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FRANKLY ADMITS TO THE CONCERN HE STOLE MONEY

Secretary Cain of Richmond Candy Company Alleges J. W. West, an Employee, Has Defrauded Company.

INVESTIGATION NOW
IS UNDER PROGRESS

No Arrest Has Been Made and It Is Not Known What Action Will Be Taken—Shortage Not Known.

An investigation of the books of the Richmond Candy company is being made to determine the total amount of the discrepancies of J. W. West, former salesman and shipping clerk of the company, who Monday, when called before C. C. Cain, secretary and treasurer of the company, is alleged to have calmly admitted he had been embezzling small sums from the company's collections for several years. This statement was made by Mr. Cain this afternoon.

So far the investigation of the books has proven that the man is short about \$150, but the investigation only covers the period from early last fall up to date and it is said it is very probable that the discrepancies will be found much larger when the investigation is completed. Mr. Cain stated today that he did not know whether criminal proceedings would be instituted against West.

Still in the City.
Mr. Cain said that West was still in the city. The matter has not been placed in the hands of the police. The man lives with his wife in a flat on North Eighth street, near the company's place of business.

In the fall, the company had suspicions that Mr. West was not conducting himself in the proper manner, Mr. Cain stated. In December the officials' suspicions were confirmed and an investigation was started. On Monday of this week, the subject was brought to Mr. West's attention and in an unconcerned manner, Mr. Cain said, West admitted he had been taking small amounts from their collections.

"Yes, it's true. Well, what are you going to do about it? Arrest me?" West blurted out to Mr. Cain in the office, in front of the office employees, according to Mr. Cain.

Seemed Unconcerned.
Mr. Cain said that West looked him straight in the face and his demeanor was one of total unconcern as to his ultimate fate. Mr. Cain said that West had been a trusted employee.

West was employed about thirteen years ago as shipping clerk and salesman for the company. During that time he has gone into the country one day of each week, sold and distributed candies and made collections. Large sums would thus come into his hands. Mr. Cain said that West told him in his confession that he had been embezzling small sums for several years.

BIG CHICAGO STORM

Chicago, Jan. 13.—A wet snow and sleet storm which began in the night caused a delay to traffic on the surface and elevated lines today. The sleet formed a coating on the third rail and overhead trolleys and threatened to become a serious handicap to the city's transportation facilities before the close of the day. Colder weather was prognosticated by the weather man. Walking was made hazardous on the slippery walks and pavements. Heavily loaded teams frequently blocked the car lines subjecting passengers to delays in reaching their work during the early morning rush hour.

BLAZE COSTLY ONE

(American News Service)
Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 13.—Fire which originated in the upholstery department of the Young Chaffee furniture company's building resulted in a million dollar conflagration last night. The Daily News, Shepard building and Furniture Exchange building were soon a mass of flames and entirely destroyed.

PLAN TWO DANCES

Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, have arranged to give their annual dance at the Pythian temple on February 2. The Bartenders Union will give its dance on Washington's birthday, February 22.

Fake Aeronaut Swindled Germans

"Count" Felix von Bihl (posed in an airplane) and his wife, said to be the third duped "Countess," Von Bihl, who is now awaiting deportation, proclaimed himself a great aeronaut and friend of Count Zeppelin, and pretended to organize an airplane factory for Brooklyn. He and his wife are from Biberfeld, Germany and with the arrest of the "count," his wife vanished, and is believed to have returned home.



LIFE IS HANGING IN BALANCE NOW; WILL RIFE LIVE?

It Is Expected Ohio Board of Pardons Will at Its Session Today Decide Fate of the Murderer.

GOV. MARSHALL HAS BECOME INTERESTED

He Has Written to Governor Of Ohio Asking Good Offices In Commuting Sentence Given to Rife.

