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PAST AND PRESENT

AS IT COMES TO US FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE EARTH.

Telegraphic Information Gathered by the Few for the Enlightenment of the Mass.

Miss Ethel Comes Out.

In the historic east room of the White House, beautifully decorated for the occasion, President Roosevelt's youngest daughter, Ethel, made her formal bow to Washington society. Preceding the dancing in the east room, Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Roosevelt welcomed the invited guests in the blue room. Miss Roosevelt's gown was of soft white satin, trimmed with crystals, while that of her mother was of dark blue satin. Seldom if ever has the east room presented a more attractive picture. Seated on a platform at the north end of the room was the Marine band orchestra, whose brilliant saint uniforms against a background of green formed a rich frame for the beautiful color scheme lavishly painted in the center of the room by the handsome gowns of the fair debutantes present. The invited guests numbered about 400, only unmarried members of the younger set participating in the dancing.

Dunn Jury Unable to Agree on Verdict.

Hopelessly divided and unable to arrive at a verdict after being out more than forty-six hours, the jury in the Dunn case was discharged by Special Judge Watkins at Fort Wayne, Ind. Thus comes to naught the third trial of the aged man indicted for the death of little Alice Crotcher at Wallen more than seven years ago. The deliberation of the jurors was a prolonged one establishing a record in the State. Dunn will remain at liberty under his present bond until the case is again taken up.

Nine Workmen Killed in Collision.

As a result of a collision between a freight train and a work train on the Great Northern railroad nine men are dead and a number of others badly injured. The collision occurred at Mid-canyon, about forty miles south of Great Falls, Mont., but details are lacking thus far. The work train was carrying men engaged on dredge work for the company and with one exception all the men killed were carpenters.

Attempt to Wreck Wright Aeroplane.

Just before making a flight at Le Mans, France, Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplane, discovered that someone had filled the oil box of his aeroplane with gasoline. The discovery probably prevented a serious accident. Subsequently Mr. Wright gave a remarkable exhibition the presence of a large number of spectators, including M. Barthou, the minister of public works.

Big Diamond Robbery in New York.

A robbery of \$20,000 worth of jewelry and \$5,000 in cash from a safe in the jewelry store of Sugar Stake at \$66 Third avenue, New York City, has been discovered. The robbers who got safely away with their booty, forced their way into the cellar, sawed a hole through the flooring to the store and pried off the dial of the combination lock.

Hill Back of 7,000,000 Acre Ranch.

According to private dispatches received in Denver, Col., a merger of Texas ranches in the territory presented by the Colorado & Southern is being formed and will comprise seven million acres of land worth \$15,000,000. James H. Hill, who secured control of the Colorado & Southern, is named as the interest behind the movement.

Hard Cider is Hit.

Attorney General Denman gave an opinion to Prosecutor Ladd, of Wood County, Ohio, that cider, if intoxicating and home-made wine may not be sold in dry territory. Cider may be sold if not intoxicating. A jury must decide if the cider is intoxicating.

Slayers of Carmack are Refused Bail.

Judge Hart at Nashville, Tenn., has refused bail to Colonel Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of Senator Carmack.

Ten Men Killed in Cave-In.

Ten are dead and several buried as the result of a cave-in at the blast furnace plant in Ensey, Ala.

Admiral Forsythe Stricken.

Reverend James Forsythe, U. S. N., retired, was stricken with paralysis at his home in Shamokin, Pa., and grave fears are entertained for his recovery. His entire left side is affected.

Auburn Junction Postoffice Robbed.

Safe blowers cracked the safe in the postoffice at Auburn Junction, Ind., and made good their escape with \$226 in money and over \$100 worth of stamps.

Child Swallows Tablets and Dies.

Anna Haines, of Goshen, Ind., 2 years old, swallowed tablets prescribed for Mrs. Earl Haney and died an hour and a half after in convulsions from strichnine poisoning. Her father, Arthur Haines, lives in Pittsburgh, and they were visiting his sister, Mrs. Haines.

Brakeman Run Down by Engine.

While his foot was caught in a switch at Hobart, Ind., Charles Rowe, a brakeman on a passenger train, was run down by an engine and killed. His home was at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Neck Broken in Fall Down Stairs.

Howard Hagenbush, a cement contractor of Winamac, Ind., was instantly killed by falling down a stairway in his office and breaking his neck. It is not known what caused him to fall. He was about 40 years old.

