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STATUS OF THE ARMY

General Ainsworth Discusses Attitude of Public Toward the Service.

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PEOPLE HAVE LITTLE INTEREST IN ARMY

In Time of Peace It is Regarded as an Institution That May Be Pared Down with Impunity.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Major General F. C. Ainsworth, the military secretary, in his second annual report devotes considerable attention to desertions from the army, and says:

Many remedies have been proposed, but none seems to be worthy of very serious consideration.

Those who know how the canteen came to be abolished are not hopeful for its restoration, there is not likely to be such increase in the soldier's pay as to offset the greater inducement in civil pursuits; the comforts and even luxuries that are furnished to enlisted men in our service are now even criticised by some as being not only extravagant, but injurious in their effect on men whose real business it is to march and fight, encumbered with few comforts and no luxuries, and the discipline and instruction to which the soldier is now subjected are not likely to be relaxed in future.

Little Interest in Army.

Our people have little real interest in the army in the time of peace and from the earliest days of the republic have been accustomed to look upon it as a more or less unnecessary institution that may be pared down with safety whenever a demand for retrenchment of public expenses arises. Enlistment in the army in time of peace is not uncommonly regarded as evidence of worthlessness on the part of the recruit and desertion in such a time is generally looked upon as nothing more culpable than the breach of a civil contract for service. The deserter suffers little or no loss of caste by his offense and is seldom without friends and sympathizers to shield him from arrest and to intercede in his behalf in the comparatively rare event of his falling into the hands of the military authorities.

Ostracism for Deserters.

It is safe to predict that desertion from the army will continue to be excessive unless there shall have been a radical change of public sentiment toward the army and until the deserter shall come to be regarded as the criminal that he is, to be ostracised and hunted down as relentlessly as any other transgressor of the laws. There is no reason to look for such a change of sentiment in the near future, and there are some who believe that the change will never come until our people shall have learned, through national disaster and humiliation, that the effective maintenance of any army of professional soldiers is absolutely essential to the preservation of the national honor and life and that the trained and disciplined troops of a modern enemy cannot be withstood by hastily organized armies of untrained or half trained civilians.

Actual Strength of Army.

General Ainsworth says that the actual strength of the entire military establishment June 30 last was 3,860 officers and 57,433 enlisted men in the regular army, 26 officers and 550 enlisted men in the Porto Rico provisional regiment of infantry, and 108 officers and 5,039 enlisted men in the Philippine scouts, making a total of 3,904 officers and 63,022 enlisted men. The maximum strength of the regular army, not including the hospital corps, is now fixed by executive order at 60,475 enlisted men.

The losses in the regular army during the fiscal year were:

Officers killed in action or died of wounds, diseases, etc., 24; resigned or discharged, 20; dismissed, 13; deserted, 3; retired, 59; total, 119.

Enlisted men killed in action, died of wounds, disease, etc., 377; discharged upon expiration of term of service, 22,254; discharged for disability, by sentence of court-martial and by order, 9,460; deserted, 6,533; retired, 189; total, 38,813.

Battle Flags for War Department.

During the year 274 battle flags, in custody of the War department, were returned to the governors of the states in which the regiments that bore them were raised. He says there still remains here 452 of these flags—164 union and 288 confederate—whose former ownership or custody it has been impossible to trace.

General Ainsworth recommends that these union flags be transferred to the United States military academy and that the confederate flags be given to some general confederate memorial or historical association, perhaps the Louisiana Historical association at New Orleans, the Southern Historical association at Richmond, Va., or the United Confederate Veterans' association.

SPANISH CRUISER TOTAL LOSS

Armament and Hull of Cardinal Cisneros, Which Sank Saturday Off Muros, Cannot Be Saved.

FERROL, Spain, Oct. 29.—The naval authorities have given up hope of salving the armament and hull of the Spanish armored cruiser Cardinal Cisneros, which sunk yesterday near Muros, province of Coruna, after striking a rock. The vessel is lying in a bad position in eighty feet of water.

