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PART 1.

DEATH OF EX-SENATOR FAIR.

One of the Big Four Who Amassed an Immense Fortune in Mines.

Estimated to Have Been Worth Over \$50,000,000 in His Palmy Days.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Ex-Senator James G. Fair died suddenly at the Lick House at 12:20 o'clock this morning.

James Graham Fair was one of the wealthiest of the many wealthy men who made fortunes in the gold mines of California and Nevada. He was born near Belfast, Ireland, just six years ago, and came to America with his parents in 1843. The family settled in Illinois, where the boy who, in the future was to be known as one of the bonanza kings, attended the public schools. He also went to college in Chicago where he received a thorough business education and also devoted much time to scientific studies. In 1849 he crossed the prairies to California, spending about ten years mining in that state. In 1860 he moved to Nevada where he amassed a fortune of \$50,000,000. Seven years later he entered partnership with John W. Mackay, James C. Flood and William T. O'Brien, forming the big four, who purchased several well known mines, of which Fair was made superintendent. During his term of office the properties yielded upwards of \$200,000,000. Mr. Fair was a United States Senator from 1881 to 1887, being elected as a Democrat to succeed William Sharon, Republican. With all his money Mr. Fair's domestic life was not a happy one, rather it might be said Mrs. Fair's life was not a happy one. They were separated some years ago, his fortune being evenly divided, Mrs. Fair receiving \$3,000,000 in checks as her share. She took the two daughters and the sons remained with their father. When Mrs. Fair died she left her fortune equally among the four children. Of the boys, one died and the surviving one, Charlie, last year married Maud Nelson, a notorious sporting woman of San Francisco. Both the girls survive their parents, the eldest being the wife of Hermann Oelrich, a well known steamship agent, society leader and capitalist of New York. Miss Virginia Fair was the reigning belle at Newport last season. In the case of Senator Fair, it was rumored at the time that he had interested himself in the British Pacific railway but the nearest he came to being a British Columbia railway magnate was to purchase a block of street railway shares as a present for a child.

Up to one o'clock no arrangements had been made for the funeral, and it will possibly not take place for several days yet. One of the last telegrams received by Charles Fair, the dead senator's only son, was from Herman Oelrichs at New York, stating that he and Mrs. Oelrichs would leave at once for San Francisco. The funeral may be deferred until their arrival. There were many callers at Lick House this morning. An autopsy to determine the exact cause of death is in progress this morning. At its conclusion the remains will be embalmed and held until the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Oelrichs, who are expected to reach the city on Friday next. The will was filed for probate this morning. The great bulk of the estate is left to his three children in trust. The children are to have an income from the estate during their lifetimes. In the event of the death of the daughters their share is to go to their children. Should Charles Fair die his share is to be divided equally among his sisters. Among the large bequests are the following: Two hundred and fifty thousand to Mary Anderson, a sister living at Ida Grove, Iowa, and a like amount to her husband, James Anderson, and their children; two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to another sister, Margaret J. Crothers, who resides at San Jose with her family; fifty thousand dollars each to his son-in-law, Herman Oelrichs, of New York, and the dead millionaire's brother, William Fair, of Ida Grove, Iowa; twenty thousand to another brother, Edward Fair, of Ida Grove. The bequests to charities are as follows: Fifty thousand dollars to be divided between Catholic orphan asylums; fifty thousand dollars between the Protestant asylums and twenty-five thousand dollars to Hebrew asylums in this city.

FORTY PERSONS BURNED.

Dreadful Ending of a Christmas Festival at Silver Lake.

Klamath Falls, Ore., Dec. 29.—News has just reached here that a most horrible holocaust occurred at Silver Lake, Lake County, Ore., on Christmas Eve in which forty-one persons were burned to death and sixteen badly injured, five of whom will die. A large crowd had assembled in Christmas Bros.' hall to attend a Christmas tree festival. While the festivities were at their height, some one climbed on a bench from which to get a better view of what was going on. In doing so, his head struck a lamp hanging from the ceiling, upsetting it. The oil immediately caught fire and everything being of an inflammable nature, the room was soon a mass of flames. Some one shouted: "Shut the door and keep quiet; it can be put out!" By this time the confusion was so great

that people began scrambling in a wild endeavor to reach the door. Women and children were trampled under foot, and as there was only one exit to the hall, and the fire being between the majority of the crowd and the door, many of them rushed headlong into the flames. Silver Lake is a small village of about 100 inhabitants and fifteen miles from the nearest telegraph office.

IMPRISONED IN A MINE.

Fire in the Shaft Keeps Miners Below All Night.