Harry Rife, the Boston, Ind., young man who was condemned to death by the Common Pleas jury of Preble county for the murder of Mrs. Lida Griswold, his sweetheart, will know before night if the appeal of friends for the commutation of his sentence or a stay of execution has been granted by the Ohio Board of pardons, which was in session at Columbus today.

Attorney Wilfred Jessup, who defended Rife, Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley of Liberty, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Saylor of Eaton and Dr. Ryan, a former United States Army chaplain, went to Columbus today in the interests of Mr. Rife.

Marshall Interested.
Gov. Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, who has been interested in the case, has requested of Governor Harmon of Ohio, that the petitioners request for the commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment be favorably acted upon by the pardon board.

If the pardon board does not deem it wise to commute the sentence, it is probable that a stay of execution for a few days will be granted. It is said that Rife does not care for a stay of execution. The Common Pleas jury which condemned him fixed the date for his execution on January 19. Ten of these jurors have signed a petition in which they ask the pardon board and Governor Harmon to commute the sentence.

DANIEL G. REID QUITS ROCK ISL. RAILROAD TODAY

Announcement Is Made That He Has Retired From All The Offices He Held in the Great System.

REGARDED AS RESULT OF "HOUSE CLEANING"

News of Actions of Mr. Reid Follows in Wake of Report That R. A. Jackson Has Also Resigned.

(American News Service)
New York, Jan. 13.—Daniel G. Reid, who, with Judge William H. Moore, has been credited with the control of the Rock Island railroad system, today resigned all of his offices in the several Rock Island companies, chief of which was the chairmanship of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad. Wall street interprets this to be the most important result of a house cleaning following the sensational manipulation of Rock Island stock on December 27th, when Rock Island jumped thirty points up, and then jumped right down again, nearly causing a disastrous panic on the stock exchange. Wall street predicts a parting of the ways between Judge Moore and Reid, but the former stated today that perfect harmony prevailed. Robert G. Walker, former general counsel of the road, succeeds Reid.

Verdict of Governors.

New York, Jan. 13.—The Governors of the stock exchange today published a statement in explanation of the Rock Island flurry on Dec. 27th, 1909. The fluctuation in common stock of the Rock Island at opening of market was so violent and unnatural that the governing committee immediately met and appointed a special committee to investigate with the result that the secretary of the exchange preferred charges against Simeon B. Chapin and Fred D. Countiss. These charges were brought under section 8 of article XVII of the constitution, relating to acts detrimental to the interests and welfare of the exchange. The secretary charges that said firm had received an order from a customer to buy at opening of the exchange on said day 40,000 shares Rock Island stock and to give orders to twenty different brokers to buy 2,000 shares all at the opening, which orders said

NAME NEW OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Earlham college athletic association yesterday afternoon, Mark A. Wilson was elected advertising manager of the basketball team and Homer L. Morris, treasurer of the Athletic association. The position of treasurer of the association was recently made vacant by the resignation of Hugh Larrance. His resignation also included the position of manager of the 1910 football team but the association refused to accept the latter. The meeting was one of the poorest attended at the college. When it was called to order there was no quorum present and several students volunteered to go to the dormitory and secure the required number. This was soon done and the business transacted.

MAKE A PROTEST ON APPOINTMENT OF CHAS. FLOOK

Ex-dairy Inspector Stewart And Dr. George Ferling Appear Before the State Veterinarian Board.

DR. DAVIS DEFENDS NEW MILK INSPECTOR

He Says That the Office Is Not Such as Would Require an Expert Veterinarian to Hold Down Job.

Dr. George Ferling, a veterinarian, and Dr. Mark A. Stewart, former dairy inspector, went to Indianapolis yesterday for the purpose of entering a protest with the State Board of Veterinarians against the appointment of Charles Flook as dairy inspector for this city, on the ground that he is an iron moulder and not a veterinarian, and therefore is not competent to act in the capacity of dairy inspector, as he has no knowledge of administering the tuberculin test to cattle. The State Board informed Dr. Ferling and Dr. Stewart that it had nothing to do in the matter and could only certify that Flook was not a veterinarian.

