

THE NEWS IN NEBRASKA

AS TO STOCKMEN'S PASSES

The Court Adheres to Its Former Judgment.

The supreme court has adhered to its former judgment in the case of the C. B. & Q. R. R. company against David C. Troyer, error from Hamilton county, Judge Barnes dissenting. Troyer while traveling on a stock shipper's pass sustained personal injuries. In the lower court judgment was given against the railroad. The supreme court holds that under the evidence the question of the alleged negligence of the company was a matter for the court to determine and the evidence is sufficient to warrant a finding that the defendant company was guilty of actionable negligence which was the approximate cause of the injury complained of. The court says that it cannot be said as a matter of law that the plaintiff was guilty of contributory negligence so as to preclude a recovery. The court holds that a person while traveling on a freight train on a stock shipper's pass for the purpose of attending to the live stock being shipped sustains the relation of the carrier of passenger, but in a restricted modified sense. Such a person while so traveling assumes such risks and inconveniences as necessarily attend upon caring for such stock and such as are incident to the means and methods employed by the company in the operation of its freight trains. Judge Barnes dissenting says that the plaintiff's right to recover depend upon actionable negligence upon the part of the company and as he reads the record finds no such negligence is shown. The plaintiff was walking in order to reach the caboose at the end of a freight train and was struck by a switch engine on an adjacent track. Judge Barnes says the fact was clearly established that the space between the railroad tracks where the plaintiff was walking was wide enough for his safe passage if he had exercised ordinary care.

BAKER MUST HANG.

Little Hope Remains for Man Convicted of a Double Murder.

LINCOLN—The supreme court has overruled the motion for a rehearing filed by the attorneys for Frank Barker, the Webster county double murderer. The forty-day limit in which the motion could have been filed expired Tuesday. Counsel for Barker submitted an application for leave to file a motion for rehearing. The court allowed the application to be filed, but overruled it as intending to delay the carrying out of the former decision. Since being confined in an isolated cell Barker has become gloomy and is a trifle despondent. June 16 is the date of the execution and the hanging will take place between the hours of 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.

MAN AND WOMAN HAVE GONE

Frank Hanscom and Mrs. Ortmann Create a Scandal.

BEATRICE—Sheriff Trude and his deputies are scouring the country for Frank Hanscom and Mrs. Etta Ortmann, who, it is alleged, have eloped. Both are married and have families residing north of this city. Mrs. Ortmann came to the city and soon after Hanscom arrived. Neither returned home and no trace could be found of them. The sheriff is sending out cards and offering a reward for their arrest. This is the same couple that scandalized the neighborhood in a similar manner about a year ago, when they disappeared, finally coming back and resuming relations with their families.

Big Cattle Shipment.

STANTON—A special train load of fat cattle, consisting of twenty-six cars, owned by Louis Smithberger, Ed Zilmer and Horton & Chace, left here for the Chicago market.

Given Three-Year Sentence.

AINSWORTH—Harvey Beloit pleaded guilty to grand larceny in district court and was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years. Beloit is the party who several weeks ago entered the residence of Rev. Mr. Tainter at Long Pine and purloined therefrom clothing and \$27 in cash.

Large Catalpa Grove.

AUBURN—Wallrich Ubben of this city has highly complimented by the bureau of forestry department of the national government. Last week he received a communication from Frank G. Miller, first assistant, Washington, asking for information concerning the catalpa grove on Mr. Ubben's farm, south of town. This is one of the largest artificial groves in the country and last year was inspected by a corps of government officials who measured the trees and collected information concerning their growth.

Gift to Doane College.

CRETE—Doane's students and faculty members are rejoicing over the receipt of a \$10,000 gift to the college. Public announcement of the gift of that sum by James Whitcomb of Worcester, Mass., was made during the progress of the band concert on the campus and was received with cheers, college yells and a general jubilation. The gift came as a result of the solicitation of President Perry, who is at present in the east. It is to be used in the erection and equipment of the music conservatory.

Former Secretary of State Porter must repay the state \$923 collected by him as fees for recording brands during his term of office, according to decision of the supreme court affirming the judgment of the district court of Lancaster county. The court adheres to a former decision in which it held that the law giving Porter the fees was unconstitutional as adding to the emoluments of office. In the former trial the case was reversed because judgment included the bondsmen, against whom there was no cause of action.