Scranto, Pa., Dec. 29.—Fourteen workmen were rescued from a burning mine at Olyphant this morning after having been imprisoned all night. The men were making repairs in the Lackawanna coal company's colliery last evening when fire started in the engine room at the foot of the shaft. The men rushed for the shaft to make their escape, but found it a raging furnace. They had to take refuge in the gangway. The men piled coal and board in the gangway until they had erected a barricade which kept the smoke from reaching them. The fire was subsequently extinguished and the men brought to the surface.

CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

News from the Cities of the Eastern Provinces.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The following is a special cable to the Evening Telegram, dated London: "It is stated that among the recipients of New Year's honors from Her Majesty will be Hon. Mackenzie Bowell. This announcement is unofficial but the name of the Canadian premier is mentioned by all of those who are usually in possession of authoritative information on matters of this kind."

London, Dec. 29.—Andrew Hayes, Colborne street resident, was killed this morning. His family were forced to grab their clothes and flee for their lives. Thomas Hayes, a son, jumped through a window, cut an artery in his wrist, nearly bleeding to death, and his son William sprained his ankle by jumping from another window.

On Wednesday John Hardman of Stratford, discharged a revolver at S. A. Cameron, hotel keeper, Cameron was unhurt. Yesterday he found a bullet in his breast pocket. It had been stopped by a wall of letters. Hardman has been committed for trial for attempted murder.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S CONDITION.

The Commercial Bank Hopelessly Insolvent.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 27.—Bail for the accused directors of the Commercial Bank was increased to \$36,000 each today after consultation with the crown. More warrants for officials were issued to-night. The legislative committee reported on the Union and Commercial banks to-night. The Union Bank was found solvent and able to pay everybody one hundred cents on the dollar, with time and the passage of an apt stopping action for the payment of notes in gold. The Commercial Bank was found hopelessly insolvent, and the utmost expected of it is a small dividend. The government proposed to guarantee the Bank against the amount of 80 cents on the dollar and Commercial Bank paper to the extent of 20 cents.

London, Dec. 27.—The Daily News will say to-morrow in a leader on the arrests of the bank officers in Newfoundland: "The arrests, which have been announced of-day seem to be in the nature of an heroic remedy for the financial troubles in the colony. What ever the issue of the prosecution may be it can hardly strengthen the public confidence on which the poor remnant of the colony's prosperity for the moment rests. Newfoundland is in a piteous state. She has returned to first principles as a social organization, and must now regret her short-sighted refusal to enter the Dominion. If she had joined the federation she would have a better claim on the support of her sister communities. Her refusal was never based on any other than selfish prudence."

BARON BROWN SAFE.

Proceeding to San Francisco Under a Jury Rigged Rudder.

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 29.—The schooner Sparrow, three days from San Francisco, reports having spoken the ship J. B. Brown off Point Arena last Wednesday, twenty-three days out from Nansaimo, B. C., with coal. The ship was proceeding under a jury rigged rudder and was short of provisions. Captain Dart of the Sparrow put aboard provisions to relieve the immediate wants of the crew, and was told by the captain of the Brown that he could make port without any difficulty.

NEW YORKERS SHIVERING.

Coldest Day in the History of the American Metropolis.

New York, Dec. 29.—According to official records to-day is the coldest Dec. 29 ever known in New York. The lowest point reached by the thermometer was seven degrees above zero, which was registered at 6 o'clock this morning. Reports received from weather bureau observers all over the country show unusual cold everywhere. The coldest place was Northfield, Vt., where the thermometer indicated 16 degrees below zero.

DAYS DOINGS IN EUROPE.

Council of Revision Confirms the Sentence Imposed Upon Capt. Dreyfus.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell to be Knighted New Year's Day—Snow Storms.

London, Dec. 29.—A heavy gale is sweeping across the channel, delaying the mail boats. Snow has fallen in many places in England for the first time this season. The brigantine Woodville from Dublin to Liverpool, has gone down and six of her crew drowned.

Lord Randolph Churchill has periods of consciousness, and during the night conversed with the physicians in attendance upon him and asked to see his sister, Baroness De Ramsey. In spite of this improvement in the patient's condition, his medical attendants believe that it is really only evanescent.

It is stated that Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, premier of Canada, will be made a K. C. M. G. on New Year's day.

A Rome dispatch says slight earthquake shocks were felt today in the province of Reggio di Calabria. The inhabitants are in a panicky condition.

London, Dec. 31.—Churchill's condition is unchanged.

A snow storm has raged continuously for four days in the highlands of Scotland. The roads are completely blocked and several railway trains are snowed in.

The pope has decorated Prince Lobanoff Rostovski, the Russian ambassador at Vienna, with the order of Christ. His holiness has also authorized the establishment of a Catholic section in the Paris exposition in 1900.

Mr. J. C. Hooker, consul-general from Hawaii to Italy, died today at Rome, aged 50 years. Hooker was an American and well-known in the American colony.

