

THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

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NEILL, NEBRASKA

Fear has arisen in the breast of a New Zealander in England caused by the announcement that the Dreadnought which his native country is to give to the empire will be the 13th ship presented to the British navy. However, the 13th gift ship is not the Dreadnought, but the hospital ship Maine, which was fitted up for use in the South African war, and has since served principally in the gift of Mr. Baker, an American citizen.

The Birmingham Age-Herald in pleading for a strong compulsory education law in Alabama calls attention to the fact that of the 733,000 children of school age only 161,000 white children and 78,000 black children were attending school, according to the census of 1900. "When all allowances are made," says the Age-Herald, "it is seen that under the voluntary system one-half of the state's children are sent to school and one-half are permitted to grow up without learning to read and write."

Professor Thomas Jamieson, of Aberdeen, is making himself very annoying to orthodox science by insisting that plants take their nitrogen from leaves and not from roots. He has written himself show how they do this, but demands to know how it is that so many air plants and lichens that have little or no root get their indispensable nitrogen. If Professor Jamieson is right, then the botany book will have to be rewritten from end to end.

It is not often that a gate is made out of a window, much less out of a prison window; but the gate of St. Cedd's churchyard, Canning Town, East London, was at one time a window in old Newgate prison. Many people wonder at the size of the gate, but when they hear its curious history and the use to which it was put in years gone by they understand the reason of its massive dimensions.

Caroline Lady Saye and Sele, who has died in Hereford, where she has resided since her marriage in 1857, with the sixteenth Lord Saye and Sele, canon of Hereford cathedral, was the third daughter of the first Lord Leigh and sister of the dean of Hereford and the late Lord Leigh. Her husband had the remarkable experience of christening the lady who afterward became his wife.

From sardine packers at one season of the year to Irish lacemakers at another is the strange labor transformation which takes place among legions of workers at Brezange, France. On average the field laborers turn from their plows at certain times to the manufacture of pillow lace. The Auvergne lacemakers receive but 5 cents a meter for their work, while the lace sells elsewhere for 39 cents a meter.

At the first American census only six cities reported a population of approximately 8,000 inhabitants. Compared with this number in 1900 the 286 cities and towns in the same area having a population of 8,000 or more, in Rhode Island alone, the smallest of the states, there were more cities of 8,000 inhabitants than there were in the entire United States in 1890.

Miss Constantina Elizabeth Maxwell is the first woman to become a member of the teaching staff of Trinity college, Dublin. She has just been named an assistant to the professor of modern history. Miss Maxwell was graduated only a few months ago with a first senior moderatorship. She won a gold medal in history and political science.

Cardiff, in Wales, is a city at least 2,000 years old, and its growth has been regarded by some people as phenomenal. Thus a writer of 1822 remarks upon the fact that the population of the city in 1801 was less than 2,000 and "is now grown to 3,521." Since then the city by the Taff has grown to 160,000.

The sandwich as a food article, says a writer in a German paper, had its 150th birthday this year. It is 150 years since the fourth Earl of Sandwich, who was an inveterate card player, had his servant bring him a slice of meat between two pieces of bread, so that he might continue to play while he ate.

Emperor William has given orders that, in future, football shall be played by German soldiers as part of their physical training, so as to make them more supple and adaptable. Hitherto, the emperor's efforts to make his subjects of Anglo-Saxon sports have not been very successful.

A sensation was created in a church near Leeward, Holland, the other day by the announcement made by the pastor from the pulpit that he considered prayers superfluous, and that he would no longer deliver any, as they were inconsistent with his socialistic convictions.

The governor of the central prison in Madrid was deposed some time ago for his excessive leniency. He allowed the prisoners to have almost anything they wanted, including a weekly newspaper, written and printed by themselves. One of them sold liquors.

Milwaukee is congratulating herself on a growth of 84,931 in population since the federal census of 1900. A recent directory canvass shows, according to the Sentinel, that the city of famous beer has 370,246 inhabitants. The census of 1900 gave the figures as 285,315.