STATE NOTES.

A franchise has been granted at York for a gas plant.

Another new rural mail route has been started out from Palmyra.

A girls' and boys club is to be organized at Glenover, Gage county.

The deputy county clerk of Colfax had his collarbone broken by a horse of both feet.

The democrats of the First congressional district will meet in Lincoln June 15.

Mrs. Mary Vincent of York died in Denver, where she had been for about two months, hoping to benefit her health.

William Neal, a laborer at the Peru brickyard, lost his left hand in the rolls and lost the first two fingers. The wound was dressed by Drs. Fairchild and Shelhorn.

The Commercial club of York is busy just now to secure attractions for a Chautauqua. There seems to be a strong sentiment among the people to hold one this summer.

Granville Smith of Beatrice has instituted suit in the district court for damages in the sum of \$5,000 against Louis Walther, a merchant of Wyoming, for false imprisonment.

The efforts of the respectable element of Homer to rid themselves of the disgrace incident to drunken Indians and squaws has resulted in no saloon license being issued in that place for the coming year.

Though the law is not operative for this year the Grand Island base ball club has decided not to have a game of ball on Memorial day, it interfering with the hours during which memorial services will be held at the opera house.

Members of the Southeastern Fruit Growers' association are contemplating a big crop of small fruit. The association has received a consignment of 120,000 strawberry boxes and 4,000 crates for the berry supply this season.

Bob Moore, the young colored man who had his right foot cut off above the ankle a few weeks ago, surprised his friends by riding in the streets at Humboldt on his bicycle with as much ease as he did when possessed of both feet.

A special train left Stanton recently for Chicago with twenty-six cars of cattle. The train load was made up of cattle that had been fed for a long time and will bring a good price. It was estimated that there were \$10,000 worth of cattle on the train.

The executive committee of the Beatrice volunteer fire department held a meeting to make arrangements for the proper observance of firemen's memorial day, which occurs on Sunday, June 11. Committees were appointed to complete final arrangements for the services, which are to be held in fire department hall.

County Superintendent B. E. Dill of Johnson county has reason to feel proud of the report he has made to the office of the state geologist. He has received very complimentary letters from both Prof. E. H. Barbour and Dr. G. E. Condra of that department, in which they say his record is by far the best that has reached them.

Memorial day will be celebrated in Stanton this year by the Grand Army of the Republic, assisted by all the fraternal orders. The memorial sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Sisson Sunday, May 28, and William V. Allen will deliver the memorial address at 2 p. m. There will be no sports of any kind indulged in on Memorial day at Stanton.

George Fahnest, formerly of Plattsmouth, was one of the Snyder (Okla.) storm victims. He was killed by being crushed under the debris of a hotel building where he had been boarding. Fahnest, who was about 25 years of age, was one of the expert bridge builders sent to Plattsmouth from Illinois at the time the Burlington reconstructed its Missouri river bridge at that point.

Word has been received from Savannah, Mo., that William Jones, the horse thief, who was arrested in Otoe county and sent to Cass county for horse stealing and afterwards taken to Lancaster county on the same charge, and in both cases was sentenced to the Nebraska penitentiary for a term of one year each, has just been sentenced to two years in the Missouri penitentiary for stealing a horse.

Land Commissioner Eaton, who has returned from a land-leasing trip to Taylor and Burwell, says that the school land in that region is all in good demand at constantly improving rates. He says that there are inquiries for all western land, even that in the san. hills. With the spread of irrigation, the introduction of new food plants, and better methods of cultivation, the commissioner believes that the sand hill region will make great strides.

While plowing on his farm in Sarpy county the team of Henry Fricke stepped into a hole. Upon investigation Mr. Fricke found it to be a coyote's den and in it were fourteen young ones. He brought them to the county clerk's office and received \$14. At Grand Island, Jacob Windnagel, who is erecting a large residence, walked into a room he supposed was floored, stepped on a piece of tarred paper and fell through to the cellar, the paper having been placed over an unfloored portion. He sustained a broken rib, and it is feared internal injuries.

Earl Beery, a young man of Humboldt, will leave in a couple of weeks for Seattle, Wash., where he has been given a position as assistant electrician on board the new battleship Nebraska. He expects to remain for several years.

The Sherman County Telephone company of Loup City has filed articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state. The object of the new company, which has an authorized capital stock of \$50,000, is to build, own and control telephone lines in Sherman and surrounding counties.