Steamer Wrecked; Seven Drowned.

The British cotton steamer Irida, from Galveston to Liverpool, was wrecked in a terrific gale off Point Mizenhead, the captain and six of the crew being drowned. The cargo, including 21,000 bales of cotton, was destroyed.

PRESIDENT OF FRANCE ATTACKED IN STREET

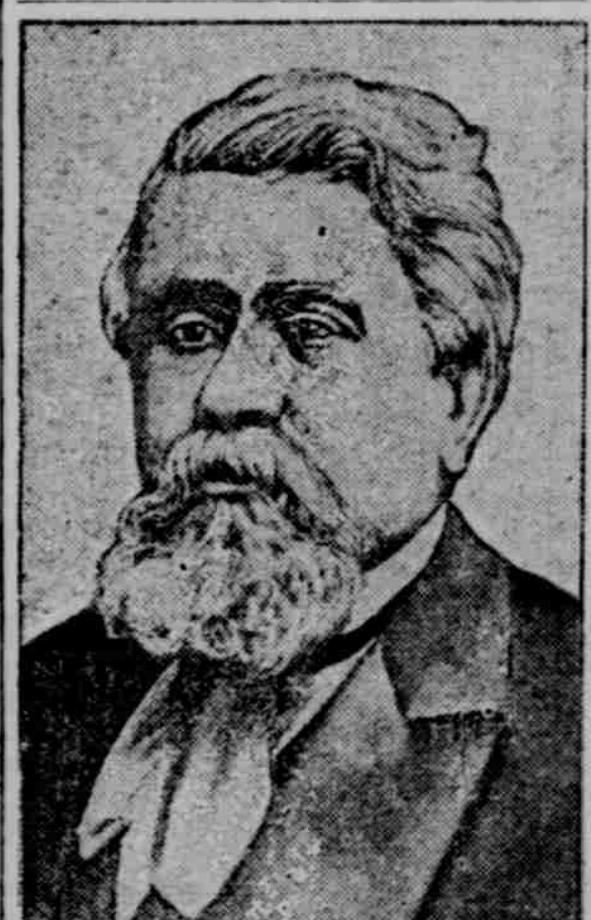
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ROYALIST PLOT IS SCENTED.

Insult Generally Believed to Be Act of Vainglorious Seeker After Notoriety.

