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CONTRACT IS BROKEN

Pacific Steam Navigation Company Refuses to Carry Colombian Troops.

INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS LIKELY

Incident May Involve Several Nations Before it is Ended.

SUSTAINED BY BRITISH WARSHIP

Effort on Part of Government to Compel Carrying of Troops Fails.

ARRANGE TO BRING SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Colombian Officials Assert Failure to Transport Soldiers Has Delayed Campaign and Much Loss of Life.

PANAMA, Colombia, Aug. 19.—The British cruiser Phaeton, as cabled to the Associated Press yesterday, left here hurriedly on Saturday and it was believed that it had sailed for Buena Ventura, in the department of Cauca.

Inquiries made by the correspondent of the Associated Press regarding the war ship's sailing, show that serious international complications may arise at Buena Ventura, where the Colombian authorities have been endeavoring to compel the agents of the British steamer Ecuador, owned by the Pacific Steam Navigation company of Liverpool, to transport troops to the isthmus.

It was at the request of the Pacific Steam Navigation company that Phaeton left Panama for Buena Ventura, where the Colombian government has assembled 2,000 troops, under General Velasco, intended to reinforce the army in this vicinity, and the government officials at Buena Ventura threatened to compel the steamer Ecuador, which was at that port, to transport the reinforcements to Panama.

The agents of the line, however, refused to embark the troops and appealed to the company's representatives here, who in turn placed the matter before the British consul, with the result that Phaeton was sent to Buena Ventura to protect British interests.

Action Causes Great Indignation.

The action of the Pacific Steam Navigation company in refusing to transport the troops has caused indignation in Colombian government circles. A high official, who was interviewed on the subject, said that a contract was made by the government in 1879 with the Pacific Steam Navigation company by which the government granted many liberal concessions to the company, such as exemption from the tonnage and other taxes imposed by the national government, the importation, free of duty, of the coal necessary for the company's steamers, and any other exemptions and privileges granted to other companies any time.

The Colombian government, it was added, has, since the contract was signed, paid the Pacific Steam Navigation company over $30,000 in subsidies, in consideration of which the company agreed to transport Colombian civil and military employes, prisoners, mails and soldiers at special rates. There is no clause in the contract, it was further asserted, providing that during a revolutionary outbreak the obligation of the company to transport troops ceased to be effective.

In conclusion, the high official of the Colombian government referred to said that the present refusal of the Pacific Steam Navigation company to transport Colombian troops here may be sustained by the presence of a British war ship at Buena Ventura, but, nevertheless, it is a clear violation of the contract between the Colombian government and the steamship company, made in good faith by the government, which has faithfully adhered to its agreements.

In government circles it is claimed that the nonarrival of the reinforcements of troops from Buena Ventura will prolong the revolution in the isthmus and cause unnecessary bloodshed, and that, consequently, the government of Colombia has ground to claim damages from the Pacific Steam Navigation company. There is no doubt that the government will bring suit against the company. An eminent lawyer has already left Panama for Bogota, the capital, to present and sustain the government's claim, which, according to the terms of the contract, must be decided by the Colombian courts.

BAD WRECK IN NEW JERSEY

Several People Killed and a Number Injured in Smashup at Belmar Station.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Aug. 19.—A regular Pennsylvania train on the New York & Long Branch railroad, bound north, was run into from the rear at Belmar station, where it had stopped tonight, by a special Central Railroad of New Jersey train. The engine of the Central train telescoped the rear car of the Pennsylvania train. Six cars were wrecked, several persons were killed and a number injured. A little girl was killed as she was being put aboard the waiting train. The engineer and firemen of the Central train have not been seen since the collision. It is believed they are under the wreckage.

The freight shed at the depot was demolished and the depot badly damaged.

Fitzpatrick, a brakeman, was caught in the wreckage and badly scalded by escaping steam and hot water. Brakeman Towle was badly injured and may die.

The little girl killed, was Alice Bigger, aged 13, who lived at Rahway. The first body removed was that of an unidentified man aged about 35. Harry Van Cott, conductor of the Central train, was injured, but not seriously.

Engineer Lippincott of the Central train stuck to his post. His fireman jumped and is said to have been injured.