RUMOR OF BATTLE

RUSSIANS THINK LAND AND SEA FIGHTS IMMINENT.

MANCHURIAN DISPATCHES STOP

Silence Taken to Indicate that General Linevitch is Advancing—Events Apparently Rapidly Shaping for a Great Battle.

ST. PETERSBURG—With a suspicious stoppage of dispatches from Manchuria and a strong possibility that Vice Admiral Rojostevsky has cut his last communications with home and set forth on the final stage of his journey to his goal, either Togo or Vladivostok, keen interest is manifested in naval and military circles here in the twofold field of war. Though the Admiralty, which has been completely silent since the advent of Rojostevsky in the Chinese sea, publishes no dispatches, the conviction is growing that the united squadrons, as indicated by the Associated Press on May 15, departed from the Annam coast immediately after their junction and naval officers are anxiously expecting news of the first skirmishes between scouts of the hostile fleets.

The Associated Press correspondent, on his visit to naval officers yesterday to investigate the rumor that Vice Admiral Rojostevsky's health had broken down, was repeatedly and eagerly questioned for the latest information through the press dispatches which, it was declared, is a better source than the Admiralty.

Captain Clado confirmed the statement of the Associated Press that the vessels of both squadrons are equipped with apparatus for cleaning their bottoms at sea. He said it was entirely possible for Vice Admiral Nebotoff to put the last finishing touches to the vessels of his division during the mysterious interval when they were lost to sight before passing the Straits of Malacca.

Neither the Admiralty nor individual officers have any information regarding the rumored request of Vice Admiral Rojostevsky to be relieved, and all who were questioned regarding the report express doubts of its accuracy. It was pointed out that it would be entirely possible for the fleet to delay in the China sea until the arrival of Vice Admiral Birloff, and it was declared that Rojostevsky will keep his flag flying as long as he is not utterly incapacitated for command, which would then devolve on Vice Admiral Voelkersam, who is known as an officer with a Teutonic thoroughness and attention to the details of his profession. He is also a noble strategist and theoretician.

The Associated Press was informed that Vice Admiral Birloff will be sent to Vladivostok, which possibly accounts for the origin of the rumor of Rojostevsky's request to be relieved of his command.

On the military side the indications are that events are rapidly shaping for the preliminary stage of another great battle. The Russian army has been refitted and is ready for action, and it is asserted that General Linevitch isn't the man to waste days in inaction.

ROJESTVENSKY GOING NORTH.

Russian Fleet is Said to Be Taking on Coal.

LONDON—Now that it seems definitely established that Vice Admiral Rojostevsky has started on his northward journey, there is a great deal of interest in the eastern campaign. Kwangchau bay, where provision junks are said to be waiting for the Russian fleet, is the most northward of French possessions on the Chinese sea and the last port which Rojostevsky can select for his final departure to meet the Japanese. It has a fine anchorage and a sheltered channel, where a large fleet may ride in safety.

Reports still circulate in London to the effect that the Russian Pacific's fleet coaling arrangements are extremely inadequate and have been the main cause of its prolonged stay in Indo-Chinese waters, and that the admiral is finding ever-increased difficulty on this score.

EIGHT YEARS FOR OHLIGER

Wooster, O., Banker Pleads Guilty and is Sentenced.

CLEVELAND, O.—L. P. Ohliger, ex-president of the closed Wooster, O., National bank, pleaded guilty before Judge Taylor in the United States district court to a count in one of the indictments charging him with having issued a draft when there is no funds in the bank to meet it. Judge Taylor sentenced Ohliger to eight years' imprisonment in the Ohio penitentiary.

Ohliger is an ex-congressman, ex-county treasurer, postmaster at Wooster under President Cleveland's first administration and collector of internal revenue in Cleveland during Cleveland's second administration.

Fleet Not in French Waters.

PARIS—in regard to the press dispatches saying the Russian fleet has returned to Hon Kohe by the French officials say the Russians are not within French waters. The officials are not aware of the exact locality of the fleet, but communications with the French naval and civil authorities in Indo-China satisfy the officials here that the Russians remain outside French limits. It is maintained that the fact that he fleet is off Hon Kohe bay does not constitute a breach of neutrality.

Leader of Gang Captured.