Director Seckel of the Commercial Exchange, Berlin, suicided today by shooting himself. He had contracted debts on the bourse amounting to over a million marks.

The French council of revision has confirmed the sentence of confinement in the fortress for life which was imposed upon Captain Dreyfus by court-martial.

It is announced that Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, the new premier of Canada, will be made a Knight-Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

RYRNES RESIGNS.

Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Steps Down and Out.

New York, Dec. 31.—At Saturday's meeting of the Local Committee Superintendent Ryynes handed a letter to Chairman Lexow, and said it was a copy of one he had sent to Mayor-elect Strong early this month. It was his resignation from the force, of which he has been a member for the past thirty-two years. The superintendent said that on two occasions since he was appointed in Superintendent Murray's place he was on the point of resigning owing to the continued conflict between the commissioners and himself. The superintendent, he said, had absolute charge of the discipline of the department, but all his efforts in that direction were frustrated by the commissioners. The department was honeycombed with abuses which had been growing for 30 years, and they could be remedied only by radical legislation. Local politics, he claimed, was the curse of the department, and as long as politics was a factor in the force such a state of things would exist.

Although he had done his utmost to procure substantial evidence as to corruption and bribery, he was unable to get it, and the whole department was impregnated by the belief that protection had to be bought and merit was of no avail. He claimed to have done a good deal towards bringing about the exposures. He paid a tribute to Dr. Parkhurst, who, he said, manufactured public sentiment without which it would have been impossible for the committee to require the information it did.

His wealth, which he estimated at \$370,000, was made by speculation in Wall street, he said, through the instrumentality of Jay Gould and his son George. His purchases of real estate were also very profitable and he claimed not to have a bank account.

"FOREIGN FIREBRANDS."

Mowbray and Burns Receive a Scorching at the Hands of an American.

New York, Dec. 31.—Julius Harberger, grand master of the Independent Order of the Free Sons of Israel, addressed the members of the Everett association yesterday. He said in part:

"The treasonable utterances made by that alien anarchist, Charles Mowbray, a few days ago, in the city of Philadelphia, and the unrestrained and malicious epithets hurled by Agitator Burns against many of our American cities, are in violation of the principles of propriety. America is the most hospitable nation on earth, but when a low-lived anarchist, whose besmirched character and foul tongue uttered a phrase that the American flag is only fit to wipe one's nose upon, then he should be placed behind bars or driven out of the country. These would-be agitators are continually criticizing the republic in untruthful and

AT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

Report That Hon. J. A. Chapleau Is to Again Enter the Dominion Cabinet.

Candidates for the Majority of the Capital of the Dominion—Other Items.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—A report is current in political circles that Lieut-Governor Chapleau will again re-enter the Dominion government, provided he gets the railway department and is made leader of the party in the province of Quebec. It will be remembered that both Sir John Macdonald and Sir John Thompson promised Chapleau the railway department, but they were unable to give it to him on account of the opposition which came from western Ontario. It is now said that Bowell can do this. Angers would retire for a seat on the bench to make room for Chapleau. The party greatly needs strengthening in Quebec.

Ald. Chaff and ex-Ald. Borthwick were nominated here today for the majority. Mayor Cox has retired.

DOWN IN MEXICO.

Theatre Burned During a Performance—New Daily Papers.

City of Mexico, Dec. 31.—The state of Chapas has now offered the federal government all its resources in case of war with Guatemala.

The principal theatre at Huejutla was destroyed by fire on Friday night. In the panic which ensued one person was killed and a number injured.

It is said that the city of Mexico will soon have two new Spanish dailies and also one French and one English daily paper.

TWO ROUGH VOYAGES.

Crew of the Villanden Disabled by Exposure—Storms at the Cape.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The Norwegian ship Villanden has arrived in port 180 days from Androssan. The vessel encountered all sorts of rough weather on the trip and for 46 days she was off Cape Horn beating against strong westerly and northwesterly gales. The ship was beset by ice, the decks were full of water half the time. Captain Sundt was obliged to remain on watch most of the time and exposure and hardships told severely upon him. The Villanden was not damaged during her tempestuous voyage and when she dropped her anchor in the stream she looked, above decks, as if she had just come off the stocks. She was held outside for several days by adverse winds and during that time had nearly as rough an experience as she had on the voyage and Captain Sundt was unable to stay on deck. His strength failed him and he could scarcely use his arms. When Quarantine Officer Lawlor boarded the vessel he found the captain very ill. Two of the crew were found sick in the fore-cabin. One of them had a touch of scurvy and the other had contracted rheumatism from exposure.