Two hundred feet of roof over the depot platform fell and has not yet been raised and no attempt to explore it has been made. The work of clearing away the debris is proceeding slowly.

FRATERNAL DAY AT CARNIVAL

Fully Eighteen Thousand People Attend the Exercises at Mound City.

MOUND CITY, Mo., Aug. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—This was fraternal day at the midsummer carnival and fully 18,000 people were in attendance, representing the different fraternal orders. Rev. G. H. Schloh of Omaha delivered the address. Wednesday will be Old Settlers' day, and on Thursday United States Senator Dolliver of Iowa and Hon. W. J. Bryan of Nebraska will address the people.

WILL NOT LODGE AT POSEN

William Will Make Headquarters at Frankfort-on-the-Oder Instead of in Prussian Poland.

BERLIN, Aug. 19.—The headquarters of the approaching army maneuvers have been abruptly changed from Posen, Prussian Poland, to Frankfort-on-the-Oder, province of Brandenburg, Prussia. Emperor William, the general staff and the foreign guests will therefore lodge in a sympathetic Prussian city instead of in an unfriendly Polish atmosphere.

No official explanation is procurable of the abandonment of the program which was arranged months ago. Even so late as Sunday the list of residences in Posen at which distinguished persons were to be quartered was announced.

The official inference is that it would be more judicious to make a prolonged stay at Frankfort-on-the-Oder than at Posen, because Polish political hostility might be aggravated or an opportunity might be given for an unpleasant incident. It is not supposed, however, that the police have learned of a definite design to make trouble or insult the emperor, who intends, regardless of the change of program, to review the army in Posen September 3 and then go to Frankfort-on-the-Oder.

Another view is that his majesty will not so far honor Posen as to remain there through the maneuvers and thus give the embittered Poles a chance to profit by the visit of many strangers and troops. The field of maneuvers lies between Posen and Frankfort-on-the-Oder, hence the latter is as convenient geographically as Posen for the headquarters of the army.

BOERS HEARTILY WELCOMED

Land at Rotterdam and Are Received by Municipal Authorities and Others of Prominence.

ROTTERDAM, Aug. 19.—Dewet, Delarey and Botha, the Boer generals, and their party, landed here this morning. They were given a hearty welcome by the municipal authorities and representatives of Boer associations.

Many women presented bouquets to the generals' wives. The ships in the harbor displayed their flags. The party proceeded to The Hague.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 19.—A public reception was accorded to the Boer generals on their arrival here today from Rotterdam. General Fyter, in a speech, paid tribute to their heroic deeds. General Botha replied, expressing the appreciation of the Boer officers at the warmth of their reception and referring to the consolation which it had been to them to know that while they fought their women and children were being supported by Dutch generosity.

The time, added General Botha, had not yet arrived to make public all they knew, but probably at no distant date they would publish their account of the war.

The visitors were escorted in procession through the town in open carriages and were everywhere loudly cheered by the crowds assembled. A number of Boers who served during the war formed a guard of honor for the generals.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN FOREST

Many Square Miles of Timber Burned and Mine Buildings Destroyed.

YMIR, B. C., Aug. 19.—One of the most disastrous fires which has ever occurred in West Kootenay is raging about Ymir. Many square miles of timber have been burned and a number of mine buildings wiped out. Wagon roads and bridges have been destroyed.

From the cyanide works of the Ymir company to the Foghorn mine, a distance of five miles, every building has been destroyed. The cyanide plant was saved by the herculean efforts of the employes, who dug holes in which they immersed themselves in water up to their necks while they handled the hose in short shifts.

The buildings of the Wilcox and Black Rock mines were obliterated. At the former mine the men took refuge in the tunnels, into which the wind blew the flames, which ignited the timber. With a meager supply of water, handled in tin cups, the men kept the fire from spreading until danger was past.

WOMAN IS OBLIGED TO LEAVE

Wife of a Former Prime Minister Expelled from Venezuela by President Castro.

PORT OF SPAIN, Island of Trinidad, Aug. 9.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Mrs. Zoilo Bello Rodriguez, wife of former President Andrade's prime minister, and her four children arrived here recently on a steamer of the Royal Steamship company, having been expelled from Venezuelan territory by order of President Castro.

She was compelled to abandon her home and family and leave the country within forty-eight hours. Hitherto the governments of Venezuela have always regarded women as neutrals and have never held them responsible for the acts of their husbands.

