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BUSINESS OF TODAY.

REV. THOMAS DIXON, JR., ON "THE COURT OF HONOR."

The Next to the Last Sermon of the Series on "The Prophecies of the World's Fair." Is the Modern Business World a Court of Honor?

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., surprised his audience in Association hall this morning by announcing before the sermon that after the first day of January he would stop the publication of his sermons. He said: "I have informed the American Press Association that with the close of the present series I will no longer furnish my sermons for publication. I have two reasons for this: I am not yet 30 years old—I am writing too much thus early in life. I desire to spend several years in study before writing more. Besides, with my present methods of work and study I find the method of advance preparation of manuscript for the press an intolerable drain on my time and energies."

The sermon this morning was on "The Court of Honor," the next to the last in the series of the "Prophecies of the World's Fair." The text chosen was from I Corinthians iii, 21, "All things are yours."

But twice before in my life have I been so profoundly moved as when I stood for the first time within "The Court of Honor" of the fair—once when I stood on the lofty summit of a grand mountain peak and looked down upon the great world God had made so beautiful, and once again when I first climbed the sand dunes of my native state and gazed upon miles of ocean breakers as they rolled in from the infinite deep and broke upon the beach with hiss and boom and sullen roar.

I couldn't keep back the tears—who could that had a soul?

THE COURT OF HONOR.

Julian Hawthorne has most beautifully described that scene: "The palegilded dome of the Administration building, the ranged colonnades of the peristyle, the pinnacles [illegible] with the [illegible] forever aiming her arrow at the wind's eye; the mighty statue of the republic, majestic with her uplifted arms and severe drapery, dominating the eastern end of the lagoon, and the white splendor of the great fountain at the other extremity, with that ravishing figure of Liberty sitting divinely erect in her chair on the poop of the barge, her eight maiden gondoliers oaring on either side, while Father Time steers on the stern, his scythe fastened to the tiller, and Progress alights on the bows, her trumpet in her hand; then the Venetian bridges that span the arms of the lagoon, with Kemey's matchless bears and buffalos guarding them; the mighty bulls and horses on the midway steps, the triumphal pillars marking the corners of the vast quadrangle with their slender white beauty, the exquisite little Greek temples in the foreground of the peristyle, the glorious lift and sweep, strength and spirituality, of the whole stupendous conception, which, spite its infinite variety, is a harmonious unit of design, and finally the beaming, glancing lagoon itself, rhyming with the beauty above and mirroring it and rippling round the delicate noses of the gondolas as they flit ceaselessly hither and thither with the quaint figures of the Venetian oarsmen in bow and stern. These things make an era in our national æsthetic education, and the development of our people in the knowledge and love of beauty will date from this happy hour."

"ALL THINGS ARE YOURS."

"But feel the clash between the spirit of peace and beauty and glorious actualities of the business and the walls of these palaces covered with this great Court of Honor ever fully incarnated in our business? There is no conflict irrepressible and hopeless between the divine and the rush for

"All things are yours," even business, business world, and a business life. Yet the [illegible] of modern business, as transacted today, the sadder it makes me. [illegible] never have to enter into a business transaction that calls me into direct [illegible] with the supreme spirit of our [illegible] social life, as at present [illegible] I feel, when through with [illegible] I wanted to get off somewhere [illegible] and scratch out a cave in [illegible] of a hill and live on herbs in a [illegible], honest life. If there is in any [illegible] mind a doubt as to whether the [illegible] spirit of successful business is [illegible] harmony with the spirit of Jesus [illegible], all he has to do is first to know what Jesus Christ taught, and then go with that spirit in his heart into your modern refrigerator of a thoroughly up to date, down to the last minute business transaction.

Is a successful business of today a field in which a true Christian, desiring the highest and noblest things, can enter and hope to succeed, and at the same time hold his Christian integrity?

Does the Court of Honor rule our business world?

To answer that question you must ask another.

First—What is Christianity? It is sacrifice and the spirit of sacrifice.