A private letter received here from Captain Dawson of the Red Rock, gives a description of his voyage from here to Portland. The Red Rock left here in ballast and was caught in the storm of the 8th, 9th and 10th. Capt. Dawson says it was the roughest voyage he ever experienced. Eight days after he left here, he found himself 120 miles due west of San Francisco. On arriving off the mouth of the Columbia he was twice driven out to sea before finally crossing the bar.

DELEEVAN HOUSE BURNED.

A Number of the Employees Perish in a Fire at Albany.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Four ragged walls and a mass of smouldering ruins marks the sight of the Delevan house this morning. Only early last evening its corridors swarmed with politicians and the famous parlors that saw the candidacy of Conkling and Platt, Miller and Hisecock, and Hill and Murphy were filled with the gossip. This morning 250 guests, thankful that they escaped with their clothes on their backs, are quartered at the other hotels. The hospital is filled with the injured. A number of the servants are unaccounted for. Among the missing servants are Mary and Nora Sullivan, sisters; Bridget Fitzgibbon, two colored cooks, names unknown, a woman named Fernando, employed in the steward's department; Charles Rosekrans, one of the night clerks; Mrs. S. P. Hill, housekeeper; and Kate Crowley, an employee. It is believed that they perished. So far as known none of the guests were lost in the fire. Mrs. Pookes, wife of the agent of the American cash register company, of Dayton, Ohio, died at the hospital today. She jumped from a fourth story window.

The latest estimate is that thirteen persons, all employees in the hotel, perished in the flames. Besides this, one person is missing. Charles Rosecrans, the night clerk, has been found. Of the missing three are men and ten women.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

World's Fair Highest Award.

ATLANTIC STORMS.

The Cruiser Blenheim Probably Caught in the Big Gale.

New York, Dec. 31.—All incoming steamers report very severe weather along the coast. Steamers from Europe report having experienced the effects of the gale of the 27th when approaching the Georges Banks and Nantucket. The wind, which set in from the southeast, blowing a strong gale, shifted to the southwest and northeast, accompanied by heavy seas and intensely cold weather. The vessels' decks and hulls were quickly coated with ice to the thickness of several inches. The crews suffered much from the cold and the task of getting about the decks proved a difficult one. The weather has retarded the passage of west-bound steamers so much that it is difficult to calculate the time of their arrival. The steamer Blenheim bearing Sir John Thompson's body may have escaped the fury of the gale, but it is hardly probable.

RUSSIANS REJOICING.

The San Francisco Colony Receive the Czar's Wedding Proclamation.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—About two thousand Russians, comprising the local colony, who are mostly refugees and exiles from Siberia, have received the czar's wedding notice with great demonstrations of joy. The first copy of the imperial proclamation restoring them to their civil rights and confiscated property and allowing them to return to their native Russia, was received yesterday, and how the time is rejoicing in every Russian family in this city.

IS PENNOYER RESPONSIBLE?

A Murderer Whom He Released Commits Another Crime.

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 28.—Witnesses of a shooting affray on Basket Mountain, in which Frank Fletcher shot Jas. Ashworth at a Christmas dance, say it was a cold-blooded affair.

Several gentlemen here have sent a dispatch to Governor Pennoyer, saying: "Please send pardon by return mail, Frank Fletcher, whom you pardoned last June, has shot another man, and we desire to save expenses of trial and conviction."

CHEF BRESNAU KILLED.

Fatal Fire in a New York City Factory this Morning.

New York, Dec. 29.—A fire in Cassidy & Sons' gas fixture factory, on West Twenty-fourth street this morning caused a loss of fifty thousand dollars. Battalion Chief Bresnau and Assistant Foreman Rooney were killed by the floor falling on them. Assistant Foreman Hennessy had his left shoulder and his left leg fractured. Half a dozen other firemen were painfully injured by being pinned in the stairway when the floor fell. A foreman is now at work trying to recover the bodies of Bresnau and Rooney. The factory was in a five-story building. The bodies of the unfortunate firemen were extracted from the debris shortly before noon. The chief's body was frozen stiff, but with no mark upon it. Death resulted from suffocation. Rooney's body was found about two feet away, the head being badly crushed.

THROUGH THE DRAW.

An Electric Car Plunges into Oakland Creek—Someone's Carelessness.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—An accident occurred on the Alameda electric line last night which might have been attended with appalling loss of life. At 11:45 o'clock a car bound from Alameda to Oakland plunged through an open draw of the Webster street bridge into the waters of Oakland creek. Motorman Manning and Conductor Dupree were the only persons on the car. They did not have even time enough to jump, but went down into the water with the car. They escaped with no more serious injury than a drowning. Had the car been crowded with passengers, the loss of life would have been very great, for the car sank completely out of sight.

American News.

A shortage of \$20,000 has been found in the accounts of the collector of Lexington, Ky.

The residence of Farmer White, near Newsgay, Michigan, was burned on Sunday. White and his young son were burned to death.