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IN BURNING SHAFT

More Than Thirty Men Beyond Reach in Port Royal Mine.

RESCUING PARTY AMONG THE MISSING

Descended to Save Fellow Workmen and Have Not Returned.

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS ARE HEARD

Two of Them Occur After Second Party's Descent.

CROWD STANDS HELPLESS AT THE TOP

River Could Be Diverted Into Shaft and Quench Flames, but It Might Drown Miners if Alive.

PORT ROYAL, Pa., June 10.—The Pittsburg Coal and Coke company's shaft No. 2 at this place is again on fire, after steady running for seven years, and over thirty men are in the mines, many of whom it is feared will never be heard from again. The names of all those known to be entombed cannot be learned, but the following are known to be in the burning mine:

Jock Peoples, married.
Tony Stickles, married.
Frank Davenport, married.
— Daly.
William McCune, superintendent, home at West Newton.
Dennis Wortley, pit boss of the mine.
Michael Roy, foreman of the Euclid mines, and about thirty other miners.

About 6 o'clock smoke was seen to be issuing from shaft No. 2, which is on the line of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad. It is thought the fire started from an explosion and that six men were in the mine at the time, the men being Jock Peoples, Tony Stickles, Frank Davenport, — Daly, Lawrence Setler and Stakes. Stakes and Setler were not near the place in which the explosion occurred, and on the arrival of a rescue party they were quickly brought to the surface, after being nearly overcome by afterdamp. They could give no information as to what had caused the fire and told the rescuers that four other men were entombed.

Rescurers Also Lost.

About 7 o'clock Superintendent William McCune of West Newton, general superintendent of this district; Dennis Wortley, pit boss; Michael Roy, foreman of the Euclid mines, and several other bosses, with about twenty men, went down shaft No. 1, which is just opposite on the Baltimore & Ohio side of the river, and have not been heard from since. About three hours after the rescue party had been in the mine two more explosions were herd.

Meantime the crowd around the opening of the shaft had increased, the crowd including many mothers, wives and sisters of men entombed. All sorts of plans have been suggested for the rescue of the men. Some talk of turning the river into the mines, but many are opposed to this for fear of drowning the miners. All that would be necessary to let the deluge of water loose in the mines would be to pull a plug which was placed in the mines after the explosion of seven years ago, and the water would rush in the mines at a rapid rate.

Daly, one of the men known to be in the burning mine, went in for the first time this morning and it is not known who he is or where he is from. At 11 o'clock tonight four men volunteered to go down shafts No. 2 and 3, and one man down No. 1, but up to this time it is not known whether they have succeeded in making any rescues. Gas and smoke are issuing from the mines at midnight and over 200 men, women and children are awaiting for some news of relatives. Doctors have been called and assistance is being offered on every side.

Three O'clock Bulletin.

PORT ROYAL, Pa., June 11.—At 3 o'clock this morning heavy volumes of smoke are still issuing from the mine and hope of saving any of the entombed men, miners or rescuers, is fast disappearing.

The fan is now working, but until the flames are extinguished or news comes from one of the rescuing parties no further particulars are obtainable.

The Port Royal mines are situated on the Youghiogheny river, thirty-seven miles from Pittsburg. They are owned by the Pittsburg Coal company. District Superintendent McCune, who is reported killed at the head of a brave band of volunteers, was one of the most experienced and best known miners in western Pennsylvania. The Port Royal mines are located in the thick coal belt and are for that reason extremely gaseous and dangerous. The state mining officials have made their management the object of repeated caution.

Seven years ago the mines caught fire from a similar explosion. The mine boss was killed, but the others in the pit escaped.

SARAH LOOKS YOUNG TO THEM

Members of House of Commons Think Her a Girl of Thirty-Five.

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LONDON, June 10.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Sarah Bernhardt this afternoon visited the House of Commons, where several statesen were presented to her, treating her with the deference paid only to royalty in this country. Arthur Balfour, John Morley, Herbert Asquith, Joseph Chamberlain, Lord Farquhar and Winston Churchill were among those introduced. Mr. Chamberlain bowed low over the divine Sarah's hand with an obeisance almost oriental and addressed her in French while she replied in English. She expressed great admiration at the architecture and decorations of the House of Parliament. It was generally agreed that she would pass for the age of 35.

WHAT THE QUEEN IS TO GET

British Chancellor of Exchequer Says Committee Plans to Allow Alexandra £33,000.

LONDON, June 10.—The House of Commons voted down by large majorities a series of amendments to the civil list and crown bill proposed by Mr. Labouchere and others, among which was a motion to reduce the grant from £470,000 to £415,000.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, opposing an amendment that £50,000 should be paid to the queen consort for her sole use, said there was no reason to conceal the amount proposed by the committee for Queen Alexandra, which was £33,000.

