

INJUNCTIONS DEFIED.

STRIKE LEADERS READY TO GO TO PRISON.

Arrangements Will be Made by Union Labor Men to Replace Those Sent to Jail—Houses for Marchers Rented—Dolan's Sensational Testimony.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 17.—A meeting of the officials of every labor organization in the city of Pittsburg has been called at the headquarters of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers to-night to confer with the officers of the United Mine Workers' union, who propose to violate the injunction and expect to be arrested, in which event the strikers will be without heads. At the meeting to-night it is probable that men will be named to take the places of those who may be kept in jail and unable to longer direct the movements of the strikers. Then an appeal is to be taken from the order causing the arrest to be made.

In anticipation of adverse action by the courts in the injunction proceedings in progress in the court of common pleas today, committees have been selected to secure lodging houses so that the strikers can be maintained. It is proposed by the marchers to fill the houses of the striking miners with men and to keep them supplied with provisions. One hundred men will be quartered at Turtle creek, the same number at Sandy and 300 at Plum creek. They will do picket duty and missionary work.

Taking advantage of the suspension of marching a number of men went to work during the morning at the Oak Hill mine. Agents of the company have been at work among the strikers for over a week and, although they have induced some to return, the result has been disappointing. It was thought enough men could be procured to run the mine in full. Ninety-four men went into the Turtle creek mine and 200 into the Plum creek shaft.

In the common pleas court here today W. P. DeArmitt and his brother, the superintendent, told about the marches and camps of the strikers, and Fisher, superintendent of the Sandy Creek mine, testified that his life had been threatened.

President Dolan of the Mine Workers was next called for cross examination and during his testimony said that the strike was made at the request of several operators. Among the number were James Shields, Captain J. J. Steytler and Captain Blythe. These operators, he said, had told him that DeArmitt was ruining the trade and that the only thing that would save them from the sheriff and the miners from starvation was a strike. No one had told him to get DeArmitt's men out, but it was hoped to make the strike general.

STILL ANOTHER STRIKE.

HEZELTON, Pa., Aug. 17.—At the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre collieries, in the Honeybrook district, thirty-five drivers struck Saturday for an increase in wages and this morning 2,500 miners joined them. The Italians and Hungarians, the last to go out, are the most aggressive and fears are entertained that they cannot be controlled. The men had no organization, but a branch of the United Mine Workers' association was started this morning and 600 men at once signified their willingness to join. Chief Organizer Fahey of Pottsville was sent for and expected to be present this evening.

JUSTICE FIELD'S RECORD.

The Supreme Court Jurist Has Now Surpassed Chief Justice Marshall.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Associate Justice Stephen J. Field of the Supreme Court of the United States, broke the record for continuous service on the supreme bench to-day, having served thirty-four years, five months and six days, or one day longer than Chief Justice Marshall, whose record had hitherto been the longest of any justice since the establishment of the national tribunal of last resort.

It has been generally understood that Mr. Justice Field would retire from the bench when his length of service should exceed that of Chief Justice Marshall. It is probable that his seat will become vacant in the near future and upon his retirement Attorney General McKenna, according to the present understanding will succeed him. The vacancy in the attorney generalship, it is expected, will then be filled by Judge Goff of West Virginia.

Almost a Lysching at Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Mo., Aug. 17.—Oliver Rush, aged about 45, enticed the 7-year-old daughter of William Curtis away from her home yesterday evening and took her about a mile and a half from town, but boys rescued the child. Rush was arrested about four miles from town by Deputy Constable Benedict. Angry men met the two, but by coolness and bravery Benedict succeeded in getting away from them.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 17.—James Elbert, arrested as a suspicious character and supposed to be an anarchist, created big excitement at the police station by slashing five policemen with a razor. Elbert, after cutting his way through the guard of fifteen policemen, made his escape from the station by jumping sixty feet from a rear window, hotly pursued by officers, while blood streamed from their wounds. After a chase of several squares, Officer Coreless finally fired his revolver, the bullet taking effect in the prisoner's right arm, and he was then captured.

