

DEATH TO DIVORCE.

WOMEN RAISE THEIR VOICE AGAINST LAWS.

They Hold That the Present System Is Entirely Too Lax and Want General Reform—Legal Separation Discussed Yesterday.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Complaints against the present system of divorce laws was the burden of today's session of the national council of women. The discussion was led by the official report of the committee on divorce reform, read by Chairman Bortelle Dietrick of Massachusetts. It embodied responses received from a number of state governors, who were asked to call the attention of the legislatures to the status of the divorce laws and to appoint a committee to consist of an equal number of men and women, to consider the matter.

The question, the report said, was one vitally concerning the happiness and welfare of 70,000,000 people, and added:

"Women should thoughtfully consider the significance of the fact that thirty-one of these masculine servants of the people made no response to this just request of representative women. Only two—Greenhalge of Massachusetts and Brown of Rhode Island—promised to do all in their power to carry out the request. The governor of South Carolina wrote that that state had no divorce laws, and its people were better satisfied than their neighbors, whose states have divorce laws."

The report said that the fact that twenty-three states have appointed bodies of men to tinker with divorce laws, without appointing any women, ought to show women in what estimation the men of the United States hold their opinions.

BOODLING IN OMAHA.

Grand Jury Is Told that a Gambler Paid \$1,800 for Protection.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 28.—The grand jury has struck a trail which promises sensational developments. A well-known gambler, C. Donnelly, confessed to the jury yesterday that he had paid \$1,800 for protection. This fact was reported to Judge Scott and he at once went to the grand jury room and demanded to know the name of the official. Donnelly refused to tell, and Scott at once sentenced him to jail, declaring that Donnelly would stay there forever unless he confessed. It is believed Donnelly will weaken. He wishes to have time to consult with his patron, but the court refused all compromises.

Ship Passes Through Black Water.

New York, Feb. 28.—The American ship Reaper of Bath got here last night from Portland, Ore., after a voyage of 135 days with 75,000 bushels of wheat. In the north Pacific, about 360 miles above the equator, a month after she left Portland, the Reaper passed through a strip of black water, about sixty feet wide, extending as far as the eye could see from northwest to southeast, or parallel with the west coast of Central America and Mexico. Nov. 28 in the south Pacific a squall carried away every stitch of canvas except the three lower sails.

Aged Couple Assaulted.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 28.—Frank Cincivitch and wife, an old couple who kept a store at a place called Five-Mile Bend, some distance in the country west of Savannah, were brutally assaulted some time yesterday. The assault was committed by two negroes, the object, it is supposed, being robbery. The woman's jawbone was broken and she is likely to die. Cincivitch's head is badly bruised and he is in a critical condition. No clew to the assailants has been found.

Gen. Brayman Dead.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 28.—Gen. Mason Brayman, who died here yesterday, aged 82, was a personal friend of Lincoln and the secret agent of Gen. Grant. He was a newspaper man in early life and subsequently the special state prosecutor for Illinois in the famous Nauvoo troubles of the Mormons, and conducted the negotiations which eventually led to their leaving for the west. Brigham Young is said to have attempted his life.

Affects 100,000 Welsh Miners.

London, Feb. 28.—The negotiations for a revision of the sliding scale in the south of Wales mines have failed and the owners will notify the men that contracts will be terminated at the end of March, when the scale will expire unless revised. About 100,000 miners are affected. The decision of the owners will cause much bitterness and excitement.

Chinese Increasing Forces.

London, Feb. 28.—The Times' correspondent in Hai-Chen says: "The Chinese are now between Luyang and Liaolin river. Their force has been increased to 50,000. Sixteen thousand of them have been seen in the vicinity of Hai-Cheng since the 21st, but there has been no serious attack."

Germans Denounce Treaty.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—The imperial deputies of the Economic union have passed a resolution denouncing the commercial treaty between Germany and Argentina as inimical to German interests. Count Herbert Bismarck, who presided, spoke with vehemence against all commercial treaties.