PACIFIC COAST TO RUSSIA

Senator Beveridge Confers with St. Petersburg for Steamship Line Concessions.

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ST. PETERSBURG, June 10.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Senator Beveridge is conferring with the foreign office relative to concessions for a steamship service between Vladivostock and a port on the Pacific coast. He found the Russian government already prepared to open up this traffic by starting a line of steamers between Vladivostock and San Francisco for the carriage of trans-Pacific mails in connection with the trans-Siberian railway, which will be completed by the end of the year. Two steamers, the Manchuria and the Mongolia, 345 feet long, of 5,000 tons burden, 4,075 horse power, and sixteen knots speed, are building at Trieste for the East China Railway company, which already has a fleet of twenty-eight steamers on the Yellow sea traffic.

The Manchuria is already launched and will be delivered to the Russian commissioners early in July. The Manchuria will be finished by the autumn, opening up the new service the first of December. The passage from Vladivostock to San Francisco is expected to occupy twelve days. The Trieste Ship Building company has just signed a further contract with the commissioners of the Russian government for the construction of two other steamers of 6,000 tons and 400 feet long for the same service.

ITALY'S MASONS RESTORED

Members of the Craft Have Eliminated All Atheistic Features.

ROME, June 10.—Every Free Mason in the United States will be interested to learn that the Italian Free Masons, after having for nearly three decades followed the example of the French branches of the craft in eliminating all reference to the Creator from their rites, and in barring the use of the words, "A. G. D. G. A. D. U," which stand for the Latin words, "To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe," have now restored this mystic device, and have returned to the Masonic recognition of the Divinity.

This will have the effect of bringing about a reconciliation between the Italian lodges and those of the United States, of Great Britain, of Germany and of Scandinavia, which have boycotted all those Masons of the Latin countries who have denied allegiance to the Great Architect of the Universe.

The new departure of the Italian grand orient has just been made in a speech by the grand master of Italy, Ernest Nathan, a frequent visitor to the United States, well known in business circles there, for in an address which he has just delivered in connection with the transfer of the headquarters of the grand orient from the Borghese Palace to the Giustiniana Palace he denied that Masonry was longer atheistic, and declared that the Italian brethren had resumed as their motto the old device of "A glora del grande artichetto del universe."

BESANT AND BUCHANAN DEAD

Two Famous Authors Pass Away Within a Few Hours of Each Other.

LONDON, June 10.—Sir Walter Besant died yesterday and Robert Buchanan died today. Besant had been two weeks ill with grip at his home in Hampsted. Buchanan had suffered from a complication of diseases since last October.

Walter Besant was born in Portsmouth in 1838 and educated in King's college, London, and Christ's college, Cambridge. He was graduated with high mathematical honors. He was intended for the church, but abandoned the career. He was many years secretary of the Palestine Exploration fund and wrote in that connection "A history of Jerusalem" and edited the great work, "The Survey of Western Palestine." Among his best known novels are "All Sorts and Conditions of Men," "The World Went Very Well Then," "Dorothy Forster," "Uncle Jack," "Beyond the Dreams of Avarice" and "For Faith and Freedom." He collaborated other novels and plays with James Rice. May 24, 1895, he was knighted by Queen Victoria.

Robert Williams Buchanan was born in Warwickshire, England, August 18, 1841. He was educated in the High school and the University of Glasgow. "The Shadow of the Sword," "Love Me Forever" and "The Martyrdom of Madeline" are among his most popular novels. His plays include "A Madcap Prince," "A Nine Days' Queen," "Lady Clare," "Alone in London," "Joseph's Sweetheart" and "Sophia." Many of his poems and essays have appeared in The Contemporary Review, with which he was closely connected. One of his latest volumes of tales and ballads was "Red and White Heathen," and another of his more recent works was "Rachael Dene, a Tale of the Daepdale Hills."

WHITNEY WOULD BUY RACER

Offers Lady Meux Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars for Volodyovski.

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LONDON, June 10.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—W. C. Whitney, who only leased the Derby winner Volodyovski from Lady Meux for his racing career at $15,000 a year, is now extremely anxious to buy the horse outright. It is rumored that he offered Lady Meux $75,000 for Volodyovski. She is indisposed to sell as she intends to turn the horse from track to stud purposes when his racing career is ended. The price offered by Mr. Whitney is thought by competent authorities to be governed by sentimental rather than practical considerations.

LOUIS STERN SHOOTS HIMSELF

Former United States Commercial Agent Commits Suicide at Bamberg, Bavaria.

