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## GROVE JOHNSON GOES AFTER TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 30.—Grove L. Johnson today introduced a bill in the Assembly which has for its purpose the checking of a large number of accidents on railroads and steamers which are caused by negligence and carelessness. The bill provides that all engineers, conductors, brakemen, switchmen and operators and other employes on railroads and officers and employes on steamers guilty of willful violation of duties, thereby endangering human life or safety, are guilty of misdemeanor. It further provides that any person having the control and management of railroads and steamers or other public conveyance who is guilty of negligence in the conduct and operation of the same shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five years or both. The provisions of the bill apply to the management and operation of street cars as well as to railroads and steamers.

bill provides for the enactment of a deposit law, requiring all insurance companies doing business in California to deposit securities to the amount of \$200,000. The other bill is to compel fire insurance companies to pay in full all losses sustained up to the amount covered by the policy. Any stipulation to the contrary in such policies is null and void. It is provided, however, that in cases of losses on stocks of goods only actual losses may be collected.

**Deposits for Meters.**  
Senator Hartman also introduced a bill making it unlawful for any gas or electric light company to require a deposit as a prerequisite to the installation of gas or electric light. This also applies to deposits required on meters. Senator Hartman held that gas and electric corporations in Los Angeles and San Francisco have on deposit over half a million dollars for which they derive thousands of dollars interest, but do not pay any interest to depositors.

Making it a felony to manufacture powder or any other explosives within five miles of the limits of any city or town or within three miles of any railroad tracks, is the object of another bill introduced by Mr. Johnson in the Senate.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 30.—The Senate repealed two sections of the penal code which now make it a misdemeanor to entice seamen to desert or to harbor deserting seamen. The object of the report as explained by Senator Wolfe is to make it possible to secure sailors from deep sea vessels for the coast steamers.

Several university appropriations were reported by the committee on education, with the recommendations to the Assembly that they do pass. One bill appropriates \$35,000 to farmers' institutes. Other appropriations recommended are as follows: \$101,000 for a repair income fund intended for the deficiency caused by the San Francisco disaster; \$250,000 for the erection of a library on the University campus at Berkeley.

The Senate passed Senator McCarty's bill relating to the order of trial. It provides: If the indictment for information be for felony the clerk must read it and state the plea of the defendant to the jury, and in cases where it charges a previous conviction, and the defendant has confessed the same, the clerk in reading shall omit therefrom all that relates to such previous conviction. In all other cases this formality may be dispensed with.

**THE WEATHER.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—San Francisco and vicinity: Cloudy tonight; fair Thursday, with fog in morning; light west wind. Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys: Cloudy tonight; fair Thursday; light north wind. Southern California: Showers tonight and Thursday; light west wind.

### ASKS \$10,000 FOR BREACH OF PROMISE AND IS AWARDED \$1

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30.—Mrs. Nancy J. Pryor, a lodge-house keeper, 40 years of age, who sued Edward D. McArdle, 67 years of age, for \$10,000 for breach of promise, was today awarded a verdict of one cent in the superior court.

"If there was a smaller coin in the realm than one cent, I would fix it as the amount of damages in this case," said said Presiding Judge Monroe. Mrs. Pryor, who admitted that she was twice a widow, once by death and again by divorce, said that she inserted an advertisement in the paper for a husband and McArdle responded. Courtship and engagement followed, but on the day set for the wedding, McArdle, according to allegations of Mrs. Pryor, deliberately married another woman. McArdle said that he "did not love Mrs. Pryor although he had common respect for her."

### GOVERNMENT VS. STANDARD OIL IN ST. LOUIS.

Hearing on Motion to Set Aside Order of Service Begun in the Circuit Court.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 30.—The hearing on the motion of the principal defendants in the government suit against the alleged Standard Oil monopoly, to set aside the order of service under which they were brought into the jurisdiction of the United States Circuit Court at St. Louis, was begun today before United States Circuit Judges Sanborn, Hook, Adams and Vandevanter. Practically all the seventy corporations and individuals named in the government's suit are parties to the motion, which charges the validity of the order made in accordance with the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust act, under which the government's suit was instituted.