Mrs. Mary Dennehey, aged 106, who missed her bank book, and when she found it discovered 25 cents instead of \$500 standing to her credit, appeared at the Cork police court in support of a charge of theft against a woman with whom she lodged.

After the completion of the railroad from Christiania to Bergen the journey between the two largest Norwegian cities can be made in 43 hours, instead of in 60 by sea. The total cost of this railway is estimated at \$15,000,000.

The Brooklyn Standard Union says that "those people from the rural regions who jeer at Manhattan's horse cars may take note that the Baltimore city council is preparing to pave a street with cobblestones."

An electric glue heater has been put on the market which is said to melt glue in 30 minutes and to keep it at a temperature of 150 degrees for several hours after the current has been switched off.

Artificial silk manufactured by a new patent process is one of the new shipments from England to America, and apparently a growing one.

It is figured that it will take \$112,000,000 to build the subway necessary to take care of the street traffic in the city of Chicago.

Spanish women have the smallest feet, but those of the United States are the best shod.

WIFE TAKES AUTO FROM HUSBY WITH MARRYING MANIA

Also Piano, Chiffonier and Other Effects are Withheld From Future Affinity.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 21.—The automobile, piano, chiffonier and other prized effects of W. A. Bentley, chief of the state detective association, were taken in hand by the sheriff on an execution obtained by the first wife of Bentley some 10 or 12 years ago. It now amounts to \$1,500.

Bentley has been married twice since then, his second wife dying, and his third wife is now wrestling with him for a divorce in court. It is presumed that the first wife took alarm over the possibility of having another one to divide his effects with and revived her old judgment. At the time it was rendered, Bentley had nothing. Since then he inherited a small fortune by the death of his stepmother, which he had to fight through the courts to get.

WOMAN IS ASSAULTED WITH CARBOLIC ACID

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 21.—Miss Lottie Goldfish, of Burnham, a Lincoln manufacturing suburb, was the victim of an assault Wednesday evening, which has been reported to the authorities.

Miss Goldfish stepped outside the door after dark, when some man grabbed her, knocked her down and attempted to pour the contents of a vial of carbolic acid down her throat. She resisted with such a sudden vigor that the acid missed its mark and fell upon her neck. She screamed and the chap ran.

No arrests have been made as the young woman isn't sure she could identify her assailant. A young man in the neighborhood who had been repulsed in the proffer of his attentions is suspected.

COURT INTERRUPTED BY FIVE MARRIAGES

Hastings, Neb., Sept. 21.—The demands of Cupid took precedence over those of the court Thursday afternoon, when Judge Button of the county court took a recess five times during the course of the hearing of a case to perform a marriage ceremony for young couples who came to him for that purpose.

Judge Button maintains that five weddings in one afternoon is a record to be proud of and questions the possibility of any other judge in the state being able to beat it.

INVENTS A NEW ENGINE

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 21.—After 20 years of the expenditure of over \$6,000, George Marshall has completed to his own satisfaction his invention of a non-releasing Corliss valve engine. A firm located at Milwaukee is to manufacture the engine and put it on the market. Mr. Marshall is wealthy and says that he does not care to make any money out of his invention, but he had made up his mind that he could perfect an idea that he got two decades ago and is glad now it is done.

OMAHA AND COUNCIL BLUFFS CARMEN STRIKE

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 21.—All the lines of the Omaha Council Bluffs Street Railway company were practically tied up by a strike this morning as the result of what is said to have been the unanimous vote of the street car men's union at two meetings, one held yesterday afternoon and the other at an early hour this morning.

The vote in favor of a strike followed a long conference between Gordon W. Wattles, president of the company, and representatives of the Business Men's association, and a committee representing the street railway men, headed by C. O. Pratt, one of the international vice presidents of the organization.

