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## SHOOTS HIS STEPSON DURING A QUARREL

### Saginaw Man Is Held Pending the Outcome.

Several Family Rows Have Occurred Because John McCarty's Wife's Children Insisted Upon Living with Him.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 25.—John McCarty, forty-five years old, is held at central police headquarters pending the outcome of an investigation of the shooting of John McCarty, twenty-four years old, his stepson, which took place at the former's home. The wound is not serious.

The story given to the police by McCarty is that his wife's children, three boys, Mike, Frank and John, insisted on living with him, which he resented. Several times family rows have occurred and this time everything was set for the climax. The boys went to their mother's home, it is said, and McCarty ordered them away. Mrs. McCarty entered the argument and took her sons' part. One word led to another, McCarty says, until the three threatened violence. Mike, the oldest boy, he says, started for him and he drew his revolver, saying: "If you come a step closer I'll spill your brains on the floor." John took up the cause and rushed in. The revolver cracked, the bullet taking effect in his right leg above the knee. The police were notified and McCarty placed under arrest.

## MERSON FOR COMMISSION

### Gov. Osborn Names Saginaw Democrat to Succeed James H. Thompson.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 26.—W. B. Mershon has been appointed member of the state board of tax commissioners to succeed James H. Thompson of Lansing, who has resigned.

While the governor was in the city the announcement was made. The appointment was a complete surprise, as nothing had been given out of the governor's intentions. Mr. Mershon is a Democrat, and he succeeds a Republican. Mr. Mershon is well known in Saginaw and throughout the state.

The governor says he feels elated in having Mr. Mershon accept the position, as he is fitted in every respect to fill the office.

"It is my strong desire to remove politics of every kind from the state tax commission," said Governor Osborn. "I am determined to make it a bipartisan, non-partisan, non-political body, and Mr. Mershon's appointment will do that."

## CHRISTMAS TREE OUTDOORS

### Tuberculosis Patients Celebrate in Unique Manner.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 25.—The little patients in the Grand Rapids tuberculosis sanitarium had an outdoor Christmas tree. County Physician Aptel wanted to establish the fashion in Michigan and began with his own charges.

Clad in Eskimo suits the children were given the presents while standing in the snow grouped around the tree, which is a regular Christmas pine planted with a view of perpetuating the plan.

## Aged Man Struck by Auto.

Jackson, Mich., Dec. 25.—Stepping in front of an automobile driven by Rev. R. W. Pierce, W. A. Peterson, eighty years old, was knocked to the pavement and painfully injured. The front wheels of the machine passing over his body. He sustained a severe scalp wound and a number of minor injuries. He will recover.

## Ecuador's President Dies

### Emilio Estrada Passes Away After an Illness of Three Months.

At Guayaquil, Ecuador, Emilio Estrada, president of the republic of Ecuador, died suddenly at midnight.

President Estrada was elected to office Jan. 11, 1911, and was inaugurated Sept. 1. He was taken seriously ill on the 15th of the same month and went to Quito to recuperate. During his sojourn there a plot to assassinate him was discovered and several conspirators were arrested. He then returned to Guayaquil.

## LOGAN TUCKER FALLS DEAD

### Grandson of Mrs. John A. Logan Succumbs in Philadelphia.

Captain Logan Tucker dropped dead while at dinner in an inn in Philadelphia.

Captain Tucker was a son of Colonel William F. Tucker, U. S. A., retired, and a grandson of Mrs. John A. Logan of Washington.

## MISS EDITH PULITZER.

Daughter of Late Publisher Who Became Bride of Wm. S. Moore.



Photo by American Press Association.

NEW YORK—Miss Edith Louise Pulitzer, daughter of the late Joseph Pulitzer, who died aboard his yacht at Charleston, S. C., two months ago, was married to William Scoville Moore, son of Major Clement C. Moore.

The wedding took place at the Pulitzer residence in East Seventy-third street and was attended only by relatives and a few close friends. The couple will sail for Europe to spend the winter.