GRETT FALLS, Mont.—Fred Mortense, the alleged leader of a gang of six burglars of Minneapolis, Minn., similar to the Neldermeier gang of Chicago, has been identified here by Sheriff J. W. Dregger of Hennepin county and will at once be taken back to Minneapolis. Mortensen, who is but a youth, broke jail in Minneapolis July 9 last and was taken here several days ago by the city police as a vagrant, his identity later being disclosed through the local press's disclosure.

RUSSIANS GO NORTH

Combined Squadrons Sighted off the Coast of Annam Tuesday.

SINGAPORE—The Russian fleet was in latitude 13.30 north and longitude 111.30 east (about 120 miles northeast of Cape Varella, coast of Annam) during the morning of May 16, according to a report brought here by the British steamer Hong Wang. The German steamer Segovia sighted forty-two Russian ships forty miles from Cape Varella May 15, steaming slowly north.

The latitude and longitude in which the Russian fleet was reported by the British steamer Hong Wang, does not indicate that a naval battle is imminent. The Russians were, on May 16, only about 150 miles from the coast of Annam and apparently heading north for the waters of the island of Hainan, near which, according to a Hong Kong dispatch, 150 junks laden with provisions were waiting for the Russian fleet. Even in case Admiral Rojostevsky decides not to take these supplies on board or if the Hong Kong report is correct the Russian fleet May 16 was still about 700 miles from the southern part of the island of Formosa, where it has been asserted Admiral Togo may give battle and it is doubtful if the fleet can now make more than about 200 miles a day under the most favorable circumstances.

GENERAL WOOD ENDS CAMPAIGN.

Returns to Zamboanga from "Hike" After Moro Pilates.

MANILA—The Moro outlaws, against whom General Leonard Wood has been campaigning, have been killed in action with all the principals. The outlaws were supporters and followers of the sultan of Jolo. The large tribes of the island of Jolo were not involved. The outbreak was purely on the part of an aggregation of piratical outlaws and disorderly characters of Jolo and the other islands stretching down to Borneo.

The position selected by the outlaws for the defense was in almost impenetrable jungles and exceedingly strong, prohibiting the use of artillery and necessitating close contact and an assault in two instances. General Wood's forces sustained a loss of nine killed and twenty-one wounded, all of whom are doing well. The constabulary had two killed. The latter were highly praised by General Wood, who said: "The troops behaved splendidly and performed this difficult service in a highly creditable manner." General Wood has returned to Zamboanga with the troops.

SECRETARY WILSON IN KANSAS.

Cabinet Member Visits Experiment Stations in that State.

MANHATTAN, Kan.—Secretary Wilson and the government experts accompanying him on his tour through the southwest spent Monday in this state, arriving from Texas in a special train on the Rock Island road. The first stop was made at McPherson, where the government experiment farm was inspected. At Herington, which was reached in the afternoon, addresses were made to a large audience of farmers, who came from adjoining towns, by Secretary Wilson, Prof. Spillman, D. M. A. Carlton of the department, F. D. Coburn and J. W. Robinson, respectively secretary and chairman of the state board of agriculture, and E. R. Nichols, president of the Kansas Agricultural college at Manhattan. A stop was also made at this point in the evening to enable the party to make an inspection of the latter institution. Tuesday will also be spent in this state and a meeting at which Secretary Wilson and the experts will speak will be held at Norton at 2:30 in the afternoon.

FEAR GENERAL TIEUP.

Present Indications Are for a Big Labor Uproar in Chicago.

CHICAGO—Sunday brought no change in the attitude of both sides of the labor controversy now in progress in Chicago and everything points toward an extension of the teamsters' strike to many other business houses during the week. The officials of the seven express companies, whose refusal to reinstate any of their striking employees caused the collapse of the settlement of the trouble Saturday night, still adhere to their determination not to give employment to any of their former employees, and the other firms involved in the difficulty declared that they would stand by the express company in the fight. The teamsters' union has taken just as firm a stand as the employers and it was stated by President Shea that the union would never call off the strike until the express companies came to terms.

The first spread of the strike is expected to come Monday morning, when the Lumbermen's association, an organization employing 2,400 teamsters, issues an order to their men to make deliveries to all business houses, regardless of whether they are involved in the strike or not.

Funeral of Hiram Cronk.