The captain of the cruiser reports the following details of the loss: Shortly after leaving Muros Bay for Ferrol, with the remainder of the squadron in a calm sea, the Cardinal Cisneros, owing to a fog proceeded slowly. Off Point Meixidos the cruiser was taking soundings when the catastrophe occurred, the vessel striking an uncharted rock with terrific violence. An enormous rent was made in its bows through which the water rushed in great volume and the ship began to sink rapidly. The crew was called to quarters and observed discipline. They launched eight boats, but these were not sufficient to take off the entire complement of 540 men and the remainder were rescued under difficult conditions by a steam trawler and several fishing smacks which stood by.

The ship disappeared in less than forty minutes.

ADDRESS BY GENERAL HOWARD

Retired Army Officer Makes Address at Kansas City on Home Missions.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 29.—General O. O. Howard spoke tonight at the First Congregational church in this city upon the subject of educational work in the Cumberland mountains. Twenty-two graduates (colored) of the Howard university, an institution founded during General Howard's service in the government Freedmen's Aid bureau, attended the services.

A collection was taken and scholarships of $50 each to Lincoln Memorial institute at Cumberland Gap, in which General Howard is interested, were subscribed.

PRESIDENT MAKES FAST TIME

Fleet is Reported Off Savannah at 2 p. m. Sunday, with All on Board Well.

UNITED STATES FLAGSHIP WEST VIRGINIA, off Savannah, Ga., Oct. 29.—A strong breeze from the northeast has kicked up a heavy sea, but notwithstanding these unfavorable circumstances the squadron has maintained an average speed of twenty knots from Jupiter light to the present point, thus breaking all records for any squadron in our navy. This morning the entire crew was mustered aft and President Roosevelt delivered a short address to them. The president has spent most of the day on the forward bridge with Admiral Brownson.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Oct. 29.—The wireless station on Anastasia island has been in communication with cruiser West Virginia at intervals all during last night and today.

Messages during the night conveyed news that the president was well and thoroughly enjoying the voyage with fine weather up to that time. The cruiser had not encountered rough weather until shortly after noon today, when, nearing Savannah, it ran into the storm which is prevailing along the coast.

Last night Admiral Brownson gave a banquet to the officers of the West Virginia and its consorts in honor of the president. The usual Saturday evening concert abord was also enjoyed by the president.

The West Virginia and its consorts passed by St. Augustine shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. The vessels were nearly 100 miles off the coast. Mayor Boyce, on behalf of the citizens of St. Augustine, sent a message to the president from this station offering congratulations and best wishes for a safe and pleasant voyage. The message was received and acknowledged.

The station here picked up a number of messages which were being transmitted to the president, most of which were words of congratulations and best wishes from governors and high officials all over the country. The presidential fleet was reported off Savannah about 2 o'clock this afternoon. The ships were well out to sea and making remarkable speed, notwithstanding the high winds.

Chief Electrician Elkins, in charge of the station here, states that the weather, while cloudy and blustery, has been ideal for transmitting and receiving the wireless messages. He has had no difficulty in receiving and sending messages at distances ranging from 100 to nearly 1,000 miles.

CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE BURNS

Priest and Two Boys Seriously Hurt by Jumping from Roof of Building.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 29.—Three persons were seriously injured, one of whom subsequently died, and a dozen others had a narrow escape from the ames in a fire that destroyed the priests' house at Nazareth orphanage, a Catholic boys' institution, three miles from Raleigh, early this morning. The fire broke out between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning and spread rapidly. Twelve persons in the building escaped by jumping from the second and third story windows. Elven Buffalo, aged 12, and John Glavish, aged 15, were hemmed in the flames on top of the building forty-five feet above the ground. Timothy Wallace of New York, who has been studying for the priesthood, climbed the buttress of the building to rescue them, was cut off from the stairways, and the three jumped, all being mangled and injured seriously. Glavish died tonight. Dr. Lamb of New York, Revs. Fathers Price and O'Brien jumped from windows thirty feet from the ground, but are not seriously injured. The property loss is over $25,000.

CONSTITUTION FOR NORWAY

Opinion of the Storthing Seems to Favor Continuation of Monarchical Form.