Mother Dances, Child Burns.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 28.—Mary White locked her two children in her house last night and went off to a ball. The house caught fire and one of the children perished in the flames, its remains being charred into an unrecognizable form.

Japs Evacuate Ning-Pai.

Che-Foo, Feb. 28.—The Japanese have evacuated Ning-Hai and the people of Wei-Hai-Wei have mostly gone to Taiten-Wan.

Lord Rosebery Better.

London, Feb. 28.—Lord Rosebery's condition is much improved despite the continuance of his insomnia.

MANY LIVES LOST.

EXPLOSION OF GAS IN A NEW MEXICO MINE.

Twenty-five Bodies Already Recovered—Said to Have Been Eighty-five Men at Work in the Mine—Rescue Proceeds Slowly.

Cerrillos, N. M., Feb. 28.—White Ash coal mine, three miles from Cerrillos, was the scene of a terrible explosion a little before noon yesterday. Thirty-five men were working in four levels when the disaster occurred. Eleven of them have so far been rescued, all in a dying condition. Up to 10 p. m. twenty-five bodies have been taken out horribly mutilated and difficult of identification. The scenes of the identification of the wounded and dead were heartrending. The miners are all married men. When the news of the disaster spread, wives and children hurried from Waldo and Madrid. Not until evening, owing to the smoke, dust and noxious vapors that filled every approach to the workings, could any progress be made toward effecting a rescue and the efforts were cruelly rewarded, for up to 7 o'clock but one miner had been reached. His dead body was found near the entrance. Three hours later the rescuers succeeded in reaching the left fourth level and the dead bodies of several men were brought out.

The sight about the mine was heart-rending in the extreme. Frantic wives many of them carrying babies in their arms, having children clinging to their skirts or to them, stood at the entrance of the mine for hours amid tears and prayers watching and waiting, while hundreds of men vainly struggled to gain entrance further into the mine. Up to 5 o'clock the gas continued to pour forth from the single opening in the mine in such volume as to make the progress of the rescuers very difficult, but an hour later the noxious vapors cleared away and the work of recovering the dead bodies began to prove more successful.

Later in the evening eleven dying miners were discovered in a bunch. They were probably overcome in an effort to escape. It is thought the explosion was caused by the miners breaking through into some abandoned working, thus liberating the gas that had accumulated. The mouth of the shaft is the sole means of egress.

Nobody seems to know just how many men went into the mine in the morning. Ordinarily 150 men are employed, but the day being Wednesday it is said scarce half the usual quota of men were at work. Representative Laeden, lately employed there, says he is confident that not less than eighty-five men must have been in the workings at the time of the explosion. Twenty-two are known to be dead.

Gives Their Ideas on Dress Reform.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Dress reform was the theme of the discussion throughout yesterday's session of the national council of women. Practical suggestions for furthering the improved dress movement were made in the report of the chairman of the dress committee, Francis E. Russell of St. Paul, Minn. The committee made a vigorous protest against the present cumbersome skirts, high heels, and constricted waists, and characterized the modern civilized woman's dress as a demonstration of habitual idleness. The session closed with a plea for reform dress by Julia Pauline Leavitt of Maine, who referred to dressmaking as a profession in which stupidity was colossal.

Women the Victims of Whitecaps.

Muncie, Ind., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Manda Hamilton, 35, alleges that four masked men entered her house near Granville Monday night and beat her and her aged mother, Mrs. Eliza Graham, into insensibility. She swore out warrants for the arrest of Albert Sherry, Walter Berry, Elmer Ball and Rollie Wright, charging them with the crime. One of the men is justice of the peace in the township. It is thought Mrs. Hamilton is injured internally and may not recover. This is the first whitecap case for this county, and the prominence of the people concerned has caused much excitement, and further trouble is expected in that city, as the women have hundreds of sympathizers.