Jesus said if a man would save his life, let him lose it. That is the cardinal principle of Jesus Christ. That is [illegible] and last principle of Christianity, and died it. "He [illegible] friends. He made [illegible]ne in which to lay [illegible]slated no wealth. [illegible]ollow him. He [illegible]e no creed. He [illegible]ishermen about [illegible]adherents, following purpose, and judging from a [illegible] of view, an absolutely lived 33 years, and he threw away every opportunity he had of a successful career. He might have put himself at the head of an army and conquered the ancient kingdom of the Jews and thrown off the triple yoke of a Roman and kingly tyranny if he had but so desired. He threw that opportunity away again and again. He might have been wealthy, if he had used his magnificent powers to accumulate wealth. He might have had the great and powerful as his friends, but when people came to crown him and make him their leader he escaped. And he died a most miserable death, amid the mock and jeer and scorn of his enemies, crucified between two thieves, with not a grave that he could call his own, his very clothes stripped from his body, dying thus outside the walls of Jerusalem, a miserable felon, deserted by his disciples, disowned by all who knew him except a few faithful women. That is the kind of life he lived. That is what he meant when he said, "If a man would save his life, let him lose it, and if he would find it let him lay it down."

WHAT FAITH IS.

"The second principle of Christianity is what we call faith—the power to believe in something—to believe in God and in man, our brother, the image of God. The next principle is that of love—love to God and man. That is to be a Christian, and that is Christianity. I take it from the definitions of Jesus, from his life and character and from his recorded word.

"Second—What is business—modern, successful business—today? In the first place, it rests upon the antithesis of sacrifice. Sacrifice represents one pole, business the other pole, and the difference that separates them is a gulf as deep and wide and as impassable as the gulf that separates heaven from hell. The first principle of your modern business world is war, competition, brutal fight—every man for himself. It is the strongest arm that wins, and the weakest ones are trampled to the earth and killed and beaten without mercy. War and pestilence are the only hope to regulate our population, according to the principles of this modern business world. What is to become of this vast army of weaklings? Well, our Malthusian philosophers say: "We will have a pestilence by and by, and God will send us the cholera. Or if not God in his goodness and mercy will send us a war, and war will thin the ranks, and the battle will begin again. After the weaklings have been eliminated the world will not be so crowded, and we can proceed."

Such is the basis on which modern commerce rests. In this battle, this war, this madness, this struggle, the very competition which has been called the life of trade is its defeat. For you have only to press competition to a certain period when men who are fighting each other know they must combine or die. Only press your competition far enough, and it is either suicide or combination. This brings into your world, governed by that principle, infinite confusion, for when that defeats itself and no new system takes its place the result is chaos—cheating, lying, swindling, stealing, crime, intemperance, suicide, despair. Why do men open saloons and sell whisky? Why, because they have accepted this modern principle of the modern world that the strongest man is the man that is worthy to survive; that it is a battle, a war, and he who is victorious is the man who is crowned, let the business be what it may. Hence the gambler who does not hesitate about his methods, saying that might constitutes the first principle of your modern world. Daily facts these are. Lying in the business world—so much there is of it in all trades! Overreaching is what thousands of men are after in the business world. To overreach a man and get the better of him by some trick; to get out of him more than we give in return. That is the sum total of the purpose of some lives. If in war a man is wounded, you pass him by. Most heartless of all things in the world is your modern business war. When a man fall by the wayside in modern business, the world has no mercy, no heart, no ear to pity, no arm to save. That is modern business.

THE HONEST BUSINESS MAN.

Christianity is certainly in deadly conflict with that sort of life—successful business with modern methods down to date. There are business men who are honest. There are men who have set out in the world with the determination to make honor and truth and the good of society their aim, and they have grown wealthy, some of those men. They have grown powerful. Now, that being a fact, the man who departs from that law and says that he can justify himself on the grounds of success has believed a lie that he may damn himself in the process. There are men today whose business career is absolutely above reproach. I might mention a thousand successful business enterprises that have been founded thus on integrity. So much the worse for the success that may be otherwise. But, a man says, the quickest way to get rich—well, you do not have to be too conscientious. Now and then just shut one eye, and then you will reach the highest things by the most rapid process. Of course when you get your money you can do a great deal of good with it. Right may fail for a moment today, but it is certain to rise tomorrow. Men that are shrewd and cunning, men that are willing to lie and be unfair and dishonest, may get their riches for awhile, but as sure as there is a God in heaven it will turn to ashes at last in their grasp.

