

DEATH TO DIVORCE. MANY LIVES LOST.

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 to-day'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 Botelle Dierck 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—Greenhage 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 states 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.

BODDLING 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 weep. He wishes to have time to consult with his attorney, 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 133 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 coasts 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 Assassinated.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 28.—Frank Cincovich 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. Cincovich'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. Marion 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 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 Haikou says: "The Chinese are now between Liyuan and Liaoan river. Their forces have been increased to 50,000. Sixteen thousand of them have been seen in the vicinity of Haikou since the 21st, but there has been no serious attack."

German 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 Hail.

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

Lord Rosebery Better.

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

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 heartrending 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 recovery began. 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 illness. 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 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

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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.

Dissolve 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

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 stu-

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dent 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.

SUNDY 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 succeeds.

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 sundy 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 Bissell urged an amendment of \$125,000 for government participation 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, Bissell 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. Bissell avoided the brute for a time but was finally clasped by the animal. Bissell used his knife with good effect and forced the bear to release his hold for a moment. Bissell 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, Bissell was not injured.

BEAR ATTACKS A MAN.

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

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 28.—Henry Bissell, 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, Bissell 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. Bissell avoided the brute for a time but was finally clasped by the animal. Bissell used his knife with good effect and forced the bear to release his hold for a moment. Bissell 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, Bissell 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 4,885,000 during a like period in 1894."

Money on call nominally 1½ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3½@4%.

Sterling exchange firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at 488½@489 for sixty days; posted rates, 488 and 489½.

Silver certificates, 60%; no sales.

Bar silver, 60½. Mexican dollars, 48½c.

Government bonds steady.

Closing quotations were:

Articles—High. Low. Close.

Wheat—No. 2. Feb. 23. Feb. 27

Feb. \$5.00 51½ 51½ 51½

May 54½ 53½ 53½ 54½

July 55½ 54½ 54½ 55½

Corn—No. 2.

Feb. 42½ 43½

May 54½ 44½ 44½ 43½

July 45 44½ 44½ 44½

Sept. 45 44½ 44½ 45

Oats—No. 2.

Feb. 28½ 28½

May 29½ 29½ 29½ 29½

June 29½ 28½ 29½ 29½

July 28 27½ 27½ 27½

Pork—

Feb. 10.35 10.25 10.25 10.15

May 6.50 6.42½ 6.47½ 6.42½

Short Ribs—

Feb. 5.07½ 5.07½ 5.07½

May 5.30 5.22½ 5.27½ 5.22½

Wall Street.

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 92½.

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 91½ and 49½ 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.

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Government bonds steady at the following bid prices:

Registered 2s. 95 Currency 6s. 97½@98½

Registered 4s. 111 Currency 6s. 98½@99½

Coupon 4s. 112½ Currency 6s. 99½@100½

Currency 6s. 95½@100½ Coupon 5s. 115½

Reg'd 5s ex 1.15