Another Texas Train Robbery.

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 28.—Last night at 8 o'clock the north bound Houston & Texas Central train as it stopped at the intersection of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, five miles north of here was held up by seven highwaymen, who covered the engineer with six-shooters. They ran the train half a mile and compelled Express Messenger A. H. Harris of Wells-Fargo to open his door and safe and tear open packages. There was no money, but the robbers took the express messenger's pistol. The sheriff is out with bloodhounds trying to run down the robbers.

Strike Remains Unsettled.

New York, Feb. 28.—The state board of arbitration tried to settle the strike of the electrical workers here to-day, but failed. James Strong, president of the Electrical Contractors' Association, appeared before the board but would not yield an inch. He said the men must return to work at once before the contractor would treat with them, and under no consideration would the eight hour a day request be granted until after May 15 next.

Newfoundland Officials Re-elected.

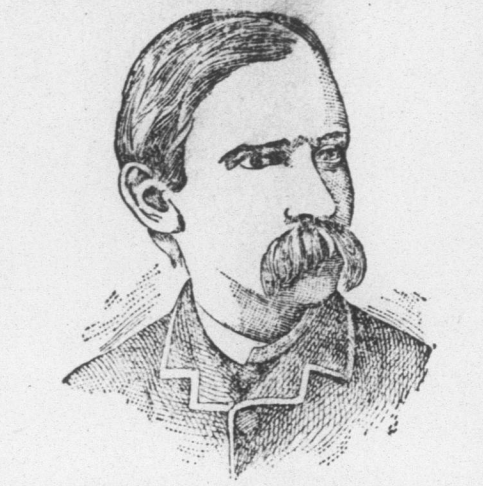
St. Johns, N. F., Feb. 28.—Prime Minister Whiteway and Mr. Dawe, financial secretary representing Harbor Grace; Mr. Morris, cabinet minister, and Mr. Scott, receiver-general of St. Johns West, and Mr. Woods, surveyor-general of Bay de Verde, were yesterday elected without opposition.

WILSON IN CABINET.

NOMINATED YESTERDAY TO BE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

A Reward for Making a Losing Fight—Mr. Bissell Will, It Is Said, Accept the Attorneyship for German Legation.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The President has nominated William L. Wilson of West Virginia to succeed Wilson S. Bissell as postmaster-general. William L. Wilson is best known to the country in connection with his recent tariff work in congress. He has been a tariff student since he first entered congressional life in 1882, but it was not until the present congress that he became chairman of the ways and means committee, and as such the official leader of the majority in the house.



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SUNDRY CIVIL BILL IN THE SENATE.

Deficiency Measure Reported by Appropriations Committee.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Lucien Baker, the new senator-elect from Kansas, was on the floor of the senate to-day for the first time and was introduced to his associates by Senator Martin, whom he succeeded.

Senator Gallinger briefly addressed the senate in favor of a plan presented by the Daughters of the Revolution that a copy of the declaration of independence be conspicuously displayed in every postoffice.

The deficiency appropriation bill was reported by Senator Cockrell, leaving only one bill—the naval—remaining before the appropriations committee.

Consideration of the sundry civil bill was then resumed. Senator Pettigrew offered an amendment appropriating \$300,000 for seed for the drought sufferers of the northwest.

After a short debate the amendment was agreed to—yeas 33, nays 17.

Senator Hale urged an amendment of \$125,000 for government participation in the Tennessee state centennial in 1895.

A point of order against the amendment made by Senator Cockrell was submitted to the senate and the appropriation was sustained—yeas 33, nays 15.

Senator Stewart moved to reconsider the amendment already adopted for participation by the United States in an international monetary conference. He said France was the only European country in a position to participate in such a conference with any prospect of fairness to silver. He therefore would propose an amendment to the proposition instructing the United States delegates not to agree to any ratio short of 16 to 1.

BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE.

