

GOVERNOR RELEASED THE PRISONER WITHOUT CONSULTING THE BOARD OF PAROLERS.

SAYS HE RECEIVED PETITION FROM NEARLY 1,000 DEPOSITORS ASKING CLEMENCY—THINKS ANDREWS WILL ASSIST IN SETTLING BANK'S AFFAIRS.

Lansing, Mich., December 22.—Governor Bliss has disappointed some of his best friends and pleased others by issuing a parole for Frank Andrews, of Detroit. The document which will release Andrews from prison was signed about 6 p. m.

The parole for Andrews was not applied for nor granted in the regular way. No formal application was ever presented to the board of pardons, and the governor acted independently of the board, and contrary to what would have been its recommendation in granting leniency.

It is understood that T. W. Atwood and other prominent members of the governor's cabinet were opposed to the parole, and it has been known for some time that a majority of the members of the old pardon board were opposed to the granting of leniency. Andrews' attorney, prison August 18, 1902, for a crime committed in connection with the failure of the City Savings Bank of Detroit. He has served sixteen months of a fifteen-year sentence.

Governor Bliss said that he had spent a good deal of time on the matter within the past two weeks and he had come to the conclusion that the release of Andrews would be the best thing for the depositors of the bank. He received a petition from nearly 1,000 depositors of the bank, he said, and many letters had been written to him asking for the exercise of clemency.

A while ago there was a great deal of opposition to the parole, but some of this has vanished since the recent litigation in Detroit over the affairs of the bank.

The governor did not commute Andrews' sentence before paroling him. It is significant. There is a rule of the state to the effect that no man shall be paroled before his sentence has expired. Andrews' case is in a case where but a small portion of a long sentence has been served, but that commutes the sentence to bring it into compliance with this rule.

In Andrews' case, however, this was not done. The governor paid for the parole, and Andrews will be in prison for the remainder of his fifteen years' sentence, and cannot be arrested on any other charge until the expiration of that time is up. By that time the charges will have been outlawed.

According to the governor, the reason for not first commuting Andrews to probation and then paroling him so that in case he will not improve he can be returned to prison is that Andrews is a man who can walk past a gang of snowballing youngsters on the street without marring his dignity.

The Grand Rapids Cases. Monday was arraignment day in the Grand Rapids water cases in the Superior Court. Most of the defendants were present. Immediately after the trial of the assistant prosecutor entered with a plea of guilty to the charge of conspiracy to defraud. The first case called was that of ex-Ald. Charles T. Johnson. He pleaded guilty to the charge of conspiracy to defraud. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year and six months.

The Leaning Tower. The showing made by the prosecution in the case of the people vs. Mrs. M. C. Leaning, charged with the murder by poison of her husband, George Leaning, was so strong that the grand jury returned a verdict of guilty. The case was tried over to the circuit court for trial Jan. 11. In the circuit court, Mrs. Leaning will be asked to plead guilty. She will be away on a southern trip. She will be returned to trial. Her trial will begin on Feb. 29. Mrs. Collins on being found guilty, exhibited no emotion, and she was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year and six months.

The Isle Royal Murder. The bodies of the three men who were killed on the Isle Royal mine were recovered Monday afternoon. They were brought to the surface by being strapped to boards and hauled up the shaft. The bodies were recovered at the work of recovering the bodies. The bodies were recovered at the work of recovering the bodies. The bodies were recovered at the work of recovering the bodies.

State Salt Inspector Porter's annual report shows that Michigan has 95,000 tons of salt in the ground. During the year, 10,000 tons were produced. The production of salt in Michigan is 10,000 tons. The production of salt in Michigan is 10,000 tons.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

The Canal Treaty.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

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Subjects of petitions have been received by the senate. The subjects include prayers for the election of Senator Root from the state of Ohio.

During all this time but one important piece of legislation affecting the entire country has been adopted by congress and sent to the president for his signature.

Senator Morgan introduced a resolution declaring that the president has no right to wage war against any foreign country without the consent of congress.

The report of Attorney General Cummings on the charges made by the senate against the president in the Washington city police case, is the administration of that office says.

The responsible inference to be drawn from the report is that the president is not fully and explicitly accused of any crime.

When the pupils in the Bloomingdale school for the blind were held in the marsh-pit during the night, the school principal says he is not responsible for the accident.

W. I. Brotherton & Co., of Bay City, Mich., the oldest wholesale grocery concern in the Saginaw valley, is in financial straits.

Lansing citizens will give Mrs. J. R. Leaning a woman whose home was burned Sunday a Christmas present in the form of a new home.

In regard to former Postmaster General Smith, the report says: "Charles Smith is a man of high character and appears to have served in some cases the responsibilities of his subordinate position with credit."

Diplomatic pressure will be brought to bear on Colombia by several European powers to secure the extradition of the man who is believed to be the author of the Panama revolution.

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Major John F. Bible, of India, has run afoul of the law, pleading guilty to a violation of the game laws. He was sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

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CONDENSED NEWS.

John D. Rockefeller has taken to Chicago and says it is great.

Andrew Carnegie and other philanthropists are gathering and giving to the poor in Cincinnati.

Four thousand new employees at the Illinois Steel Co. at South Chicago will be laid off for an indefinite period on Thursday, the day before Christmas.

The new typhus serum which has been successful in 20 cases in both hospital and field is prepared by immunizing horses, just as it is prepared by Dr. J. C. Hensley, of St. Louis.

Undertakers' wagons and street cars were used to convey the dead in Chicago to the funeral homes. The wagons were used to convey the dead to the funeral homes.

Antonio Letta and Mary Matas, his mother-in-law, were also dead at Philadelphia, as the result of a dispute over the will of the late Mrs. Letta, which was kept by the woman. The attendant, Nicholas Mito, shot Letta, Mrs. Matas and a "beast," and was killed for the insult.

Cardinal Gotti has turned over to the pope the \$100,000 which he had collected for the pope. The money had been collected for the pope.

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