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## SINKS IN A COLLISION

Ferryboat Northfield Goes Down With Hundreds of Passengers.

## LOSS OF LIFE IS NOT YET KNOWN

Jersey Central Express Boat Mashed Chank Does the Mischief—As Crash Came Water Was Instantly Filled with Struggling Men and Women.

NEW YORK, June 14.—One of the most frightful ferry collisions in the history of this city took place at 6 o'clock this evening just off the foot of Whitehall street. The Northfield of the Staten Island ferry, crowded to the guards, was run into and sunk in nine minutes by the Jersey Central railroad express boat Mashed Chank. A score or more of passengers are dead, but the total drowned may not be discovered for days.

Within three minutes after the collision the water was filled with frantic men and women, screaming for help and struggling to keep above the surface. Before the Northfield had gone more than 200 feet from its slip it became apparent that a collision was inevitable.

The captains of both vessels rang furiously to their engineers to stop and back, full speed astern, and both boats whistled loudly. Then the crash came. A startling cry of fear as if from one voice was heard, then the shrieks and shouts of the hundreds packed on the Staten Island ferry.

Scores of women fainting. Others leaped madly into the water. The boats after an instant's pause succeeding the ramming, separated. Through a great ragged hole torn in the berryboat's side water streamed in a torrent. Many of the women were hysterical and with whitened faces and tears running down their cheeks they clutched to the life savers, which were tightly secured in a network of wires.

With but few exceptions every man aboard behaved like a hero. All knew the Northfield was mortally hurt. It was rolling heavily and sinking rapidly. But these men, some of them laborers going from their work, others bankers from Wall street returning to their country houses on the island, thought first of the women and children. Scores of men seized little ones in their arms or took charge of the two or three women nearest them and encouraged them and cheered them with assurances of safety. Many of the women refused to be quiet, seized life preservers and jumped.

Tugs and craft of every sort, hearing the dying siren of the stricken boat, steamed full speed toward her from the bay and from North and East rivers. The Northfield was just floating, a crippled hulk, as the first tug boat reached it. In scores of cases, women climbed over the rail on the island deck and held their hands beseechingly to the tug boats, almost letting go their hold before the boats were within 100 feet.

As fast as the tug nose of a tug boat bumped against the side of the Northfield it was black with struggling men and women, grasping in terror at anything that promised a hand-hold to safety. In the front part of the Northfield a dozen men passed women and children to the nearest tugs, picking them off the side guards, where they clung in water to their knees and half unconscious with terror.

At 12:30 a. m.—No bodies have yet been recovered from the Northfield. The loss of life can only be estimated by reports to the police from eye witnesses. There was a full tide flowing and there is little hope of recovering any bodies tonight.

## May Adopt Australian Plan.

HAVANA, June 15.—Senators Brava, Silva, Aleman, Betancourt and Zayas have been appointed by the constitutional convention a committee to draw up the electoral law. It is probable that the Australian system will be adopted.

## Illinois Keeps Up Pace.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 15.—The battleship Illinois arrived at the wharf this afternoon at 5 o'clock after a remarkable run down the coast, during which she made an average speed of fifteen knots under natural draught.

## American Banks Abroad.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—The state department has been informed by Deputy Consul General Hanauer, at Frankfurt, Germany, that steps are being taken for the creation of a federal bureau of technical in the empire.

## Congress in Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Hon. E. H. Conger, United States minister to China, is in Washington for the purpose of calling on the president and Secretary Hay preparatory to his return to Peking. He expects to see both these officials today. Mr. Conger has been kept fully advised by the state department of Chinese affairs since his departure from China, but desires a personal interview with the president and Secretary Hay.

## To Store Omaha Products.

DETROIT, June 15.—The Tribune today says: The Swifts of Omaha, Neb., through Edward C. Rice of this city, have purchased a large tract of land outside the western limits of Detroit on the river and will erect thereon one of the largest cold storage plants in the country. It will be used as a middle west storehouse for the products of the Omaha packing houses and it is said a salt plant will be operated in connection with it.

## SHEEPSKINS FROM THE STATE

Two Hundred and Eighty-Two Young People Receive Them.

OMAHA, Neb., June 17.—The jury in the Bartley bond case brought in a verdict discharging W. A. Paxton, Thomas Swobe and Cadet Taylor from all obligations as sureties for Joseph S. Bartley, the defaulting state treasurer. John H. Ames, C. C. McNish and E. E. Brown were held to be liable for \$545,947.16, the amount of the shortage in Bartley's accounts.

