

## ANOTHER MURDER MYSTERY.

## Cincinnati Woman's Body Found, Her Head Crushed, Throat Cut.

Cincinnati, Oct. 26.—What promises to be one of the most sensational and mysterious murders committed in this city in recent years was discovered last night when the mutilated body of Mrs. Mary Hackney was found in her home in a remote part of this city. The young woman's throat had been cut from ear to ear, her skull crushed and her body slashed in various places.

The police late last night called on Harley W. Hackney, the husband of the murdered woman, and Charles R. Elcort, a boarder in the Hackney home, and quizzed them at the headquarters but both men declared they were not in the vicinity when the crime was committed and were at a loss to throw any light upon it. The Hackneys were married in Louisville, Ky., about four years ago and removed to this city, where he was employed on a lumber planer. A third suspect was arrested later when Herman Schwering, a colored boy who had been seen around the Hackney home was taken into custody.

The husband, Elcort and the negro boy were all locked up on suspicion.

## Kaiser in Belgium.

Brussels, Oct. 26.—Emperor William of Germany is now the guest of King Albert of Belgium. The emperor arrived here yesterday afternoon and was met at the railway station by the king and queen. He was accompanied by a large suite and was cheered as he passed through the streets, lined with ten thousand troops. On arrival at the royal palace there was a reception to the diplomatic corps, followed by a dinner in honor of the royal guest. The toasts were of an extremely cordial nature, King Albert praising the emperor's noble acts towards the maintenance of peace of the world and the emperor's extolling Belgium's activities in commerce, industries and arts. A busy program has been arranged for Emperor William's stay, which probably will extend to Thursday night.

## Cause of Mine Disaster.

Denver, Oct. 26.—The Starville mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, an explosion in which on October 8, cost the lives of fifty-six men, "was at all times insufficiently sprinkled," according to the report of E. H. Gross, deputy state labor commissioner, made public yesterday. "A small body of gas coming in contact with flames and creating a sufficient compression to explode the dust," the report says, "caused the explosion."

## ELEPHANT KILLED A TRAINER.

## A New York Animal Became Enraged at a New Keeper.

New York, Oct. 26.—"Queen," a trick elephant, became enraged today at Robert Shields, a new keeper, and crushed him to death. The animal was perfectly tractable to her regular trainer a few moments after the killing and allowed herself to be shackled in her winter quarters without making further trouble.

## OLD CASE AGAIN.

## McNamara Troubles to be Aired Once More.

Dakota City, Neb., Oct. 26.—Another chapter of one of the most widely discussed divorce cases in this territory will be opened Thursday at Dakota City when the famous McNamara-McAllister divorce case will come up for a rehearing before Judge A. A. Welch of Wayne. The case has been in court for a number of years and has been hard fought on both sides.

Mrs. Mary E. McNamara, the plaintiff, brought action for divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. At the time of filing her petition she also asked for temporary alimony which the court granted. W. C. McNamara refused to pay the alimony, and when the case came up for trial, the court ruled that owing to the non-payment of the alimony, the defendant would not be permitted to make a defense.

McNamara appealed this decision to the supreme court of Nebraska and that body has handed down a decision, holding that the rule was unconstitutional and ordering the rehearing of the case.

## Omaha Trade Boosters.

The Omaha trade booster special train including three coaches and baggage car passed through the city early Tuesday morning. The train left Omaha at 9 o'clock Monday night and made the Scribner branch Tuesday and spent Tuesday night in the Norfolk railroad yards.

The train went northeast Wednesday, returning to Hoskins at night and then back to Omaha.

## T. R. IN MICHIGAN POLITICS.

Sends Telegram Endorsing Republican Candidates There.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 26.—Theodore Roosevelt's influence was thrown into the political campaign in Michigan today through the publication by the state committee of a telegram from the former president to former Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., of Massachusetts, who made several addresses in Michigan last week.

