indictment and signed by Confucius I. Wayland. It is made on "information and belief." The complaint charges that, according to the indictment returned in Washington, August W. Machen, general superintendent of the free delivery system, in company with George W. Beavers and James W. Erwin, did conspire together with divers other persons to defraud the United States by giving to and obtaining for the Postal Devices and Improvement company (a corporation organized under the laws of California), in a manner contrary to law and the postal regulations, the exclusive opportunity for and business of furnishing to the free delivery service certain articles, supplies and equipments free from all competition, unreasonable and exorbitant prices far above the ordinary cost of manufacturing.

The complaint further charges that the articles secured were 100 of the indicated devices, and that Machen concealed from all other persons desirous of furnishing such supplies an opportunity to compete in the sale of the same, and that the exigency of the service did not demand the immediate delivery of the supplies mentioned. Machen further is charged with securing the approval and payment of all the bills of the Postal Device and Improvement company, though he knew them to be exorbitant and unreasonable, and with misinforming and deceiving the postmaster general and the first assistant postmaster general concerning these facts.

Two Have Left Town.

It is charged that Beavers, Erwin and Machen divided between themselves and others the excess of moneys and the unlawful gain accruing from the Postal Device and Improvement company, in consequence of this conspiracy.

The two postoffice inspectors who brought from Washington certified copies of the indictment against McGlehan and Huntington obtained bench warrants for them today. They were not able to find either of the men, however, up to a late hour this afternoon.

At the office of McGlehan and Huntington it was said that both men were out of the city and may not return for several days.

DEATH RECORD.

George Black.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—George Black, aged 21 years, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Chirley Black, died at the home of his parents in this city this forenoon after a short illness. Deceased had been employed in the Burlington shops here for a number of years and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. The funeral will be held Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. Brown.

PIERRE, S. D., Sept. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. J. J. Brown of Miller, who was brought to St. Mary's hospital in this city, died at the hospital this afternoon.

Two Robberies Net Little.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Sept. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The depot building of the Rock Island in this city was entered by thieves last night. The safe was easily opened without the necessity of using explosives, but contained nothing of value except a collection of old bills which was carried off by the thieves. All the cash taken in since the closing of the banks yesterday afternoon was in a sack which was placed in a pigeon hole. This was overlooked by the robbers, who left no clew.

The United States authorities here have been notified of the robbery of the postoffice at Ramona of stamps to the amount of about $25. So far as known this is all the robbers secured.

AMERICANS VISIT THE POPE

Polish Catholic Delegates Received in Private Audience and Want a Bishop.

ROME, Sept. 11.—The pope today received most cordially in a private audience the delegation from the Polish Catholic congress in America, composed of Father Wenceslaus Kruzka of Ripon, Wis., and Roland B. Mahany of Buffalo, who were accompanied by Father Antonucci of the congregation of studies.

The delegation presented his holiness with a Latin pamphlet setting forth the wishes of the Polish Americans, which consisted mainly of having representatives of their nationality in the Catholic hierarchy in the United States, it being pointed out that while the German Catholics, numbering 3,000,000, have thirteen bishops and two archbishops, the Poles, numbering 2,000,000, have none.

The pope gave the delegation satisfactory assurances, saying:

I have already read your pamphlet and documents and fully understand what is desired. Naturally, the matter came under the consideration of the congregation for the propaganda, but I will see that the matter is examined.

At the close of the audience Pope Pius, giving his hand to kiss, presented Fathers Kruszka and Antonucci and Mr. Mahany with his photograph, each bearing his autograph signature, which he wrote in their presence.

CHURCHES MAY BE MERGED

Twelve Branches of Presbyterian Creed Are Likely to Be Consolidated.

DENVER, Sept. 11.—Rev. Dr. R. F. Coyle, moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, who has just returned to his home in this city from a lecture tour in the east, believes that the time is not far distant when the twelve different Presbyterian churches in the United States will become one.

This probability, he says, is due to the reconstruction of the creed of his denomination, which took place last May. Calvanistic and Armenian lines, which have so long kept his and the Cumberland Presbyterian churches separated, have now, he says, been effaced, and at present no distinctions other than ceremonial separate the two great religious orders that began as one in the days of Cromwell.

"Another step," said Dr. Coyle, "that our church took at the last general assembly in May and one that tends toward the unity idea is to emphasize Christian education. With intellectual development many sordid distinctions that tend to keep churches separated will be obliterated.

"The Presbyterian church now has an educational committee and upon it has been imposed the duty of raising $12,000,000 for educational purposes. Most of this money will be spent upon schools in the west, for our institutions of learning in the east are in good shape financially."