The appointment of Charles Flook as dairy inspector has been the occasion of considerable comment. It is alleged by some that Flook, being an iron moulder, is not acquainted with the duties of dairy inspector and incompetent to fill that position. However, according to Dr. T. Henry Davis, who is secretary of the board of health, the duties of dairy inspector are not such as to require the knowledge of a veterinarian.

What the Law Says.

He states that the law points out plainly that the dairy inspector's duties consist merely in the enforcing of sanitary conditions around the dairies and reporting to the secretary of the local board of health the condition of the health that prevails at each place, and the care of the milk and the collection of the same for analysis. Dr. Davis states that it is not necessary for the dairy inspector to be familiar with the tuberculin test as the administering of such tests was beyond his jurisdiction and was not required to be done by him according to law. Dr. Davis declared that the protest that was being raised over the appointment of Flook as dairy inspector was not justified. He pointed out where it was an advantage for the dairy inspector to be unfamiliar with the tuberculin test in that the lack of such knowledge necessitated the employment of a veterinarian from the state board, who would be entirely uninterested from a personal standpoint and might therefore enforce a more rigid inspection and be less inclined to overlook points which a local veterinarian, who depended largely upon his customers for his business, would be less apt to do.

The law on the subject is exceedingly vague. The city dairy inspector does not state that the dairy inspector shall be a veterinarian. He does state that he shall make the tuberculin tests. Mayor W. W. Zimmerman stated this morning that the office would be filled right away. It is understood that Dr. Ferling is a candidate for the office of dairy inspector and it is also said that Dr. Stewart would very probably have accepted a re-appointment.

firm obeyed. The result being an advance in the price of said stock about 30 points, and after said buying ceased the price receded about the same number of points.

The secretary also charged that the same firm and members thereof could have known that the execution of an order in such a manner could serve no proper or legitimate purpose. That it would cause panic, confusion and loss and deprive the quotations of transactions on the exchange of their value as standards of the real market value securities. "That the execution of

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MIKADO OF JAPAN

HONORS DR. HALE FOR HIS SERVICE

Friendly Action of Former Richmond Man During Japanese Crisis Appreciated by Emperor.

HE LEAVES MINISTRY AT HIS OWN REQUEST

Story That Dr. Hale Had Been Deposed From Pulpit for Improper Actions, Is Shown To Be Untrue.

Dispatches from Boston, Mass., a few days ago announced that William Bayard Hale, a former resident of this city, had been deposed from the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal church. In these dispatches the impression was given that the action of the church was the result of some opposition to Mr. Hale. This, however, is not the case, it has been learned. Dr. Hale personally applied to the proper church officials for his deposition from the ministry and his petition was granted. In a communication from the bishop of Pennsylvania, received by Dr. Hale, it is expressly stated that the petition had been granted, not from any cause effecting the moral character of the applicant. Dr. Hale's "good standing" in the church remains the same, the bishop has assured him in a personal letter.

A Brilliant Career.

The career of this Richmond boy has indeed been a brilliant one. He was so distinguished in the ministry that he twice crossed the Atlantic to preach by invitation before Oxford university. He founded the Episcopal Parish at Middleborough, Mass., and built there one of the most beautiful stone churches in the country, containing many historic relics sent by the rector's friends abroad.

For the last ten years, though still formally in the priesthood Dr. Hale has given all his time to literary and public work. He has been consecutively editor of the Cosmopolitan Magazine and Current Literature; managing editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger and one of the editors of the New York Times.

Friend of Roosevelt.

He is a close personal friend of ex-President Roosevelt and a year or so ago he published a book "A Week in the White House with Theodore Roosevelt."

It was a year ago that the famous episode of the Kaiser Wilhelm interview convulsed the international world. The full history of that event has never been told, but it is known that Dr. Hale after spending some time with the emperor's court, prepared, with the emperor's consent, an elaborate article, which the Century Magazine prepared to publish.