NEW YORK—The body of Hiram Cronk, the last veteran of the war of 1812 to pass away, was buried here Thursday in Cypress Hill cemetery with impressive military honors. Before the funeral the body of the veteran soldier lay in state in the city hall, where it was viewed by many thousands. There was a constant stream of men, women and children moving past the casket in the city building—the first which had rested there since the body of General Grant laid in state.

McComas to Get a Job.

WASHINGTON—Justice Martin E. Morris of the District of Columbia court of appeals, having indicated to the president his intention soon to resign, the president has announced that he will appoint former Senator Louis E. McComas of Maryland as Justice Morris' successor.

Mrs. Southworth Dead.

CLEVELAND, O.—Mrs. Louisa Southworth, well known in the woman suffrage movement, is dead here, aged 74 years.

MAY CALL TROOPS

CHICAGO STRIKE NEGOTIATIONS DECLARED OFF.

TROUBLE IS LIKELY TO SPREAD

Stipulations Agreed to Except as to Taking Back Express Company Drivers—Unions Will Therefore Pursue Plan Originally Mapped Out.

CHICAGO—The strike of the teamsters instead of being declared off will be spread to greater proportions. This was decided Saturday night by the members of the Teamsters' Joint Council, which was in session until midnight.

The council met at 8 o'clock to hear the report of the negotiations that had been in progress with the employers throughout the day. They agreed to all the stipulations of the employers with the exception of that which declared that the drivers of the express companies should not be taken back. This was the rock upon which the peace program was wrecked and after several hours of debate it was decided that the Teamsters' union could not leave the express drivers to make a lone fight, but must stand by them. It was decided to call off all the negotiations and prepare for a further fight.

The sense of the meeting was expressed in the following resolution, which was passed and given out as defining the position of the teamsters: "It is due to the members of the public and members of the teamsters' organization that a statement is issued relative to our position relative to the proposition submitted by the Employers' association. The Employers' association offered a proposition which might have received favorable consideration from the strikers and their committee providing it carried with it no proviso that would act as a detriment to any part of our organization. Their proposition, however, carried with it that the strike against the railway express companies be declared off without those companies agreeing to the proposition made by the employers of any other proposition, they having made the statement that they had held a meeting and decided that no strikers would ever again be re-employed as workmen for the railway express companies—in fact, to establish a blacklist against all of their former employees. This the teamsters' organization or its officials could not accept."

"We believe that, the railway express companies are not justified in their refusal to reinstate any of their former employees and believe that the best interests of all would be served had they agreed to the same proposition or a somewhat similar one to that which the Employers' association suggested.

"Under these conditions it is incumbent on the members of the teamsters' organization to continue the strike until such time as the express companies will agree to the same conditions as those offered by the Employers' association.

The methods of the unions will not differ from those which they have pursued thus far in the strike. They will continue the boycott against the houses where the strikes have been held during the last month, and if any of their members are discharged for refusing to make deliveries all of the drivers employed by that house will be called on strike at once. The first effect of the spread of the strike will be in the building trades and trouble is looked for in this direction on Monday. The sheriff of Cook county gives it as his opinion that troops will have to be called.

To Entertain Nebraskans.

TACOMA, Wash.—Washington lumbermen are making elaborate plans for the entertainment of 300 members of the Nebraska Retail Lumber Dealers' association, who leave Omaha June 6 for a trip throughout the northwest. Every courtesy which representative mill men of Washington can offer will be extended to make the Nebraskans' visit pleasant and profitable. They will be entertained at Sand Point, Spokane, Bellingham, Everett, Ballard, Seattle and other places.

Cuban Liberates Adopt Platform.

HAVANA—The national convention of the liberal party adopted a few additions to the platform, including a proposition for establishing a national militia and changing the provisions covering the functions of cabinet officers. A secret session will be held tomorrow to consider campaign plans. It is expected that a presidential candidate will be nominated tomorrow night. General Maso has telegraphed to the eastern delegates not to present his name and to support Jose Miguel Gomez.

SHERIDAN, Wyo.—The attorneys

for Colonel Cody filed in the district court a motion for a new trial of his divorce suit.

Wounded in the Philippines.