## LEAVES HOME IN A HUFF

### Owosso Man Struck by Train Near Saginaw While Wife Plans Joy.

Owosso, Mich., Dec. 26.—While under stress of domestic infidelity, Mrs. Henry Lyon received word that her husband had been killed by a north-bound Michigan Central passenger train, near Swan Creek, eight miles south of Saginaw.

Lyon was employed by the Owosso Carriage and Sleigh company. On returning to his home from work he and his wife had a disagreement and he left, but his wife had no thought of his staying away or leaving the city. It is thought he went to Chesaning and later, while in a confused state of mind, walked north on the track toward Saginaw instead of returning to his city. He was fifty-three years old.

## GAVE YOUNG GIRLS WHISKY

### On This Charge Croswell Man Is Held for Trial.

Croswell, Mich., Dec. 25.—Arrested on complaint of two young girls of this place, Fred C. Shaw was arraigned, waived examination and was bound over to the circuit court for trial. The charge against him is that he enticed the two girls, about seventeen years old, to his rooms, where he gave them ginger ale, doped with whisky and kept them from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until midnight.

Shaw's bail was fixed at \$1,000, which he has been unable to give. The people of the village are very much wrought up over the affair, and threats of violence to Shaw are freely made.

## UGHT TO UPLIFT SAGINAW

### Five-Year Religion Forward Movement Planned.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 25.—Nine sections compose the program for the five-year campaign for the uplift of Saginaw, which is the sequence of the four-day campaign of the Men and Religion forward movement which came to a close in Saginaw several days ago.

The program was drafted by Dr. Myron E. Adams of Detroit and it deals with every phase of the city life. The subjects touched are: Association of charities, education, recreation, industrial, public health, good housing, good government, public morals and conservation.

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## TAFT ABROGATES THE TREATY WITH RUSSIA

### Action Is Ratified by the Senate and House.

### President Notifies St. Petersburg of United States' Intention to Cancel Pact, and Then Tells Senate What He Has Done.

With no offense to the Czar's government, the treaty of 1832 with Russia, against which the Jews of this country have been protesting for many years, will be terminated.

Formal notice has been served on the government at St. Petersburg of the intention of the United States to end the treaty Jan. 1, 1912. President Taft took the situation into his own hands and through the United States ambassador at St. Petersburg on last Sunday made the first move toward the cancellation of the treaty. The president notified the U. S. senate of his action and asked for the approval and ratification of that body.

President Taft's action was unanimously ratified by the senate after debate, the motion being presented by Senator Lodge.

The house also passed the Lodge resolution ratifying the abrogation of the treaty. The joint resolution was signed by Vice President Sherman which action perfected the legislation. President Taft also signed the resolution.

President Taft's procedure in terminating the treaty was in marked contrast to the method proposed by the house of representatives in the Sulzer resolution. Instead of boldly accusing Russia of having violated the terms of the treaty President Taft served notice of the desire of the United States to terminate it on the ground "that it is no longer responsive to the political and material relations of the two countries" and because the treaty has given "rise from time to time to certain controversies equally regretted by both governments."

The president not only refrained from any direct reference to discrimination owing to race or religion, but accepted the opportunity to emphasize the long-standing friendship between the two governments and to express an earnest hope for its continuance and final negotiation of another treaty of "friendship, commerce and navigation."

As a result of the president's diplomatic handling of the situation an likelihood of Russia regarding the termination of the treaty as an affront has disappeared and state department officials are certain that the relations of the United States and Russia will continue on the same cordial basis that has existed for years. There is good reason to believe that Russia has already informed this government that she is willing to enter into a discussion with a view to negotiating a new treaty.

## RUSSIA TO RETALIATE

### Proposal in the Duma for the Raising of Duties.

At St. Petersburg, Russia, a legislative proposal to provide for tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the Russo-American treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832 has been introduced in the duma by ex-President Guchoff and other signers representing the Octoberist and nationalist parties, which control the majority of the duma.

The bill proposes to raise existing Russian duties by 100 per cent and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent on articles which are admitted free under the present Russian tariff.