TO INVESTIGATE ERUPTION

Japanese Cruiser Ordered to Land at Island of Torishima Enroute to Marcus Island.

YOKOHAMA, Aug. 19.—The Japanese cruiser Takachiho, which is going to Marcus island, has been ordered to call at the island of Torishima to succor any possible survivors of the volcanic eruption which occurred there between August 12 and 15 and as a result of which all of the inhabitants of the island, numbering 150 persons, were reported to have been killed.

SOLDIERS GALLOP TO DEATH

During Maneuvers Near St. Petersburg Fifty Charge Into River and Are Drowned.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—In a dispatch from St. Petersburg the correspondent of the Daily Express says:

"During the maneuvers near here a squadron of cavalry was ordered suddenly in charge. It galloped into a river and fifty men are reported to have been drowned. Details of the affair are difficult to obtain."

Cable Service Restored.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The Commercial Cable company today issued the following notice:

We are advised of the restoration of the cable between St. Helena and Capetown.

Oil Discovered in Yucatan.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 19.—There is much excitement in the peninsula of Yucatan, where petroleum has been discovered.

SCHWAB WILL NOT RESIGN

President of Steel Corporation Gives Out Statement Himself.

ARRANGING TO MAKE TRIP TO FRANCE

Says that He Does Not Look Like Sick Man, but is Going to Take Rest and Treatment at Mineral Springs.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, arrived here this evening. He was accompanied by his brother, Joseph Schwab, and his private secretary. He stepped briskly from the car and as he did so he said to a number of newspaper men present: "Now, gentlemen, I am going to tell you three things and I don't want you to ask me any further questions. In the first place, I don't look like a sick man. In the second place, I feel the necessity of a rest and I am going to take one. In the third place I am not going to resign and have no intention of retiring from the presidency of the United States Steel corporation."

"Are you going to Europe?" Mr. Schwab was asked.

"Yes," he replied, "but don't ask me any more questions; that's all I have to say."

ALTOONA, Pa., Aug. 19.—C. M. Schwab, who passed through here today, disclosed his destination to an old Altoona friend, who talked with him since he has been at Loretto. He said he was going to France, where he will take a course of treatment at the mineral springs of that country. His chief ailment is an affection of the nerves. The steel magnate's visit to the scene of his boyhood evidently did him good, as he told his friend, F. D. Saupp, of this city that he never felt better, and Mr. Saupp emphasized this by stating that he had never seen him looking better.

Mrs. Schwab is not with her husband. She will remain at Loretto during his absence.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 19.—The private car Loretto, belonging to Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, was attached to the day express, which left for the east this morning.

No information could be obtained from the attendants of the car, but it was said Mr. Schwab and party would board the car at Cresson, Pa., for New York and would sail for Europe tomorrow.

COACHES LEAVE THE TRACK

Wisconsin Central Train Derailed While Running at Rate of Fifty-Five Miles Per Hour.

NEENAH, Wis., Aug. 19.—The Wisconsin Central "St. Paul Flyer" was derailed shortly after midnight one mile west of Fremont while running at the rate of fifty-five miles an hour. Nearly 200 passengers were on the train and all of the coaches left the track except the rear truck of the last sleeper.

The entire train narrowly escaped being precipitated over an embankment. The cause of the accident is unknown, but was probably due to the spreading of the rails.

Nine persons were seriously injured and all of the passengers were badly shaken up.

Among the injured were:

F. Zimmerly, Oshkosh, badly hurt about head.

Mrs. M. Dougherty, Oshkosh, severely bruised about body.

Mrs. D. W. Agnew, Waukesha, Wis., shoulder and knee badly bruised.

Mrs. Anna Kiesehold, Minneapolis, Minn., spine injured.

A. E. Gross, Boston, Ill., chest badly bruised and internally injured.

TO AMEND SUPREME STATUTES

Proposition in Pythian Grand Lodge Relative to Subordinate Lodges Defeated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—The attention of the supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias was taken up today principally with the consideration of a proposition to so amend the supreme statutes of the order that no member who has been acquitted of a charge by the subordinate lodge in which he holds membership can be held before the supreme tribunal for a rehearing of the case. The question involved the sovereignty of subordinate lodges. The discussion was long and at times heated. A vote was taken and the proposition defeated by a vote of 69 to 48. Had it carried the need of a supreme tribunal would to all purposes have been done away with, as only such cases as contained questions of law could be heard by it. The matter was the outgrowth of the Kennedy-Hinsey case.