No Union Men Report

At the close of the meeting this morning both Mr. Pratt and Ben Commons, a member of the International executive board, stated that the men had voted to authorize a strike, the time to be named by the executive committee. It was intimated then that the call might not be issued for some days, but either the street railway men misled or the officials changed their minds before time to start the cars this morning, for not a union man went to work today.

Men Are Dissatisfied

It has been known that the motor-men of the conductors of the street railway company were dissatisfied with wages and conditions, and that they had submitted to the company a new scale of wages and some suggestions concerning working arrangements, including recognition of the union, but the strike at this time came as a surprise to the general public.

At the conference with President Wattles yesterday afternoon the former demanded of the street railway men was withdrawn, and a proposed new agreement was submitted, embodying what the employees thought was the least recognition they should receive. From this new agreement was omitted the former proposed recognition of the union, but the wage scale asked for was retained.

SCHOONER GOES TO BOTTOM

Woodshole, Mass., Sept. 21.—The schooner Charles J. Willard, of Portland, was sunk today off the Sow and Pigs shoals. It is believed that the crew is safe, but no details have yet been received. The Willard is a vessel of 209 tons net, and usually carries a crew of five men.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—John S. Parks, of Kansas City, was yesterday appointed receiver for the Merchants' Refrigerating company, of this city, by Judge Phelps in the United States district court.

BLOOMINGTON, IND.—The bodies of Mrs. Joseph Polly and her baby were found on the edge of a cornfield near here yesterday. The woman was hanging to a tree with her little babe by her feet. They had been missing since September 8. It is believed the woman strangled her baby and then hanged herself.

HONOLULU.—Joseph Ward, premier of New Zealand, arrived here yesterday on the steamer Makura en route to the Fiji islands, where he will be met by the British cruiser Challenger and will proceed thence to Auckland.

ATTORNEY SUBMITS ARGUMENT AGAINST CORPORATION TAX

State Taxes Must Be Based Upon a Property Valuation Accurately Determined.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 20.—In support of his attack on the constitutionality of the corporation tax statute passed by the last legislature, Judge John J. Sullivan filed a brief this morning in the district court declaring that the occupation fee provided for in the act is a tax upon the franchise of doing business as a corporation and is not a license. If it were the latter the money collected must, under the constitution go to the school fund of the state or municipal division in which it is paid.

Judge Sullivan says that the right granted by the state to a foreign or domestic corporation to transact business in the state in its corporate character is a franchise, which must, under the decision of the supreme court in the case of the Western Union Telegraph company vs. the city of Omaha, be taxed not arbitrarily, but like property, upon its real value, ascertained in some proper manner.

He cites the provision of the constitution which declares that the legislature shall provide revenue by levying a tax "by valuation," so that every person or corporation shall pay a tax in proportion to the value of his, her or its property and franchises, the value to be ascertained as the legislature shall direct.

"This section of the constitution," asserts Judge Sullivan, "declares in express and explicit terms, that the property and franchises of persons and corporations shall be taxed in proportion to their value, and that the legislature provides that the tax on a corporation shall be an ad valorem tax."

RILEY'S COMPANION AT 'OLD SWIMMING HOLE' DIES IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 20.—A playmate of James Whitcomb Riley, the famous Hoosier poet and one of his boyhood friends, was James C. Gambriel, for 40 years a resident of Nebraska. Riley and Gambriel many times repaired with Riley when they were lads to the "old swimming hole" for a splash or a dive. The dead man had a photograph of this historic swimming hole hanging on the walls of his home which he was fond of showing to his friends and recounting his companionship with Riley.

AERIE OF EAGLES GOES TO ST. LOUIS

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 20.—St. Louis gets the next grand aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The count of the vote cast yesterday was finished today and showed that St. Louis received 1,194 to 1,066 for Louisville.

The aerie elected were T. A. Bell, Napa, Cal.; H. J. Lea, Seattle; O. Kane, Cleveland, and W. F. Gartland, Boston.

WORKMEN WIN SECOND STRIKE AT STEEL PLANT

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 20.—The second strike at the plant of the Pressed Steel Car company, which was declared Monday, came to an abrupt end today. The climax was one of the most remarkable in the history of industrial disputes.

