

MUTUAL LIFE'S BOOKS MISSING.

Those Showing Supply Department's Transactions Under Fields' Management.

WERE DESTROYED OR STOLEN

Temporary President Cromwell Has Searched in Vain for Them—Three Men May Know.

New York, Dec. 20.—Discovery was made yesterday according to the Herald that books of record which should show in detail the transactions of the Mutual Life Insurance company's supply department while it was under the management of Andrew C. Fields have been destroyed or stolen from the safe in which the department records are kept. For more than three weeks this has been known to the company's temporary president, Frederick Cromwell, and he has searched the Mutual Life building from top to bottom without finding the least trace of the missing books.

There is a demand for the production of these books before the Mutual's investigating committee, of which W. H. Truesdale is chairman, that brought to light the fact of their disappearance. When the members of the investigating committee learned of the disappearance of the records they began a search on their own account, going so far as to employ detectives for this purpose. These men have reported that they have been unable to find any clue which will help them in locating the missing books.

There are three men employed in the Mutual's supply department, who were believed by the members of the investigating committee to have knowledge of the whereabouts of the records. Accordingly they summoned W. H. Carpenter, who according to his testimony before the Armstrong committee, was in charge of Mr. Fields' "House of Mirrors" in Albany. Mr. Carpenter was examined on Monday, but after he left the committee room the members were no wiser than before. C. A. Norris, who was Fields' assistant in the supply department, was next questioned, but he failed to throw any light on the subject of the books.

The third man who, they believed, could tell them something about the missing records, is Julius Heyne, book-keeper of the department. The investigators, it was said yesterday, had not been able to secure the presence of Mr. Heyne before them.

D. K. PEARSONS' LITTLE JOKE.

One of J. R. Walsh's Bank Victims Gets Fun Out of Failure.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The only jocular note heard thus far concerning the Walsh failure comes from D. K. Pearson, philanthropist and stockholder in the Chicago National bank.

Mr. Pearson's enjoyment of what he calls "Walsh's decline and fall" is due to his unshaken belief that the new directorate will bring both depositors and stockholders through without loss. That much conceded, the college benefactor takes the position that his \$48,000 tied up in 132 shares, entitles him to whatever humor he can find in the situation. "John R. Walsh was a smart man, but no banker," said Mr. Pearson last night. "Friend John certainly has mixed things up. He was altogether too sanguine to make a good banker, and now he is repeating the result."

"Of course I would not be talking like this if I did not believe that everybody would come out of it unscathed. People can say what they have a mind to, but I, who have known John R. Walsh for 45 years, know that he is an honest man and that his investments ultimately will run out all right."

"Let's take things cool and go slow. At any rate that is going to be my motto, notwithstanding the liability entailed in my 132 shares. That committee of Chicago bankers is doing a magnificent piece of work, and the fact that it has undertaken to straighten out John's affairs supports my belief that genuine and sufficient assets are there."

"Poor John! I have known him ever since he kept that dinky little newsstand on Dearborn street. His only mistake has come rather late in life. If he had stopped getting richer and tried to give away his money he would still be a rich man."

ECONOMY IN SUFFOLK CO.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—Another change in the policies in vogue in Suffolk county, designed to reduce expenditures, was instituted yesterday by Dist. Atty. John B. Moran, when he ordered a discontinuance of the practice of summoning many policemen to testify in cases before the grand jury. As much as \$200,000 has been diverted from the county treasury, it is alleged, calling in an excessive and unnecessary number of witnesses and the distribution of witness and mileage fees. It is stated that in the future Mr. Moran will not permit policemen to bring unnecessary witnesses before the grand jury.

NEW DEPARTURE AT YALE.

Not in Athletics but University is to Have a Commercial Museum.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.—Yale is to have a commercial museum. This announcement was made last night following the arrival of a shipment of valuable plant and textile collections from the department of agriculture and the Canadian Pacific railroad. Among them are the Alaskan, Porto Rican and Hawaiian collections shown at Portland, which are almost invaluable, and cases of material showing plant breeding, drugs, poisonous plants and products, illustrations of plant introduction, fibres and grass and forage plant seeds. The museum is to be used in the course in commercial geography. The collections were received through the interest taken in the Yale museum by Secy. Wilson and others.

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CONVICTS TURN HEROES AT A FIRE

Marshaled With Fire-Fighters And Life-Saving Corps on Blackwell's Islands.

SAVED HUNDREDS OF WOMEN.

Rushed Through the Flames and Rescued Female Inmates at Peril Of Their Lives.

New York, Dec. 20.—Men forgot that they were convicts and remembered only that they were men on Blackwell Island early this morning when the male prisoners, marshaled by their keepers into a fire-fighting and life-saving corps, bore from the flaming floors of the women's wards 594 frantic women and from the hospital beds 50 more.

Starting in the sewing room of the workhouse and from a cause which has not yet been definitely decided, the fire had reached a fierce blaze at 2 o'clock, when it was discovered. The fire engine on the island proved inadequate and a call for help was sent to the city department. Seven engines were sent over but were not sufficient to save the women's workhouse from destruction.

On the top floor of this building were cells for the women and everyone held one or two prisoners when the fire occurred. These women became frantic with fright and were soon closing with the dense smoke that filled all the halls and their cells.

That most of them did not perish is due to the recent installation of a system by which in emergencies every cell in a tier can be opened simultaneously with all the others.

When the extent and danger of the blaze became apparent the warden marshaled his regular fire fighting force of employees and soon were all at work.

The flames spread so fast, however, that this force proved hopelessly inadequate. Then it was decided to trust to the male prisoners' sense of manhood and they bore the test well.

