, 1903.

Brooks Exceeded His Authority.

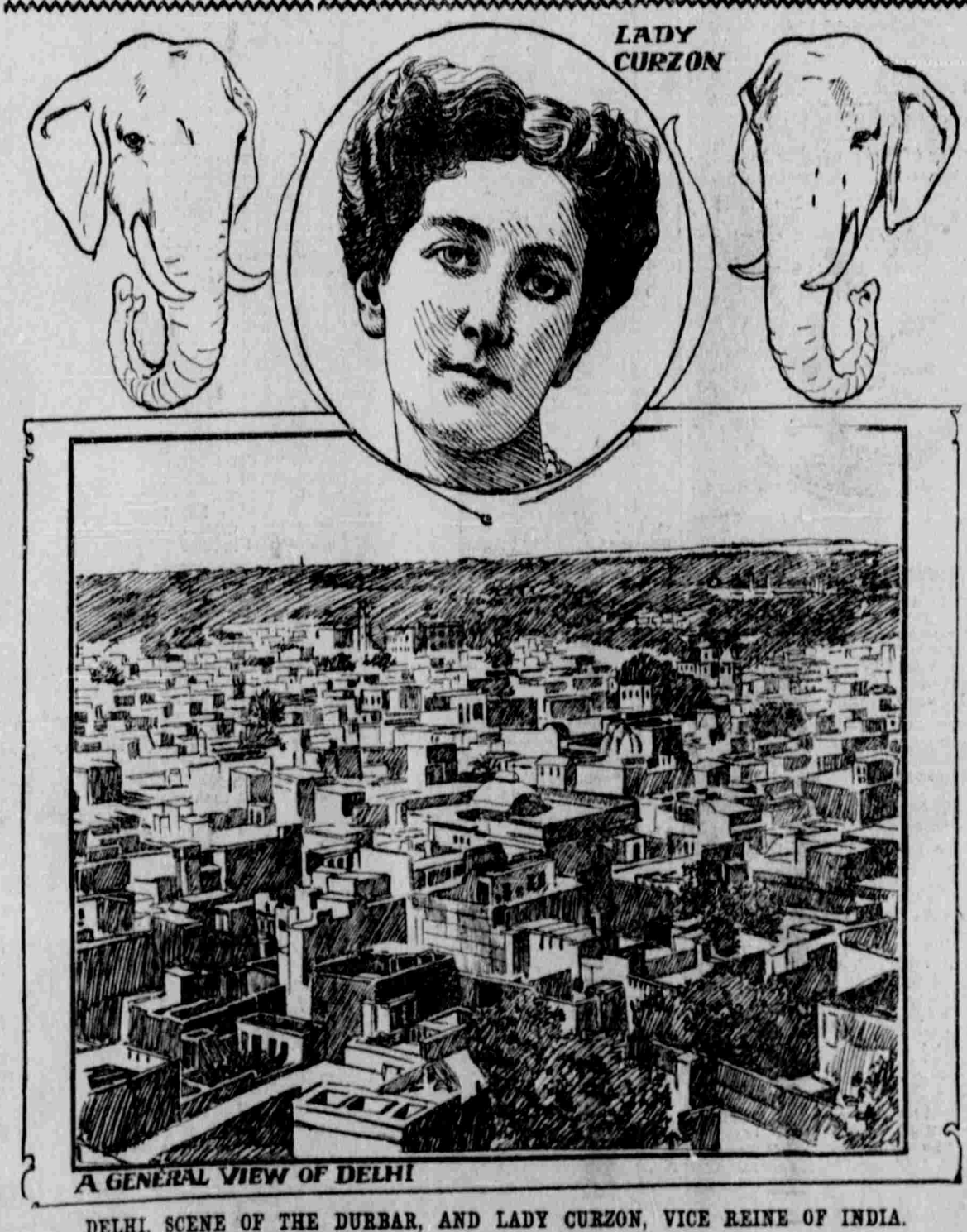
New York, Dec. 31.—Magistrate Evans today handed down a decision that Police Inspector Brooks had violated section 120 of the penal code and had exceeded his authority in forcibly entering a gambler's alleged gambling house of Dec. 1, 1902. The magistrate held that Brooks must be held for trial and must answer in the court of special sessions. The decision was the outcome of a preliminary hearing in the action brought against the inspector for forcibly entering a gambler's.

Big Jump by Cende Oil.

Lima, O., Dec. 31.—Crude oil jumped three cents per barrel in the fields today, making the price of this field: North Lima, \$1.15; South Lima and Indiana, \$1.10.

Bank Robbers Frightened Away.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 31.—Bank robbers, presumably the same gang which has been operating extensively throughout central Illinois, made an effort last night to rob the Auer bank at Princeton, but it is presumed they were frightened away. They entered the bank through a window, but did not make the safe. They were probably frightened away as their tools were found this morning. There is no clue.



DELHI, SCENE OF THE DURBAR, AND LADY CURZON, VICE REINE OF INDIA.

King Edward will be crowned emperor of India by proxy at Delhi, India, on Jan. 1. Lady Curzon, who was Miss Daisy Leiter of Chicago, will be a conspicuous personage at the ceremony, as her husband is governor of India.

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