BAMBERG, Bavaria, June 10.—Louis Stern, the former United States commercial agent here, shot and killed himself today in the public gardens near the town.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 10.—Louis Stern, former commercial agent at Bomberg, was a resident of this city, employed on the St. Paul Volks Zeitung at the time of his appointment eight years ago. He was a native of Germany, but had lived in the United States for many years.

FIRE CHIEF'S RESIGNATION

Swenie of Chicago Department Quits After Half a Century's Service and Will Travel.

CHICAGO, June 10.—Dennis J. Swenie, chief of Chicago's fire department for over half a century, formally resigned his position tonight. Inability to cope with the arduous duties of his office, owing to ill health, is given as the reason. The veteran fire fighter says he will spend the next two years in a trip abroad.

NOT TO PLEASE HIS ENEMIES

Senator Dietrich Seeks to Accommodate His Friends Instead.

EFFECT OF STEPHENSON'S APPOINTMENT

Opposition Aroused in Lincoln Moves D. E. Thompson to a Discourse on the Politics Involved in the Matter.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, June 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Speaking of the appointment of Elmer H. Stephenson of Lincoln, D. E. Thompson's personal representative during the latter's campaign for senatorship, to be collector of internal revenue for Nebraska, Mr. Thompson, who has been in Washington since Friday, today said: "I understand that the appointment has not been favorably received in Lincoln by a certain newspaper published there, and by certain republicans who opposed my senatorial candidacy. Personally, I don't believe the opposition of the newspaper referred to hurt me much. The fact of the matter is I have made friends, not enemies, through its persecution. Of course, I suppose any appointee of Senator Dietrich's who does not come from the circle it champions will meet with opposition, but I don't imagine that is going to deter Senator Dietrich from doing his duty. It could hardly be expected that one's enemies would be preferred to one's friends when appointments are made."

Change at Beginning of Year.

Mr. Stephenson, it is understood, will not take hold of the revenue office in Omaha until July 1, the beginning of the next fiscal year, as it would complicate the accounts of the two collectors, Houtz and Stephenson, and Secretary Gage of the Treasury department desires to avoid this. Mr. Stephenson will arrange with Houtz to have the office turned over to him on July 1, according to the advice of Senator Dietrich.

Thompsons Go Abroad.

D. E. Thompson leaves tomorrow for New York to join Mrs. Thompson. They sail on Thursday on the Hamburg-American liner Deutschland for Europe, where they will spend July, August and September. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will spend several weeks in Carlsbad, and then visit Norway, Siberia and Manchuria.

Senator Dietrich's Plans.

Senator Dietrich has been making the grand round of the departments, preparatory to leaving tomorrow with his daughter, Gertrude, for Nebraska. He is closing up matters that require immediate attention, so that he can leave for the Philippines with a feeling of comparative comfort. Today he filed with the postmaster general his recommendation for the appointment of Jacob Fischer as postmaster at Hastings, vice Leopold Hahn, who will step down and out on July 1, as Mr. Fischer's appointment will be announced officially in a few days.

Move Against Johnson.

There is nothing new in the case of J. W. Johnson of Lincoln, against whom charges have been filed with the commissioner of the general land office. Commissioner Herrman, when asked as to the status of the Johnson case, said: "His political enemies are not backward in persistency. They are after Johnson with a hot poker, but nothing has been done as yet. Just how soon they will move, however, I cannot say."

New Indian School Buildings.

Advertisements will be sent out tomorrow inviting bids for the construction of a brick school building and a frame hospital building at Genoa, Neb., and also inviting bids for materials for the erection of a dairy barn at the same Indian school. Bids for the school and hospital buildings will be opened by Commissioner Jones of the Indian office, while bids for the materials will be filed with Superintendent W. H. Winslow at Genoa. As the law requires that invitations for bids must be published for three weeks, it will be about July 3 before the bids are opened. A number of Nebraskans interested in the Genoa school had the impression that the amount appropriated for Genoa in the Indian appropriation bill passed during the fifty-fifth congress would lapse with the close of the present fical year. Commissioner Jones said today that he had looked into the matter and found that the amount appropriated, $33,000, was continuous and available until used.

It is the intention of the Indian office to spend about $5,000 at once in the construction of outbuildings at the Omaha and Winnebago reservation, as the new school building just completed makes these outbuildings necessary, it being the intention of the Indian office to open the new school September 1.

Changes Control of Flandreau.

Commissioner Jones said today that it was the intention of the Indian office to cut off the Flandreau Sioux of South Dakota from the Santee agency in Nebraska and place them directly under control of the superintendent of the Flandreau school.