CHRISTIANIA, Oct. 29.—The Storthing sat until a late hour Saturday night discussing a constitution. M. Honow, formerly radical leader, on behalf of the republicans, declared that the proposal for a plebiscite diminishes the respect held for the Storthing's governmental responsibility. Foreign Minister Loveland said a republican would be intrinsically as valuable as a monarchial constitution, but he pointed out that Norway being a well established constitutional monarchy generations of labor would be necessary to work out republican institutions. A continuation as a monarchy, he added, would be the logical result of the policy of June 7, when the Storthing dissolved the union between Norway and Sweden, and that otherwise Norway's international position would be hazardous.

Minister of Commerce Arctander said the government would resign if this policy was defeated.

Among those selected for ministerial posts abroad is H. S. Hauge, former secretary of legation for Norway and Sweden at Washington. The Foreign office is pushing its work of organizing a consular service.

GREAT SHINTO RITES FOR DEAD

Admiral Togo Officiates at Service in Memory of Naval Officers Killed in Battle.

TOKIO, Oct. 29.—Noon.—The great Shinto rites in memory of the naval officers and men who were killed during the war were held today at Aoyama cemetery. Besides the admirals, officers and sailors, hundreds of civil dignitaries were present. Admiral Togo addressed the departed spirits, eulogizing their noble deeds in battle and their gallant co-operation which resulted in the sacrifice of their lives.

He humbly asked repose for the spirits whose exemplary deeds in life had contributed to the victory over a powerful enemy. While reading his address Admiral Togo was seen to be stirred with strong emotion, which was in contrast with his calm demeanor while on the bridge of the Mikasa during the hottest battles.

The ceremony was most impressive and calculated to leave a lasting impression on those who witnessed it. Thousands of sailors marched to the accompanying strains of music to the cemetery and afterward to the Naval club.

Farmer Kicked by Horse.

STURGIS, S. D., Oct. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Bert Harvey, a farmer, residing on Alkali, near here, was kicked on the head by a horse yesterday morning and rendered unconscious. His left jaw is bruised, lips swelled, left eye black and swollen. He had not regained consciousness up to tonight and it is thought that he is seriously hurt.

COUNCILMAN NICHOLSON DEAD

City Official Passes Away Unexpectedly at His Home Sunday Afternoon.

DEMISE IS DUE TO APPENDICITIS

He Had Been a Resident of Omaha for Fifteen Years and Had Long Taken an Active Interest in Public Affairs.

City Councilman George T. Nicholson died most unexpectedly at 3:30 yesterday afternoon.

The news of his sudden demise came as a shock and a sad surprise to his many friends and supporters. A week ago last Friday he began to feel indisposed and soon developed the symptoms of appendicitis. The family physician, Dr. T. J. Kalal failed to alleviate his suffering and last Thursday afternoon an operation was performed and a suppurative abscess around the appendix was removed. After the operation Mr. Nicholson rallied quickly and appeared to be well on the road to recovery. Dr. Kalal made his usual call Sunday about noon and felt very confident that everything was going well. Mr. Nicholson's pulse was good and his temperature normal. He left orders to begin a stronger diet in the evening, if there was no unfavorable change.

Shortly after 3 o'clock it was noticed by the nurse in charge that a dense perspiration had broken out on the patient's brow and she sent at once for the physician. Before he arrived Mr. Nicholson died; and from the last flutters of his heart Dr. Kalal diagnosed the cause of his death as an acute dilatation of the heart.

One of Mr. Nicholson's brothers lives in Nebraska City, and he has been telegraphed. He is expected to arrive tonight to take charge of the affairs. No definite arrangements will be made as to the funeral services until he is here.

Career of Dead Man.

George T. Nicholson was 41 years of age when he died. He was born in Rochester, N. Y., February 25, 1864. His father was a carpenter and when his son was 12 years old, the family moved to Nebraska, locating at Nebraska City. Here Mr. Nicholson spent his school days. It was there and during his boyhood that he met Miss Blanch E. Halbrook, who later became his wife. During the early years of his manhood he was an engineer on the Missouri Pacific railroad. Fifteen years ago he came to Omaha and for seven years he was custodian of the Masonic temple, to which order he had long been a member. Afterward he became a member of the Waller Display company, with which he was still connected at the time of his death. In this firm he was the active partner and held the position of president during the greater part of his service.