ADVICE FOR GOLD SEEKERS

Canadian Government Gives Counsel—Official Documents Out.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Secretary Gage has just received from the minister of the interior of Canada an official report of the Yukon mining district. At the outset the minister states that the report is published in response to numerous public demands. "The object," he says, "is not to induce anyone to go to that country at the present time. Until better means of communication are established a man undertakes serious risks in going there unless he has sufficient resources to tide him over the long winter. After September egress from the country is practically impossible, until the following June, and a person who has not been successful in locating a paying claim has to depend for his subsistence upon finding employment. Wages are at times abnormally high, but the labor market is very narrow and easily overstocked. It is estimated that up to the middle of May 1,500 or 1,600 persons had crossed the Dyea this year. Several hundred more will go by steamers up the Yukon. Whether employment will be available for all and for the considerable population already in the district, is somewhat doubtful. It will, therefore, be wise for those who contemplate going to the Yukon district, to give serious consideration to the matter before coming to a decision.

"An extract from the report of A. E. Willis, assistant surgeon for 1895, is given to indicate the climate of the Klondike, characteristics of the inhabitants and the mode of living. He also describes the kind of men that should go to the Klondike. He says: "The climate is wet. During the winter months the cold is intense, with usually considerable wind. A heavy mist rising from open plains in the river settles down in the valley in extreme weather. This dampness makes the cold felt much more and is conducive to rheumatic pains and the like. In selecting men to live in this country, I beg to submit a few remarks, some of which will be of assistance to the medical examiners in making their recommendations. Men should be sober, strong and healthy. They should be practical men, able to adapt themselves quickly to their surroundings. Special care should be taken to see that their lungs are sound, that they are free from rheumatism and rheumatic tendency, and their joints, especially knee joints, are strong and have never been weakened by injury or disease. It is important to consider their temperaments. Men should be cheerful, hopeful dispositions and willing workers. Those of sullen, morose dispositions, although they may be good workers, are very apt, as soon as the novelty wears off, to become dissatisfied, pessimistic and melancholy.

"Mr. Ogilvie, chief of the boundary survey, in the report of a trip down the Yukon, says, regarding the weather: "It is said by those familiar with the locality that the storms that rage in the upper altitudes of the coast range during the greater part of the time from October to March are terrific. A man caught in one of them runs the risk of losing his life, unless he can reach shelter in a short time."

"Mr. Ogilvie, on this same trip, had much difficulty with the Indians, and they demanded \$30 per hundred pounds for carrying his goods. On being told that the party had a permit from the Great Father in Washington to pass through the country, and that the Indians would be punished if they interfered, they reduced the price to \$10. Mr. Ogilvie estimates that there are about 400,000 acres of land along the Yukon and its branches that might be used for agricultural purposes.

"Mr. Ogilvie gives the miners a bad reputation. He says: 'I may say that it is generally very difficult to get any exact, or even approximately exact, statement of facts or values from miners. Many of them are inveterate jokers and take delight in hoaxing. The higher the official or social position of the person they hoax the better they are pleased. I have several times found that after spending hours getting information from one of them it would be all contradicted by the next one I met. Another cause of difficulty in getting trustworthy information from them is that in a certain sense they consider every government official or agent their enemy, and that he is in the country to spy upon their doings and find out things which the great majority of them are very much adverse to have known.'

Hail Drifts Three Feet High.

PUEBLO, Col., Aug. 17.—Storms around Pueblo yesterday afternoon damaged railroads north, east and south. Twenty miles north of Pueblo hail fell in great quantities and drifted to a depth of three feet in some places while covering the surface of the ground three inches.

A Rich New Yorker a Jesuit.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Henry M. Van Rensselaer took the vows of the Society of Jesuits yesterday, giving all his property to the brotherhood. He is the son of General Henry Van Rensselaer and inherited one-fourth of the general's great estate.

Another Japanese Minister.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The government of Japan has decided to establish a legation in Peru and has already appointed Mr. Ioshi Dami-Murata as minister resident. He is also accredited to Mexico. This is the first mission from Japan to Peru.

Excommunication Possible.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A special from Rome published to-day says it is published there that the pope will excommunicate Prince Henry of Orleans and the Count of Turin, as duelling is forbidden in the Roman Catholic church.

DELINQUENT LEASES

QUITE A NUMBER OF THEM CANCELLED

Board of Educational Lands and Funds Takes Action—Quarter Million Delinquent—State Hopes to Get Revenue From Much of the Land.