"Indian Agent Baird at Santee does not want the care of the Flandreau Indians, as they are nearly 150 miles away from his agency," said Mr. Jones, "and he could not give proper care to them because of the distance. They are all citizens, having taken their allotments, and really need but little care. There may be a few old men and women who must have rations issued them, but they are very few and the Superintendent of the Flandreau Sioux will be able to give them much better care than Agent Baird."

Omaha Postoffice Business.

Omaha is still continuing to show gratifying gains in postoffice receipts, the report issued today from the Postoffice department showing that the receipts for May were $34,274 as against $30,930 for the corresponding month last year, being a gain of $3,344, or 10.8 per cent.

Departmental Notes.

The National Park bank of New York has been approved as reserve agent for the Commercial National bank of Council Bluffs, Ia.

The postoffice at Beach, Dickinson county, Ia., has been ordered re-established and Joseph I. Myerly commissioned postmaster.

John A. Mundo of Wilmot, S. D., is admitted to practice before the Interior department.

T. J. Linderinth of Denmark has been awarded a contract for carrying the mail from Denmark to Maxwell, Neb.

Warren E. Turk has been appointed substitute letter carrier in the postoffice at Lincoln.

Postoffice established at Summit, Albany county, Wyo., with Mary A. Baker Postmaster.

The postoffice at Coffman, Neb., has been discontinued on account of the postmaster refusing to renew his bond.

Congressman Mercer has recommended Mr. Cain for postmaster at Meadow, Sarpy county, a new postoffice just established.

IS GLAD HE'S ARRESTED

Young Man with Desperate Record Says Now He Can Be Good.

CHICAGO, June 10.—After being chased through the streets by two detectives and a crowd of people, a young man, who gave the name of Melville Chester Findlay and who said he was the son of a wealthy business man of Kansas City and a graduate of Yale, was arrested this evening. After his arrest he was recognized as Melville Chester Findlay, alias Melville Chester, jr., Jordan Hanna, John Reid, W. O. Brown and various other names.

Chester, it is declared, escaped from the police in Kansas City after a desperate fight, in which he is said to have wounded a policeman. In Guthrie, O. T., while escaping he is said by the police to have shot and seriously wounded a policeman, but not before the policeman had struck him several times with the butt of his revolver, inflicting a deep cut in the back of Chester's head and which he showed the police tonight.

Chester has been in Chicago but a few days, coming here from Memphis, but since his arrival here he is said to have forged checks on over a dozen merchants, the amounts varying from $10 to $150.

When searched at the Central station Chester had a number of checks of the National Biscuit company in his pockets, which he said he filled out as he used them. When told tonight that he would go to the penitentiary, Chester said he knew it, but he did not care.

"I am glad I am arrested," said he. "I come of good people in Boston, where my father is in the banking business. I could live a good life if I only would do as my father often requested, but I cannot content myself in one place long. I have no one to blame but myself, and now that I am under arrest I will take my punishment like a man."

KANSAS CITY, June 11.—The alleged forger arrested in Chicago tonight, and who gave his name as Melville Chester, jr., is supposed by the police here to be Melville Chester Findlay, son of the proprietor of an art store in this city. He is charged with numerous small forgeries in Kansas City. He was arrested in the county court house here two months ago by Detective Andrew O'Hare, but in the struggle that followed O'Hare was badly beaten and Findlay escaped. O'Hare has wide fame as a fighter and Findlay is the only prisoner who ever escaped from him. Findlay comes of a highly respectable and well-to-do family.

TELLS OF HUSBAND'S MURDER

Mrs. Kahney of Pittsburg Testifies in Trial of Biddles and Dorman.

PITTSBURG, June 10.—The widow of Grocer Thomas D. Kahney, for whose murder John and Edward Biddle and Walter Dorman, alias R. D. Wilcox, are now being tried, was called to the witness stand and graphically told the story of the night of the murder. How she had a strange intuition of coming peril, had gone through the house to see that all was secure, and finally fallen asleep on the bed with her boy, who was restless and nervous. She was awakened by feeling a hand and cloth over her face. She tried to rise and was roughly thrust back by the strong man, who was endeavoring to drug her into insensibility. She detected the pungent and burning ordor and, realizing her situation, struggled desperately, but was thrust back again by another of the robbers, who had come to his companion's aid.

Her thoughts flew to the helpless boy at her side, and at the thought of his peril, she tore herself loose and sprang to her feet, one of the men still clinging to her, with his back to the door by which her husband was entering. The shot rang out and the murderer and his companions fled. The noise of more than one pair of feet on the oilcloth told her there were two in addition to the one who held her.