Having notified the foreigners that they intended to march into the mill carrying the stars and stripes, 2,000 American workmen, who were not favorable to the strike, assembled early at the McKees Rocks end of the O'Donovan bridge, and cheering enthusiastically, started toward the big plant. On the way 1,500 Croatians and 600 Italians joined the Americans.

When the gates were reached 1,000 Slavs, Russians and Poles, who had threatened trouble in the event of the men attempting to enter the works, were encountered and these, too, fell into line and entered the plant. Anticipated disorders failed to materialize and the strike was over.

It is believed now that the trouble has been definitely settled.

BALLINGER REMOVES GLAVIS FROM OFFICE

Washington, Sept. 20.—L. R. Glavis, chief of the field division of the general land office, with headquarters at Seattle, Wash., yesterday was dismissed from the service by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger. A Christensen, chief of the field division of the general land office at Portland, Ore., has been placed in temporary charge of the Seattle division.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 17.—L. R. Glavis, chief of the field division of the general land office, with headquarters at Seattle, Wash., yesterday was dismissed from the service by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, after an investigation of charges against Secretary Hallinger, yesterday said.

The rule which prohibits men from discussing this matter is as much in force today as it was when you first asked me for a statement of the work of this office regarding the Alaska coal cases.

He maintained that he would make no statement, at least until his connection with the land office ends. He said he had received no telegraphic information regarding the president's letter to Secretary Ballinger.

NEENAH, WIS.—Burglars early yesterday broke into the Neenah post office, blew open the vaults and secured about \$4,000 in stamps and money. There is no clew.

PERU AND BOLIVIA SIGN A PEACE PACT

Washington, Sept. 20.—Peru and Bolivia, which have been at swordpoints over the boundary question between them, have come to an agreement on the vital issues involved and are about to sign a protocol for a settlement of their differences. Today the state department received word to this effect from the American minister, James F. Stutsman, at La Paz, Bolivia, and adding that the protocol would be signed today or tomorrow.

PREACHER'S PROWESS STARTLES PRESBYTERY

Breaks His Opponent's Jaw in Boxing Bout in Young Men's Organization.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 18.—It is a good thing for the Rev. Franklin R. Wedge, once known in state university circles as "Kid" Wedge, amateur welterweight champion of these parts, that it was not a friendly boxing match and not a prize fight that he recently refereed at South Omaha.

Mr. Wedge was an applicant before the South Omaha presbytery, now in session here, for a license to preach and also for a transfer to the North Nebraska synod. When his name was read, the statement was made that he had been charged with acting as a referee in a prize fight. The good brethren were shocked. They referred the matter to Rev. B. M. Long, of Lincoln, and later he reported that it was a mistake; that Wedge did act as referee in a boxing contest, but it was only a friendly bout with gloves. The preachers breathed freer, but it was decided under their rules that while they could give him a license, they could not give him a transfer.

The Rev. Franklin R. Wedge is a pretty nifty proposition. When he was in Lincoln he was an assistant boxing instructor, and real handy with the gloves. Since he has been in charge of the small church at Monroe he has been giving the youth of that church an uplift by organizing a boxing class. None of the members of the aforesaid class were able to give the reverend gentleman a sufficiently hard job, and thus put a trick on him. They imported peaceful looking gent from Rising City, where he is known as a prize fighter. He was introduced as a likely man for the guild, with a handkerchief toward boxing. The remainder of the story is told in this letter from the minister:

"I was given to understand that it was to be a friendly bout. To my surprise the big fellow began to try and knock my head off. The result was that my jaw was broken in one place and badly fractured in another. I'm paying the doctor bill and he is eating soup. That's the way to convert these toughs."