A statute was adopted reducing the supreme tribunal from five members to three.

The following were elected members of the supreme tribunal: John F. Alexander, Leesburg, Va.; Tully Scott, Cripple Creek, Colo.; John A. Helcher, St. Paul.

WOMEN INCITING A MOB

Negro Confined in Ohio Jail in Danger of Lynching by Mob of Both Sexes.

JEFFERSON, O., Aug. 19.—Because it is believed that John Grooms, colored, assaulted two old women, Harriet and Sabrina Hotchkiss late last night, a mob surrounded the jail today and there is danger of lynching.

Grooms is alleged to have assaulted and nearly killed the women. He is said to have chewed an ear off of one and torn the flesh from the arm of the other with his teeth.

The women identified Grooms as their assailant and his hat and part of his clothing were found in the Hopkins home. Some of the women in the crowd are hysterical and are inciting the men to take the law into their own hands.

In the afternoon the negro was bound over on the charge of burglary and attempted felony and will await the action of the grand jury. This procedure has allayed much of the excitement that existed.

STILLWELL RESIGNS POSITION

Superintendent of Iowa Division of Rock Island Railroad is Out.

DES MOINES, Aug. 19.—The resignation of W. U. Stillwell as superintendent of the Iowa division of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific has been accepted and William Given, trainmaster of the Des Moines and Fort Dodge division, appointed to succeed him.

INTEREST NOW IN INQUEST

Coroner Will Try His Hand at Solving the Bartholin-Mitchell Murder Mystery.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Interest in the Bartholin-Mitchell murder mystery today centered upon the inquest, which may determine the cause of the death of Minnie Mitchell.

Three men already stand accused as principals or accessories of the crime, Oscar Thompson, former roomer of Mrs. Bartholin; John Claffy, stableman, who took care of the horse Thompson drove, and Edward Counselman, intimate friend of William J. Bartholin, the supposed matricide.

Two new witnesses appeared today with stories that Bartholin, the missing suspect, was seen in Chicago as late as August 15. Both men declared to the police that a man whom they believe to be Bartholin was waiting in a saloon that night for some one who was to bring him money. Inspector Hunt believes it was the missing man waiting for his friend, Counselman.

Four members of the Mitchell family testified at the inquest that they could not make a positive identification of the body found lying in the weeds on the prairie at Seventy-fourth street and believed to be that of Minnie Mitchell. These four persons, the father, brother, sister and sister-in-law of the missing girl, declared that the only identification they could make was that part of the clothing found near the body belonged to Miss Mitchell. Following this Coroner's Physician Springer made a statement to the jury, in which he termed the body as that of an "unknown or unidentified woman." Dr. Springer stated positively that he did not believe the body to be that of Miss Mitchell because of the advanced stage of decomposition. When the body was found Miss Mitchell had been missing but eight days and Dr. Springer claimed that it would be impossible for her body to have decomposed as much as the one discovered on the prairie.

Inspector Hunt produced a witness who positively identified Oscar Thompson, who is under arrest for complicity in the crime, as one of two men on a street car near the place where the body was found, and a photograph of William Bartholin as that of the second of the pair.

Thompson, "Dad" Claffy and Counselman, all of whom have been held to the grand jury, were present at the inquest, but their attorneys refused to allow them to testify. The inquiry was continued until tomorrow morning.

Inspector Hunt received word tonight as to Bartholin's possible whereabouts that set every bit of the police machinery in motion. By midnight a score of detectives were ransacking the neighborhood of Kensington, Harvey, Pullman, West Pullman, Riverdale and as far south as One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street in search of a man supposed to hold the secret of the fugitive's hiding place.

DISTILLERS IN A COMBINE

Concerns Outside of the Trust About to Go Into a Consolidation.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 19.—The Post says: A plan is now on foot to form a combination of the outside distillers in Kentucky, and the outside spirit distillers in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, the proposed consolidation being a rivial of the so-called "Greenbaum plan" which was stopped in its infancy three years ago by the formation of the present combine, known as the Distilling Company of America.