She told how she opened the window and screamed for help. Her husband gasped "wait until I get my revolver," staggered into the other room and stumbled back again to fall, dying at her feet.

Earl Kahney, the young son, told of what he remembered of the murder. He said he saw two men at the foot of the bed, while the third man was holding his mamma.

The Biddles entered a plea of not guilty, but Dorman created a surprise by pleading guilty. The double tragedy for which the defendants are held responsible occurred April 12 last. For weeks preceding the city was terrorized by a series of burglaries and robberies. Kahney was shot down in his home while standing unarmed in his night clothes and Fitzgerald was killed a few hours later while attempting to arrest the defendants. The wives of Edward Biddle and Walter Dorman were arrested at the same time and will be tried on charges of receiving stolen goods.

The defendants will be tried separately and the case of John Biddle was called first. It is believed that Dorman will turn state's evidence.

DR. UNGER GOES TO PRISON

Also F. Wayland Brown, Convicted in Defenbach Conspiracy to Defraud Insurance Companies.

CHICAGO, June 10.—Dr. August Unger and F. Wayland Brown, on trial for conspiracy to defraud insurance companies through the death of Miss Marie Defenbach, were this evening found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary under the indeterminate act. Frank H. Smiley, indicted with Unger and Brown, pleaded guilty and turned state's evidence.

The evidence in the case showed that Unger, Brown, Smiley and Miss Defenbach entered into a conspiracy by which Smiley was to appear as the affianced husband of the woman. She was then to be ill, and apparently die, leaving him the insurance, which included one policy in a stock company and two in fraternal organizations, the total aggregating $25,000. The woman in her will said that she desired her remains to be cremated, and it is supposed that it was the intention to hurry her away, after her supposed death, and cremate another body procured from a hospital.

The woman became sick according to program, but did not rally and died. Her body was at once cremated. An inquest was held by Assistant Coroner John B. Weckler without a jury and Weckler returned to the coroner's office a verdict that the woman had died of natural causes. The death of the woman is shrouded in mystery and physicians on the stand differed widely as to the cause of death.

The state, however, declared that the woman was murdered, although it could not be positively proved. It was shown that all the insurance carried by the woman was assigned before her death and that her will was drawn up after these assignments had been made. The will had no effect save in the clause touching cremation and it is claimed by the state that the will was prepared only to facilitate the disposition of the body after death.

TERMS OFFERED THE COUNTY

Basis for the Proposed Franchise to the Suburban Railway.

CONDITIONS CONTEMPLATE NO PAY

Document is Silent as to Any Matter of Compensation for the Use of the Public Highways.

It is said that the expected proposition from the Omaha Street Railway company for a franchise for suburban electric lines will be submitted to the county commissioners at their meeting this morning.

The suburban franchise matter, however, may possibly be further delayed, because some of the commissioners are not entirely satisfied with the proposition of the Omaha Suburban Railway and Traction company.

The proposed franchise contract of the Omaha Suburban Railway and Traction company, which is the one pending before the county board, provides as follows:

First. In consideration of the sum of $1 the county of Douglas grants to the Omaha Suburban Railway and Traction company, its assigns and successors, the right to construct, own and operate single or double-track railways along, upon, over, under and across such highways, public roads, water ways, bridges and private property, as may be required for the system of suburban railways contemplated by the company.

Second. The company shall lay its tracks and erect its poles upon the south side of the highways where they run easterly and westerly and upon the east side of the highways where they run northerly and southerly, and the inside rail shall not be closer than ten feet from the center of the highway, but where it is impracticable to lay the tracks as hereinbefore stated the right of crossing to the opposite side of the road is granted, provided the company builds and maintains at its own expense crossings of wood, brick, stone or asphaltum.

Third. The company shall have the right to change grades upon its right-of-way at its own expense, but where changes are proposed in the present established grades special permission of the county must be obtained and the company must grade the roads the full width at its own expense.

Time for Building.

Fourth. The company shall within six months of the date of the contract file with the county clerk plats and surveys of all its proposed routes in Douglas county; shall within one year of the date of the approval of the plats and surveys begin the laying of track; shall within one year from the beginning of track laying on each separate route complete the location of such route to the county line or to the terminus of such route if the same shall lie in Douglas county, and shall within four years from the date of the contract complete all its tracks, equip its railways for traffic and operate the same. If the company fails to complete its routes within four years, as agreed, it immediately forfeits all rights and privileges granted, and the county has the right to place the roadways wherever they have been disturbed in proper condition at the expense of the company.