The number was actually in its form and ready to go to press, when a crisis arose in Germany and many cablegrams began to pass between Berlin and New York. Dr. Hale induced the Century to destroy the entire edition. A new one was printed, with an article on the tariff by Andrew Carnegie substituted for the "Kaiser's interview." Dr. Hale's behavior was the subject of much favorable comment; it was generally said that, at great personal self-sacrifice he had probably prevented a war.

Honored by Japan.

This is not the only instance of the former Richmond man's influence in world affairs. During the crisis that followed the anti-Japanese riots in California, three years ago, Dr. Hale advised the Japanese embassy at Washington, with such happy results that the emperor of Japan complimented him as having been the means of preserving peace between America and the Oriental Empire and sent him a valuable ancient Samurai sword. Last summer the emperor sent Dr. Hale, then in Paris, the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Order of the Rising Sun. Dr. Hale spent all last year in Europe.

A DENIAL IS FILED

Attorney John L. Rupe for the Pennsylvania railroad company, filed an answer in general denial to the complaint of Earl Cotman, aged 12, against the company for \$10,000 damages for personal injuries. Cotman alleged in his complaint that the train which struck him last September at the Sixteenth street crossing exceeded the speed limit as specified by city ordinance, and that through no fault of his own he was induced to cross the track in front of the passenger train.

THE WEATHER.

INDIANA—Rain in south; rain or snow in north portion.

NAMED AS TRUSTEES

Alvis M. Nicholson, S. C. Stackhouse and T. B. Gunkel have been elected trustees of the Greensfork Lodge, 1. O. O. F., No. 184 and their bond fixed at \$30. Notice of the election and the surety of the bonds were filed with the county recorder this morning.

GET AN INVITATION

An invitation has been received from the Rose City lodge of Moose, No. 147, New Castle, by the local lodge of Moose, asking the local organization to send a delegation to that city January 24, to attend the indoor fair. It is probable that the invitation will be accepted.

WOMAN IS SLAIN AT MILLIONAIRE COMPTON'S HOME

Governess for Three Year Old Child Has Her Hands Bound And Slayer Then Choked Her to Death.

MERE BURGLARY NOT BELIEVED THE CAUSE

Despite the Fact More Than \$2,000 Worth of Silver Is Missing—Police Are Much Mystified.

(American News Service)

Milbrook, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Sara Bryner, 26 years old, governess for the three year old daughter of Barnes Compton, a millionaire, was slain early today at Compton's handsome country home, three miles in the country. The murderer first tied the woman's hands and then choked her to death. There were three other servants in the house at the time, one of which, a maid, was awakened as the murderer fled. Mr. and Mrs. Compton were visiting in New York city. Despite the fact that silverware, valued at more than two thousand dollars is missing, the police believe there is a mystery in the case other than burglary. The slain woman formerly lived in Boston and was decidedly well educated and was a favorite. Many thousands of dollars worth of other portable property within easy reach was untouched. The woman's husband, said to be a physician, lives in Meriden, Conn. The child was unharmed.

Notified the Police.

Chief of Police McCabe of Poughkeepsie was notified of the crime over the telephone by Dr. D. H. McKenzie and he and District Attorney Mack and two detectives at once started in an automobile to the Compton home. They arrived there at 5 o'clock and began an extended search for the slayer.

In the house, besides the nurse, at the time she was slain, were the maid, the little girl and a butler. After killing Mrs. Bryner, the murderer went into an adjoining room and awakened the maid by flashing a light in her eyes. The maid screamed and the intruder escaped down the steps. The butler was awakened and started in pursuit of the fugitive.

Were in New York.

Dr. McKenzie was notified over the telephone and soon reached the house. After an examination he declared that the woman had been dead more than an hour. The maid said that the burglar had stolen at least \$200 worth of jewelry and silverware.