The plan which has been quietly discussed, has not yet taken definite form, but it is proposed to interest in the scheme the leading jobbing houses of the country and to interest permanently all the distillers whose plants are bought by including in the deal the agreement to have the goods manufactured in their old locations under their old brands, thereby making them customers of the new company, affording an outlet for the goods manufactured and leaving the brands and output in the hands of the original owners.

It is claimed that the outside distilleries of Kentucky would have a combined output capacity about equal to that of the trust and that the outside spirit distilleries would have a combined output greatly in excess of the trusts.

It is further asserted that a new combine might offer big prices for outside properties and yet have a capitalization much less than the bonded indebtedness of $16,000,000 which the Distilling Company of America has just underwritten.

FUEL FAMINE THREATENED

Fifty Thousand Men May Be Thrown Out of Employment Because of Shortage in Coal.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 19.—The Post tomorrow will publish a story to the effect that a fuel famine is threatened for the mills in this district and 50,000 men may be thrown into enforced idleness through the lack of coal and coke. The trouble comes from a scarcity of engines to move the loaded cars.

It is reported that on the sidings of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad leading into Pittsburg from the coal and coke regions there are nearly 5,000 loaded cars. Many of these are said to have been ready for shipment for a week or more.

DROWNS HIS FOUR CHILDREN

Farmer Living Near Salina, Kansas, Murders Three Girls and Boy, Then Shoots Himself.

SALINA, Kan., Aug. 19.—Joseph Anderson, a farmer living east of Salina, in a fit of despondency today drowned his four children, three girls and a boy, in a cistern, and then shot himself with a revolver.

Anderson is still alive but will probably die. Financial matters had affected his mind. The crime was committed during the absence of the mother. The oldest child was six years old and the youngest a babe of four months. Anderson left a note on a table in the parlor notifying the mother that the children could be found in the cistern.

ON LONG LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Chinese Consul General at San Francisco to Quit the Service for Two Years.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Ho Yow, consul genral for China at the port of San Francisco, has sent out a formal notice that he is about to take an extended leave of absence. He does not indicate that he intends returning to this coast.

He is heavily interested in commercial enterprises, which will occupy him for two years or more, and he expects at that time, in the event of his not permanently quitting the diplomatic service of his country, to be assigned to some other consulate.

AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Volume Containing Statements as Required by Law Has Been Issued.

WHERE CONGRESS HAS SPENT MONEY

Summary Shows Grand Total of Over Eight Hundred Million Dollars Was Appropriated by Last Congress.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The volume containing statements of appropriations, new offices, etc., required by law to be prepared and published at the end of each session of congress under the direction of the committees on appropriation, senate and house, has been completed for the first session of the Fifty-seventh congress by Thomas P. Cleaves and James C. Courts, chief clerks, respectively, of those committees. A summary of the appropriations shows the grand total of $800,624,496.55. The details by bills are as follows:

Agricultural	$ 5,208,960.00
Army	91,720,136.41
Diplomatic	1,957,955.69
District of Columbia	8,544,469.97
Fortifications	7,298,955.00
Indian	8,986,028.10
Legislative	25,396,681.50
Military academy	2,627,334.42
Naval	78,856,983.13
Pension	139,842,220.00
Postoffice	128,416,598.75
River and harbor	26,771,442.00
Sundry civil	60,163,350.13
Deficiencies	28,050,997.32
Miscellaneous	2,772,795.13
Isthmian canal act	50,130,000.00
Permanent appropriations	123,921,220.00
Total	$800,624,496.55

In addition to the specific appropriations made, contracts are authorized to be entered into for certain public works requiring future appropriations by congress in the aggregate sum of $262,711,465. These contracts include $21,065,500 for additional ships for the navy and for permanent improvements of and increased facilities at certain navy yards; $17,943,650 for additions to old public buildings and the construction of new public buildings in various cities of the country; $38,336,180 for improvement of rivers and harbors; $3,500,000 for reconstruction of old and erection of new buildings at the military academy at West Point; and $180,000,000 for the construction of an isthmian canal.

New Offices and Employments.