This was the third action brought by the state to recover on the bond of the ex-treasurer. The defendants in the original case were Joseph S. Bartley, F. M. Cook, A. B. Clark, John H. Ames, C. A. Hanna, Mary Fitzgerald, Ed J. Fitzgerald, C. C. McNish, E. E. Brown, Thomas Swobe, Cadet Taylor, N. S. Harwood and W. A. Paxton. The case first came to trial in February of 1898, before Judge Powell, and a verdict was entered for the defendants. This decision was reversed by the supreme court.

On a second trial before Judge Fawcett a verdict was returned against all the defendants with the exception of Mary Fitzgerald, who escaped all obligations on a plea of insanity. This decision was reversed by the supreme court, and the case came back to the district court and has been on trial before Judge Baxter.

## THREE BODYSMEN ARE HELD.

District Court Jury Renders Verdict in the Bartley Litigation.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 17.—Two hundred and eighty-two young men and women received, in the presence of an audience that filled the large auditorium to its doors, the certificates showing that they had labored faithfully for four years at the University of Nebraska and were entitled to all the honors attaching thereto. Of these eighty-seven received the degree of bachelor of law and were admitted to practice in the courts of the state, seventy-two were granted the degree of bachelor of arts, and there were twenty post graduate students who were enrolled with the degree of master of arts. Wilbur C. Knight received the degree of doctor of philosophy, the highest honor conferred at the university.

Following the custom of previous years, a commencement procession, including the distinguished visitors, faculty, alumni, seniors and their friends, formed on the university campus and marched to the Auditorium, where the degrees were conferred.

## Music Day and Night.

To hear the celebrated Belstedt band there will necessarily have to be a hustle. The contract with the Omaha Musical union for a month of music has more than half expired, and soon all opportunity for hearing the famous Cincinnati band will have passed. Afternoon entertainments (matinees) can be enjoyed at reduced rates of admission. This is the identical musical organization that won such renown and was so popular at the two Omaha expositions in '98-'99. If heard at Omaha this year it must be in June, as the engagement closes with the month, when the band goes to Kansas City for a series of concerts.

## National Guard Encampment.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 17.—At the next meeting of the State Military board an officer high in authority will submit a proposition to have the encampment of the Nebraska National guard this year held in some secluded and rough section of the state, preferably among the lakes in Cherry county, and at least forty miles from the nearest town or railroad station. Heretofore the guard has held its encampments near large cities.

## Nebraska Federal Directors.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 17.—The Nebraska Federal Directors' association, in session here, elected officers as follows: President, H. B. Davis, Omaha; vice presidents, E. Ratnour, Weeping Water; A. H. Fellers, Humboldt; E. Livingston, Newark; secretary, George Brown, Superior; treasurer, N. P. Swanson, Omaha; executive board, H. K. Burkett, Omaha; Jas. Heaton, Lincoln; W. G. Roberts, Lincoln; demonstrator, W. P. Hoehenschulte, Iowa City, Ia.

## Rains AF of Chink Buds.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., June 17.—Rains in this county are bringing out the small grain and corn in fine shape and are saving a desirable effect on the chink buds, which were reported quite numerous in some localities.

## Elects State Normal Teachers.

PERU, Neb., June 17.—The State Board of Education met here and elected teachers to fill vacancies at the State Normal. W. R. Hart of the University of Nebraska was elected professor of psychology and pedagogy at \$1,000; C. F. Beck, formerly deputy state superintendent, was elected assistant in mathematics at \$1,000; S. L. Caldwell was elected teacher of penmanship, drawing and spelling at \$600.

## Trusty Escapes from Prison.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 17.—James Babbey, a trusted and hitherto exemplary convict at the state prison took advantage of the immunities allowed him and decamped, taking with him about \$50 from the cash drawer in the office of the deputy warden. Despite the vigilant efforts being made for his recapture by the detectives and local police officers, no trace of his whereabouts has yet been discovered. He came to purchase supplies.

## FRAUDS ARE NOT GREAT

Presido Army Officers Claim That the Matter Has Been Exaggerated.