Colonel Roosevelt's telegram says he understands that in Michigan the progressives won a clear-cut victory and he endorses the candidacy of Charles S. Osborn for governor and Charles E. Townsend for United States senator. Mr. Osborn is characterized in the telegram as a progressive and a singularly able and honest man and Mr. Townsend as having done excellent work for railroad rate legislation when he became joint author with Mr. Each of the first railroad rate bill while Colonel Roosevelt was in the

## white house.

"Mr. Osborn," says the telegram, "is a man like Stimson of New York, who will clean house from collar to garret driving every wrongdoer from office." Colonel Roosevelt expressed regret that he is unable to take part in the Michigan campaign for the benefit of the republican ticket.

## AMERICAN SCHOONER WRECKED

## Captain and Four Men Picked Up by English Schooner.

London, Oct. 26.—The captain and four men from the American schooner Florence Leland, from New Orleans October 9 for Liverpool, were picked up by the British steamer Commodore off Old Head of Kinsal today. The Leland was wrecked during the recent storms. She was owned by A. O. Gross and hailed from Deer Island, Maine. She was a three-master of 234 tons net and was built at Camden, Maine, in 1882.

## Several Dead at Barbecue.

Mexico City, Oct. 26.—A number of persons are dead and twenty-eight are seriously ill as a result of ptomaine poisoning following a barbecue participated in by members of the colony Toluca, state of Mexico. A telegram received here by the American hospital at a late hour made an urgent request that nurses be sent to Toluca as soon as possible.

## MORTENSEN FOR OFFICE.

Petition Filed to Place Name on Ballot for Railway Vacancy.

Lincoln, Oct. 26.—A petition signed by 1,000 voters was filed with the secretary of state requesting that the name of Peter Mortensen be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for state railway commissioner. Mr. Mortensen has consented to make the race.

Opinions differ as to the legality of electing a state railway commissioner to succeed W. H. Cowgill, deceased. Some attorneys hold that it is the duty of the governor to appoint, the appointment to run until the election, a year from this time. Others contend that the appointment could only run until the first of January and the vacancy be filled by election.

## HAD A GOOD HUNT.

## Members of Rod and Gun Club Write Poetry Between Shoots.

Guests of the Wood Lake Rod and Gun club, whose members are composed largely of Norfolk sportsmen, returned from the camp near Wood Lake, where they attended the annual hunting and fishing trip, which commenced on October 15 and ended October 23. One of the best times of the history of the club was enjoyed and, although the large number of hunters made the hunting extraordinarily good, the guests of the club declare there was plenty to shoot at and plenty of fish to catch. Among the officers of the club are Ed. C. Engle, secretary and transportation committee; W. R. Jones, commissary department and "frogs"; H. M. Culbertson and C. J. Chaffee, night entertainment. Meals at the camp were served A La Carte "Flee Bow" by Richard Washington of Norfolk.

Among the visitors at the camp at this trip were Dr. R. C. Simmons of Norfolk; Frank Neal, Dallas; Neal Provost and son of Neligh. All members of the club were present. Among these members, including Messrs. Engle, Chaffee and Jones, are some very good entertainers, who in the annual invitations had poems of their own composition printed. Messrs. Engle and Jones feature in these as follows:

When the sun is risin' yell'er  
An' the birds is wak'n' up,  
Fillin' all the world with singin',  
Fillin' full joy's brimmin' cup—  
Then I sort'er get excited  
With my hick'ry pole an' bob  
An' I tickle in my denims  
When I see the botter bob. —Engle.

If you strike a thorn or Rose,  
Keep a-goin'!  
If it hails or if it snows,  
Keep a-goin'!  
'Tain't no use to sit and whine  
When the fish ain't on your line;  
Bait your hook an' keep on tryin'—  
Keep a-goin'! —Jones.

We would like to have you with us  
On our trip to Dewey lake,  
But remember that straight and  
Are very hard to make.

The bunch are all good fellows,  
You will find them all true blue,  
And even the little fellow  
Will take out a stack or two.

So be sure and join our party  
And put on your high top shoes  
And we will see that when you return  
You'll not be troubled with the blues.