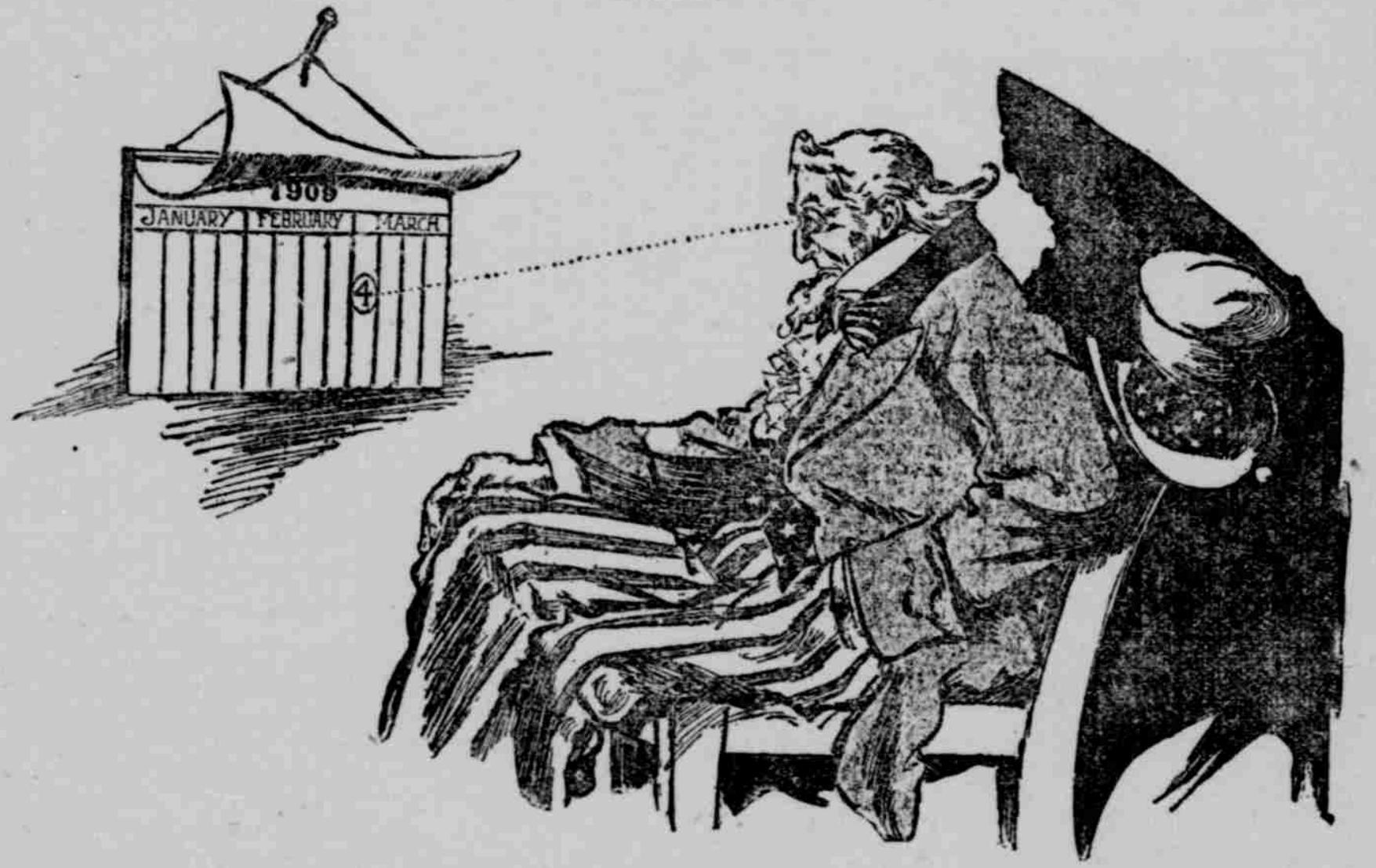
While Armand Fallieres, the President of France, accompanied by M. Ramondou, his secretary, and Colonel Lasson, military attaché at the Elysée palace, was taking a morning stroll near the Rue de l'Étoile in Paris, a poorly clad individual, who evidently had been lying in wait, suddenly jumped upon the President from behind and threw his arms about M. Fallieres' neck in an effort to seize his beard. Colonel Lasson and Secretary Ramondou sprang to the assistance of the President, dragged off his assailant and turned him over to two special detectives who had been following the party on bicycles. President Fallieres' cane was broken in the struggle, but beyond scratch on the car he was not injured and insisted on continuing his walk.

As the detectives slipped the handcuffs on the man he cried: "I am unarmed. I simply wanted to pull the President's beard." At the station house the President's assailant proved to be Jean Mattis, a cafe waiter. 21



PRESIDENT FALIERES.

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SUGAR KING SPRECKELS DIES.

Founder of Huge Refineries Is Victim of Pneumonia.

Claus Spreckels, widely known as the "Sugar King of the Pacific coast," died at 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning at his home in San Francisco in his eightieth year. The immediate cause of death was an attack of pneumonia, which developed with alarming symptoms during the past few days. His condition Christmas night told his physicians death was near and relatives remained at his bedside until the hour of his death.

Despite his advanced age Mr. Spreckels had devoted a large share of attention to the various enterprises in which he was interested, and it is not more than a month since he appeared before the Ways and Means Committee of the House in Washington as an authority on the subject of sugar duties.

Apart from the importance which attached to Claus Spreckels as the pioneer sugar refiner of the Pacific coast and as an investor of millions in California and the Hawaiian Islands, the Spreckels family has for many years been one of the most prominent in the State.

Claus Spreckels was born in Lübeck, Germany, in 1828, and came to the United States in 1846. After being employed for some time in Charleston, S. C., and New York he came to San Francisco, reaching this city in 1856. He established a store there and later conducted a brewery. In 1868 he built the Bay Sugar Refinery and began the importation of raw material from Hawaii. Prospering in this business, he established other refineries and promoted the beet sugar industry by establishing refineries and engaging in the farming of beets on a large scale. He also built a refinery at Philadelphia, invested largely in the Oceanic Steamship Company and many other enterprises, including the building of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad. Many of his interests in Hawaii are reported to have been disposed of by his son Rudolph during the latter's recent trip to the islands.

TRADE OF WORLD FALLS OFF.

United States Not Alone in Decreased Exports and Imports.