## SOLDIERS HAVE SOLD CLOTHING

But It Is Said That There Is No Lack in the Quartermaster's Stores—Much Plunder, However, Has Been Unearthed at Second Hand Stores.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—Captain A. W. Kimball, post quartermaster at the Presidio, made the following statement today in regard to the alleged frauds in the sale of the quartermaster's supplies belonging to the government:

"I am the officer most concerned in this matter, yet no one has yet made any inquiry of me. I am the only bonded officer at the post and the only one accountable and disbursing officer. If there has been anything irregular I would be pleased to give all the assistance in my power in the search for the guilty men, if there are any. All the government things sold in the pawn shops are sold by discharged soldiers from the returning volunteer regiments."

Colonel J. B. Rawles, artillery corps, post commander, said:

"All this talk of fraud is perfect rot. People have been nagging for a year on the same subject. I have been aware of the soldiers selling their clothing for a long time. One of the puzzling and perplexing things in army management is to keep the soldiers from selling their clothing. I am confident that no quartermaster's sergeant or civilian employee is implicated in the selling of even a shoe string."

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Abe Abrams, son of Louis Abrams, the second-hand dealer, who, with another son, is in custody.

Detective Reynolds reported to the federal authorities today that he found twenty pairs of government shoes in a Sacramento store last night.

Captain Seymour of the local detective force said today:

"No one can say, in view of all that has transpired within the last few days, that frauds have not been going on. Detective Reynolds reports to me that the investigation has made a stir among the second-hand stores and those who deal in the class of goods stolen from the army, and that those who have not yet been visited by Colonel Haus are hurrying to cover what government goods they have."

"It seems that this Abrams family has had a monopoly in this trade, and the quantities which they were able to supply their customers made it seem conclusive to my mind that there is some one or more having access to the quartermaster's department in collusion with them."

"They will have a hard time explaining away the evidence against them."

The announcement that a warehouse full of stolen goods has been found, which was made yesterday on the authority of Captain Seymour, proves to be erroneous.

## TWO MISSIONARIES EATEN.

New Guinea Natives Indulge in an Awful Orgy.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 14.—The steamer Miowera brings the news from New Guinea, via Sydney, Australia, of the massacre of Rev. James Chalmers and Rev. B. F. Tomkins and fourteen native teachers by cannibals. The white men were eaten. The scene of the cannibal orgy was seen by the troops sent out to investigate the massacre, and a portion of a jaw and thigh bones of the missionaries were found, together with their hats and portions of trousers which belonged to Mr. Chalmers. The expedition punished the natives, destroying their villages and canoes. Some prisoners taken during an attack made by the natives on the troops told the awful tale of massacre and cannibalism.

## Will Teach in Philippines.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., June 14.—President Screeley has made another appointment for the corps of teachers in the Philippines. Edwin M. Wilcox of Montour is the last named. President Screeley has now named four graduates for this service.

## Both Firemen Are Killed.

LES ANGELES, Cal., June 14.—Two are dead and four injured as the result of a head-on collision on the Santa Fe this morning, six miles east of Williams, Ariz. The dead: Lee Perkins of Williams; fireman; Jim Monahan of Winslow, fireman.

## Chief Sharp Nose Is Dead.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 14.—Sharp Nose, chief of the northern Arapahoes of the Wind River reservation, died a few days ago at the age of 66. He was one of the most blood-thirsty Indians of the west and many murders have been attributed to him. He was the war leader of his tribe and urged going on the warpath at the slightest provocation. He was the leader of the recent rebellion against the agent at Fort Washakie.

## Tabb's Request Is Ignored.

SALINA, Kan., June 14.—The executive committee of the board of trustees of the Kansas Wesleyan university has ignored the request of Dr. F. D. Tabb, charged with hereby, for a hearing before witnesses friendly to each side and there seems little probability that his request will be granted. The doctor is being flooded with letters from all over the country, many requesting that he lecture on "Evolution."

## THE UNION PACIFIC DEAL

Reported Control of St. Paul Seeks Up Stock of Both Roads.

NEW YORK, June 14.—The rumor was circulated in Wall street, whether for stock jobbing purposes or not remains to be seen, that the Union Pacific has got control of the St. Paul by the transfer to John D. Rockefeller of \$25,000,000 worth of St. Paul stock by an unnamed holder, supposed to be James Henry Smith, known as "Silkhat" Smith. The story was denied by St. Paul people, but as it had the effect of sending Union Pacific up 5 1/2 points and St. Paul up over 4 points, both issues were heavily dealt in.