Veto of Another Pension Bill Received from the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 28.—There was a large attendance on the floor when the house met to-day. The speaker laid before the house the President's veto of the bill to pension Catherine Ott, and it was referred to the committee on pensions.

The fifty-four bills passed by the senate on Tuesday night (most of them of minor importance) were laid before the house and disposed of.

The senate amendment to the bill to prohibit the wearing of the sign of the Red Cross without permission of the National Red Cross society was agreed to.

Bissell's New Job.

Washington, Feb. 28.—A report was current this morning that Postmaster-General Bissell, who yesterday resigned from the cabinet, is to become attorney



for the German legation here and act as counsel in adjusting the international dispute that has arisen over the sugar duty and the retaliatory embargo on American meats.

HOUSE MEMBERS ARE ANGRY.

Dislike Senate's Action in Passing the Hated Bounty Bill.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Much dissatisfaction is expressed by the members of the house appropriations committee over the amendments which are being added to the sundry civil bill by the senate. Particular dissatisfaction is manifested against the sugar bounty provision, since the house has already voted upon that question in different ways and always signified its opposition to the bounty. That it will do so again is not doubted by the democrats and there may be a serious difference between the two houses over the question. Another matter that troubles members of the house is the number of public buildings for which appropriations have been added to the sundry civil bill. The democrats of the committee will make a fight against these additions and the members whose items originally received the committee's

sanction are fearful that the buildings for their own districts may be endangered by the additions and that complications will be brought about which will threaten the success of all the building provisions.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

Louis M. Buford, of Illinois, for Consul at Paso del Norte, Mexico.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The president to-day sent the following nominations to the senate:

Louis M. Buford, of Illinois, to be consul of the United States at Paso del Norte, Mexico. D. B. Spagnoli, of California, to be consul of the United States at Milan, Italy. Commodore William A. Kirkland to be rear admiral. Captain Francis M. Bunce to be commodore. Commander Purcell F. Harrington to be captain. Lieutenant Samuel W. Very, to be commander. Lieutenant John L. Rogers, to be lieutenant commander. Lieutenant (junior grade) A. C. Almy, to be a lieutenant. Ella M. Connolly, postmistress at Red Key, Ind.

SAW THE WILL STOLEN.

So Says a Man Who Demands \$15,000 from Charles Fair.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 28.—Charles L. Fair has received a second letter from an unknown correspondent at Brookings, S. D., stating that he witnessed the abstraction of the will of the late James G. Fair from the county clerk's office on Jan. 8, and offering to reveal the identity of the thief for \$15,000. The writer gives Fair until March 25 to remit the money. At the same time he wrote to the attorneys for the executors, making the same proposition. The recipients paid no attention to the letters, but there is much speculation concerning the clumsy but persistent blackmail.

Fifteen suits for sums aggregating over \$1,500,000 have been dismissed, removing the last obstruction to the distribution of the immense estate of John H. Doe, well known in this city as being one of the biggest lumbermen on the coast. The estate, which is worth nearly \$1,400,000, has been in course of litigation for some years, the chief obstacle to its final distribution being the pendency of the suits just compromised. Two other estates of equal value are also still in the courts because of the suits against Doe's estate. They are those of Metcalf and Bradley of Milwaukee, the principal men in the Waterloo Mining company.

BEAR ATTACKS A MAN.

Paper Carrier Has a Hand-to-Hand Encounter with a Hungry Brute.

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 28.—Henry Bercey, a carrier for a morning paper, had an exciting experience with a bear about 7 o'clock yesterday morning in West Duluth, and it was only after a desperate fight that the young man made his escape. Near the corner of Fremont avenue and Fifty-ninth avenue west, he saw the bear, lean and hungry after its long winter fast. The young man started to run and the bear started after him. Dropping his papers, Bercey drew his pocket knife and turned. As the bear came near the boy made a lunge at the animal, which made a dash at the young man. Bercey avoided the brute for a time but was finally clasped by the animal. Bercey used his knife with good effect and forced the bear to release his hold for a moment. Bercey jumped to the side of his antagonist and plunged his knife into the bear's neck. This made the brute weaken and it lost no time in beating a retreat. Outside of being somewhat frightened and scratched, Bercey was not injured.