MANILA—Col. Wallace Taylor of the constabulary was severely wounded in an engagement with the Pulajans, May 17, at Magtaon, on the coast of Samar. One private was killed and ten wounded. Many Pulajans were killed. Aid has been rendered. Two companies of the Twenty-first infantry will leave Cebu tomorrow to reinforce the constabulary. Desultory fighting continues in the islands south of Jolo. Major Gen. Leonard Wood, who conducted a campaign against Moros, has arrived.

Recruits Secured in Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—F. G. Curry, the strike breaker, who has been in this city several days recruiting men, received a telegram from the secretary of the Chicago Employers' association instructing him to send to Chicago all the men he can secure. Curry had been instructed Saturday, under a settlement of the teamsters' strike seemed likely, not to send any more men. Curry sent several hundred men to Chicago early last week. The men are offered \$3.50 a day with board.

WOOD'S REPORT TO CORBIN.

Additional List of Killed in Fight with Moros.

WASHINGTON—The war department has received the following cablegram from General Corbin, transmitting a report from General Wood regarding the engagements in the island of Jolo:

"Following just received from General Wood, via Dumaguete:

"May 14—Returned to Zamboanga yesterday. Troops sent to Jolo are being returned to stations as rapidly as possible. Moro outlaws, who have been raiding and killing in Sorneo, were killed in action, together with all their personal supporters and followers of the sultan, with all large chiefs; but the island in no way involved; purely an organization of practical outlaws, disorderly characters, from Sulu and the other islands stretching down to Sorneo. Positions selected by outlaws for defense were situated in almost impenetrable jungles and were exceedingly strong, necessitating close contact and assault in two instances. Casualties, nine enlisted killed and twenty-one enlisted wounded; two constabulary killed and three wounded during the ten days' operations. All wounded doing well and all expected to recover; bulk of wounds not serious. Troops behaved splendidly and performed this most difficult service in a highly creditable manner. Full report will be forwarded. General breakdown of the cable, combined with use of water transportation at Jolo, and in aiding Buford, prevented sending dispatch earlier."

"Following list of killed reported by General Wood in addition to those reported May 17:

"Samuel Weaver, Company G, Twenty-second infantry; Elick Howell, Company B, Twenty-second infantry; Daniel Newport, Company F, Twenty-second infantry; Eary E. Sansoucie, Company A, Twenty-second infantry."

DOWIE BUYING LAND IN MEXICO

Arrangements Being Made to Establish Colony.

CITY OF MEXICO—Gladstone Dowie, son of the Zion prophet, John Alexander Dowie, and Judge Barnes, a legal adviser, are in the city completing details for the taking over of a large tract of land for the purpose of establishing a colony in Mexico similar to that at Zion City, Ill. In an interview today Mr. Dowie said:

"We have secured an option on one of the Gonzales haciendas, embracing 700,000 acres of territory in the state of Tamulipas. We are also negotiating for farming lands, totaling 1,000,000 acres. The papers closing the deal have been signed by the Zion agents and Lieutenant Colonel Manuel Gonzales, owner of the hacienda, and in a few weeks we will begin the work of establishing our colony."

WILL REPRESENT PRESIDENT.

Fairbanks Will Go to Portland Exposition.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks will leave Indianapolis next Saturday night for Portland, Ore., where he will represent President Roosevelt at the opening of the Lewis and Clark exposition June 1. A small party will accompany the vice president, but its composition has not yet been determined, he said. After spending several days at Portland, the vice president will come east to Flint, Mich., where he will deliver an address June 7. During the following week he will be the commencement day orator at the Iowa State university. From June 19 to 23 he will be in Delaware, O., attending a meeting of the board of trustees of the Ohio Wesleyan university.

Fast Time to Yokohama.

CHICAGO—According to advices received by Traffic Manager P. S. Eustis of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, a record-breaking trip has been made by the Great Northern Steamship company's twin-screw Minnesota, between Seattle, Wash., and Yokohama. The Minnesota, with a big passenger list and a large cargo, reached Yokohama Friday. She left Seattle May 5. Her time of fourteen days is twenty-four hours better than the steamer's contract speed called for.

Bank at Manila Closed.

MANILA—On the order of Governor General Wright, the American bank has been closed and placed in charge of the insular auditor. No financial statement has been issued. The reason given for the closing of the bank is the protection of the depositors.

Chink Gives to Jap War Fund.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Moy Kee, manager of Indianapolis Chinese, has been made a member of the Red Cross society of Japan. A letter from Count Matsugata, accompanying the appointment, acknowledges a contribution to the war fund.