Christianity is today the real power that rules this world. You think the devil is ruling it on the top, but Christianity is the real power that rules it beneath the surface. Some years ago in Paris money was flowing like water, and it was rumored around among politicians that all one had to do was to shut one eye and open the other, and he would be rich in a minute. There is plenty of money in the world; why not you have a little? The prize is on our side. You can make a million as easily as snap your finger. So they reasoned, and this man fell and that. Nobody knew anything about it. Millions flowed in every possible direction. Men high in position succumbed to it. Well, they succeeded, invested their millions. They had their money and their day, but the day of wrath came at last. And now poor weeping France looks on, and one great man falls and another and another. And the poor little fool that was in the assembly that day and said: "I believe in old fashioned honor and integrity, and I will not have your money. I will vote as my conscience dictates"—he was described as a fool and an idiot then, but now he is the only man that can hold his head up and look the world squarely in the face.

The great principles of right and truth are those that really are guiding and directing the world. Every doubtful business in this world could be swept from the face of the earth, and the earth would be richer. Whenever men ask you to enter into a successful business transaction, remember that this world can do without that transaction and be the better for it, and you had better let it alone. It is not the easiest way, this way of Christian life, as against this modern business method, but it is the only true way. Christians in the past had a hard time to live; then they died. They were put to death in the arena. They marched over burning ploughshares. The Christian man today can live better, easier, with less sacrifice called for by modern life, than ever before in the history of the world. And the man that says, "I cannot live today unless I do these things," simply lies. Is the business world in conflict with Christianity? So much the worse for the business world. The curse of God—a living, withering, blasting curse—is on that society, on that commerce that makes success possible against truth and right and honor.

HONEST WORK SACRED.

"All things are yours," and because the business world is a legitimate field for a Christian its obligations are high. It is yours; but, precisely because it is, it is holy ground. The merchant that sits at his desk is doing as sacred a work, when honest in his transactions and dealings, as I do when I am here at this desk before you on Sunday. The laborer at his anvil, the farmer who holds his plow, every workingman that does his work unto the Lord, is doing a sacred work. His shop, his office, his place of business, is as sacred as the high altar of God to him, for God called him there to be the high priest. But, you say, what is the use to be honest? People love to be humbugged. But, my friend, for your own sake, be honest. Most people take them all in all, have a large streak of fool in them. They will run after special bargains and sales. For your own heart and life be honest. You do not fool yourself, and when you mark your goods to fool the people and to rope in the unwary you know in yourself you have degraded yourself. You have sold your own soul out to the devil in the process. Be honest and avoid every man who in the process of the business world seeks to coin money out of other people's blood. I am done with bargains, sheriff's sale and bankrupt clothing establishments. If you support those establishments, you are feeding in the blood of broken hearts and homes, for it took good, hard labor to make those goods, and if they are sold at less than cost it costs to make them you are buying the price of good hearts' blood. As for the man that can undersell another man and make it possible to undersell by cheating clerks and giving small wages and making them work their lives out—I would rather go to a man that gives his clerks honest salaries. The time may come in your life when adversity may be yours, and your loved ones are thrown on this great vulgar labor market of the world, and in your own flesh and blood others can trade in dollars and cents. If you get what are called bargains today, it means somebody's heart is broken—somebody else has paid for it too high a price.

SOULLESS CORPORATIONS.

I do not want anything to do with business transactions where the principles that are used are such that an individual would not touch. We have corporations. A distinguished man died some years ago in New York city, the soul of honor in every personal transaction. His servants stood weeping by the door when he died. He did not owe a cent. Everything was paid for in cash. He said: "Do not owe your workingman a cent. It is dishonest to keep his wages from him, unless you pay him interest on it—pay him promptly." But he was at the head of a gigantic corporation that held a monopoly and made his fortune out of the lives of a community that were ground in the process. And when men approached him he said, "I am honest in all my transactions, but a corporation has got no soul." God does not call corporations to account. The devil does not call them to account. They have no soul. They will even cheat the devil. But God does call the individuals that constitute the corporation to account. God will call to account all the persons involved in the conduct of that business. Individuals will thus render their accounts at the last. Why, you know that a town council and a school committee sometimes will be cruel and unjust and unprincipled in a transaction that an individual man or woman would scorn to stoop to. A merchant who would scorn to sell flour mixed with chalk, scorn to mix up his goods and adulterate them and sell them to the world, who would kick another man out of his store who would offer him a trick by which he could adulterate sugar or flour or coffee—yet sometimes those very men will go into a corporation and swindle thousands.