At about the time of his entering the Waller Display company he became interested in municipal affairs and just previously had served the unexpired term of a member of the Board of Education. In April, 1903, he was chosen as a member of the city council, where he held the position of vice president of the council.

Mayor Moores' Tribute.

The news of his death was received with great regret by Mayor Frank E. Moores, who had not heard of it until an interview was asked with regard to it. He said:

"I cannot express how much this shocks me. I had no idea that there was any danger. The last reports were so very encouraging that I had ceased to be anxious. The family surely has my deepest sympathy. I can say for Mr. Nicholson that he showed himself to be a fearless, conscientious member of our council, one whose abilities it was glad to recognize. As a man I always liked him. It is most regretful that a man in his full strength and one so resourceful and strong in every way should have to lay down his work, to die, as has Mr. Nicholson."

Mr. Waller said: "You cannot say anything too good of George T. Nicholson. I do not hesitate to say that he was the life of our firm. He was always prompt and full of energy. It will be a great loss to us all."

Mr. Nicholson leaves a wife and a baby girl. Mrs. Nicholson is prostrated with grief. There are three brothers, two sisters and his mother to survive him. One brother lives with his mother in Nebraska City. The sisters live in Portland, Ore. Another brother is in Seattle and the third in La Grand, Ore.

Mr. Nicholson was a member of several fraternal organizations, especially the degrees of Masonry. He was a member of St. John's lodge, Scottish Rite Masons, of the Knights Templar, Omaha council No. 1 and Omaha chapter No. 1. He was also a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. It is likely that they will be glad to assist in showing the last respects to their brother.

KING IS TEACHING A PRINCE

Peter of Servia Undertakes Task Abandoned by Instructor of His Heir.

BELGRADE, Oct. 29.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—King Peter of Servia has now taken up the arduous task of instructing his son, the Servian crown prince, which his tutor, Major Lavasseur, gave up in despair. His majesty takes the youth with him wherever he goes. Every morning he reads to him illuminating passages from the newspapers, and watches while the prince improves his mind by conning a certain number of pages a day.

If the prince chafes while the "mental improvement" course is in progress a secretary is called, who reads aloud passages which in the estimation of the king the prince should assimilate. King Peter then comments on the value of the information conveyed. The books selected for the edification of the princely mind are mainly historical and political.

Prince George had hoped with the coming of his majority a few weeks ago he would be delivered from the school room thralldom, but the king has decided that his education must continue.

YOUNG MAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Frank McGugin Killed by Shot from Revolver which He Dropped.

PIERRE, S. D., Oct. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank McGugin, about 18 years old, was accidentally shot and killed here late last night. He was a son of S. D. McGugin, local agent for the American Express company, and was looking after the affairs of the office during the absence of his father in Ohio. He had prepared to meet the night train and went into a restaurant for lunch, laying his coat on a table. In picking it up the revolver which he carried on his trips fell from the pocket and was discharged, the ball striking him in the abdomen and coming out at his shoulder. He was taken to the hospital and lived several hours.

CITY LOSES SIX MILLIONS

Engineers Who Examine Work on Three Philadelphia Projects Make Report.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—The report of the Board of Investigating Engineers, appointed last July by Mayor Weaver to examine the filtration system of the city and the northeast and southern boulevards now under construction, which report was submitted to the mayor yesterday, was made public today. It is signed by Major Cassius E. Gillette of the United States engineer corps, who investigated the Savannah harbor frauds, and John Donald MacLennon of Washington, D. C. The report shows that up to date the city has lost through excessive costs, collusive bids, illegal advertising and in other ways the sum of $6,320,000.

The contractors who have received most of the more than $18,000,000 which have been expended on improvements are D. J. McNichol & Co., James Ryan, John A. Kelley and Vare Bros. The members of the McNichol firm are Israel W. Durham, leader of the local republican organization; State Senator J. P. McNichol, also a city leader, and the latter's brother, Daniel. The Vare firm is made up of State Senator J. H. Vare and R. J. Vare. Their brother, William Vare, is recorder of deeds, an elective office.

The officers held responsible by the report for some of the conditions of the filtration system are William C. Haddock, who was director of public works under Mayor Ashbridge; Peter E. Costello, director of public works under Mayor Weaver until last May, when the mayor dismissed him, and John W. Hill, former chief of the bureau of filtration, who is awaiting trial on the charges of fraud and falsification of records in connection with the construction of the filtration system.