Motor Car Reaches Oregon.

OMAHA—Motor car No. 1, which the Union Pacific started a few days ago for Portland, Ore., reached the line in Oregon Wednesday after a splendid and highly successful run. The trip will be completed in a day or two. The run over the mountains was delightful, and no trouble at all was had. The car experienced no difficulty in making the schedule, with all stops included. It was speeded for thirty miles an hour on a 4 per cent grade, or 200 feet to the mile.

Russian Colliers Under French Guns.

SAIGON, French Cochinchina—Forty-three colliers, mostly Russian and German, are anchored off Nha Be under the supervision of the French gunboat Carondec. Twenty similar ships are off Cape St. James, under the supervision of the French cruiser D'Asses. The Russian transport Kleff is still in the commercial port of Saigon. No more direct news of the Russian fleet is expected beyond what might be received from refugees, should fighting occur in the neighborhood of the Pescadore islands.

HOOCH MUST HANG

THE BIGAMIST AND MURDERER IS CONVICTED.

DEATH FIXED AS THE PENALTY

It Takes the Jury Less Than One Hour to Decide—Murderer Much Surprised at Finding of the Twelve Men.

CHICAGO—Johann Hoch, who, by his own confession, is several times a bigamist, and who is charged by the police with having married at least forty women in the past fifteen years, was found guilty of murder and the death sentence recommended by a jury in Judge Kersten's court.

The crime for which Hoch will be fed to the gallows was the murder of his last known wife, Mrs. Marie Walker-Hoch. Hoch had been married to this woman but a few days when she became suddenly ill and died. He then formed an alliance with the sister of the dead woman and, securing the latter's money, fled from Chicago. This woman, in quest of revenge, notified the police that Hoch had poisoned her sister and a search for Hoch was begun. He was found two weeks later in New York and brought back to Chicago and confronted by several of his supposed wives. During the trial expert testimony was offered by the state that Hoch had poisoned the woman by administering arsenic.

The verdict was one of the quickest on record in Cook county, the jury having reached a decision in less than half an hour. Three ballots were taken. The first ballot was unanimous as to Hoch's guilt and then a ballot followed as to the punishment to be inflicted. This ballot showed ten in favor of the death penalty and two for life imprisonment. A third ballot resulted in the twelve jurymen voting for the death penalty.

"Well, I guess it's all off with John," groaned Hoch as the verdict was read in court, and it was plain he was greatly affected. He had sat in a stooping position, but when the dread word "death" was reached he turned, stared hopelessly at the jurors and then sank limp in his chair. Hoch's attorneys will ask for a new trial, although the condemned man, after reaching his cell, declared he was ready to die and would be better satisfied if they did not make the effort. "I wish they would hang me tonight, now that I have been found guilty," declared Hoch. "I'm not afraid to die and the sooner it is over the better."

Hoch expressed great surprise at the finding of the jury and declared that the jurors did not take time to consider the evidence. He said: "The evidence was all circumstantial, and my life was guessed away by the jury which did not give sufficient consideration to the testimony offered. If it had done so I might have stood a better chance, but there is no use in finding fault. I hope no time will be lost in taking me to the gallows. I do not want my attorney to attempt more for me, as I know it will be of no use. The end cannot come too soon to suit me. I committed no crime. If my wife had been shot by me instead of poisoned, as was alleged, it would have taken the jury at least a day to return the verdict, but this was a case of poisoning in which twice as much time should have been given for its consideration."

HIS PREDECESSOR WAS SHOT.

Sokolovsky's Last Act Was a Repressive Measure.

ST. PETERSBURG—The shooting of Major General Sokolovsky, governor general of Ufa, Tuesday is the second crime of this nature which has occurred at Ufa within two years, his predecessor, General Bogdanovich, having been assassinated in the streets of Ufa on May 9, 1903. General Sokolovsky, who, as governor of Urenberg and as military governor of the same province, acquired a reputation as a stern and vigorous official, was appointed to restore order in the turbulent government of Ufa and adopted a repressive policy which long ago caused him to be marked for the same fate as Bogdanovich. Numerous revolutionary societies were broken up by General Sokolovsky and the last acts of the governor general were the dispersal of an anti-government club and the suppression of the May day demonstrations with the arrest of many armed demonstrators.

Gould Gets Harriman Man.