The board of educational lands and funds recently cancelled delinquent lease and sale contracts in the counties shown in the accompanying table, which also shows by counties the number of acres on which cancellation was declared, the average number of years for which these contracts are delinquent and the amount of rental and interest which is lost by reason of its being necessary to make such cancellation. These payments having been allowed to become so far delinquent that the holders of the contracts will not pay up. Many contracts are delinquent seven and eight years, while in other cases speculators have paid only \$1, or sometimes less, for a quarter of a section and have paid nothing since, these running delinquent two, three and four years.

The list also shows amount of land vacant before the cancellation and by adding cancelled and vacant land the amount for each county may be seen.

The board has this to say of its policy: "It is not the policy of the present board to cancel contracts held by persons living on the land and who are making an honest effort to pay for the same, and where this fact is proven to the commissioner of public lands and buildings and a part of the delinquency paid, extensions to the end of the year have been granted, with the understanding that the remainder will then be paid. Commissioner Wolfe is traveling over the state, leasing these and other school lands, as rapidly as possible, with the result that a great deal of the land which has been idle, rental having been lost by failure to keep up the collections, will now begin drawing rental, and will continue to do so if the present policy is followed, much of this land having been held, heretofore by speculators and others who have paid little or nothing for the use thereof."

Table with 4 columns: COUNTY, No. of Acres Cancelled, No. of Acres Vacant Before Cancellation, and Amt. of Delinquency. Rows include Bonner, Box Butte, Brown, Buffalo, Cedar, Cherry, Daws, Dawson, Dundy, Franklin, Frontier, Furness, Gosper, Grant, Harlan, Hitchcock, Howard, Keith, Keya Paha, Kimbrell, Lincoln, Logan, Morrill, Phelps, Pierce, Polk, Red Willow, Rock, Sherman, Sioux, Webster, Wheeler, and Totals.

HE CRUSHED HER SKULL

Insane Man Near Greeley Uses a Hammer With Deadly Effect.

The people of Greeley Center were shocked Sunday morning by the news that John D. Maw assaulted his married daughter, Mary J. Hughes, with a hammer, crushing her skull in such a manner she cannot recover. Maw is mentally unbalanced. The families live near O'Connor.

Diamond Medal Contest.

The competition for the diamond medal contest at Fremont between the winners of gold medals in contests previous to this year, was had the other evening. A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the contestants, four in number. The medal was awarded to H. S. Stewart, whose subject was "Limits." The medal was given by the faculty of the Fremont normal.

BREVITIES.

Friday afternoon last Beatrice had a two-in rainfall in two hours.

The B. & M. depot at Red Cloud burned to the ground last Friday morning.

The Platte county fair association have abandoned the idea of holding an exhibit this fall.

Grafton business men and farmers are planning the establishment of a co-operative creamery.

Roe & Fortner and H. Goll, business men of Wayne suffered losses there visiting their stores while they were absent at a picnic.

Farmers in the vicinity of Eagle are complaining of a fatal malady among their hogs similar to that which exists elsewhere in the state. Very few of the hogs affected have, so far, recovered.

Gwendolin Dicken of Syracuse fell from a hammock and fractured both bones of her right forearm.

D. F. Chambers and W. A. Lucas of Stanton, who were recently arrested for firing a residence in Creston, had their preliminary hearing at Columbus and were bound over to district court in \$300 each.

Miss Sadie Neeley, a young woman charged with stealing \$15 in money and a skirt at the Famous restaurant at Nebraska City, proved she did not steal the money, but the jury allowed she did take the skirt. It being her first offense, she was let off with a fine of \$1 and costs.

LEPER FOUND IN LINCOLN

Man Afflicted for Eight Years Applies to a Physician for Relief.

A Norwegian laborer, who has been employed on a railroad at Lincoln for the past eight years, applied to the sanitarium for treatment for what he had been told was scrofula. An examination by Dr. Everett led that physician to pronounce the man's malady leprosy, and in this opinion he was borne out not only by Dr. Lockhart of the Willard Parlier hospital of New York, who is visiting in the city, and who has had much experience in skin diseases, but also by a bacteriological analysis of a tubercle removed from the man's arm.

The man has been in the United States for twelve years. He is married and has three children, aged fourteen, nine and three. All are healthy, and none have yet shown any symptoms of inheriting or contracting the dread disease. The patient's condition is pitiful. The disease is progressing slowly, and it will not be long before it has done its work. Leprosy generally kills in from eight to ten years. The disease is not considered hereditary, though a difference of opinion exists as to this among physicians. Dr. Everett says he will make every effort to isolate the case. He does not anticipate a spread of the disease.