According to the story, Smith and his associates had in their possession \$25,000,000 worth of St. Paul stock which has for years been locked up. Recently J. J. Hill wanted to control the road in connection with the Great Northern, and learning that the Smith coterie controlled nearly a third of the capital stock, which is 881,520 shares, or \$88,152,000, he made overtures looking toward the acquisition of their share.

Smith could not be persuaded to sell, and Hill took the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road. Then followed the fight over the Northern Pacific, which resulted in the recent panic. Mr. Rockefeller is now supposed to have induced Mr. Smith to sell his shares. It is said that among Smith's associates were two of the St. Paul directors.

## A LOCOMOTIVE BLOWS UP.

Engineer and Fireman Killed and Another Man Injured.

COLUMBUS, Neb., June 14.—As a result of a boiler explosion on a Union Pacific engine two men are dead and a third fatally injured.

## ENGINEER CHARLES J. FULMER.

OMAHA.

## FIREMAN DAVID JENKINS.

OMAHA.

Injured: William Fleming, head brakeman, Omaha, severely scalded, leg broken; may recover.

The engine was one of the large class, No. 1831, drawing train No. 17, in charge of Conductor Wallace and Engineer Fulmer. When about four miles east of Clark the boiler exploded without a moment's warning. The engine is said to be completely destroyed. One car was derailed and delayed about four hours. Parts of the wrecked engine were found 100 yards from the track. The boiler, which was found fifteen feet or more from the track, half buried in the soft mud and its pipes and sheathing wonderfully twisted, has been dug up and subjected to a careful examination with a view to determining if possible the cause of the explosion. This, however, is still a mystery.

## Let Government Buy Corn.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 14.—A number of members of the Farmers' Alliance listed to an address by George H. Phillips of Chicago at the West hotel. The address dealt principally with corn and corn "corners."

"Let the government," he said, "tax the farmer a cent a bushel on his corn crop and with the money build elevators in which to store 100,000,000 bushels of corn and pay 40 cents, Chicago basis, for it."

## American Coal for France.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Consul General Gowdy at Paris, in a communication to the department of state, expresses the opinion that American coal can be advantageously placed in competition with coal imported from other countries into Europe, especially in view of the recent imposition of the English export tax on that product. The main obstacle in this regard, he says, would be the high rates of ocean transportation.

## White House Sick Report.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—After the usual morning consultation of Mrs. McKinley's physicians the following bulletin was issued: "Mrs. McKinley's physicians report that her condition continues to improve."

## Former Fielded Boy Drowns.

FAIRFIELD, Neb., June 14.—A telegram from Kansas City announces the death by drowning, of Glen Prickett, the youngest son of the late Hon. W. S. Prickett. He was born and brought up here.

## Mrs. Pullman Wants Divorce.

CHICAGO, June 14.—Mrs. Lyn Pullman today filed suit in the Cook county court for divorce from George M. Pullman on the ground of desertion.

## Professional Swine Judges.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 14.—The Association of Professional Swine Judges met here in connection with the annual meeting of the State Swine Breeders' association. The association expressed a serious grievance against the Iowa state fair management on account of the fair people having disposed of a building for \$50 which had been for many years used by the judges of swine, leaving them without any place for headquarters.

## For Courts in the Philippines.

MANILA, June 13.—The act organizing the courts has been passed by the United States Philippine commission. The judge's oath does not include support of the constitution of the United States.

## Cyrus C. Hines, who was for many years a prominent lawyer of Indianapolis, and at one time judge of the circuit court, died at the Deaconess hospital. He had a brilliant war record.

## A MAJORITY OF THREE

Cuban Constitutional Convention Adopts the Platt Amendment.

## ONLY FOUR DELEGATES ABSENT

Votes Represents Actual Majority of the Entire Body—Senator Ferrer Believed Acceptance to Be the Best Solution to the Cuban Problem.

HAVANA, June 13.—The Cuban constitutional convention today accepted the Platt amendment by a vote of sixteen to eleven. The resolution to accept was carried without discussion.

Immediately after the opening of the session Senors Tamio, Vallouestas and Quesada, constituting a majority of the committee on relations, submitted as a substitute for the committee's former report the Platt amendment as passed by congress, recommending that it be accepted and made an appendix to the constitution. In the vote on the resolution twenty-seven delegates present divided as follows:

In favor of acceptance: Senors Capote, Villuendas, Jose M. Gomez, Tamayo, Montegudo, Delgado, Betancourt, Giberger, Lorente, Quesada, Sangulilly, Nunez, Rodriguez, Berric, Quitez and Ferrer.