## An Esperanto Enthusiast.

Although City Physician Dr. J. H. Mackay has not as yet started his Esperanto class, news of his announcement was received by J. T. Gartland of Niobrara, Neb., who recently wrote a postal card to the doctor in the proposed international language. The letter shows a sample of the language to the readers of The News as follows:

"Estimata Samlandeo! Mi scus en la Norfolk News ki vi estas orientito esperanto klubon en Norfolk. Mi deziras vi grandigon sukceson kaj espesas ke antan longa vi estos instruanta la nova lingoo al la tuta logantaro de via bela urbo.

## Colome Giri is Missing.

Colome Times: Marion, the 15-year-old daughter of Mrs. F. M. Whittecar, who conducts the laundry on east Nebraska street, disappeared from her home Wednesday evening and though the authorities, following the issuance

of a warrant for Fred Wirth, have been seeking both the girl and young fellow, they have not as yet found them.

According to Mrs. Whittecar, Marion had left the house about 9 o'clock to empty a bucket of garbage. When she had been gone long enough that her absence became noticeable, the mother went to look for her but failed to find her. Genuinely alarmed, a search was instituted but with no result. She was not dressed for sudden departure and this lends color to the mother's belief that the girl was trapped and forced to go in some manner seduced.

It appears that young Wirth, who has been in the company of the girl frequently, had told certain parties here of his intention to take the girl to Norfolk (Thursday), where, he said, they would be married, and from that place go on to Verdigr, Neb., his mother's home. But it is known that the two had a falling out recently and Wirth's friendship was apparently not desired by Miss Whittecar. To this fact and the one stated, that she was not dressed for travel, Mrs. Whittecar ascribes her belief that the girl was seized in the dark and taken away against her will.

Complaint was filed before Justice of the Peace S. G. Blakkob and a warrant placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Louis Sullivan, who immediately started the hunt for Wirth and the girl in an endeavor to overtake them before they reached the Nebraska line.

While purchasing a railway ticket at the Northwestern depot at Norfolk Junction yesterday morning, a member of the Remlin orchestra of Humphrey was robbed of his suitcase, which was ransacked of its contents and later was found near the railway yards. A pair of gloves and a silk muffler were recovered by Abe Levine, pawnbroker, to whom a man sold the stolen articles for 25 cents. Among the stolen property were some valuable imported razors belonging to other members of the orchestra and many sheets of music.

## Suitcase is Stolen.

The musician after returning from the ticket window to get his suitcase, which he left standing in the waiting room, found it had disappeared. He notified the authorities and asked Mr. Levine to watch for the stolen property which he believed the thieves would endeavor to sell at the pawn shop.

Not long afterward a man wearing a B. R. T. button and attired like a railroad employee entered Mr. Levine's store on Norfolk avenue and declared he was in need of money and wanted to sell a silk muffler and a pair of gloves. Not dealing in clothing Mr. Levine declined to buy them, but the request that he take them for 25 cents was tempting and he purchased the articles.

The musician identified the purchase as articles stolen from his suitcase at the Junction. Later the authorities found the suitcase cut, damaged and rifled of its contents.

## ISLANDS SWEEPED BY WAVE.

## Belated Appeal for Aid for Storm Victims Reaches Tampa, Fla.

Tampa, Fla., Oct. 26.—A belated appeal for aid was received here today from the vicinity of Punta Rasa on the Gulf coast, reporting that the "ten thousand island section" had been swept by a tidal wave during the recent West Indian storm and that all residents who had escaped were in destitute circumstances. Small settlements were wiped out of existence and the residents only saved themselves by climbing the trees.

G. W. Storer, a leading merchant of Everglades, brings news of the ruining of crops, the wrecking of all business houses and the total desolation of that section.

C. G. McEneky of Chokoloskee reports the drowning of many women and children of that section, the men seeking safety in trees. Heroic work was done by some of the men in saving those who could not help themselves.

H. W. Martin of Bokeella reports the washing ashore of seventeen bodies, supposed to be those of sailors who perished during the storm.

The chooner Eureka arrived here from the devastated district bringing a petition from Chokoloskee, asking the local board of trade for assistance. The petition was signed by thirty-six surviving residents.