The United States is not alone in the record of smaller imports and smaller exports that will characterize the history of our foreign commerce in the year 1908. Of the twenty-five principal countries of the world all but four show a falling off in exports, and nearly two-thirds show a falling off in imports. Every country with the exception of Argentina, Spain, Greece and Sweden show exports of 1908 below those of 1907.

It will thus be seen that the falling off of approximately \$300,000,000 in imports and perhaps \$150,000,000 in exports in the commerce of the United States during 1908 is part of a general condition which prevailed the world over. An analysis of our foreign commerce this year shows that the principal decrease in the import side occurred in trade with Europe and on the export side in the trade with North America.

HOLDS TEACHER MAY USE ROD.

Kentucky Attorney General Finds Legal Right for Punishment.

The controversy relating to the legal right of the school teacher of the common schools of Kentucky to whip a disorderly pupil was ended when Attorney General James Brethitt handed down an opinion to State Superintendent of Education C. C. Clegg, which is to the effect that it is necessary to maintain discipline.

A recent opinion of Judge William Carroll of Newcastle, that the teacher had no right to whip, has partly disorganized the common schools and almost made it necessary to close some of them.

STONE CHURCH IS BURNED.

Refusal of Rail Rate Keeps Encampment in the East.

J. Cory Wimms, chief of staff of the National Guard, of Indianapolis, Ind., says that from all present indications the next national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will not be held at Salt Lake City, but at Cincinnati or Pittsburgh. This is because of the refusal of the traffic association which met in Cincinnati recently to grant a rate of 1 cent necessary to whip, has partly disorganized the common schools and almost made it necessary to close some of them.

MANY HURT IN THEATER PANIC.

Fire on Stage at Altoona, Pa., Roots Spectators in Hurry.

Following the close of an act at the Keith Theater in Altoona, Pa., where a moving picture show was being presented, fire started on the stage. There was a mad rush for the exits by the panic-stricken spectators and many received painful burns. While the firemen were responding to an alarm the flames spread rapidly, consuming the stage and much of the interior. The Moores had been married forty years.

Reports 1,094 Shipwrecks in Year.

There were 1,094 vessel disasters in the United States in the last fiscal year, resulting in a property loss of \$1,963,750, and the loss of 22 lives, according to an annual report of General Superintendent Kimball of the United States Life Saving service.

GANG KILLS F. A. BURNHAM.

Two slight earthquake shocks lasting three seconds, according to Forecaster McAdie of the United States weather bureau, were felt in San Francisco Tuesday afternoon. No damage was done.

COMMITTS SUICIDE IN A TUB.

Immediately after she had looked upon her dead husband, who was being buried in their home, Mrs. Catherine Moore, aged 62 years, dropped dead from heart disease in Philadelphia. The Moores had been married forty years.

LOW WATER DEJA: COAL SHIPS.

A shipment of 1,000,000 bushels of coal for the reversing of a spring in the "salt time lock" at Los Angeles could not have carried away \$29,700 from the First National Bank of Monrovia, Cal. Four bushels of coal were taken by a man who had been working on the lock. He did his work faultily and left the lock outwardly in good shape, but actually useless. The fact that the burglar had still to open an ordinary combination lock has caused the belief that he was skilled in the handling of locks.

BURGLAR GETS \$28,000.