If you think you can, through the process of your social or political machinery, cheat Almighty God, let me assure you that, while men may not understand, the great God of heaven and earth understands, and you are just as responsible as though you had done it personally. Let us understand, then, that while cannibalism may be justified on the high seas sometimes, the soul of the world still revolts at it. Some sailors came in the other day and reported that, starving to death, they fell on a brother sailor and ate his body. They arrested them and put them in jail. They are waiting trial for their life. They will not be convicted, because the jury will say that it was life or death. They cast lots. They could not execute a man for saving himself from starvation. But when a man eats his neighbor for the very luxury of eating him, just takes the choice parts of his body and discards the others, if there is any law above the earth or under it or on it that will justify that I have yet to find it.

THE HEART IN THE WORK.

Enter and abide, young man, in no business that you cannot put your heart in. Some of us have to do things that are disagreeable. If you have to choose your profession, choose something that you can put your heart in, or you will never be successful in it. They had a competition in plans for a monument for Walter Scott in Scotland, and a man who was a simple carpenter once, Mr. Kemp, won the prize, and the plans were accepted for that monument that stands now the tribute of Scotland's love to this matchless genius. Why did he succeed? As he passed along the road one day a dusty carpenter boy, a gentleman driving in his carriage saw he was tired and stopped his horse, and the great man said, "Get up and ride with me." So he became acquainted with Sir Walter Scott and learned to love and admire him. And it was one of the inspirations of his life that led him to become a master architect more than a carpenter. And when they threw the competition open to the world, this man drew the matchless monument that now stands there incarnated in marble. Why? Because his heart was in it. Can men could not compete with him, because he had put his soul into it. The highest success in life is that work in which a man can thus put his soul, his heart. The heart, after all, is worth more than mere success and mere dollars and cents.

Let us at least hope that our children will live to see the day that there shall in deed and truth be a grand Court of Honor in the midst of the world's business in which beauty and righteousness shall rule.

Two Southern Families.

The following two families make a showing which is difficult to find excelled, even in the prolific mountain regions of Tennessee and North Carolina.

The Rev. Asa Routh is a Baptist preacher residing at Piny Flats, Sullivan county, Tenn. He is a spry old gentleman, about 70 years old, and still fills his regular appointments at several preaching places. He has the father of 33 children, all of them living. Mr. Routh has been married twice, and his second wife is still living and helping to take care of the family. Mr. Routh is almost deaf, but otherwise shows no signs of old age or decay. His family is nearly equally divided as to sex, there being 17 boys and 16 girls.

The other family is that of Moses Williams, colored, who lives on a farm near Fayetteville, N. C. He is a lively young chap of 65, but doesn't look it. He also is living with his second wife. There have been born to him 45 children—40 of them girls. By his first wife there were 20 girls and three boys, and by the second 20 girls and two boys. Nearly all of them are living.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Double Catch.

The Eganville (Ont.) Star is responsible for the following story: A young man named Tom French, hailing from Renfrew, in the employ of Mr. John McGuire at Barry's Bay, went out on the bay in a small bark canoe trolling for trout. After paddling for quite awhile he observed a large buck coming toward him. When near the canoe it turned and made for the shore quickly, followed by Tom, who, when he came alongside of the beauty, saw that its horns were entangled in the troll line, the result being that the canoe and its occupant were pulled toward shore. Mr. Joseph Prince then appeared on the scene in another canoe, when the two men, with the aid of their paddles, succeeded in dispatching the noble denizen of the forest. When the exciting battle was over, Tom noticed on the end of his line a 28 pound trout.

A Rival to Oak.

The representative of a well known firm of builders informs me that he believes that he has hit upon a discovery in a Borneo wood called "bilian." It has a very close grain and in appearance is not unlike ebony, more especially after exposure to the air. Its main virtue, however, consists in its breaking strain, which is greater even than that of English oak. Moreover, "bilian" is not a particularly heavy wood, since it only weighs 60 pounds per cubic foot, against the 80 pounds of boxwood. Further, it seems remarkably free from the propensity to swell in water, and so would be extremely useful for subaqueous piles, besides being most suitable for beams and uprights in domestic architecture.—London Cor. Manchester Courier.

Fun In Maine.