A cargo of provisions will be sent out from Tampa today.

## BIRDS CAN FIGHT THE LOCUSTS.

Destruction of 17-Year Pests Taken up by Audubon Societies.

New York, Oct. 26.—To warn farmers and orchardists against the resurrection of the 17-year locusts or periodical cicada that will occur in certain areas of this country next spring, a call for preserving the wild birds that destroy this pest is being issued from the headquarters of the National Association of Audubon Societies in this city. Two giant broods of the insects are scheduled by scientists for within the next six months. Only the birds will avail to avert serious losses in the coming season, it is declared.

## TOYS WITH JACK JOHNSON.

Barney Oldfield Runs Away From Pugilist in Auto Race.

New York, Oct. 26.—The ambition of Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight pugilist, to annex other honors as a racing automobile driver received a blight here yesterday afternoon at the hands of Barney Oldfield. Johnson showed poor advantage in his new role and Oldfield in one heat of their five-mile race at Sheepshead Bay toyed with the big fighter. Only two heats were needed to settle the ques-

## tion of superiority.

In the first heat Oldfield ran away from Johnson. He was quicker to get away and Johnson's car never showed ahead. At the finish Oldfield led by about a quarter of a mile. His time for the five miles was 4 minutes 44 seconds. The time of the second heat, 5 minutes 14 1/2 seconds, or 30 1/2 seconds slower than the first, tells the story of the heat.

## ROOSEVELT AFTER 'EM.

## He Liveness up New York State Campaign—Defends Rooseveltism.

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 26.—The campaign grew livelier as Theodore Roosevelt traveled about central New York state. Hundreds stood in the rain to hear his outdoor speeches and every building in which he spoke was jammed. The colonel dwelt particularly on Rooseveltism as an issue. He told the people that some business men of the state were afraid of it. He said that any fear of him or of Henry L. Stimson, republican candidate for governor, was baseless and that the alarm had been raised by Wall Street.

Colonel Roosevelt also replied to John A. Dix, democratic candidate for governor, who said that the colonel had misrepresented him by saying that he had been connected with the Wall Street combine. The colonel did not make the apology which Mr. Dix demanded. He insisted that Mr. Dix had not shown that he was not connected with the trust which the supreme court declared illegal.

## FIGHT AT BRUNSWICK.

## Kid Larson Puts Battling Tony Down for the Count.

Brunswick, Neb., Oct. 26.—Kid Larson defeated Battling Tony after five rounds of fast boxing here. The bout was scheduled for ten rounds. Larson showed superiority from the tap of the gong, and he paved the way for the knockout in the third when he caught Tony flush on the nose with a straight left. Charles Hansen was the third man in the ring. Larson was seconded by his brother Carl Larson, who is boxing champion of Grand Island college. McKay seconded Tony.

## Got Poison by Mistake.

Dallas, S. D., Oct. 26.—Special to The News: Mrs. Edward Sandoz, wife of the prominent jeweler of this city, was taken suddenly ill in the night, got up and took a drink from what she thought was a bottle of whiskey but which in reality was carbolic acid. Medical aid was summoned immediately and everything possible done, but her jaws were set and it was impossible to save her.

It was purely accidental. She was a highly respected lady and prominent in the local social and church circles. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon and she was buried this noon at Verdigr, Neb.

## Land Fraud on Rosebud.

Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 26.—A United States commissioner is now taking evidence on the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota, in cases which promise to develop some startling testimony regarding conditions on the reservation. The proceedings are in the nature of a civil suit started by the government, for hearing in federal circuit court, in which it is claimed various aged and decrepit Indians of the reservation have been defrauded of their land through misrepresentations of the defendants in the several suits, by which the defendants secured for a song very valuable lands which are now in the hands of third parties.

Four separate complaints are entered, each one charging that aged and infirm Indians, mentally and physically incompetent, have been deprived of land ranging from half a section to a full section, by a coterie of shrewd and unprincipled men, the total land secured from the Indians in this fashion aggregating several thousand acres, and aggregating in value many thousands of dollars.