IN PRISON WITH ENEMY

Peculiar Fate of Former Nebraska Man in St. Joseph Jail.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Joseph Kaffer, who was recently released from the Nebraska state penitentiary at Lincoln, attempted suicide in this city last night by beating his head against the bars of his cell at the Central police station.

Kaffer was sent to the penitentiary in Nebraska on the charge of attempting to kill Lafe Hamm. By a strange turn of the wheel of fate, Hamm and Kaffer occupied adjoining cells at the police station last night.

It was when Kaffer had beheld Hamm in his cell that he made the futile attempt to take his own life. He battered his head badly but the city physician says he will recover.

The police believe that Hamm must have said something to Kaffer which temporarily turned his mind. He is said to have been confined in an Iowa asylum at one time. He will likely be given a hearing to investigate his condition.

WRECK ON "KATY" RAILROAD

Three Persons Are Severely Injured in Smashup Near Sedalia, Missouri.

SEDALIA, Mo., Sept. 11.—In a wreck on the "High Line" of the Katy near Sutherland, Johnson county, today, several people were injured, three of them seriously.

They are: Eugene Descombe of Leeton, back sprained and body bruised; G. R. Simpson, dry goods salesman, of Kansas City, contusions and a mashed knee; J. S. Eisenberg, brakeman, of Sedalia, broken leg and body bruises. The injured were brought to the hospital here tonight.

Guests of Chicago Press Club.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—Western newspaper men and their wives will be the guests of the Chicago Press club tomorrow in an outing given to the nonresident members of the club. The program for the day includes a reception at the Auditorium annex in the morning, an automobile ride through the parks and boulevards, with a luncheon en route, a lake ride in the afternoon on the steamship Virginia and a banquet in the evening, at which Governor Van Sant of Minnesota, Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, ex-Governor George W. Peck of Wisconsin and Medill McCormick of Chicago will speak.

CONGRESS WILL BE SMALLER

Miners Decide to Reduce Number of Delegates to Annual Session.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ADOPTED

States Can Send but Ten Representatives and Commercial Bodies but Two, So Congress Will Be Independent.

LEAD, S. D., Sept. 11.—The constitution and bylaws which were the special order for this morning's session of the American Mining congress, were adopted as submitted with the exception of two minor changes.

These consisted in the reduction of the number of delegates to be appointed by the governor of a state from fifteen to ten and the reduction of the number of delegates to be appointed by a chamber of commerce, board of trade or other such body from three to two, the object being to place the congress in a more independent position.

The report of the committee on credentials was submitted and accepted.

After the adoption of the constitution and bylaws there was adopted a resolution asking the United States congress to pass a law for the establishment of a department of mines and mining with a representative in the president's cabinet. A letter from Senator Morgan of Alabama was read in response to an invitation from Secretary Mahon to attend and address the congress.

Plans for Next Meeting.

It developed today that the Oregon delegation is not a unit upon the matter of holding next year's session of the Mining congress at Portland. This became apparent when Colonel Frank V. Brown of Portland asked the congress to adopt a resolution to the effect that the sense of the American Mining congress is that, in recognition of the enormous benefits which have accrued to the mining industry of the country from the consummation of the Lewis and Clark exposition in 1905, which resulted in the acquisition by the United States of the territory of Oregon, comprising the present states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho and parts of Montana, Wyoming and Dakota, should contribute in every way possible to the success of the centennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark exposition to be held at Portland in 1905, and that in the furtherance of this object the congress also resolve to meet in Portland for its annual session in 1905. The resolution was referred to a committee, which reported in favor of its adoption, with the clause referring to 1905 stricken out, and it was so adopted.

What Miners Want.

The first matter before the congress in the afternoon was the report of the committee on resolutions. Among those favorably reported and adopted, in addition to the one referring to the department of mines and mining, were: One in relation to the collection of mineral statistics and asking that the work remain in the hands of the United States geological survey; asking the aid of the government in the establishment of good roads, condemning the subversion of the lumber and stone act, approving the purchase by the government of silver in open market and co-operation with committees appointed by the Mexican and other governments for the purpose of fixing the ratio between silver and gold, protesting against any legislation tending to further restrict the use of silver as real money or depress its value upon the market; that a committee of five active members of the congress be selected by the chairman to devise means by which suitable men may be employed to visit all mining camps and organize local mining bodies which shall co-operate with this congress and obtain paid members; against fake mining companies and exploitation of mining stocks based solely upon options for the purchase or leasing of mining properties and calling upon the several states and territories to pass such legislation as will remedy the evil and protect organizers of and investors in legitimate mining companies.