Tears have often been shed over the partiality of the red ear at the husking, although nobody up to date has questioned that kissing should go by favor, but we see by the report of a Vassalboro husking bee, in the Waterville Mail, that for once the old rule was set aside, and the ideas of some of our socialistic friends as to "fare and fare alike" got in their work, for "no matter how reserved in manners or how fastidious and how short the acquaintance, every woman was smacked, and it was hard to tell who acted the worse, the boys or that portion of the assembly made up of the older men, the baldheaded men or old bachelors."—Lewiston Journal.

A FIEND'S CONFESSION.

Anarchist Franch Talks of the Barcelona Theater Horror.

HIS PLANS CAREFULLY LAID.

He Purposely Aimed the First Bomb at a Group of Richly Dressed Ladies, and Regrets That He Failed to Kill "a Nice Lot of Bourgeois."

MADRID, Jan. 4.—The arrest of the anarchist Salvador Franch for causing the destruction of the Liceo theater at Barcelona on the night of Nov. 7, when twenty-five persons were killed by the explosion of a bomb, has been followed by a full confession by the prisoner of his guilt. In the hospital of the prison at Saragossa, where Franch is being treated for his self-inflicted injury, he has described in detail the manner in which the crime was committed.

He boastfully told the police and hospital authorities how he carried two filled dynamite bombs to the theater in the folds of the broad Spanish sash which he wore around his waist. In addition to the bombs he carried a revolver, a long knife and a bottle of poison, the latter to be used in case there was danger of his capture.

Franch described how he took his place in the second gallery, and glancing around, saw a group of women in evening dress, whose many jewels seemed to denote that they belonged to the wealthiest and most aristocratic part of the community. He waited until the opera was nearly finished, and then moved into a passage where nobody was likely to observe him. What followed Franch thus describes:

"Taking a bomb in each hand I hurled one of them with all my force into the center of the closely packed stalls where that group of select people were sitting, and a fine explosion followed the landing of the bomb. I threw the other one almost immediately afterwards, but I don't believe it exploded, or I should have killed a nice lot of bourgeois, as I aimed it with particular care at a part of the theater where that hated class was thick. Of course there was a terrible row and a panic after the explosion of the bomb, and before it had in any way ceased I was prepared to get away, as I was already clear of the seats, and so had no difficulty in making for the staircase and from there running down into the street.

After the outrage Franch fled from Barcelona and hid himself in a lonely house near a cemetery. For twenty days he remained there, supplied with food by his comrades, who kept him well posted upon everything which was going on.

An Undertaker's Fatal Carelessness.

BUFFALO, Jan. 4.—E. Zent, an undertaker of this city, is said to be directly responsible for the death of six people. He recently had charge of the burial of a woman who died from diphtheria. In total disregard of a city ordinance on the subject of contagious diseases he permitted the coffin to be opened at the grave. Of those present at the funeral six have since died of diphtheria. Health Commissioner Wende has entered a complaint against the undertaker.

A Robbers' Roost on the Fair Grounds.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—A robbers' roost, rich with plunder, has been found beneath the floor of the great Agriculture building at the World's fair grounds. The thieves escaped, but much valuable stolen property was recovered. The den was sumptuously furnished with Persian rugs, fabrics from foreign looms, rich draperies and comfortable divans. Fine brandies, high priced wines and imported cigars were scattered about the place in great profusion.

Fatally Burned at a Bonfire.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 4.—This afternoon while Dr. Lee, the 7 year old daughter of Newell Sanders, a prominent manufacturer and politician of this city, was roasting potatoes in a bonfire her dress ignited, and before the flames could be extinguished the little one was frightfully burned. She cannot live. Three years ago Mr. Sanders lost his eldest son by drowning.

Three Miners Badly Crushed.

WILKESBARRE, W. Va., Jan. 4.—At mine No. 2 of the Monongah Coal and Coke company three cars broke loose from a convoy on its way to the tipple and ran back into the mine. Three miners, Phil Anderson, Robert Ritter and Thomas Gallagher, were caught by them and badly crushed. Ritter may die.

River Miners Organized.

MONONGAHELA, Pa., Jan. 4.—At the River Miners' district convention the list of permanent officers were made complete, as follows: President, John A. Cairns, vice president, John C. Wilson, secretary treasurer, John J. Fitzpatrick. A convention of river miners will meet here next Monday to fix the rate.