## District Attorney Accuses.

The complaints are signed by Edward E. Wagner, United States district attorney for South Dakota. One complaint is the United States against E. J. DuBell, William H. Lynn and the Royal Union Mutual Life Insurance company, and alleges that an Indian woman, known as "Big Old Woman," was assigned by the Indian department a quarter section of land in Meyer county, S. D., under the terms of the law dividing the Sioux reservation into separate reservations, and that on June 1, 1908, Edward B. Kelley, then agent on the Rosebud reservation, sent to the Indian bureau an alleged application purporting to be signed by Big Old Woman, asking that the land in question be set aside for her use in fee simple, Kelley in a communication accompanying the petition, recommending that the patent be issued representing to the commissioner of Indian affairs that Big Old Woman was well-to-do and competent to manage her own affairs and take care of herself.

A Sharp Transaction.

Accordingly the patent was issued on September 8, 1908, and the complaint alleges that on September 22, 1908, DuBell presented for record in the register of deeds office in Tripp county, S. D., what purported to be warranty deed, in which Big Old Woman transferred the land to E. J. DuBell for the sum of \$1,500, the deed purporting to have been made out before W. C. Courts, a notary public in the employ of DuBell. The complaint states that the land, instead of being worth \$1,500, is worth \$4,800, but that no sum was paid to the Indian woman; that she never knew of the transaction, and was mentally a wreck, totally uneducated, and entirely unable to comprehend the nature of the transaction, if one had been made.

After DuBell had secured possession of the property under the fraudulent transfer, he is alleged to have transferred it to W. H. Lynn, who in turn mortgaged the property to the Royal Mutual Life Insurance company, Lynn and the insurance company are made parties to the suit, the latter to prevent it from foreclosing on the mortgage it holds. The estate of Big Old Woman is valued at \$4,800 and the suit is for the purpose of compelling the defendants either to return the quarter section of land to the rightful owner, or to pay over the \$4,800.

Four other similar cases are also under investigation and many more are expected to follow.

Another Norfolk Boy Thief Caught.

Harry Cornell, aged 14, is the youthful criminal this time. He stole a gold watch from the pocket of S. M. Braden, general superintendent of the Northwestern railroad, and a purse containing \$22 from the pocket of C. E. Burnham, president of the Norfolk National bank. The two men were playing golf at the Country club and had left their coats and vests hanging in the club house. The watch and money were left in the clothes.

Young Cornell entered the club grounds from the east, when nobody was looking. He rifled the pockets, got the watch and money and retreated toward the home of his father, Fred Cornell, 615 South Fifth street. Before he reached home he was overtaken by Messrs. Braden and Burnham, accompanied by Chief of Police Marquardt. He was searched, the money and watch found in his pockets, and the boy was jailed after he had returned to the Country club and located the pocketbook which he had tossed into the weeds.

Brother a Thief, Too.

Harry Cornell's younger brother, Lee Cornell, was recently arrested for stealing a bicycle from a son of Theodore Sprecher, local manager of the Nebraska Telephone company.

When asked what he intended to do with the money, Harry Cornell said yesterday that he intended to buy a bicycle with it. He admitted that he had stolen the watch and money and told how.

It was by mere chance that the young thief was caught at all. When the golfers returned to the club house they found that their pockets had been rifled. There wasn't a person around the grounds from whom the slightest clue could be had. The men drove to town and met Fritz Zutz who, with a crowd of other youths, had been at the grounds. And Fritz Zutz recalled having met Harry Cornell coming away from the club grounds. The fact that Cornell's young brother had recently been in police court for the bicycle theft, induced the searchers to start for his father's house. Enroute they picked up Chief of Police Marquardt.

Money and Watch Recovered.

They overtook young Cornell before he reached home. The police chief ran his hand into Cornell's pocket and dug out the watch. From another trouser's pocket came the \$22. The boy said he had thrown away the purse.

He had walked down First street upon leaving the club house, in order to avoid being seen about the grounds. The value of the property stolen makes the crime one of grand larceny. The boy is too young for the penitentiary but probably will land in the reform school.