WHEAT LIKELY TO FREEZE.

Increased Apprehension of Injury Reported from Four States.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 28.—The Price Current summarizes the crop situation for the past week as follows: "A trying period for the wheat crop is now inaugurated. Enlarging areas report more apprehension of injury from freezing and thawing in Kansas and Missouri and somewhat in Illinois and Indiana. The average condition has evidently lowered. There is almost uniform reference to low wheat supplies and that they are held for better prices. The week's packing of hogs amounted to 370,000, against 300,000 for the corresponding week last year. The indicated total for four months is 7,100,000, against 4,855,000 during a like period in 1894."

Mrs. Dixon Gets Insurance.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 28.—In the federal circuit court a jury returned a verdict for \$24,276 in favor of Mrs. Cora Dixon against the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York. The court and jury held that the company did not give the notice as required by New York statute that the payments were due and non-payment would forfeit the policy. The suit was brought on two policies and for interest. The insured man was Thomas L. Dixon, a well-known mining man.

Mail Rider Slain by Robbers.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 28.—The mail rider on the route between Forest and Raleigh was murdered in the interior of Smith county Tuesday afternoon. As the mail bags were ripped open and rifled of their contents it is supposed robbery was the object. Officers are diligently searching for the murderer but so far have found no clue.

For An Arctic Expedition.

New York, Feb. 28.—The Daily News of Stockholm, Sweden, announces that a Swedish antarctic expedition is being organized in that city. Dr. Otto Nordenskiöld, son of Baron Nordenskiöld, will be the leader of the party, which will include also Dr. Axel Ohlin of the University of Lund.

Eugenie Going to Corsica.

Paris, Feb. 28.—Ex-Empress Eugenie will start from England for Corsica on Saturday. She will sojourn for some time in Ajaccio. The government is taking precautions to prevent royalist demonstrations which are likely to be attempted during her stay.

Distinguished Australian Dies.

Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 28.—Sir William Manling died here last evening. He was 84 years old. He had been solicitor-general, attorney-general, judge of the supreme court and member of the legislative council of New South Wales.

WHEAT AGAIN EASIER.

EUROPEAN ADVICES TO CHICAGO ARE CONFLICTING.

French Cables Show a Drop in Price for the Month—Not Much Change in Corn Conditions—Provisions Higher—The Wall Street Market.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—The Price Current weekly wheat message was bullish. It said wheat crop at the trying period and condition averaged lower; reports on reserves also almost uniformly say very low. From New York the trade had a batch of dispatches saying most of the Argentine wheat shivered and poor quality. Also cholera in two provinces of Argentina. Export clearances for the day were better than of late, reaching 350,000 bu wheat and flour. Northwest markets had heavy receipts of 329 cars but this appears to be expected and is not discounted by the heavier milling operations. Of the 291,000 bu wheat at primary points, Minneapolis and Duluth had 245,000, leaving only 46,000 for all other western markets. When the French cables showed the Paris February squeeze at an end and a drop of 10 to 40 in wheat and 1 1/4 francs in flour for the month, Liverpool wheat 1/2@3/4d lower in sympathy, there was a sudden weakening in this market. The May price, which started on a dip at 53 1/2c and got early bulge to 54 1/2c, sold back to 53 1/2c held a while at 54c bid and broke on the late cables to 53 1/2c@53 3/4c.

Wheat was inactive and heavy the last half hour. The sensational bulge of 3 francs in February flour at Paris by the official closing cable had little effect, as it was only a last day flurry. Export sales were reported 14 loads New York and 5 Baltimore, the latter to France. The May closed 53 1/2c, 1/2c under best price early, 1/4@3/4c under last night.