NOMINATED FOR REGENT WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 18.—H. D. Landis, of Seward, will probably be surprised to learn that he has been nominated by the democrats of Nebraska as a candidate for the full term of university regent. Mr. Landis was not a candidate for the place, but 26 persons who knew him up in Saunders county wrote him a plain plain that they were the ballot, and that makes him the nominee under the authorization of a legislative act passed last winter.

There are two regents to elect for the full term and one to fill a vacancy. Charles P. Knapp, of Lincoln, was the only democrat to file for the place, and a blank line appeared beneath his name. Here is where Landis' friends got in their work.

OLDEST COUPLE AND LONGEST MARRIED

Rulo, Neb., Sept. 18.—Having been married 75 years, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones, of this place, this week celebrated their diamond wedding. Mr. Jones is 88 years old and his wife 100, and the claim is made that they are the oldest couple and have been married the longest of any couple in the state. They have a son 70 years old. Both of the old people are well preserved and retain all their faculties.

SIOUX CITY MOTHER AFTER HER DAUGHTER

Council Bluffs, Ia., Sept. 18.—Mrs. Ann Saulsbury, of Sioux City, who was parted by her son-in-law, Karl Koehler, came to Council Bluffs last night to regain possession of her daughter, Pearl Saulsbury, 16 years old. The girl, who has been making her home with the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Weinbremer, of South Sioux City, Neb., was brought here yesterday by her father, William Saulsbury, who lives here. Mr. and Mrs. Saulsbury are separated.

Mrs. Saulsbury invoked the assistance of the police. Detective Richardson found the girl at the home of her father and talked with her. After further inquiry into the matter Chief Richmond determined that the question was not an attorney rather than the police, and it was turned over to County Attorney Hess. The trouble was adjusted, but the girl is still with her father, who says he intends placing her in a business college.

DETROIT UNIONS WITHDRAW FROM THE FEDERATION

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 18.—The Detroit Federation of Labor last night practically withdrew from the American Federation of Labor, by voting unanimously not to comply with the recent order of the executive council to unseat the Electrical Workers' union.

The matter will be appealed to the American Federation convention at Toronto in November.

CINCINNATI WILL HAVE AERO CLUB

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 18.—This city is to have an Aero club. At a preliminary meeting of several prominent citizens Captain John H. Patterson was elected temporary chairman, and R. H. Cox, temporary secretary, to perfect the organization by tomorrow. The club will affiliate with the Aero Club of America, the parent organization in New York.

An effort will be made to secure the international meet next year. A large gathering is already assured for prizes.

UNION CITY, TENN.—BY SPECIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ATTORNEY GENERAL J. Caldwell and counsel representing the 100 men under indictment in this (Obion) county for night riding, the cases will not be tried at this term of court, but at a special term which will convene on the second Monday in November.

NEW YORK—If the decision of District Attorney Jerome holds good, there will be no bout between Stanley Ketchel and the negro pugilist, Sam Langford, at the Fairmont Athletic club here Friday night.

LIABILITY LAW IS UPHELD BY HIGHER COURT

Intent of Statute Is to Put Before Jury the Negligence of Both Parties.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 17.—A telegram received by the clerk of the federal court gives the information that the Nebraska employers' liability law, enacted in 1907, has been sustained by the circuit court of appeals. This means that hereafter the doctrine of contributory negligence will no longer be an effective defense to actions in damages brought by employes to recover for injuries received in the course of employment.

The circuit court overruled the contention of the railroads that transportation companies engaged in interstate commerce came under the provisions of the statute, that it was inoperative because congress had passed a similar law and that it deprived the companies of the property without due process of law. On the first proposition the court holds that the railroad companies are clearly included; on the second that as the national law was declared unconstitutional there is no merit in that claim; and on the third that inasmuch as the act provides that contributory negligence shall be considered by the jury in fixing the amount of the recovery, the fact that it does not constitute negligence, however slight, shall be no bar to recovery for injury when the negligence of the employe or fellow servant is gross in comparison, does not take away the railroad's property without due process of law.

The court holds that the intent of the act is to put before the jury the negligence of both employe and employer and to permit it to fix the damages according to the comparative negligence of each.