The chief has started a movement at the Country club to employ only licensed caddies whose honesty is known, as young Cornell and his brother, too, had been employed as caddies upon occasion.

The boy's father is a carpenter. County Attorney Nichols will be here Tuesday to prosecute the case.

## Omaha Must Buy Plant.

St. Paul, Oct. 25.—Judge W. H. Sanborn, in the United States circuit court case today filed a decree ordering the city of Omaha, Neb., to pay the Omaha Water company what it demands for the company's plant. This award is said to be about \$500,000 more than the city is willing to pay. The decree is the outcome of a long fight. Arguments were heard by the court yesterday.

The award of the United States court in the Omaha water case is the final chapter in litigation extending over several years. The city of Omaha opened the case to secure the water plant under the terms of the franchise granted the water company many years ago. The award of the joint committee which fixed the price to be paid by the city was unsatisfactory to the latter and a suit to secure a reduction was started, the water company securing the verdict.

## To Hear "Bath Tub" Case.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The department of justice will begin taking testimony in the government's suit against the so-called "bath tub trust" in Pittsburgh on October 31 before Lindsay C. Spencer, a Baltimore attorney who has been appointed a special master to hear the proceedings.

## Guarding French President.

Paris, Oct. 25.—President Fallieres and the members of the cabinet are being guarded constantly as the result of the appearance of anarchistic circulars condemning the ministers to death because of the conviction in the courts of the militant members among the railway strikers.

## NEW FAST WRIGHT RACER.

Orville Wright Makes Better Speed Than Ever Before.

Belmont Park, Oct. 25.—Alfred Leblanc, captain of the French aviation team, received instructions from Paris today to withdraw from, or compete in the Gordon-Bennett race for the international trophy as his judgment dictated. He is still undecided but adheres to his belief that the course

is dangerously obstructed by houses and trees.

The new Wright racer was uncrated last night and assembled today. With Orville Wright in the pilot's seat it was up this morning for only the second time since it was built.

The new racer in what was obviously faster time than any other Wright machine had yet exhibited. Unofficially timers clocked the first run in a five-mile wind at a speed of 62 miles an hour.

Count DeLessips in his passenger-carrying Blériot took up four women passengers in successive flights—the Misses Grace, Ethel and Bertha McKenzie of Toronto and Mrs. William Beardmore.

## SUSPEND LIVE STOCK RATES.

## Interstate Commission Holds up Advances, Pending Investigation.

Washington, Oct. 26.—An order was issued by the interstate commerce commission today suspending the tariffs on staves, headings and lumber recently filed with the commission by the Trans-Continental Freight bureau's agents. The rates proposed in the tariffs suspended are considerable advances over the present rates from all eastern points of origin to destinations west as far as Pacific coast terminals. The tariffs were to have become effective on November 15, 1910. They are suspended until March 15, 1911. Meantime the commission will conduct an inquiry into the reasonableness of the proposed advances and announce its decision.

The defendants in the proceedings include all of the important interstate carriers in the United States—over 600 in number.

Announcement was also made by the commission of an issuance of an order suspending the proposed advance in rates on cement filed by the Atchafalpa, Topeka and Santa Fe, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, the Missouri Pacific, the Southwestern lines, the St. Louis and San Francisco and the Union Pacific. The tariffs were to have become effective November 10, 1910. They are suspended until March 1, 1911.

An investigation into the reasonableness of the proposed advances will be made by the commission prior to the expiration of the suspension order. The 176 roads participating in the proceedings, no date for a hearing on which has yet been fixed.

Proposed advances in live stock rates between Missouri river transfers and Mississippi river transfers and Chicago were suspended today by the commission pending an investigation of their reasonableness. The tariffs were to have become effective on November 1, and are suspended until December 1, 1910. Meantime on the 29th instant at Kansas City, Mo., the commission will institute a hearing respecting the reasonableness of the proposed increases.

## Grecian Assembly Dissolved.

Athens, Oct. 26.—A decree was published dissolving the national assembly and fixing November 28 as the date for the elections for the new revisionist chamber.