\$1,930 UNACCOUNTED FOR

Investigating Committee Reports on Debt and Dumb Institute.

Senator Mutz, chairman of the committee to investigate the deaf and dumb institute at Omaha made an abstract report to Gov. Holcomb Monday of what had been found irregular. The examination covering a period of twenty years led to the disclosure of the fact that there was careless book-keeping, and an existing shortage of \$1,930.71. The governor had instructed the investigators to give the superintendent the benefit of any item about which a doubt existed.

A Success, Financially.

The Epworth assembly people have figured up the receipts and expenditures and have found that they will have \$1,500 in cash after the bills are paid. The board of control will have a meeting when the conference assemblies at York next month and decide upon where the next assembly shall be held. On account of its success here the local members feel that it ought to be located here permanently. The ladies of Grace church who had charge of the restaurant cleared \$30 for their work.

Too Many Better "Half's."

F. D. Reynolds, a dentist hailing from Montana, located at Trenton some two months ago and though charged with being somewhat frisky as a ladies' man, appeared quite a gentleman. Ten days ago a lady of a week's acquaintance with the doctor, residing in Hayes county, married him. The sequel appeared Saturday, when a woman claiming to be Mrs. Reynolds appeared from the west, and though the doctor started away Sheriff Jones caught him at Stratton as he boarded the westbound passenger train.

Government Willing.

Senator Allen, who went to Washington for the purpose of inducing the government to consent to the opening of a cattle trail through the Rosebud Indian reservation, has been successful, and the only thing left to do is to secure the consent of the Indians of the agency.

Yorty Taken to the Penitentiary.

Mike Yorty has been taken to the penitentiary by Sheriff Woolsey. Governor Holcomb has not taken action as yet on Yorty's petition for executive clemency. Unless he does Yorty will have to serve a one-year term for the crime of arson committed at Tecumseh.

Lost His Toes.

Brakeman Colby of North Platte slipped when he attempted to jump the caboose of his train at Ogallala. His foot was caught by the wheels and he lost the toes of his foot.

No Bond Yet.

Dave Campbell, clerk of the supreme court, is still watching in vain for the Bartley bond. A rumor was started in Omaha Friday night that it had been sent, but it hadn't.

CONDENSATIONS.

The estimated corn crop of Furnas county is 2,880,000 to 3,600,000 bushels.

The farm residence of Purdy Platt, near Tecumseh, was struck by lightning and somewhat damaged.

Huron Russell was stabbed at a dance at Albion Monday by Walter Cotton and a man named Gordon. He may not recover. The men who did it have been arrested.

Charles Coyne was found in a helpless condition by the Lincoln police on the west side of Eighth street between O and N Sunday night. His back was injured, but he refused to tell how he received his hurt.

President Wattles of the exposition association proposes to gather together in Omaha next year a large body of Indians, comprising representatives of all the tribes on the American continent, to be chosen by the tribes themselves. He estimates that it will do much to civilize the redskins, as well as serve as a sterling attraction.

Manager Rosewater of the department of publicity has under consideration a plan to secure an interstate reunion of the Grand Army at Omaha during the exposition. A representative will probably attend the national encampment at Buffalo and it is believed an attendance of 10,000 can be secured.

The extent of Indian uprising at the Winnebago agency seems to have been a small-sized fracas between several drunken white men on one side and two or three Indians, who had surrounded several bottles of firewater, on the other.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Furnished by the Government Crop and Weather Bureau.



Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 17, 1897. GENERAL SUMMARY.

The temperature of the past week has averaged 3° below the normal. The maximum temperatures were low, rarely reaching 90°, while it was generally 80° or below on three days of the week.

The rainfall has been normal or above in the eastern portion and in the extreme southwestern corner. The rainfall exceeded 2 inches in Dundy, Pawnee and Richardson counties, and exceeded an inch in a number of eastern counties.

The rain fell in showers generally on two or more days of the week, and, as the air was moist, the grain did not dry out rapidly. Therefore, thrashing and haying have been retarded somewhat. In a few instances wheat has sprouted in shock, but damage from this cause is very slight.