PRESBYTERIANS OPPOSE MODERN EVANGELISTS

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 17.—Nebraska Presbyterians are opposed to the modern professional evangelists, and said so yesterday in their annual gathering here. The idea was voiced by the synodical superintendent, Rev. W. H. Kearns, who said that his observation was that these men were a fizzle and that their results lacked in the permanency that was desired. He thought that the ministers of the church were responsible for the present listlessness in Presbyterian work and the fact that very few members had been received during the year. His opinions were echoed by other speakers.

Another animated discussion arose over the declaration of Judge Davidson, of Tecumseh, that there was too much machinery in the church, too much of a call upon the time of members for the meetings of auxiliary associations that had no particular business to attend to, and too much segregation of the younger members from the old.

NAIL STICKS IN KNEE

Lyons, Neb., Sept. 17.—Little 7-year-old Claude Phillips has badly hurt his knee by falling upon a nail while playing football about the house with two other small playmates. The nail protruded upward from a board and it took the combined effort of both his playmates to extricate it from the knee. It proved so serious that two doctors have been in attendance.

CHILD'S LIFE SAVED BY GREEN APPLES

Laurel, Neb., Sept. 17.—Mrs. Cleve Boling placed a dish of lye water in her pantry to catch mice, and her 4-year-old child drank it, but having just eaten some green apples, the acid from the apples took the effect of the poison, and he is out of danger.

FIRST DAY'S FAIR MAKES NEW RECORD

Huron, S. D., Sept. 17.—The first day of the 1809 state fair, in point of attendance and exhibits, exceeds that of any former year. Huron is magnificently decorated with flags and bunting flying from scores of business, public and private houses, while innumerable attractions have been provided for the visitors. Three bands provide music and a company of well drilled militiamen are here doing duty with the local police force, and all visitors are given a royal welcome. At the fair grounds conditions are more favorable than heretofore, while exhibits in every department exceed those of former years. Particularly in livestock, machinery and agricultural displays. Most of the exhibits are in place and present unusual attraction.

CANDIDATE PROPOSED FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Aberdeen, S. D., Sept. 17.—Royal C. Johnson, state attorney of Hyde County, is being urged as a candidate for attorney general of the state. M. P. Beebe, of Ipswich, who is taking a personal interest in his possible candidacy, says that there is a growing sentiment over the state in favor of Johnson to succeed Attorney General Clark, of Redfield, who is now serving his second term in that office.

MRS. ROOSEVELT LEAVES PARIS

Paris, Sept. 17.—Mrs. Theodora Roosevelt, accompanied by her daughter, Ethel, left here today for Switzerland. After a brief tour of the mountains they will go to Venice, and thence to Porto Maurizio, where they will spend some time with Miss Carew, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister.

POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS

St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 17.—The 31st biennial session of the Pomological society opened last night. The delegates were welcomed by Hon. W. S. Duff, minister of agriculture. C. L. Wairous, of Des Moines, Ia., replied. An address on the subject of raising fruits was delivered by H. L. Bailey, dean of the New York state college.

CONDUCTED ONE LINE OF BUSINESS 35 YEARS

Elk Point, S. D., Sept. 17.—Fred Strobel, who has kept a meat market here for 35 years, sold his business to Mat Glnbach, of Westfield, Ia. Mr. Strobel has not yet decided what he will do in the future.

NO SUCCESSOR TO HARRIMAN

New York, Sept. 17.—No successor to E. H. Harriman as a director of the New York Central railroad was chosen at today's meeting of the board of directors.

UNION PACIFIC TREASURER DIES

Illness Follows Trip to Conference of Treasurers—End Comes Suddenly.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 15.—Frank E. Brown, local treasurer of the Union Pacific Railroad company, died suddenly last night of pneumonia. He returned yesterday from a convention of national treasurers at Lake George, N. Y. He was feeling ill and summoned a physician, who pronounced the case pneumonia, but was unable to stay the ravages of the disease, and Mr. Brown died before midnight.