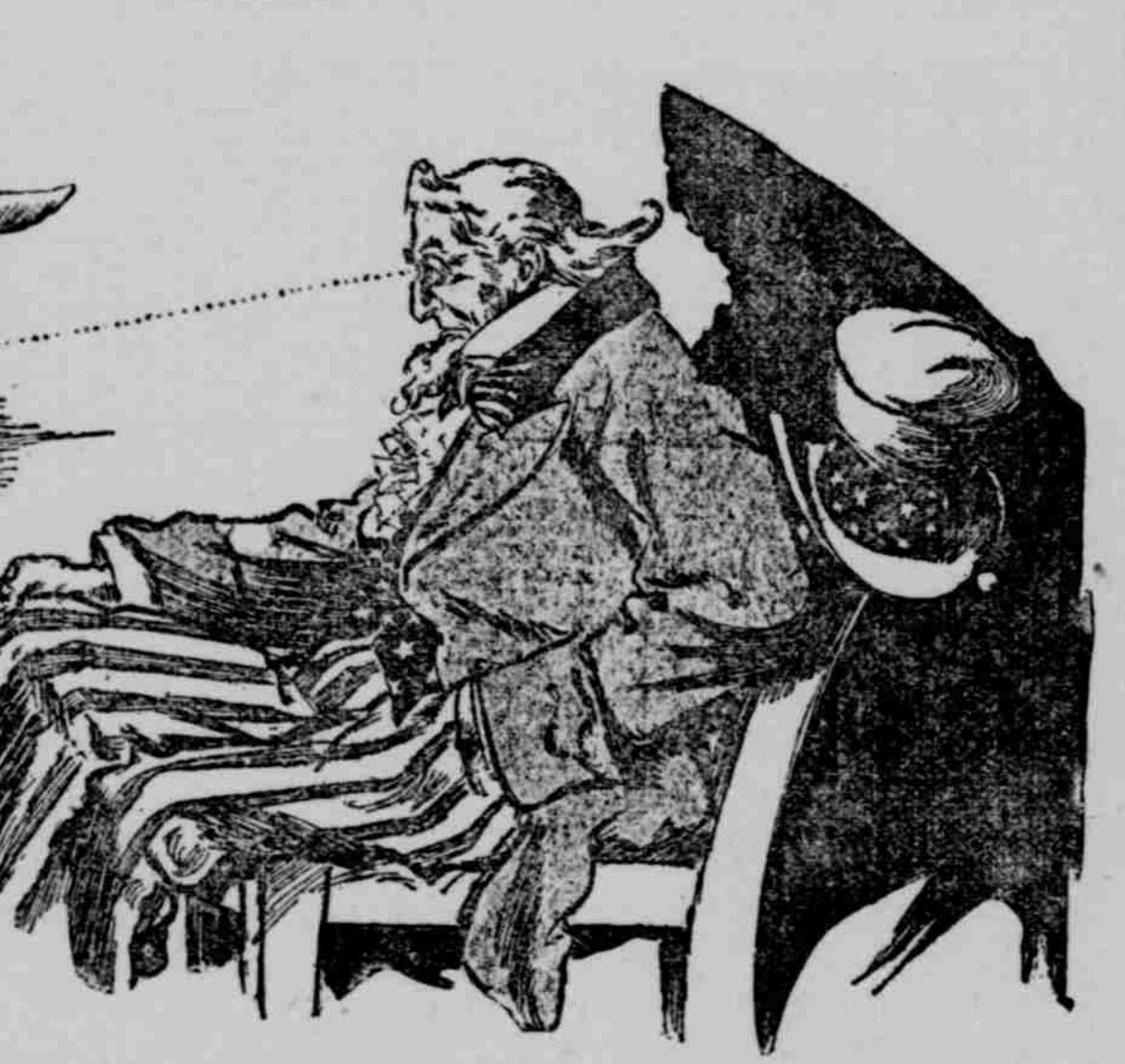
Bank Theft Due to Faulty Repair Work.

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Deprived from a long illness, caused by a cancer of the throat, David Hart, 50, a Civil War veteran, committed suicide by drowning himself in a bathtub in the hospital at the Soldiers' Home in Dayton, Ohio.

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GROSS-EARNINGS TAX IS LEGAL.

President Roosevelt Asks Canada and Mexico to Aid in Conservation.

Announcement has been made at the White House in Washington of a proposed plan for a conference looking toward the conservation of the natural resources of North America, to be held in the summer of 1909.

Letters suggesting the plan have been addressed by President Roosevelt to the Governor General and to President Diaz of Mexico. They will be delivered to the officials in person by Gifford Pinchot, chairman of the National Conservation Commission and chief forester of the United States, whom President Roosevelt has chosen as his personal representative to convey the invitations and to confer with the authorities of the two governments.

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Young Sheldon said that just as he approached the furnace a man stepped out and said: "Is Miss Helen Gould in this house?" "No," replied the student. "Is this her house?" "No," repeated the young man, picking up the furnace shake for a weapon. "You lie!" cried the man, springing at the boy's throat. Then began the struggle which the dying young man sought in vain to describe. It was ended by a shot that penetrated the left side of the abdomen, passed through several organs and lodged in the spine. The police were overwhelmed by a tidal wave that rolled in from the sea. Much damage was done to the shipping. Details are lacking, but it is known that several steamers were damaged. At Catania the shocks lasted for twenty seconds.

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