The week has been too cool for the best growth of corn, but it has generally made good progress and improved in condition. Considerable corn was replanted or planted late, and the crop is very uneven in advancement toward maturity. Some of the early planted corn will be matured beyond possible injury by frost by September 1. Most of the late planted will need three weeks in September, and some a week in October to mature sufficiently to be uninjured by frost. The corn now needs warm weather.

Considerable fall plowing has been done in the southern sections, and reports indicate that a large acreage of winter wheat will be sown.

REPORT BY COUNTIES

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION.

Butler—Late corn growing well, early corn maturing slowly; thrashing in progress; ground rather dry for fall plowing.

Case—Corn condition continues good, about one-third of crop in roasting ear, and late corn making favorable progress.

Clay—Some thrashing and stacking done; corn doing well; considerable plowing for wheat being done, and a large acreage will be sown.

Fillmore—Thrashing delayed and some wheat and oats damaged in shock; corn making rapid growth.

Gage—Early corn beginning to dent; thrashing retarded by rain; ground in splendid condition for fall plowing.

Hamilton—Corn is looking well, but is not evening out so good as last year; rather cool for corn; damp weather has delayed thrashing and stacking.

Jefferson—Fine weather for corn; late corn in good condition.

Johnson—Rather cool, but corn has grown well, and is maturing fast; early corn getting hard; much plowing for wheat being done.

Lancaster—Rain of 13th will help corn, but too soon to tell how much.

Nemaha—Everything sopping wet; corn growing well.

Nuckolls—Good week for corn, and the growth has been great; potatoes rotting to some extent; hay harvest about over; crop good.

Polk—Corn making rapid growth, and early planted almost matured; too wet for thrashing; few pieces of grain damaged in shock; early millet in shock, a good crop; large acreage of wheat will be sown.

Rock—Corn doing well, but much rather late; ground in fine condition for plowing; more winter wheat will be put in than usual; pastures as green as in spring.

Richardson—Corn doing well, except a week of warm, dry weather needed to make it mature faster.

Saline—Corn in good condition, but warmer weather needed to bring it to maturity to avoid frosts; ground in fair shape for plowing; much fall wheat will be sown.

Saunders—Corn and pastures improved by rain; corn in good condition, and promises largest yield in a number of years; fall plowing in progress.

Seward—Few light showers, but continues rather dry; corn not improving very much; plowing for wheat commenced.

Thayer—Ground in fine condition for fall plowing; corn doing finely, much of it too hard for roasting ears, and the latest will soon be in roasting ear.

York—Corn in roasting ear; rather cool for best growth of corn; some fall plowing has been done; thrashing well advanced.

NORTHEASTERN SECTION.

Antelope—Harvesting completed; stacking and thrashing delayed by frequent rains.

Boyd—Wheat about all stacked, thrashing commenced; corn doing splendidly.

Burt—Corn has made slow progress, and will not make a full crop; wild hay is being cured; too dry to plow.

Cedar—Corn earing out finely, and promises a big crop; some late oats to cut yet; potatoes good; much wild hay being cut; millet good crop and some cut.

Colfax—Corn doing well, hay will be a fair crop; potatoes about half a crop.

Cuming—The rain of 13th has helped corn and put the ground in good condition for fall plowing; corn later than usual.

Dakota—Pastures and lawns much benefited by rains of 13th and 14th.

Dixon—Good week for stacking and thrashing; wheat and oats yielding well; corn improving.

Dodge—Corn is making rapid strides toward maturity; pastures greatly revived by rain; thrashing from shock delayed by rain.

Douglas—Corn continues to make good growth; potatoes turning out very poor and small; pastures helped by rain.

Holt—Small grain about all harvested, and shows good yield; corn delayed some by cool weather, but is in exceptionally fine condition.

Howard—Stacking of grain about completed; ground for hay abundant; potatoes fair; corn has grown well.

Knox—Corn is doing finely, some fields in roasting ear; haying progressing rapidly.

Madison—Corn continues to do well, stacking and thrashing retarded by rainy weather; some grain sprouting in shock.

Platte—Corn earing well; showers and damp weather have interfered with haying and thrashing; considerable fall plowing being done; sugar beets doing well.

Sarpy—Corn continues to improve; excellent rains have put grounds in condition for fall plowing.

Stanton—Corn doing well, and promises a good crop; some fall plowing being done; sugar beets are maturing fast.