BOYS MAKE A CONFESSION

Arrested for Placing Rail Across Track and Admit the Crime.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Sept. 11.—Paul Murphy and Ernest Smith, boys of Raton, N. M., have been arrested by Special Agent Rudd of the Sante Fe road, charged with wrecking a train.

Last Sunday evening No. 2 passenger train ran across a rail which had been placed across the track near Hillside, just below the Raton tunnel, derailing both engines.

The boys have confessed that they placed the rail on the track.

JANSEN HEADS COMMISSION

Morrill Resigns and Governor Mickey Selects New Member of Exposition Board.

LINCOLN, Sept. 11.—Governor Mickey announced tonight the resignation of C. H. Morrill of Lincoln as chairman of the Nebraska commission to the Louisiana Purchase exposition and the appointment to the position of Peter Jansen of Jansen, Neb. Governor Mickey said that he had assurances that Mr. Jansen would accept the chairmanship.

NEWSBOYS' NIGHT AT THE KRUG

Fill the Gallery with Their Bodily Presence and the Rest of the House with Applause.

The familiar and appealing "Mister, if yuh ain't goin' back, please give me your check," was not heard about the lobbies of the theaters last night, for every newsboy in town was filling a seat in the gallery at the Krug. And whenever the time was opportune they filled the air with a gleeful racket. In "The Little Outcast" the lads saw [illegible] plain, bold acts that they could understand, appreciate and sympathize with, and if the noise they made is a criterion of their satisfaction the author of the play and the actors who depicted it may feel well pleased.

As "The Little Outcast" concerns chiefly Bob, the newsboy, "whose heart is right," Manager Gonden of the Krug and Manager Gill of the company considered it no more than right that the boys who sell papers in Omaha should be given a chance to see the play and express their opinion of it. Tickets, accordingly, were issued, and last night the youngsters formed at the three newspaper offices and assembled near Fifteenth and Douglas streets. In an exceedingly boisterous body more than 200 boys marched up Douglas to Sixteenth, then to Farnam and down Farnam to Fourteenth, where they made a bee line for the new theater. They were captained by Joe Meehan and Henry Bryan. Although a long line of people stood ready to buy tickets, the gallery doors were kept closed until the boys arrived. The procession carried banners and kept up a continual rumble of noise until they reached the entrance, when silence fell, and one of the lads stepped forward and presented Manager Gonden with a big sheaf of roses. Mr. Gonden thanked the boys and ushered them into the theater.

The gallery was theirs until the curtain had fallen on the last scene. When "Bob," in the person of Miss Anne Blancke, appeared the first time the advent was greeted with a salvo that made the rafters ring, and Bob's repeated saving the hero and frustrating the villains caused the real newsboys in the gallery to wildly applaud the clever imitation on the stage. Evidences of approval were made with keen discrimination, however, but the newsboys' quintette and the thrilling climaxes in the second and third acts were easy favorites. Altogether it was a great night for the "newsies" and they made the most of it.

Saw the Torpedo Work.

Frank C. Hedges, a young man hailing from Fairbury, was evidently born with a predilection for loud noise. His first [illegible], in gratification of this desire, on coming to Omaha Friday, was to place a large torpedo, such as is used in the signal service of railroads, on the street car track at Farnam and Eighteenth streets. After placing the explosive he sat down on the curb and calmly awaited results. In a short time a heavily loaded car came along. There was a deafening report, followed by screams of the women occupants of the car, and milder, but excited talk from the male portion of the passengers. The front trucks of the car were lifted several inches clear of the rails and the car was in imminent danger of being thrown from the track for a moment. Young Hedges was seen to place the explosive on the track by passers-by and was pointed out to Officer Foley, who took him to the station and had him locked up fearing he would try another practical joke, which might result in heart failure for some one.

Battle with Bricks.

George Snickenberger, who lives near Thirteenth and Pacific streets, did a rapid stunt dodging bricks yesterday afternoon. Jack Kelly was the man who fired the projectiles. He lives at 417 South Fourteenth street. After imbibing a large quantity of liquor he wandered to the south part of town, and finding a heap of bricks in the street it occurred to him that it would be rare sport to toss them through the windows in the neighborhood. He fired one through a window shutter and all and was in the act of putting another in the same place when Snickenberger came out of the house. Kelly immediately ceased his attack upon the window and turned his attention to the man, but Snickenberger was too quick for him and succeeded in landing a decisive blow upon Kelly's nose. He was gathered up by a policeman who arrived a minute afterward and locked up at the station, where he was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Dies on a Train.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 11.—Special advices from Mankato, Kan., states that William I. Dawson, a member of the Illinois legislature, died on the Rock Island train near there at 9:15 this morning. Mr. Dawson was a victim of quick consumption and had been traveling for his health.

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