Fifth. The company shall be permitted to operate and maintain its railways in such reasonable manner as its traffic shall demand and to utilize such overhead wires, storage batteries, dynamos, underground appliances, track batteries, electric or other chemical power or mobile force, except steam, as may prove expedient.

Sixth. All bridges along any of the highways occupied by the railway, excepting bridges over the Elkhorn river, required after the completion of the tracks, shall be erected and maintained at the expense of the company. The company shall, at its own expense, strengthen all bridges and culverts now built and to be used by it, provided such bridges and culverts need strengthening, all changes, however, being subject to the approval of the county. After the completion of the railway all bridges and culverts used by it are to be maintained and repaired at the joint expense of company and county. Tracks upon bridges are to be laid as nearly on the level of such bridges as possible.

Forfeiture and Reversion.

Seventh. After the completion of the railway system failure to maintain a daily service upon any line or branch line, barring accidents, delays by litigation, acts of God and unavoidable delays for an unreasonable time, shall be construed to be an abandonment of such line or branch line, and shall work a forfeiture.

Eighth. Freight and passenger rates shall be reasonable, and the county is conceded the right to fix reasonable maximum rates.

Ninth. After the expiration of fifty years from the completion of the railway system the county may purchase the property at a valuation to be fixed by five arbitrators, two of whom are to be selected by each party and the fifth by the four so named.

Tenth. The company shall within ninety days after the date of the contract file with the county a bond in the sum of $25,000, conditioned that the company shall well and truly perform its obligations under the contract, and the company further binds itself to hold the county harmless as to any and all damages coming about by reason of the construction, operation and maintenance of the railroad.

ONE PISTOL DOES FOR TWO

Louis Hartman and His Actress Wife, Rose Violet, Found Dead in Bed.

CHICAGO, June 10.—Side by side, each with a bullet wound in the temple, the bodies of Louis Hartman and his wife were found dead in bed at the Great Northern this evening. The room showed no signs of a struggle. Both lifeless forms were composed and the covering of the bed was well tucked about them, but the revolver clutched in the right hand of the husband told the story of the tragedy.

On the stage the woman was known as Rose Violet. Hartman was of respectable parents and his marriage to her had caused an estrangement that friends of his and of his father, a wealthy New Yorker, were trying to remove.

From the position of the woman's body it is thought by the physicians that she was killed while asleep by her husband. Hartman was apparently between 28 and 30 years of age. The woman was about 25 years of age and was small, with the complexion of a blonde.

NEW YORK, June 10.—It was learned from Stage Manager Lawrence of the New York theater that a young woman, who was billed as "Rose Violet" had been appearing in different productions at that theater all last winter, and was originally engaged by George W. Lederer to appear in "The Man in the Moon."

BROKERS NOT RESPONSIBLE

Illinois Court Decides that "Your Uncle" Need Not Make Good Fire Loss.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 10.—The appellate court, in the case of John Oberman, appellant, against Charles M. Reece, rendered an opinion today in which it is held that pawnbrokers are not responsible to owners of property left with them as pledges in case of loss of the property by fire or theft. The court reversed a decision of the Sangamon county court in which Reece was given judgment for $20 for a watch which he had left at Oberman's shop in pawn, and which, when he went to redeem it, Oberman claimed had been stolen.

Oil Consolidation Indicated.

NEW YORK, June 10.—Significant changes were made in the board of directors of the American Linseed Oil company today, when the following members were elected: John D. Rockefeller, jr., E. Parlamee Prentice, his brother-in-law; F. T. Gates, George Welwood Murray, J. M. Bowers, J. A. McGean, John D. Rodgers, E. V. Gary, F. J. Lovett and W. A. Jones. The old members who hold over are: Guy C. Major, G. E. Highly, J. W. N. Daniels, W. P. Orr and A. N. Eddy. It is generally believed that the Linseed company has completed arrangements to consolidate with the Union Lead and Oil company.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Showers Tuesday, with Cooler in Eastern Portion; Wednesday, Showers; Variable Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	67	1 p. m.	85
6 a. m.	68	2 p. m.	85
7 a. m.	69	3 p. m.	86
8 a. m.	72	4 p. m.	90
9 a. m.	75	5 p. m.	91
10 a. m.	77	6 p. m.	91
11 a. m.	79	7 p. m.	90
12 m.	82	8 p. m.	87
		9 p. m.	85

SITS IN HER ROLLING CHAIR

Mrs. McKinley Spends an Hour in It During Monday.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Dr. Rixey, when he left the White House at 10:15 tonight, said: "Everything is encouraging. Mrs. McKinley is doing very nicely and is gaining steadily. She sat up in a rolling chair several times today, aggregating perhaps an hour. We are very much encouraged by the steady improvement."