Thurston—Thrashing in progress and haying commenced; corn is growing rapidly, but is late and needs rain.

Washington—Small grain has turned out good; corn and potatoes doing well.

CENTRAL SECTION.

Buffalo—Much of the small grain in stack; some wheat sprouting in shock; ground in fine condition for fall plowing; corn doing well, but is five to ten days later than usual.

Custer—Harvest about over; some thrashing; wheat yielding better than expected; corn developing rapidly under favorable weather of past week.

Dawson—Corn doing well, but late; corn is greatly damaged in parts of the county; large acreage of alfalfa going to seed.

Hall—Stacking grain has progressed well; corn is doing better than at any time before; small grain yield well up; no small crops.

Merrick—Rains beneficial to corn and grass; too dry to plow.

Sherman—Early planted corn will be nearly an average crop where it stands thin, where thick, it is poor; late corn benefited by rains, but requires several weeks of good weather to mature.

Valley—Thrashing and stacking progressing fast; wheat and oats yielding well; potatoes good; corn doing well.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION.

Adams—Corn improved; late corn will be better than expected; some wheat has sprouted in shock; late potatoes and pastures improved.

Dundy—Corn growing rapidly since big rain of the 7th; cane and millet promise a fair crop.

Franklin—Recent moist weather entirely favorable for corn; winter wheat and oats thrashing out well.

Frontier—All small grain cut; corn in fine condition, and promises a large crop; millet doing finely since rains.

Furnas—Corn is doing as well as anybody could ask, prospects for a big crop; pastures good, and hay plentiful and cheap.

Harlan—Corn making rapid growth, and the crop will be immense, ground in good condition, and some fall plowing done.

Hitchcock—Very wet week; corn is doing finely, and will be much better than expected.

Kearney—Corn is advancing nicely, earliest commenced glazing; some sections abundantly moist, others could use rain to advantage.

Lincoln—Corn generally in good condition, and prospects are for a good crop; some wheat and rye thrashed, a fair crop.

Red Willow—Corn is earing fast, and promises to be better than last year; wet weather has injured rye and wheat some.

Webster—Corn in good condition; early corn better than late; early potatoes a full crop.

WESTERN AND NORTHWESTERN SECTIONS.

Cherry—Wheat and small grain being harvested and stacked; wheat much better than expected; corn filling well; potatoes splendid; haying being pushed.

Kimball—Wheat and oats nearly all cut; corn in tassel and silk, and maturing rapidly.

Logan—Grain stacking nearly completed; corn growing well.

Rock—Good haying weather, with better crop than last year; corn doing finely, and will make a good crop.

Scotts Bluff—Corn growing very finely; wheat and oats harvest retarded by light rains, but no damage done; some hay injured by rain.

Thomas—Warm rain during week; all crops growing finely.

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SPORTS ON SHIPBOARD.

Amusement Afforded to Seafarers by the Tricks of a Ventriloquist.

"Steamship passengers frequently resort to practical jokes to relieve the monotony of voyages," said a retired sea captain to a San Francisco Post reporter recently, "and while the pranks as a rule, are perfectly harmless, they sometimes have a boomerang effect. Three years ago we were crossing the Atlantic and both the owners and myself were exceedingly anxious to make a speedy trip, as a rival liner had the week before lowered the record held by our company. On the third day out, just about dusk, the cry of 'Man overboard!' rang through the ship, and a hurried investigation elicited the information that several of the passengers had heard a splash, followed by piteous appeals of 'Help! help—save me!' The engines were stopped and the steamer put about, a close watch being kept meanwhile for the drowning man. A half hour was spent in starting on our journey under the belief that the poor fellow had gone to the bottom. The inquiry that followed proved puzzling. No one was missing, and we came to the conclusion that a stow-away had committed suicide. The next day, however, an explanation came. We had a ventriloquist aboard, in the person of a very smart young man, who was too tickled over the success of his joke to keep the secret. Then the laugh was on him. As he had caused a serious delay and much annoyance I notified him that I had made an official entrance of the circumstance on my log and the loss of time, and that on approaching shore I would detain him until a sufficient guarantee had been put up that he would answer in court to reply to a demand for financial restitution. I talked of \$50,000 being the penalty under the government mail contract, and it is needless to say he spent the balance of the voyage on tenter hooks. He disappeared before we docked, leaving his baggage behind."