## 91 MINERS IN EXPLOSION

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 30.—With a detonation heard for miles and hurling debris hundreds of feet in the air, dust in the Stuart mine near Fayetteville exploded yesterday afternoon, bringing a terrible death to eighty or more men, who were at work 500 feet below the surface. There is no chance that any will be taken out alive, for it is probable that the terrible explosion snuffed out their lives instantly.

Americans, many of them were married men and had large families. There were a dozen or more colored men and about twenty aliens among the victims.

## LOCOMOTIVE CO. LOSES \$1,000,000

BUILDINGS OF THE BALDWIN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST NIGHT WITH HEAVY LOSS.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—Fire, which started with an explosion in a paint shop, destroyed an entire section of the big Baldwin Locomotive Works last night, entailing a loss of \$1,000,000. The destroyed building was about 175 feet long by 100 deep, immediately adjoining the main office at Broad and Spring Garden streets, and comprised the erecting shops, smiths' shops and foundries. The entire fire department was called out. About 1,000 men were employed in the burned building, which was about five stories high.

Ninety-one in the Mine.  
CHITRELESTON, W. Va., Jan. 30.—It was stated this morning that there were ninety-one in the Stuart mine in Fayette county, where an explosion of dust occurred yesterday afternoon. It is not believed any of the men will be taken out alive, the force of the explosion being so terrific as to wreck the entire inner workings.

So far the cage in the mine has been lowered 400 feet, or within sixteen feet of the bottom. Repairing will have to be done before the cage can be let entirely down. The Stuart Company has already received sixty coffins and has ordered twenty-five more. It is thought that the mine is on fire, but this cannot be determined until later. The heat and smoke from the shaft are intense, and the men could not be reached for a day or so, even if the shaft was in working order.

The fire was discovered in the east end of the building a few minutes before 6 o'clock, when the workmen were preparing to leave. Though the flames spread quickly, all were able to get out safely. Shortly after the fire started, the upper portion of the wall on Spring Garden street fell, and one fireman and three workmen were caught by the falling bricks, but fortunately received only slight injuries. The firemen, with the assistance of the fire patrol from the plant, succeeded in getting the flames under control within an hour after the fire was discovered.

## TO WATCH CONDITIONS IN CHINA

REPORT OF APPALLING RESULTS OF FAMINE HAVE REACHED THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The appalling conditions in China, as a result of the famine, as contained in mail advices reaching the State Department, coupled with the warning given by consul General Rodgers of the possible effects of the outbreaks which daily occur in the famine districts, have attracted the attention of the government authorities and developments will be closely watched.

One of the greatest dangers the relief workers confront is an epidemic in the great concentration camps, which have been formed by refugees who have fled from the stricken districts by the tens of thousands, the people live, some of them only partially clothed, others entirely naked, in mud huts held together by matting. Medical supplies are badly needed.

The native officials and authorities are doing their utmost to control the situation, but the task is now far beyond them and outside aid is badly needed. Relief committees have been formed in various centers. Everything possible is being done. The government has opened public relief works where men can secure employment. The Grand canal is being deepened at Hai Chow, the work upon improvement being started merely to give employment to some of the starving. The estimates have been made of the cost of the feeding of each starving person and the total amount will reach close to \$20,000 daily.

This estimate is based upon the calculation that four million people are actually starving.

Some of the incidents of the famine related in the Chinese press are most revolting. A story is told of one family, a mother, father and two children. The mother left her home on a search for food. While away the father, despairing of aid, threw both children into the river. The mother returned and learning what had happened, threw herself into the river and died. The father followed and thus the whole family perished.