The necessity for the proposed legislation is explained in an accompanying declaration in which it is stated that the regular American tariff schedules which will be applicable to Russian goods at the expiration of the treaty of 1832 will be so high as to have a prohibitive character and that they greatly exceed the Russian normal tariff and navigation taxes which would be naturally applicable to American goods in the absence of a treaty. Double tonnage tax on vessels is also proposed.

## BANKER FOUND GUILTY

### Wealthiest Man in South Dakota Is Convicted of Fraud.

At Sioux Falls, S. D., Charles S. Hyde, of Pierre, S. D., reputed to be the wealthiest man in South Dakota, a real estate operator and banker, was found guilty on three counts of using the mails to defraud, with a maximum penalty of \$1,500 fine, fifty-four months in prison, or both.

Hyde's activity in promoting sales of town lots at Pierre led to his indictment.

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## AHMED MIRZA.

Youthful Shah of Persia Who Yields to Demands of Russia.



## PERSIA FORCED TO YIELD TO RUSSIA

### W. Morgan Shuster Will Lose Job by Surrender.

### It Was the Demand of Russia for the Dismissal of American Treasurer General of Persia That Started Crisis.

Persia has given to the Russian minister, S. Poklevski-Kozell, verbal assurance of its intention to comply with the demands in the Russian ultimatum.

This means that W. Morgan Shuster, American treasurer general of Persia, will lose his job.

It was Russia's demand for the dismissal of Mr. Shuster that precipitated the crisis and led to a Russian arm invasion of Persia. After fighting had begun at Tahriz Russia gave Persia an ultimatum. The national council at Teheran agreed before the time limit expired to insist no longer on Mr. Shuster's retention.

It was charged by Russia that Mr. Shuster insulted one of the czar's envoys while Russian officials were collecting taxes in the northern part of the kingdom.

Mr. Shuster defends his course in the following terms:

"The British foreign minister's statement that I distributed pamphlets attacking Russia and forced three Persian ministers to resign and sought to Anglicize the Persian service is untrue. The two ministers therein designated resigned because they declared the prime minister was lukewarm toward the establishment of efficient financial control."

## RICHESON CUTS HIMSELF

### Alleged Slayer Inflicts Injuries with Tin—Not Trying Suicide.

Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is confined in jail in Boston, Mass., waiting trial on the charge of murdering Miss Avis Linnell, cut himself with a piece of tin. It is said that the aim was not suicide.

The wound was inflicted in the vicinity of the groin and counsel for the accused man stated that Richeson attempted to mutilate himself, inflicting injuries which made it necessary for physicians to complete his act by an operation at the prison hospital.

## 500 DIE IN MASSACRE

### Russians Kill Women and Children at Resht, Persia.

A massacre occurred in Resht according to official Persian telegram received in London. These state that on Sunday 500 Persians were killed by the Russians, many of them being women and children. The people, it is said, have been exhorted not to fight and not to give the slightest provocation, but the massacre still continues.

Resht is the capital of the province of Gilan and has 40,000 inhabitants. The government house has been bombarded and many government officials and police have been killed. Private houses have been demolished.

According to other dispatches the Russians killed four unarmed Moham medans in the Armenian quarter of Tahriz during the fighting in that city.

"The people of Persia," says one dispatch, "are stupefied at the attitude of Russia, especially as these outrages have followed immediately on the acceptance by Persia of the second Russian ultimatum, and when Persia has shown every desire and disposition to conciliate Russia and establish friendly relations."

## RECEIVERS FOR WABASH

### F. A. Delano, E. B. Pryor and W. K. Bixby Are Appointed.

At New York Tuesday Frederick A. Delano of Chicago, president of the road; E. B. Pryor of St. Louis, vice president, and William K. Bixby of St. Louis were appointed receivers for the Wabash railroad by the United States circuit court in St. Louis.

A committee consisting of Robert Goellet, Edwin Hawley, Thomas H. Hubbard, A. W. Koch, Robert Fleming and Winslow S. Pierce, met here to conduct an expedition as possible an investigation of the financial condition and requirements of the road, with the object of formulating and carrying out in co-operation with Kuhn, Loeb & Co. such measures as may seem to be best adapted to the situation and to develop the possibility of the road's properties.