The new offices and employments, of a civilian character, specifically authorized number 6,386, with compensation for the year of $6,343,595; and those abolished or omitted aggregate 1,165, at an annual pay of $1,289,080.50; a net increase of 5,221, at a yearly cost of $5,054,514.50.

In addition to the new civilian employments shown the volume also exhibits an increase of sixty-five in the military establishments at an annual cost of $42,308; and 300 officers (including 285 additional midshipmen), together with 3,000 seamen in the naval establishment and 750 additional men in the marine corps with total yearly pay of $1,343,777.50.

Of the total net increase in civilian employments, thirty-four are for the library of congress; seven for the state department; thirty-three for the navy department; 179 for the treasury department; 306 for the postoffice department, including 265 on account of the rural free delivery service; seventy for the department of agriculture; 117, including forty-six school teachers, twenty-two policemen and seven firemen for the government of the District of Columbia; fifty lightouse keepers; eleven for coast survey; thirty-two for the diplomatic and consular service; and 4,300 for the postal service, including 118 assistant postmasters, 3,134 clerks in postoffices, 169 agents and others in the rural free delivery service, and 865 railway postal clerks.

Of the net total 5,221 civil officers and employments authorized only 921 are outside of the postal service.

The number of salaries increased is 725, at an annual cost of $118,576.10; and the number reduced is sixteen, in the total annual sum of $13,150; a net increase of 709, at a cost for the year of $105,465.10, of which number 481 are the cadets at the military academy who are given an increased allowance of $69.50 each; thirty-one are consuls and consular clerks; sixty-four are officers of the revenue cutter service whose pay is made equal to the similar offices of the navy; thirteen are in the life saving service; and thirty-two, amounting to $33,000 annually are in the department of agriculture.

A comparison of the total appropriations made at the last session of congress for 1903, $800,624,498.55, with those of the preceding or short session of the Fifty-sixth congress for 1903, $730,338,575.99, shows an increase of $70,285,920.56. In this amount are included increased appropriations for the department of agriculture, $626,540; for the diplomatic, District of Columbia, legislative, executive and judicial and naval service, $1,706,981.74; for the military academy, $1,854,670.74; for the postal service, $14,633,910; for the whole of the river and harbor act, none having been passed at the preceding session, $26,771,442; for deficiencies, $12,132,560.38, and for the isthmian canal, $50,130,000. On the other hand there appear reductions of $24,003,912.69 for the army; $65,056 for fortifications; $761,442.99 for the Indian service; $5,403,000 under requirements for pensions; $1,632,549.08 by the sundry civil act; $5,267,223.54 by miscellaneous acts, and $437,000 under permanent appropriations which cover interest on the public debt, making a net increase as stated of $70,285,920.56.

STATE TICKET IS SELECTED

Regular Republicans of Delaware Hold Convention and Name Candidates.

DOVER, Del., Aug. 19.—The "regular" republican state convention today nominated the following ticket: For congress, Heisler Ball; state treasurer, Martin B. Burrows; state auditor, P. B. Norman. The platform indorses the administration of President Roosevelt and pledges him the support of the Delaware republicans for renomination in 1904; commends the work done by the Fifty-second congress, but recommends trade concessions for Cuba; indorses protection and reciprocity and especially commends President McKinley's reciprocity sentiments as expressed in his last speech at the Buffalo exposition.

SUSPECT A FORMER HUSBAND

Newton Cross Thought to Know Something About Tuman Murder.

MUSCATINE, Ia., Aug. 19.—Newton Cross, a former husband of Mrs. Jessie Tuman, was arrested tonight under the belief that he knows something of the killing of the woman and her husband. Dan Williams, who lived with the couple, is still missing.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	69	1 p. m.	84
6 a. m.	68	2 p. m.	84
7 a. m.	69	3 p. m.	85
8 a. m.	69	4 p. m.	86
9 a. m.	72	5 p. m.	86
10 a. m.	75	6 p. m.	74
11 a. m.	78	7 p. m.	73
12 m.	81	8 p. m.	72
		9 p. m.	70

NO RIOTING AT NORTH PLATTE

People of that City Object to the Statements of Railway Officials.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Aug. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The statement as given in The Bee this morning, made by an official of the Union Pacific, that North Platte was in a state of riot, that the property of the company was absolutely at the mercy of the strikers, is branded by the peaceable citizens of this town as a malicious falsehood and an open insult to the people. To say there is or has been a riot in North Platte is not true. To say that property to the amount of a dollar has been injured or destroyed by the strikers is also untrue. To say that the strikers are the arm of the law or have arrogated to themselves any police authority is another untruth. To say that the marshal of this city, in conjunction with the sheriff of the county, cannot preserve the peace is a reflection on their executive ability and a direct insinuation against hundreds of law abiding men who can be called upon in a moment to aid in suppressing any disturbance which may arise through the connivance of a railway official or be brought about by the strained conditions now existing as a result of the strike.