The report says:

Omitting from construction all small contracts—say under $30,000—we find street filtration work and the two boulevards, as constructed up to date, the city has paid or pledged $18,761,541.

First class work under the filtration under the specifications should not have cost over $12,430,000, which includes an allowance of 20 per cent, or $2,075,208 for legitimate contractors' profits. The difference is $6,330,000. In other words, $18,760,000 in round numbers has been paid for work costing the contractors $10,356,000.

Of the $6,330,000 excessive cost, there has gone to the contractors who worked under the name of D. J. McNichol, $5,065,122; similar to Ryan & Kelley, $543,836, and to Vare Bros., $89,128.

Of the $18,761,541, there remains unpaid about $568,000 to McNichol and $75,000 to Ryan & Kelley.

Much of the work done by Ryan & Kelley and D. J. McNichol is not first class. The parts which show prominently to the public are fairly well done; the parts that can be examined with a little trouble are distinctly second class and not up to the specifications. We, of course, do not know what the condition of such portions as cannot be seen without tearing up the work, but wherever we have dug into it we find it second class or worse.

Continuing, the report says:

A careful analysis of all filtration advertising indicates that everything possible was done to avoid any real publicity without letting that fact appear too prominently in the records. The bureau's preliminary estimates, instead of being freely furnished to bidders, were rigorously guarded secrets, so far as the general bidder was concerned, except that they were furnished in the specifications for differing materials, where they were very little needed.

CHICAGO WATER MAIN BURSTS

Accident Causes Loss of Three Lives and Property Damage Amounts to $150,000.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Three lives were lost, property valued at $150,000 was destroyed, scores of families were made homeless and freight traffic on the Nickel Plate railroad was delayed for several hours, all because of the breaking of a water main at Eighteenth and Clark streets today. The fatalities resulted indirectly from the flood, which followed the bursting of the water pipe and flooded the immediate neighborhood for several blocks, damaging a number of business houses in the vicinity. Two of the persons who lost their lives were overcome by gas in the Illinois tunnel at Eighteenth street and Armour avenue while attempting to ascertain if the flood had damaged the property of the company. The other death was the result of a shock to an invalid who awoke and found her room flooded with water. Besides these casualties several persons were injured in the flood while attempting to recover the bodies of the two men suffocated in the tunnel.

The dead:

MICHAEL BARRY, shaft superintendent Illinois Tunnel company, overcome by gas while examining tunnel for damage caused by flood.

PATRICK BARRY, master mechanic of tunnel company, overcome by gas while attempting to rescue his brother.

MRS. LOTTIE HAMIN, 70 years old, 1821 Clark street. Was taken from her room to a hospital, where she died a few hours later as a result of the shock and exposure.

The injured:

John Casey, overcome by gas while attempting to rescue the Barry brothers; condition serious.

Cyril Maher, overcome by gas while looking for the bodies of the Barry brothers; condition serious.

Joseph Lavancico, leg broken when the Nickel Plate tracks, which had been undermined by the flood, caved in.

Several other persons suffered minor injuries while escaping from their homes in the flooded district.

Carelessness on the part of the Barry brothers cost them both their lives. Every Saturday night the air pressure in the tunnel is shut off to allow ventilation while work in the tunnel is abandoned over Sunday. This allows the collection of gases, which are blown off when the pressure is put on again Sunday night. When the water main burst word was sent to Michael Barry, the superintendent, who went to make an investigation of the tunnel in that district. When Barry reached the shaft the air pressure had not been turned on, but he insisted that he could make the investigation in perfect safety. After Barry had been in the shaft for half an hour and no word had been received from him his brother decided to follow him. Some time passed and neither man appeared. Then a rescuing party was formed, but all efforts at rescue were blocked by the condition of the air in the tunnel. Several efforts were made to get into the tunnel during the day and it was during one of these attempts that Casey and Maher were overcome. Up to a late hour tonight the bodies of the Barry brothers were still in the tunnel.