A Popular Baseballist in Trouble.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 4.—James Galvin, the famous ex-baseball pitcher, was arrested this morning charged with stealing a diamond pin valued at $225 from H. W. Hubbard. The men were discharged in the police court, as sufficient evidence could not be produced to substantiate the charge against them.

A Disappointed Office Seeker's Suicide.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 4.—David Louden, a justice of the peace, aged 67 years, and one of the best known men in the county, cut his throat in his office during the night, and was found dead in the morning. Failure to secure a political appointment is said to have driven Louden to take his life.

Priests Invited to Retire.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 4.—Bishop Wigger has sent notices to eight priests not affiliated to his diocese to leave their charges and seek other places. This is the outcome of the troubles between Rev. Dr. Smith and his former assistant, Rev. Father Murphy, of St. Joseph's church.

The Penns's Latest Acquisition.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 4.—First Vice President McCrea of the Pennsylvania company confirms the reported transfer of the Vandalia system, consisting of the Terre Haute and Indianapolis and the St. Louis, Vandalia and Terre Haute lines, to the Pennsylvania company.

Postoffice Growth.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The total number of presidential offices in operation Jan. 1, 1894, was 3,424, an increase of 201 during 1893. The number of all offices on Jan. 1 was 68,806, an increase of 1,069 during the year.

A MANIAC HUSBAND'S CRIME

A Well Known Educator Murders His Bride of a Month.

MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 1.—Professor Swithin C. Shortlidge, principal of the Media Academy for Boys, shot and instantly killed his wife yesterday while promenading on one of the principal streets of this city. The couple had been married but a month, and the only cause that can be assigned for the deed is temporary insanity from the effects of a recent attack of the grip, combined with business reverses. There were no witnesses to the murder who were near enough to hear any conversation that may have preceded it, and Professor Shortlidge has been totally irrational ever since it occurred.

All that can be learned, until he recovers his reason, is that the couple went out for a walk during the morning, and that when they had reached a point on Jefferson street, a few minutes walk from their home, the frenzied man suddenly drew a pistol and fired six shots in rapid succession into the woman's head. Then he threw himself upon her prostrate form, [illegible] reached the scene she was beyond all human aid, and he was frantically calling to her to come back to him.

Crash on the Union Pacific.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 3.—Three men were killed, four seriously injured and a dozen more slightly hurt in a wreck on the Union Pacific railroad near Linwood, Kan., twenty seven miles west of Kansas City. The wreck was caused by a freight train on the Rock Island railway, which uses the Union Pacific track between Kansas City and Topeka, running into the rear end of a mixed freight and passenger train of the Union Pacific. The Union Pacific train was near a water tank west of Linwood, and was slowing up when the other train crashed into it.

Fatal Fire in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Jan. 3.—A cheap lodging house on Swan street, between Main and Washington, kept by Lizzie Hacket, was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock in the morning. Of the score or more of lodgers three perished, and all the others were more or less seriously burned and injured. The dead are: Edna Farley, day cook; Isaac Bradley, printer, and Louis Anderson, carpenter. David E. Ward, a negro cook; Charles Van Exter, a negro detective, and Edward Cress are dying, while eight more injured ones are lying at the hospital.

Disastrous Fire in Toledo.

TOLEDO, Jan. 4.—Fire last night caused the loss of nearly a million dollars. It broke out in the elevator of F. N. Quale & Co., on the river, fronting on Madison and Water streets. The cause is as yet unknown. An explosion of dust caused a general alarm. The elevator with its contents was entirely destroyed. The elevator and business of C. A. King & Co. is also a total loss. The fire also destroyed three five story business blocks, including a museum and theater.

Death of Bishop McNeirney.

ALBANY, Jan. 3.—Surrounded by the clergy of the city, after the last sacraments had been administered, Right Rev. Francis McNeirney, Catholic bishop of Albany, died last night of pneumonia, aged 65. Bishop McNeirney's intellectual accomplishments were known throughout the state, and at the last session of the legislature he was chosen a member of the state board of regents.

Heavy Sentence for Divulging State Secrets

PARIS, Jan. 4.—A widow named Millescamps was sentenced to the Rustrum [illegible] for ten years, to banishment from Paris, to pay a fine of 1,000 francs and to espionage after her release from prison. A secret service agent of the government had lost in the woman's house certain plans, and the woman, instead of restoring them to the government, had handed them to third parties.