The facts are, and all the railway officials and the governor combined are challenged to disprove it, the only action bearing any semblance to a riot was a common saloon fight, which occurred a few days ago between a man imported by the railroad to do guard duty and a fellow who objected to the insulting remarks made by the guard in reference to the strikers, and yet it has to be advertised to the world in all the daily papers of the state that North Platte is in a state of riot, and according to the Union Pacific officials the militia are necessary to compel the citizens of North Platte to keep the peace. It is a foul slander under which no citizen of North Platte will rest without a vigorous protest.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of John N. Baldwin, general attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad company, for using abusive language toward Editor A. P. Kelly, tending to provoke an assault. Mr. Baldwin was angered because of telegrams sent to The Bee by Mr. Kelly setting forth the conditions at North Platte.

SAY CUDAHY SALE IS FICTION

Heads of Packing Concerns Declare Rumored Merger of Company to Be Untrue.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The report current today that the packing interests of the Cudahy company had been sold to a combination of Armour & Co., and Swift and Company was denied by H. A. Valentine of Armour & Co.

The report came from Omaha and was to the effect that a price of $21,000,000 had been agreed upon to be paid to the Cudahy interests through Michael Cudahy. The step, it was reported, was made to complete the alleged packers' trust. Michael, John and Edward Cudahy were to retire from the packing business for a term of years and turn over all their plants and the good will of the corporation. The deal was to go into effect September 1.

"There is no truth in the report of any sales of the Cudahy interests so far as I know or so far as this company is concerned," said Mr. Valentine. "There are rumors afloat to that effect, but they are not true."

Michael Cudahy, for the Cudahy company, denied that any merger was to take place.

FIVE ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Two Women and Three Children Lose Their Lives in a New York Tenement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—In a tenement house fire at 35 Essex street today two women and three children were burned to death, another woman was burned severely about the body and face and a man had three ribs broken by jumping from a window to the pavement.

The bodies of the dead women were burned beyond recognition. The injured woman is Mrs. Rosa Moses and the man who jumped is Jacob Moscovitz. A woman named Mrs. Hannah Balothin could not be found after the fire, and it was believed that one of the burned bodies found was hers.

Nathan Liebowizer reported to the police that his four children, respectively 3, 5, 6 and 8 years old, were missing, and a search of the building resulted in the finding of the badly burned bodies of two children, supposed to be Liebowizer's. The body of an elderly woman also was found.

APPLE GROWERS TO ORGANIZE

Prominent Producers of Six States Meet at St. Louis to Agitate the Matter.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—About twenty-five prominent apple growers of Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Indiana, Arkansas and Illinois are meeting here today for the purpose, it is said, of uniting the commercial apple growers of the United States and Canada into an organization to regulate the price of that fruit. J. H. Stanton, of the Illinois State Horticultural society, said:

"For years we have been handicapped by the fact that the apple buyers or jobbers have been able to dictate prices to us.

"Now, if we are the producers, why should we not have some voice in regulating the situation of prices? That is what we intend to organize for."

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Aug. 19.

At Boulogne Sur Mer—Arrived: Potsdam, from New York, for Rotterdam, and proceeded.

At Bremen—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg.

At Antwerp—Arrived: Friesland, from New York.

At Moville—Arrived: Furnessia, from New York, for Glasgow.

At New York—Sailed: Kaiserina Maria Theresa, for Bremen via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Moltke, for Hamburg via Cherbourg. Arrived: Kron Prinz Wilhelm, from Bremen.

At Hong Kong—Arrived: Doric, from San Francisco via Honolulu, etc.

At Sydney, N. S. W.—Moana, from Vancouver via Honolulu and Brisbane; Ventura, from San Francisco via Honolulu and Auckland.