Fifteen Years for Manslaughter.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—Nester Marqueze, the Mexican coal shoveler who brutally murdered Andrew S. Artlet in a room over the Home Ranch saloon, on West Seventeenth street, a month ago, Saturday pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced by Judge Scott to fifteen years at hard labor. The maximum penalty for the crime is twenty years.

Snow in Western Nebraska.

DENVER, Oct. 29.—A wet snow began falling late this afternoon and the storm was in full sway tonight in Wyoming, western Nebraska and South Dakota. In Colorado only the western slope is affected.

CLEVELAND PLANTS A TREE

Former President Places White Maple in Park Near Morton Monument.

OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS ASSIST

Party Leaves Nebraska City on Special Train Over the Burlington Route Sunday Evening for Chicago.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Former President Grover Cleveland and the party of distinguished guests that attended the unveiling of the Morton monument planted a white maple tree at noon today in the southeast corner of the plot of ground in front of the monument of J. Sterling Morton.

A hole had been dug for the tree, which is about twelve feet high, and Mr. Cleveland placed the maple in the hole and threw in the first shovel of earth. Each of the guests then placed a shovel full of earth about the roots. Several of the party made very brief addresses and the company joined in a song. The tree planting was witnessed by only a few persons besides the Arbor Lodge guests.

At 6:30 this evening the special train bearing Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland and the party who accompanied the ex-president left for Chicago over the Burlington. Mr. Cleveland spent a quiet day at Arbor Lodge and did not feel any ill effects from his long exposure to the cold, damp weather of yesterday while he remained upon the speakers' stand during the unveiling ceremony.

It is learned locally that Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland had practically decided to come to Omaha for a visit on Sunday. The raw, cold character of the day had the effect of changing this plan, however, and the former president and his wife at the last moment decided to go straight through to Chicago.

Telephone Company Pays Damages.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—The case of Mace E. Atwood against the Falls City Telephone company was settled out of court, the company paying the plaintiff $1,500 and settling costs of action. This case grew out of a severe accidental injury sustained by Mrs. Atwood, wife of a Humboldt farmer, in January, 1902. The team took fright at a dog and started to run, smashing into a telephone pole before Mr. Atwood could get them under control. It was thought for a time the woman was killed and she came out of the deal with the loss of one of her limbs. It is claimed the poles had been set too far into the roadway and suit was brought first against the county, but later this was dismissed and action begun against the telephone company, with the above results. The case has been continued for several years.

Nebraska Students in Boston.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—A majority of the entering students at the New England Conservatory of Music, recently opened for its fall term, are from the middle west. Among them are the following: Adah Dell Bowen, Broken Bow, Neb., regular course voice and piano; Fay Hostetter, Blue Hill, Neb., full piano course; Anna M. Johnson, Holdrege, Neb., full course piano; Gussie Gants, Rapid City, S. D., piano, voice and languages; Retah B. Rich, Des Moines, Ia., regular course in voice work; Jessie M. Walker, Fargo, N. D., regular course in piano.

COWEN TALKS OF CONVENTION

Detectives Gather Evidence Showing That Railway Officials Attempted to Pack It.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Evidence tending to prove that efforts were made by railroad interests to pack the recent convention of the Interstate Commerce Law league, will be taken to Washington by the notification committee and placed before the proper authorities, when they go to the capital to present President Roosevelt with a copy of the resolutions adopted by the convention in Steinway hall.

This statement was made tonight by Judge Cowen of Fort Worth, Texas, who was a delegate to the convention. According to Judge Cowen the executive committee of the league for several weeks before the date of the convention had detectives busy gathering evidence showing that the railroads were attempting to influence delegates with the purpose of defeating the object of the convention in endorsing President Roosevelt's position on the railroad rate question.

"One of the charges against the convention by the railroad people," said Judge Cowen tonight, "is that our meeting was held for political purposes. This is manifestly ridiculous, as more than half the delegates in Steinway hall were democrats from southern states. This movement is broader than any political party and those connected with the movement include representatives of every party and every line of business in the country."

WORST BANK WRECK ON RECORD

Depositors in Enterprise of Allegheny Will Not Get Ten Cents on the Dollar.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 29—The Post tomorrow will say: If every penny of the 100 per cent assessment against the stock of the Enterprise National bank is paid, the depositors will not get more than ten cents on the dollar. That is the opinion of the government officials at Washington to whom the corps of federal experts at work on the bank's condition have reported.