An effort was at first made to reach Mr. and Mrs. Compton, who are visiting in New York, over the phone. Then Dr. McKenzie telephoned to Chief of Police McCabe, who notified the district attorney.

The nurse and maid slept on the second floor and the butler on the third.

VICTIMS OF WAVES

(American News Service)
Marshfield, Ore., Jan. 13.—Thirty-one lives were lost when the Southern Pacific steamship Czarina, leaving Coos Bay for San Francisco, went aground on the North Spit of the Coos Bay bar. There is apparently no chance of leaving the vessel. The crew took to the rigging, and attempts of the lifesaving crew to rescue them have failed. Captain J. Dugan and one of his men swam ashore. The ship is broadside in the breakers and too far out to be reached by a shooting line, which was repeatedly tried. Of the men aboard, believed to have been thirty-three, only one was clinging to the rigging when darkness fell.

JOE KERN CAUSES A BIG SENSATION AT A LOCAL BANK

While, It Is Alleged, Temporarily Unbalanced, He Demands \$100 on a Threat to Commit Suicide.

PROMPTLY DISARMED BY BANK OFFICIAL

And Then Was Sent to Indianapolis on an Interurban Car—Has Suffered Ill Health For Some Time.

Demanding \$100 immediately on threat to kill himself if the money was not forthcoming, Joe Kern, a former clothing merchant of this city and politician, but now connected with the Kahn Clothing company of Indianapolis, rushed into the Second National bank yesterday afternoon, causing no little furor among the officials, clerks and others present at the time, by his action.

Being calmed of his nervous excitement by George H. Eggemeier, vice president of the institution, he was disarmed and sent to Indianapolis on a Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction car, later in the evening.

Temporary insanity, induced by a long illness from kidney trouble, is alleged to have been the cause for Mr. Kern's strange actions. He has been ill for more than a year and it has been intimated by his closer friends that he has been melancholy at times.

Actions a Mystery.

The time of arrival of Mr. Kern in this city, and his actions up to the time he entered the bank, could not be learned. However, at the hotels, it was said that he had not registered, and it is known that he did not call upon local tradesmen who handle the clothing of the firm which he represents. It is presumed that he arrived here in the afternoon.

At the Second National Bank this morning, the circumstance would not be discussed. Neither would any of the questions asked be substantiated by officials.

From others, however, who were made familiar with the circumstances, it was learned that Mr. Kern rushed into the bank and made his sensational declaration. It is said by these parties that he exhibited a revolver and it is known that one was removed from his clothing. After he became pacified, he was asked, so it is understood, what he wanted with the money, but according to information, he refused to make a statement. It is not known whether his friends gave him any money. Mr. Kern was taken to the Dickinson Trust company by two friends and later placed on an interurban car.

IN-DEATH WOMAN HOLDS HER BABE

Body of Child Disinterred and Placed in Arms of Its Dead Mother.

WAS HER FINAL REQUEST

AN ODD AND PATHETIC CEREMONY PERFORMED AT MILTON—YOUNG MOTHER GRIEVED GREATLY FOR HER CHILD.

(Palladium Special)

Milton, Ind., Jan. 13.—The body of the infant child of the late Mrs. Ida Scott Howard, was disinterred Tuesday afternoon, placed in the arms of its mother, who died recently, and the two were buried together at Mount Auburn.

Several weeks ago the infant child of Mrs. Howard died. The mother was almost frantic with grief and became suddenly ill, growing gradually worse until her condition became critical. During her sickness the woman talked constantly of her child. Her vitality slowly ebbed away and death came to her last Sunday.

The request of Mrs. Howard was that the body of her child be disinterred, placed in her arms and that she and her baby be buried together in one grave. The odd and pathetic request was observed. The body of the child was found to be in a perfect state of preservation and the double funeral was held. The Rev. C. H. Plinick conducted the funeral services. Mrs. Howard was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Scott of Straughns, and the wife of William Howard. She was 25 years of age.