## Pence-Gillespie.

Madison, Neb., Oct. 26.—Special to The News: Arthur J. Pence and Miss Elizabeth Y. Gillespie were married here today. Rev. H. McCleughan officiating. The young couple will reside at Falls City, Neb., where the groom is in charge of a hardware store. The bride is the daughter of O. H. Gillespie, a member of the Madison city council and a merchant.

## Against Dahlgren.

Stuart Advocate: That James Dahlgren now has no show of being elected governor is conceded by a large number of democrats, among whom are some of his best friends. It is estimated that Aldrich will carry Holt county by several hundred majority. O. F. Biglin of O'Neill, one of the most prominent democrats of Holt county, in discussing Dahlgren said, "I feel that it would be a step backward to elect Dahlgren as governor and that we would thereby advertise ourselves to outsiders as a state of degenerates." A large number of others feel the same way about it.

## Auto Destroyed.

Hartington News: Fred Hufsmith lost his automobile by fire Sunday evening. While out driving with his wife and child and Mrs. C. F. Maeklenbrock and her son there was a loud explosion, probably a back-fire into the carburetor. Fire dropped from the carburetor into the pan under the car, thence communicating itself to the gasoline tank and to the whole car in an instant. The passengers escaped from the car and in a remarkably brief time the whole machine was a mass of burned and twisted iron and steel. The loss is about \$1200, partly covered by insurance.

## Would Prefer to Be Hanged.

East St. Louis, Oct. 26.—Chief of Police Purdy last night announced that Leigh Rhodus, self confessed slayer of Dr. W. F. Michaels of Englewood, near Chicago, will not be turned over to the Chicago authorities.

He made his refusal positive and gave as a reason the eight robbery cases pending against the "candy bandit" here.

"We caught the man in East St. Louis," said Chief of Police Purdy to the Associated Press, "and we propose that he shall answer to the charges we have preferred and to which he has confessed before the Chicago courts or anyone else can have him. This is final."

are a half dozen similar cases pending in St. Louis.

Rhodus was much disappointed when informed that he would not be taken to Chicago to answer charges in connection with the death of Dr. Michaels. He reiterated his statement that he would prefer to be hanged to serving indefinite periods in penitentiaries. Mrs. Rhodus, apparently had deserted her husband, for the time being at least. She refused to call on him at the jail.

Rhodus related with some amusement to the Chicago detectives how he made a Chicago druggist kneel and open his safe.

"I robbed him just because it looked so easy," said Rhodus, "and that was what kept me in the robber game. It was so much easier than anything I could do."

Rhodus' custodians say he does not smoke cigarettes or use any drugs and that he shows no sign of craving for drink. They are inclined to accept his statement that he chose a life of crime through mere moral indifference and because it was the easiest way.

Omaha, Oct. 26.—Leigh Rhodus' parents lived in Omaha seven years, leaving here in 1893. His mother and father were divorced and his mother married a prominent insurance man, who moved to St. Louis to accept a position with his company there. Young Rhodus' mother was Nebraska commissioner to the world's Columbian exposition. Young Rhodus was a lad of 12 years when he went to St. Louis.

## Was a Plot Against France.

Paris, Oct. 26.—On the reassembling of the chamber of deputies after the government had been attacked by the socialists, Premier Briand created something of a sensation by declaring that he had proof, through confessions of the leaders of the recent railroad strike, that there was a deliberate plot to ruin France by violence, anarchy and civil war.

During his address the premier said the cabinet was studying a plan to prevent a repetition of such strikes, while at the same time guarding the legitimate rights of wage earners.

The socialist members of the chamber of deputies made a violent demonstration against M. Le Pine, prefect of Paris, and the head of the police was forced to withdraw.

## Train Crew Under Arrest.

Conductor E. J. Lafferty and brakemen C. W. Woosley and C. W. Reynolds of the Columbus Norfolk Union Pacific freight crew, were taken from their train and arrested yesterday afternoon just as they were about to take their train to Madison. The charge against the crew was made by two Norfolk conductors who declared they held the street crossing