Surgeon General Sternberg made his usual visit to the White House and on leaving said that Mrs. McKinley continued to improme and was doing very well. The continued improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition reported by her physicians is noticeable at the White House in a perceptible relief from the intense anxiety that has existed there for the last ten days. Although she is by no means out of danger and there is constant fear of relapse, for the present she seems on the upgrade and the president is more cheerful. He saw a few callers today and to his visitors expressed his encouragement. While Mrs. McKinley's condition fluctuated, he said, she appeared brighter this morning than she had for some days.

About noon the president went for a stroll through the White House grounds with Comptroller of the Currency Dawes. The president talked hopefully of Mrs. McKinley's condition and appeared much refreshed when he returned to the White House.

Remembrances from Colorado.

The president and Mrs. McKinley received from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh of Colorado the exquisite gifts that were to have been souvenirs of the presidential visit to Colorado had Mrs. McKinley's illness not cut short their western visit. Today, according to official program marked out for the trip, the presidential party was to have breakfasted with Mr. and Mrs. Walsh at Glenwood Springs. The souvenir selected for the president is a book of views bound in Russian leather and mounted in gold, and a name plate with date and place engraved thereon.

The views are steel engraved and show the points of interest which the party was to have visited. For Mrs. McKinley there was a gold cardcase, engraved with name and date. Each of the cabinet ladies also received a souvenir cardcase almost the equal of that made for Mrs. McKinley.

AID FOR THE NON-UNION MEN

Machinists' Association Decides to Extend It to Those Who Quit with the Unionists.

TORONTO, June 10.—The International Machinists' association in convention today decided to extend financial aid to non-union men who went out with members of the association. President O'Connell stated that officials were not restricted as to the amount non-union men should receive, but he added that in any event it would be sufficient to induce them to remain in the fight to the end. Since May 20 over $4,000 has been distributed among strikers and as yet no regular system of benefits has gone into force.

A resolution was passed, asking the American Federation of Labor to levy an assessment, as provided for in its constitution, to provide funds for the strikers. In the event of a long drawn out fight an appeal for aid will also be made to the trade organizations of Great Britain, which were assisted by the machinists in their struggle for an eight-hour day. On the question of finances President O'Connell said that a special strike fund of over $15,000 was still intact.

The council voted down a resolution pledging the association to socialism. It was decided that a certificate of death from a Christian Scientist doctor would not be recognized in the future in a claim for death benefits.

The committee on laws has finished its labors. The constitutions of local lodges were adopted. The question arose as to the desirability of removing the headquarters of the orders from Washington to some more central point, Chicago or Cleveland being mentioned. A decision will be made later.

President O'Connell received word this morning that twenty-six firms in California had granted shorter hours and an increase in pay.

IOWA MEN MAKE BAD MONEY

Five Suspects Arrested at Waterloo Have Complete Equipment for Counterfeiting.

WATERLOO, Ia., June 10.—Sheriff William M. Law of Black Hawk county and Special Detective George Jeannin arrested five men here today, charging them with counterfeiting. They were completely equipped with dies for making ten, twenty-five and fifty-cent pieces and dollars. The dies were manufactured, it is alleged, by one of the men under arrest, who is employed in one of the foundries in this city. It is not believed that much spurious coin has yet been floated or made. The men under arrest are Will English, Will and Frank Fenstermaker, Frank Raphael and Mike Hubbard. They will be turned over to the United States authorities just as soon as officers arrive here to take them.

SAMFORD IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Fears that Alabama Governor's Sickness May Have Fatal Termination.

TUSCALLOSA, Ala., June 10.—Governor W. H. Samford, who has been ill here for several days, is reported worse today and it is feared his illness will have a fatal termination.

Movements of Ocean Vessels June 10.

At New York—Arrived—Prinz Willem V, from Paramaribo, etc., and Port au Prince; Manitou, from London; Trave, from Naples; Southwark, from Antwerp; Grosser Kurfurst, from Bremen and Cherbourg.

At Glasgow—Arrived—Arcadian, from Montreal.

At Liverpool—Arrived—Lancastrian, from Boston; Northwestern, from Chicago.

At Greenock (June 9)—Arrived—City of Rome, from New York.

At Hamburg—Arrived—Totems, from San Francisco, via Guayaquil.

At Antwerp—Arrived—Kensington, from New York.

At Gibraltar—Arrived—Aller, from Naples and Genoa. Sailed—Werra, from Genoa and Naples, for New York.

At Naples—Sailed—Belgravia, for New York.

At London—Arrived—Minnehaha, from New York.