The man who speculates with the aim of getting something for nothing almost invariably winds up with getting nothing for something.

## COMMISSION RULE SAFE

### Act of the Illinois Legislature Is Upheld.

At Springfield, Ill., the commission form of government act for all cities, passed by the general assembly in 1909, was pronounced constitutional by the supreme court in an opinion in which the supreme court affirms the decision of Judge James A. Creighton of the Sangamon circuit court.

This case is one in which the city of Springfield obtained a prerogative writ of mandamus directing Charles H. Edmonds, treasurer and collector of Sangamon county, to turn over to William H. Bows, city treasurer of Springfield, appointed by the city commissioners, \$87,000 which belonged to the city and which Edmonds held in the county treasury.

Edmonds appealed to the supreme court, alleging that the bill never legally passed the legislature and that it was not a complete act without reading into it the provisions of the old city and villages act.

## MESSAGES TO CONGRESS

### President Wants Tariff on Wool Cut and Reform in the Currency.

President Taft sent to congress the long expected report of the tariff board on schedule K of the Payne tariff act and with it a message recommending that rates on wool and woolsens be materially reduced.

In another message President Taft characterizes currency reform as subject of first importance and favors a central reserve association.

The president urges that the government continue the work started by the sanitary district of Chicago.

## GEN. REYES CAPTURED

### Mexican Revolutionist Taken after Battle with Federals.

General Reyes was captured near Linares, state of Nuevo Leon, Mex., about thirty miles from Monterey, according to a telegram received here from General Trevino, commander of the northern military zone of Mexico.

The capture was after a battle between the federals and followers of Reyes. Reyes' forces were defeated and disorganized, fleeing in all directions. General Reyes was captured alone. Reyes was subsequently taken to the town and by orders from President Madero he was paroled, the only conditions being that he not attempt to leave Linares.

President Madero gave instructions to give General Reyes every reasonable privilege.

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1 lot men's and youths'	\$18.00	coats	\$13.75
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" " " "	12.50	"	9.48
" " " "	10.00	"	7.98
" " " "	8.00	"	5.98
" boys', sizes 9 to 15	6.00	"	4.50
" " " "	5.00	"	3.75
1 lot men's	\$8.50	ulsters, sale price	6.25
" " " "	6.00	" " "	4.50
" " " "	5.00	" " "	3.75

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1 lot men's	\$22.00	suits	\$16.98
" " " "	20.00	"	15.98
" " " "	18.00	"	13.75
" " " "	15.00	"	11.98
" " " "	12.50	"	9.78
" " " "	10.00	"	7.98
1 lot youths	15.00	"	11.98
" " " "	12.50	"	9.78
" " " "	10.00	"	7.98
" " " "	8.00	"	5.98
" " " "	5.00	to 7.00 suits	2.98



### Boys' Straight Pant Suits, Ages 5 to 16 Years

1 lot boys' straight pant suits,	\$6.00	values, pre-inventory sale price	\$4.50
1 " " " " " "	\$5.00	" " " "	3.75
1 " " " " " "	\$4.50	" " " "	3.38
1 " " " " " "	\$4.00	" " " "	3.00

1 lot boys' straight pant suits,	\$3.50	values, pre-inventory sale price	\$2.63
2 " " " " " "	\$3.00	" " " "	2.25
" " " " " "	\$2.50	" " " "	1.88

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\$10 " "	8.00

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Our entire line of children's cloth coats, sizes 6 to 14 years, at 25 per cent. reductions:

\$12 Children's Coats	\$9.00
\$10 " "	7.50
\$8 " "	6.00
\$5 " "	3.50

Infants' plush, caracul and Lear skin coats at 2 1/2 per cent discount. We invite your inspection.

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Ladies' skirts in voils, panamas, serges and fancy weaves at a cut of 25 cents on the dollar:

\$12 Skirts, pre-inventory price	\$9.00
\$10 " " " "	7.50
\$8 " " " "	6.00
\$5 Skirts, (two lots) at \$2.98 and	3.50

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