Opposed to acceptance: Senors Zayas, Aleman, Eudaldo, Tamayo, Juan Guaberto Gomez, Cisneros, Silvala, Fortun, Lacerat, Portuondo, Castro and Mandulay.

Senors Rivera, Corrozo, Gener and Robau were absent. Senors Gener and Robau voted against acceptance in the previous division.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The news of the adoption of the Platt amendment by the Cuban constitutional convention was received with genuine gratification here. The administration officials all along have felt confident that its ratification would be accomplished when the Cubans realized that this government was firm in its attitude regarding the amendment and that its acceptance would be necessary before the United States would consent to withdraw its supervision from the island.

Now that the Cubans have demonstrated their good faith in the United States it is expected that a fairly speedy evacuation of the island will follow, contingent only upon the establishment of a stable government in the island. Just to what extent the United States will require practical evidence of this fact is not definitely known, but the officials here think that such steps should be taken by the Cubans as will demonstrate their ability to maintain order and peace, so that the interests of all the people, native and foreign, shall be adequately protected. An effective police force and other measures necessary to the preservation of good order and sanitation are deemed as essential prerequisites in the formation of the new government. The mere physical question of the withdrawal of the American militia from the island can be accomplished without much delay.

One cabinet officer, speaking of the matter tonight, expressed the opinion that if the other requirements are met on withdrawal might be accomplished during the summer and that Cuban independence might be a reality by next autumn.

General Wood communicated to the War department officially the fact that the amendment had been adopted. When Secretary of State John Hay read the dispatch he said: "As an old friend of Cuban independence for the last thirty years, I am most gratified to learn that the Cuban convention has done what is so clearly to the advantage of the Cuban people."

## Closing Down Shipyards.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 13.—A special from Newport News, Va., says: It was announced that 1,600 men will be laid off at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company on account of the machinists' strike.

## Mrs. Botha Reaches Brussels.

BRUSSELS, June 13.—Mrs. Botha, wife of Commandant General Louis Botha, arrived here today. She was received at the railway station by Dr. Leyds.

## Stillville's Head Issue.

MEXICO CITY, June 13.—The bond issue of the railways taken over by the Stillwell group of American capitalists, and which they will extend to Tampico, giving this city a direct route to that port, is \$9,000,000 (gold).

## Hears Committee Reports.

MILWAUKEE, June 13.—Today's session of the supreme lodge, Knights of Honor, was taken up mainly with the consideration of reports from the committees on credentials, necrology and laws. Rhode Island's right to a second representative in the supreme body was recognized. The laws committee's report approved all the official decision rendered by the supreme dictator since the last session and the entire report was adopted seriatim.

## To Enjoin the Government.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The supreme court of the District of Columbia heard arguments in the matter of the application of Lone Wolf and other representatives of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians for an injunction against the secretary of the interior and the interior department to prevent the issuance of a proclamation opening part of the Indian lands in Oklahoma to settlement in accordance with the act of congress.

## GET A CORNER ON MILK.

Premier of Nebraska Creameries Enter Into a Consolidated Company.

OMAHA, Neb., June 15.—As a result of a conference held at the Murray hotel a consolidation of all the creameries operating in Nebraska north of the Platte river has been effected and the new corporation has decided to open in Omaha a creamery with a capacity of 3,000,000 pounds of butter per year of an estimated value of \$600,000.

The meeting was the result of the idea of J. J. King, secretary and general manager of the West Point Creamery company, one of the oldest institutions of its kind in the state. He believed that a large amount of expense could be saved by co-operation and as the result of the consolidation the meeting was called.

Each of the constituent companies will have one member on the board of directors. When the new company is ready to begin operations the creameries at the different towns in the state will be discontinued and in their place will be established collecting and skimming stations. The cream will be shipped to Omaha, where it will be churned. The Omaha creamery will cost \$200,000, exclusive of buildings, the company having decided to rent a building for the first and then to build one upon their own plans upon railroad tracks, where their stock can be handled without the intervention of wagons.

## RUSH FOR SCHOOL LAND.

Greater Return to State Than Ever Expected This Year.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 15.—With an increasing demand and a decreasing supply the school land that will be offered for lease at public auction in August will probably bring greater returns to the state than ever before in recent years. Inquiry for this land has been very general from all sections of the state during the last two weeks. Land Commissioner Folmer will start on an auction tour about August 20, and it is probable that his first tour will extend mostly through the northwestern section.