REBELS TAKE CUMANA

Important Seaport Captured Without Firing a Single Shot.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS EVACUATE TOWN

Command Under General Velutini Withdraws Without Fight.

GO TO THE ISLAND OF MARGARITA

Embark on Steamer Ossun for a Safe Retreat.

BRITISH WARSHIPS ARE GATHERING

Will Visit La Guayra in Few Days and Announcement is Causing Considerable Speculation as to Object.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, Aug. 19.—News has just reached here that the seaport of Cumana, in the state of Bermudez, Venezuela, was occupied at noon today by the Venezuelan revolutionists without the firing of a single shot.

The government forces, commanded by General Velutini and the local authorities of Cumana, evacuated that town last night. They withdrew to the island of Margarita, about forty miles north of Cumana, on board the steamer Ossun.

A report is current here that a number of British warships, under command of an admiral, will visit La Guayra, Venezuela, in a few days. No reasons for the presence of the warships in question at La Guayra can be obtained and the report is causing considerable speculation.

Cumana, which is about 200 miles east of La Guayra, was occupied for a short time by the Venezuelan revolutionists last May. Upon this occasion also the government forces left the town without offering resistance. Cumana is about fifty miles east of Barcelona, which was captured by the revolutionists the early part of this month. The revolutionists now hold the custom ports of Ciudad Bolivar, LaGuayra, Le Vela, De Coro, Carupano, Barcelona and Cumana.

GATES FACTION LOSES OUT

Court Denies Application for Injunction in Noted Colorado Case.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 19.—The John W. Gates faction of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company has lost another round in its battle for the control of that company. Judge Reiner of the United States district court tonight denied the application for a preliminary injunction to prevent officials of the company from refusing to allow them to vote proxies they claim to have at the stockholders' meeting scheduled for tomorrow in this city.

The suit, which was brought in the name of John J. Mitchell and others against the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, was based upon the alleged fraudulent and absolutely void by-law which was adopted by the board of directors of the company on July 30 last, and which the complainants charged was framed and adopted for the purpose of enabling the present officials of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company to dictate the action of tomorrow's meeting and also to deprive the complainants and the shareholders they represent by proxy from voting at such meeting.

Judge Reiner held that all objections in the bill of complaint were met and answered by defendant company. In denying the application for a preliminary injunction the court was not expected to pass upon questions of law. However, he would say that on its face the by-law provided for an orderly and lawful method of conducting a shareholders' meeting and that apparently there was no other purpose in view. The by-law was adopted in good faith. The application for a preliminary injunction would therefore be denied.

The application was made several days ago and a brilliant array of legal talent was represented on either side of the case. The court room tonight was crowded with spectators, among whom were the leading members of the local bar, who have watched the course of the battle with deep interest. Mr. Gates and his friends listened attentively to the reading of the decision, and as soon as it was completed left the court room with their attorneys.

STREET CAR JUMPS TRACK

Eight Seriously Injured, Two Fatally, in Accident in New York City.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Eight persons were seriously injured, two of them at least fatally injured and a dozen other severely so, tonight, when one of the heavy open street cars of the Union railway line of the Bronx left the tracks on Jerome Park avenue, near the crossing of Mosholu Parkway, and turned completely over into a ditch.

Two of the men taken to the Fordham hospital have not been identified. Their skulls were fractured and the hospital authorities said they would likely die.

Others taken to Fordham hospital were:

Michael Donohue.
William Eisner.
C. H. Perrin.
A. L. Merrill.
Bernard Feeney.
Patrick Dale.
R. W. Crawford.

FIRE CHIEF CROKER IS OUT

Goes Away on Vacation and Returns to New York to Find Man in His Place.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Edward Croker, chief of the New York city fire department, was suspended from duty today by Fire Commissioner Sturgis. Mr. Croker, who is a nephew of Richard Croker, had been absent on a vacation, but returned to the city yesterday, saying he did so to resume his duties on advice of his attorneys. Mr. Croker said this advice was given because his name had been mentioned in connection with the hearing of charges against Chief of Construction Ryan of the department. When the chief reached his office yesterday he found that a new lock had been placed on his desk, so that his key would not fit it, and that his letter books for three years past had been carried away.