In corn there was no change of conditions. Receipts here were 247 cars. The estimate for Friday is heavy at 260 cars. The movement here yesterday was 184,000 bu receipts and 28,000 shipments. All western markets showed 365,000 bu received, against 676,000 a year ago, and 115,000 shipped. Exports for the day were quite liberal at 215,000 bu from four ports. May opened 45 1/2c, went to 45 1/4c@45 1/2c and back to 44 1/4c@44 1/2c after midday.

Corn closed at low point at 44 1/4c@44 1/2c. May, 1/2c under last night. Packing for four months was given by Price Current at 7,100,000 hogs against 4,855,000 a year ago. May pork advanced to \$10.35 and closed \$10.25, 10c higher. Lard was advanced to \$6.50 and closed \$6.47 1/2, 5c up. Ribs touched \$5.30 and closed \$5.27 1/2, 5c up.

Articles	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—No. 2.	52	51 1/2	51 1/2
May	54 1/2	53 3/4	53 3/4
July	55 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Corn—No. 2.	45	44 1/2	44 1/2
May	45 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
July	46	45 1/2	45 1/2
Sept.	45	44 1/2	44 1/2
Oats—No. 2.	28 1/2	28 1/4	28 1/4
May	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/4
June	29 1/2	28 3/4	29
July	28	27 3/4	27 3/4
Pork—			
May	10.35	10.25	10.25
Lard—			
May	6.50	6.42 1/2	6.42 1/2
Short Ribs—			
May	5.30	5.27 1/2	5.27 1/2

New York, Feb. 28.—The stock market opened moderately active but heavy. Sugar was taken in hand directly after 10:15 and marked up 1 per cent to 9 1/2c. The advance in this stock exerted a favorable influence on the rest of the list. There was a renewal of the selling pressure after 10:30 and at 11 o'clock there was a persistent drive against New York Central and Louisville & Nashville. The current prices of these stocks were 99 1/2 and 49 1/2 respectively. Material losses were also made in the rest of the market. The market at 12 o'clock was heavy at the lowest prices of the morning.

Money on call nominally 1 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3 1/2@4 1/2. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 48 1/2@49 for demand and at 48 1/4@48 1/2 for sixty days; posted rates, 48 1/2 and 48 1/2. Silver certificates, 69 1/2; no sales. Bar silver, 60 1/2. Mexican dollars, 48 1/2. Government bonds steady.

Athens	4	Manhattan	100 1/2
Amer. Tob.	90 1/2	Missouri Pac.	19 1/2
Baltimore & O.	57	Michigan	48 1/2
Can. Pac.	48 1/2	North Pac.	18 1/2
C. & B. & Q.	60 1/2	N. Y. Central	96 1/2
C. C. & St. L.	36 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Cordage	4 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Chicago Gas	7 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Chesapeake & O.	16	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Del. & Hudson	126	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
D. L. & W.	168 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Dist. Cad. Fd. C.	11 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Den. & R. G. pfd.	15 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Erie	8 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
East'n Illinois	9 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
East Tennessee	9 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Hocking Valley	18 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Illinois Central	18 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Jersey Central	88 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Kan. & Tex. pfd.	55 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Lead	26 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
L. N. A. & C.	48 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
L. N. & N.	48 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Linsed Oil	19 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Lake Erie & W.	19 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
L. E. & W. pfd.	19 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2
Lake Shore	135 1/2	N. Y. & N. E.	30 1/2

Government Bonds Stand at the Following Bid Prices:

Registered 2 1/2	95	Currency 6s	97 1/2
Registered 4 1/2	111	Currency 6s	98 1/2
Coupon 4s	112 1/2	Currency 6s	99 1/2
Currency 6s	95 1/2	Coupon 5s	115 1/2
Currency 6s	96 1/2	Registered 5s	115 1/2

Chicago Produce Market.

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