"You'd be surprised at the demand for school land," said Deputy Commissioner Eaton. "Every mail brings in some inquiry. Some persons want farm land and others want land for pasture. The demand, I think, is greatest for land for grazing purposes in western and northern counties."

"There will not be a great deal of land available this year for the reason that nearly all of it has already been leased, and it is not likely much of it will be forfeited. People who hold the land are well satisfied and are able to pay the rentals as fast as they become due."

"When the Band Begins to Play."

Ragtime and classical music devotees are alike pleased with the Bellville band, for it gives selections that please all classes and conditions. The program from day to day is varied and numbers are always rendered creditable to the band that afforded so much pleasure to visitors at the Trans-Mississippi and Greater America expositions. The concerts last through this month only, two entertainments being given each day.

## Including the Chink Bug.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., June 15.—This county has been favored with several fine rains, which is putting a stop to the work of the chink bugs and bringing out small grain nicely. Inoculation of the chink bugs in several localities where they were the worst is being tried, but as yet the experiments have not been tested a sufficient time to determine whether the experiment will prove successful.

## His Whole Stock Is Stolen.

OSCEOLA, Neb., June 15.—A. M. Darling recently came to Osceola and engaged a building to open up a general merchandise store. He had traded a stock and had it stored at St. Paul, Minn. He ordered it shipped here, but when the consignment arrived he found that all of the goods in the boxes had been stolen and their places filled with mattresses. Mr. Darling's loss is \$5,300.

## Tramp Is Found Dead.

ALLIANCE, Neb., June 15.—An unknown man, apparently a tramp, was discovered lying dead beside the track at Bonner, a siding seven miles out on the Denver line. He could not be identified.

## Roosted Postoffice Robbed.

ROSELAND, Neb., June 15.—The postoffice safe was blown open here and about \$125 in personal funds and stamps were stolen. The Edgar bloodhounds were sent for.

## Doane College Jubilee.

CRETE, Neb., June 15.—The jubilee celebration of Doane college on raising the endowment fund to \$150,000 took place at the Congregational church, Prof. A. B. Fairchild presiding. Many congratulations have been received from friends of the college. Mr. F. H. Chickering of Ashland, Nebraska, trustee and member of the executive committee, addressed the audience, taking for his subject "How We Did It and What Next."

## Small Grain Benefited.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 15.—Rains of the past week, says the crop report, were very beneficial to small grain and grass. Winter wheat has improved decidedly, but can not fully repay the condition previous to the dry weather. Oats continue to promise less than a normal crop. Spring wheat generally is growing well. Corn has grown slowly because of the low temperature, but cultivation has progressed well.

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Denise J. Swenie, chief of Chicago's fire department for over half a century, has formally resigned his post.

The land has been purchased at Toledo, O., for the largest lined oil mill in the world, which will fight the trust.

Dr. W. S. Caldwell, a surgeon known in this country and Europe, died at Freeport, Ill., of paralysis. He was 69 years old.

Captain Fred J. Kountz, son of J. W. Kountz, former commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., died suddenly at Toledo, O., of pneumonia.

The additional issue of ten millions of stock to be made by the Rock Island road is for the purpose of paying for extensions of the system.

Louis Stern, the former United States commercial agent at Bamberg, Bavaria, shot and killed himself in the public gardens near the town.

The Louisville Railway company will on July 1 increase the wages of its motormen and conductors from 17 1/2 cents to 18 1/2 cents an hour.

W. A. Mattoon of Perryburg, N. Y., advertised for a wife and secured Mrs. Mattie Blazier of Anderson, Ind., whose wealth is estimated at \$25,000.

The trustees of Otterbein university at Westerville, O., are considering a proposition to move to Toledo, where a land offer of \$480,000 has been submitted.

Matthew J. Steffens, a photographer of Chicago, has invented an automatic "nickel-in-the-slot" photographing machine which will make a complete picture in twenty seconds.

Rev. C. D. Clapp, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, Toledo, Ohio, has been appointed to take charge of the work in the Philippines for the American board of missions.

There is only one case of yellow fever in Havana, Cuba, at the present time. During the months of March, April and May there was only one death from this disease in Havana.

John D. Rockefeller has