SETS FIRE TO PLANT TO HIDE HIS CRIME

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 15.—Guy Anderson, manager of the Nebraska Cotton Glove factory, which was damaged by fire Saturday night to the extent of \$10,000, has confessed that he robbed the safe and set fire to the building.

In going over the ruins the police discovered that the safe was unlocked. Anderson was sent for on the pretense that his assistance was needed, and upon his arrival, was arrested and accused of arson.

In his confession he would not say how much money he had taken, although he admitted that he had been robbing the business for more than a year.

EMPEROR HONORS AMERICAN VISITORS

Cologne, Sept. 16.—The American flag flying from a Prussian government steamer on the Rhine has created considerable inquiry along the river, and brought the explanation that the government was thus honoring the members of the American waterways commission, who are engaged in studying the river improvements with the aid of a body of German engineers assigned to facilitate their work.

The commissioners spent all last week on the Rhine, taking up each section of the river in detail. At Dusseldorf, they were received by the acting mayor at the wharf and welcomed to the city in an address, to which Senator T. E. Burton, Ohio, replied. Today the commission is investigating traffic conditions around Dulsburg, Ruhrort and the Ems canal. The commissioners will proceed tonight to Holland, and then go to Belgium. They are due to arrive in Paris September 21.

PEONAGE IS ALLEGED IN MINNESOTA CAMPS

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 16.—John Clifton Elder, representative of the Congressional immigration commission, who has come to Spokane to inquire into labor and immigration conditions in the inland empire and the Pacific Northwest, said in an interview that peonage is practiced in lumber and construction camps and on the iron ranges in Minnesota, and in railway camps in North Dakota, as well as in other parts of the country. He added:

"I found more cases of peonage in Minnesota in four days by my own efforts, unaided, than I did in all my investigations in the South with the aid of the department of justice, which offered every assistance while I was making inquiries in the southern states. The most common form is for the employer to advance money to the men for transportation or other purposes, and then force them to repay it, obligating them to assist while I was making inquiries in the southern states. Some instances force was used to intimidate the men, while in others even the police and the courts were used."

LOVETT HEADS THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC

New York, Sept. 16.—Judge Robert S. Lovett was elected chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific company in an interview that directors, and also members of the executive committee.

No action was taken in the matter of electing a successor to E. H. Harriman as president of the membership of the executive committee was increased to six.

The board of directors of Wells Fargo & Co., of which the late Edward H. Harriman was chairman, held a meeting today to take action toward an election to fill Mr. Harriman's place.

Directors of the Illinois Central Railroad company today instructed President Harahan to appoint a committee to draft resolutions upon the death of Mr. Harriman. No successor to Mr. Harriman as a member of the board of directors was chosen.

REWARD IS OFFERED FOR GIRL'S SLAYER

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 16.—A reward of \$1,000 was offered today for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of Miss Maybelle Millman, of Ann Arbor, whose dismembered body was found last week in Ecorse creek.

The board of county auditors today adopted the following resolution: "The board of county auditors, of Wayne county, will pay a reward of \$1,000 to the person or persons who will furnish to the authorities information that will lead to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who committed the offense that resulted in the death of Maybelle Millman."

COAL COMPANIES COMPLAIN

Washington, Sept. 16.—Fifteen companies, mining coal in the Coal Creek field of Tennessee, today filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce commission, charging that the Southern Railway company discriminates against them in the rates on coal as compared with those accorded operators in the Appalachian, Tom's Creek and Black Mountain districts of Virginia.

AMERICAN IS GIVEN PLACE BY ARGENTINA

Washington, Sept. 16.—George W. Fishback, formerly American secretary of legation at Buenos Ayres, has been appointed a special commissioner by the directorate of the Argentine agricultural exposition to enlist interest in that enterprise.

An effort is to be made to secure an appropriation of \$25,000 to transport the agricultural exhibit now at Seattle to Buenos Ayres.