Released from their cells and marshaled into small bodies they entered the burning building and went at the work of fire fighting and rescue with utter disregard of the danger to themselves. The flames were crackling all about them and they plunged through the densest smoke when they brought out in their arms the last of the women prisoners.

The fire bells and the shouts of the men at work could be heard all over the island and in the hospitals and buildings of the other institutions there was a panic which was quieted with difficulty by the nurses, physicians and keepers.

The fire was confined to the women's workhouse.

Although only part of the convicts were used in rescuing the women, those who remained locked in their cells made frantic appeals to be allowed to help. As the screams of the women penetrated to their cells some of the convicts fell upon their knees, beating the bars with their fists and imploring the guards to let them out to fight the fire. When refused they begged that at least the guards go to the rescue, promising that they would be their own jailers.

The fire lasted over two hours, and consumed all of the women's prison, the hospital and half of the workhouse lighted up the shores of Long Island and the shipping. East river and glided the tall buildings on the New York side of the river. The wood work in the house being 50 years old, burned almost like paper. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

MAJ. MONTGOMERY MACOMBE ON RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR

New York, Dec. 20.—Major Montgomery Macombe of the artillery, the last American officer to leave the staff of the Russian army in Manchuria, and who arrived last evening from Southampton, said that he had left the army in October and that at that time the discipline was excellent. Political agitators had not then begun their work of creating disaffection.

The major said that he regarded the terms of peace granted by the Japanese to the Russians as very generous. The Russians were not in the situation of the French when the Germans demanded big indemnity. The conditions were essentially different.

The Japanese had not invaded what could be properly called Russian territory and they did not by any means have the Russians at their mercy. The Russian army was getting better all the time, even under its successive defeats. Never once had the Russians been surrounded by the Japanese. Its retreats had been masterly. If the war had been continued much longer both sides would have found their resources nearly exhausted. It was a good stroke of diplomacy for the Japanese to end it in a manner so satisfactory to themselves.

The major said the Russian soldier was brave and obedient. He has a good chance to find out, as he has been with the Russian army from the beginning to the end of the conflict.

MRS. MARK HANNA'S AUTOMOBILE STOPPED.

New York, Dec. 20.—An automobile in which Mrs. Mark Hanna, the widow of the senator, was riding in company with a woman, was stopped by Bicycle Policeman Hickey of the West One Hundred and Fifty-second street station late yesterday after a long chase. Hickey ordered Wm. Hayes, the driver to go to the Harlem police court. When they arrived there the court had adjourned and the sitting magistrate had gone. Then Hickey obliged Hayes to take the machine to the station house. There Mrs. Hanna gave \$100 cash bail for the driver. She complained bitterly of the arrest. She said the automobile had not been exceeding the speed limit. She also complained of the futile five mile excursion to the court.

Hickey said the car was going 30 miles an hour. He said he chased it along Riverside drive from One Hundred and Seventy to One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street.

RAILROAD RATE QUESTION.

Discussed at Length by Massachusetts Board of Trade Executive Council.

Boston, Dec. 20.—The railroad rate question was discussed at length at a meeting of the executive council of the Massachusetts state board of trade here yesterday and steps were taken looking toward the calling of a special meeting to consider the matter.

Charles C. Hamlin of Boston, vice president of the National Board of Trade, dwelt upon the great importance of the railroad rate question to the people of New England, saying that the commercial and industrial future of Boston is vitally related to the question whether the interstate commerce commission should be given the power to

fix a minimum as well as a maximum rate.

John Hopwell deplored the fact that Boston had gradually lost the headquarters of the big western railroads, copper mining companies and telephone companies which it had hoped to build up, stating that New York had steadily been stealing all of Boston's "accomplishments."

Harry W. Goddard of Worcester, speaking as a manufacturer said that his sympathies in the matter of rate legislation were with the railroads. "I believe," he said, "that the railroads will treat New England better than some political commission will."

SANTA FE WRECK LOSS.

Besides that of Life Much Money and Valuables Were Lost.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—The Journal says: Besides the loss of life in the Santa Fe train wreck at Lang, Kansas, Tuesday, there was about \$5,000 in gold and \$3,000 in currency and many thousands dollars worth of jewelry destroyed by the express car attached to the train taking fire. The money was in transit from the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City to Kansas bank-ers. One estimate places the value of the precious stones and gold and silver at \$20,000. Most of the packages contained Christmas presents.

"There is no doubt but that it will be fully six months before the entire loss of the express company is known," said D. T. Mervine, local manager of the Wells Fargo Express company. "In the safe was the currency in gold, and whatever space remained was filled with packages of jewelry. Our cashier estimates that there was about \$10,000 in money in the safe. The gold will be redeemed at practically its full value, and we are in hopes that the currency will be in a condition to warrant the treasury department in redeeming the greater part of it."

ARGUMENTS IN SUIT AGAINST DEPEW AND OTHERS

New York, Dec. 20.—Justice Fitzgerald, in the supreme court, yesterday, heard argument and reserved decision upon an application made by Wm. B. Hornblower, counsel for Wm. K. Vanderbilt, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Chauncey M. Depew and other defendants, directors of the New York and Harlem Railroad company, to strike from the complaint in the suit of Graham F. Blaney, Rose Sherman and Henry H. Sherman against the directors, certain allegations said to have been redundant and immaterial. The suit is brought to recover \$250,000 alleged to have been wasted by reason of the improvidence and unwise sale of \$12,000,000 of bonds of the New York and Harlem Railroad company by the defendants in 1897.

It is claimed that the directors of the New York Central and Hudson River and New York and Harlem Railroad companies were in most instances the same, and that the sale was managed by the directors of both companies, through a syndicate formed among them to profit by the sale of the bonds.

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