N. Y. and N. E. Checks Protested.

HARTFORD, Jan. 4.—The employes of the New York and New England road are in serious trouble. They were paid off last Friday by checks drawn on the Continental National bank, of Boston, and cashed them here, as usual. Yesterday the checks were returned protested by the bank. Protest fees of $1.50 for each check are added to the face of the checks.

Grow Named Without Opposition.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 4.—Galusha A. Grow, of Susquehanna county, was unanimously nominated for congressman-at-large in the Republican convention. James S. Biery, of Lehigh county, who was the only other candidate before the convention, withdrew his name before the vote was taken. Mr. Grow made a speech, accepting the nomination.

A Boy's Eyes Blown Out.

BRAZIL, Ind., Jan. 3.—Frank Hadley, Frederick Phelps, and two boys named Hawkins secured a can of powder and took it to a near by grove to celebrate the new year. The can was prematurely exploded, and the eyes of one of the Hawkins boys were blown entirely out, while the other boy's eyes were horribly burned.

E. M. Field Must Stand Trial.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—District Attorney Fellows issued directions for the return of Edward M. Field, son of the late Cyrus W. Field, from the state lunane asylum at Buffalo, to stand trial on the indictment pending against him in connection with the wrecking of the firm of Field, Lindley & Co.

SUCCESSFUL BANK ROBBERS.

They Secure Twenty-five Thousand Dollars in a Quiet Illinois Town.

BELVIDERE, Ills., Jan. 4.—One of the boldest and most daring pieces of safe blowing and bank robbery ever perpetrated in northern Illinois occurred in Franklin Grove, in Lee county, some time Tuesday night, by which the Franklin Grove bank was looted of nearly $25,000 in cash and valuable papers. The robbers, after completing their clever job, got out of town as quickly as they came and left no trace behind by which their identity can be discovered. Nothing was known of the robbery until the bank officials came down in the morning to open the concern for business. On entering the bank they were startled to find the vault doors open, papers strewn about the floor and everything in general confusion.

The bank is one of the most solid of the kind in this section, and is the depository of many of the wealthy farmers in Lee county. The deposits average over $25,000, and have been heavier than that of late. Those in a position to know say the loss is nearly $25,000. The robbers took everything in the safe which was inside the vault. No one in the village heard the report when the safe was blown up, and as the town has no police, the robbers easily got away with the plunder.

A TAX ON WHISKY INCREASED.

The Income Tax Provision Provides That All Individual and Corporation Incomes Over Four Thousand Dollars Shall Pay Two Per Cent—To Vote on the Bill Jan. 17

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The advocates of the individual income tax proposition were triumphant at the meeting of the Democratic members of the ways and means committee last evening. The eleven members were present when the final meeting was held at the treasury department at 4 o'clock. Comparatively little time was wasted in discussion. The ground had all been argued and fought over time and again, and the issue was joined on two propositions, one to levy a tax of 2 per cent against individual incomes over $4,000 and against the incomes from corporations—that is, the difference between the gross income and the operating expenses, or, in other words, the net income, and second, a proposition offered as a substitute by Mr. Cockran, of New York, to tax the incomes from corporations 1 per cent. and inheritances 5 per cent., to place a tax of ten cents on whisky and to restore sugar to the dutiable list at half a cent a pound. The vote on Mr. Cockran's substitute proposition, which was taken first, resulted in its defeat, 7 to 4. The original proposition was then submitted, and carried by a vote of 6 to 5.

The committee estimate that the tax on the incomes from corporations and individuals (corporations being treated as individuals) will raise $30,000,000 revenue, $12,000,000 from corporations and $18,000,000 from individuals. The increase in the whisky tax, it is estimated, will give an additional revenue of $10,000,000 per annum. The proposed tax on inheritances, which was to be levied in case the proposition for an individual income tax failed, was not deemed necessary.

Summarized, the internal revenue features of the Wilson bill are as follows: A tax of 2 per cent. on individual incomes over $4,000 and net corporation incomes, and a tax of two cents per pack on playing cards, $1 per gallon on whisky, $1 per barrel on beer; $1.00 per thousand on cigarettes and $3 per thousand on cigars and sheroots. These features of the bill were presented to the full committee this afternoon, and will be formally introduced in the house later in the week.