FIRE IN HOSPITAL

Sick Soldiers at the Presidio Are Driven From Their Cots.

FLAMES START IN A STORE ROOM

Spread to General Buildings and Destroy Two Wards.

MILITARY ORDER SAVES THE PATIENTS

By Good Discipline They All Escape Death and Injury.

SAN FRANCISCO HAS ANOTHER BLAZE

Warehouse of Whitelaw Wrecking Company is Damaged Thirty Thousand Dollars—Explosives Threaten Firemen.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10.—A fire at the general military hospital at the Presidio tonight destroyed two wards, kitchen, dining room and medical supply room. None of the patients were injured. The loss is estimated at $25,000.

The two wards destroyed were known as the measles wards and were occupied by sixty patients. There were 200 patients in the general hospital and all were removed to places of safety without confusion or injury until the fire had been brought under control.

The fire had its origin in a room used to store paint, but the cause is unknown as yet. The wards destroyed will be rebuilt at once.

Three Alarms Turned In.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10.—A fire broke out in the establishment of the T. P. Whitelaw wrecking company on Spear street, in the warehouse district, at 9 o'clock tonight. Several explosions of boilers occurred. It is said there was a quantity of nitro-glycerine and dynamite stored in the building. The entire block was in danger of being consumed.

So far as known no one has been injured. The firemen found considerable difficulty in fighting the flames, owing to the danger from explosions. The flames spread quickly and within ten minutes after their discovery three alarms were turned in.

The fire was confined to the warehouse of the Whitelaw Wrecking company, which contained machinery and other goods, principally from abandoned ships. The place held a quantity of explosives, making it dangerous to the firemen. It was apparently distributed about the building in small quantities and the several explosions that occurred did no damage to surrounding property. The loss is $30,000.

Ancient Catholic Church.

BAYFIELD, Wis., June 10.—The old Catholic church at La Pointe, Madeline island, was destroyed by fire today. The church was an ancient landmark and has been visited by hundreds of tourists annually. The original church was built in 1835 by Father Baraga, and rebuilt at a later date. It contained an ancient painting, "The Descent from the Cross," which Indian tradition says was a gift to the La Pointe mission in 1669 by Father Marquette. It is the opinion of some that the picture was stolen and the church set on fire to cover up the loss.

REPORTERS CAN'T FIND OUT

Cabinet Has Meeting, Called Suddenly, but Members Won't Tell for What Purpose.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—A cabinet meeting was held suddenly late this afternoon by messages sent the various members from the White House. The president and Secretary Long had been out driving, the secretary being especially sent for by the president to join him in the drive. When the president returned he found Secretary Hay awaiting him, and the two spent a half hour together, the secretary leaving later on a night train for Buffalo. It was immediately after this call that the cabinet was asked to assemble, and they arrived within a few minutes of each other, about 8 o'clock, none of them being advised in advance of the object. Secretary Long brought his young son. Secretaries Long, Gage, Hitchcock and Wilson, Attorney General Knox and Postmaster General Smith were among those present. Secretary Root is in Buffalo, while Secretary Hay had left for the same place.

The cabinet members immediately repaired to the cabinet room, where they remained less than an hour. They took occasion to express their gratification at the continued improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition and also discussed another subject, which none of them would disclose, each member saying that it was a personal matter and some of them giving out the negative information that the meeting had no relation to Cuba, China, the Filipines, the Porto Ricans, the supreme court decisions, the Boer war or any important public question. The personal injunction on each member to say nothing about the matter prevented any information on the subject being had.

Several cabinet officers said that their call had to do with Mrs. McKinley's continued improvement. Some announcement may be made later about the matter, which was of either a social or personal nature and chiefly concerning those present.

PLOW MAKERS READY TO TELL

Representatives of Twenty-One Firms Have Consolidation Plan Ready for Announcement.

CHICAGO, June 10.—Plans for a combination of twenty-one of the largest plow factories of the country were practically completed at a meeting at the Auditorium annex over which Charles H. Deere of Moline presided. Judge W. H. Vincent of Chicago has the details in charge and expects to have the combine incorporated within a month, with a prospective capital of $75,000,000. The election of officers probably will be held tomorrow. Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin and New York will be in the trust. It is positively denied that the prices of plows will be raised.

STRIKE ON THE OMAHA ROAD

Employes at Eau Claire Drag Their Fellow Workmen from the Cars.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., June 10.—A strike was inaugurated today by 135 men employed by the Omaha railway for a reduction of two hours and half in the workday. Some employes refused to strike and were dragged from the cars. Stones were thrown and the police were called to the scene. No one was seriously hurt. An effort to settle is in progress.