## SECOND PANEL IS EXHAUSTED

THAW TRIAL ADJOURNED UNTIL TOMORROW — 100 MORE TALES MEN ORDERED MAKING 400 IN ALL.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The ratio of securing one new juror at each morning session of the Thaw trial was maintained today when Harry C. Brearely, the tenth juror in the box was added to the trial panel before the luncheon adjournment was ordered. Twenty talesmen were disposed of this morning and the second panel of 100 men was being exhausted so rapidly that just before 1 o'clock orders were sent out for 100 more talesmen for tomorrow morning. This will make four hundred men who have been summoned.

Neither Mrs. Wm. Thaw nor the Countess of Yarmouth attended this morning's session. It was said they were suffering from colds and did not deem it wise to venture out. The defendant had a piece of paper and a pencil with him today and from time to time during the examination of the talesmen he made notes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The three vacant chairs in the jury box this morning appeared as a formidable barrier to beginning the taking of testimony before tomorrow afternoon or Friday morning in the trial of Harry S. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White. The average of jury selections has heretofore been two a day. The action of the court in excusing two of the sworn jurors yesterday afternoon has lent an air of uncertainty to the proceedings, and even the attorneys in the case are not willing to hazard a guess as to when the jury may be completed.

Justice Fitzgerald throw something of a bombshell into the camp of the newspaper artists in the court room this morning by announcing through the court officers that no more sketches should be made during the trial. This came as a complete surprise. Artists from most of the principal Eastern cities have been in court from day to day and have not been restricted in any way whatever.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw and May McKenzie were again early in the court room. When Mr. Hartridge came into the court room young Mrs. Thaw extended her hand and greeted him cordially. After a brief chat Mr. Hartridge escorted Mrs. Thaw and her companion into the prisoners' pen, where the accused man and his wife sat together for ten minutes. The women had not returned to the court room when Justice Fitzgerald took his place on the bench.

Thaw was disappointed in entering the room to find his wife the only member of his family present. The others, it was said, had been detained by the heavy snow storm which began last night and continued today.

There was a wild story going the rounds of the criminal court building today to the effect that there was a fund of \$100,000 for use in corrupting a juror.

Henry C. Brearly, an advertising agent, was chosen as the tenth juror. He was accepted only after a long wrangle between counsel over the form of questions put to him as to what he considered a reasonable doubt. Mr. Jerome had no challenge and the juror was sworn in.

Walter Gillis, a master builder, was summarily challenged by Thaw's lawyers after an earnest discussion between the lawyers, in which the prisoner took a lively part. Wm. R. Harrell was peremptorily challenged by the state. A recess was then ordered at 1 o'clock.

## The Bargains in The Administrator's Sale Are Real, Not Imaginary

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## TRAGEDY THAT BAFFLES POLICE

MOTHER AND HER THREE-MONTHS-OLD DAUGHTER IN WASHINGTON FOUND DEAD IN BED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Police are today trying to solve the mystery as to whether Mrs. Amanda M. Copley and her three-months-old baby, Ruth, who were found dead in bed early after midnight, were murdered or whether Mrs. Copley shot the infant and then committed suicide. The latter theory is the explanation given by the husband, Wm. G. Copley, a clerk in the census office, who is held at a police station pending an investigation.

Lieutenant Farley, after examining the wound which caused Mrs. Copley's death, said that it would have been next to impossible for the woman to have inflicted the injury herself. Copley was subjected to a severe examination at the police station, but insisted that his wife had killed herself. The prisoner declared he did not know the baby had been shot until Dr. Dorsey pulled down the covers of the bed on which they were lying. Copley admitted that he and his wife had quarrelled in the early part of the night, and said that his wife had taken the two children, Raymond, three years old, and Ruth, the baby, and gone to a room and that he went to his room on the second floor to retire for the night. Shortly before midnight he said he heard two shots in the room occupied by his wife and that he immediately rushed into the room and found that his wife had shot herself, and without making a further examination he hurried to the residence of Dr. Dorsey.

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