Madison Square Bank Officials Freed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—After sustaining the indictments found against President Blant and Directors Soulard and MacDonald, of the defunct Madison Square bank, of charges of misdemeanors, Judge Barrett declared the counts of the indictment against the eight officials under bail invalid, on the ground that it charged participations in fraudulent insolvency without giving the details of the offense. The result of this decision is to set free five of the eight officials, the other three being held on the indictment sus ained earlier in the day charging misdemeanor. It is likely that these five will be re-indicted.

Howard Convicted.

JACKSON, Tenn., Jan. 4.—"Rev." Howard, alias William Lord Moore, the international swindler, who had been on trial the second time for violating United States postal laws, was found guilty on twenty-two counts of the indictment. Howard's scheme, it is said, was to represent to people throughout the country that fortunes awaited them in England, and that he was prepared to assist them in establishing their claims. Several persons were brought by the government from England to be used as witnesses in the case.

Ordered His Sailors Poisoned.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 4.—In the examination of Mate Ferrill and Steward Griffin, of the bark Antoinette, on the charge of extreme cruelty preferred by Sailors Wounsch and Morgan, Boatswain McClelland swore that he heard Captain King say that if two certain members of the crew became ill to give them a dose of poison and launch them overboard. Further evidence goes to show that extreme cruelty was practiced on the sailors.

A Grip Victim's Terrible Suicide.

TRENTON, Jan. 4.—Daniel Moore, a loom boss employed in Wilson's wooden mills, in this city, committed suicide in a horrible manner. He had been suffering from the grip for several days, which seemed to have crazed him. Upon arriving at the mills he deliberately threw himself between the revolving cog wheels in the wheel house of the mill and was ground to pieces. He leaves a wife and two children.

Ex-Congressman Potter Dead.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Orlando B. Potter, the well-known financier and ex-congressman, died suddenly last night. He was taken with a fit in front of 8 East Fiftieth street and assisted by a policeman into the Democratic club, 617 Fifth avenue, where he died before any physician could reach him. Mr. Potter was 64 years old and lived at 3 East Fifty-seventh street.

Three Killed by a Premature Explosion

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Three men were killed and several injured by the premature explosion of a blast at Townsend and Washington streets, in the Roxbury district. Those killed are: Thomas Hardeman, 50 years of age, foreman; Thomas Black, 35 years of age; Patrick Huse, aged 28. Cornelius Leary was probably fatally hurt.

Steamboat Boiler Explodes.

PADUCAH, Ky., Jan. 4.—The Evansville and Tennessee river packet W. T. Nisbet exploded her "nigger" boiler at Panther Island, sixty-six miles up the Tennessee river, wrecking the cabin and killing James Mitchell, a lawyer of Saltillo, Tenn., besides seriously injuring a number of the crew and passengers.

Senator Faulkner's Wedding.

FORT MONROE, Va., Jan. 4.—Of the many brilliant weddings that have taken place in old St. John's church at Hampton during the 250 years of its history that of Senator Faulkner and Miss Whiting yesterday afternoon easily heads the list. The entire lower peninsula turned out to witness the event.

McKane Arraigned.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 4.—In the court of oyer and terminer John Y. McKane, Justices Newton and Sutherland, with all the election inspectors of Gravesend, were arraigned to plead to the indictments against them. After some arguments the defendants were allowed until Monday to plead.

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX

It Finds a Place in the Wilson Tariff Bill.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Friday, Dec. 29.

Henry Clausen, the well known brewer, died at his residence in New York.

Chris Evans, the noted bandit, under sentence of life imprisonment, escaped from the jail at Fresno, Cal.

The explosion of a sawmill boiler near Peru, Ind., killed Bud McDonald, aged 15, and George McDonald, aged 35.

President Cleveland, who is off on a duck shooting expedition in Virginia, is expected to return to Washington tomorrow.

Michael Davitt, in a letter to the Associated Press, indignantly denies the story that he had advised the removal of Dr. Cronin.

Annie Wagner, on trial at Indianapolis for the alleged murder by poison of five members of the Koessters family, was acquitted.

Saturday, Dec. 30.

Hon. William E. Gladstone, the British premier, yesterday celebrated his 84th birthday.

Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Catholic bishop of Clogher, died in Monaghan, Ireland, of influenza.

During a dense fog at Amsterdam, Holland, seventy-nine persons fell into the rivers and canals, over twenty of whom were drowned.

The steamer Albert, bound from Port Albert to Melbourne, Australia,