Startling facts as to the extent of the failure have developed. The department officials brand it as the "worst wreck on record." Not only does it appear that every asset of the institution was borrowed or stolen, but that through the re-hypothecation of notes and securities, the bank owes in excess to everything it ever had.

COMMANDER EVA BOOTH ILL

Salvation Army Officer Unable to Keep Engagement in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 29.—Commander Eva Booth of the Salvation Army, who was to deliver two addresses here today, failed to appear, and it was announced that she had been taken seriously ill with appendicitis in New York as she was about to leave for this city. Near the close of the meeting tonight Colonel William Peart read to the audience a telegram from New York headquarters, which said: "Miss Booth slightly better, but very low and cannot sleep."

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—At Salvation Army headquarters tonight it was said that Commander Eva Booth was not ill with appendicitis and that she was merely greatly fatigued and in need of rest.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Partly Cloudy, Snow in Southwest Portion Monday. Tuesday Fair.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	34	1 p. m.	38
6 a. m.	33	2 p. m.	39
7 a. m.	33	3 p. m.	40
8 a. m.	33	4 p. m.	40
9 a. m.	34	5 p. m.	40
10 a. m.	34	6 p. m.	41
11 a. m.	35	7 p. m.	41
12 m	37	8 p. m.	40
		9 p. m.	39

SUIT CASE MYSTERY SOLVED

Victim is Miss Susan Geary, a Chorus Girl, and Her Fiance, Morris Nathan, is Charged with Murder.

BOSTON, Oct. 29.—That the dismembered body found in a suit case at Winthrop on September 21 is that of Susan Geary of Cambridge is the belief of the girl's family and friends and of the Boston police department.

Miss Geary, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Geary, was a chorus girl of the "Shepherd King" company and was known on the stage as Ethel Durrell. She was 21 years old. Mrs. Geary today identified three rings taken from the right hand found in the second suit case picked up near the new Charlestown bridge on Friday last as those worn by her daughter when she absented herself from the theatrical company on September 11.

Confirmation of Miss Geary's disappearance from the company came from Morris Nathan, secretary to the manager of the company and to whom Miss Geary was engaged. Mr. Nathan is now in Pittsburg, Pa. According to Nathan, Miss Geary parted from him on the best of terms the day after the company closed its last engagement in this city and he supposed, he said, that he should see her at the next performance in Lowell, on the following day. Instead, however, a message was received by the company's manager from "P. A. Smith, M. D., Boston," which stated that "Miss Durrell" was suffering from stomach trouble and would be unable to report for several days.

Miss Geary dropped out of sight after that and so far as the police are concerned they have been unable to find any one who either saw or communicated with the girl. Ten days later a dress suitcase, in which was the torso of a young woman, was found floating in the harbor near the Winthrop Yacht club, about three miles below the city, and on Friday last another suitcase containing the arms and legs of the victim was taken from the water off the city docks, near the new Charlestown bridge over the Charles river. On the fingers of the right hand were three rings, which gave the police the first tangible clue in the case. It was then found that Mrs. Geary had a missing daughter whose description tallied with that of the suitcase victim. Mrs. Geary and her two daughters described the rings and afterward positively identified them as belonging to Susan Geary.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 30.—After a long and searching examination at police headquarters, lasting until after 1 o'clock this morning, Morris Nathan, secretary to the manager of the "Shepherd King Co.," was held on a charge of murdering his sweetheart, Miss Susan Geary, the victim of the Winthrop suit case mystery, which has been puzzling the Boston authorities for more than a month.

FRESHMAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Kenyon College Student Meets Mysterious Death While Awaiting Initiation Into Society.

GAMBIER, O., Oct. 29.—Stewart L. Pierson, a freshman at Kenyon college, was killed by a Cleveland, Akron & Columbus train last night while awaiting initiation into the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. There was no eye witness to the accident so far as known.

According to the statement of members of the fraternity, Pierson had been told to station himself at the foot of an abutment of the railroad bridge and await the coming of a committee to take him to a fraternity house to initiate him. When they went to the spot an hour later Pierson was not there. A hurried investigation resulted in the finding of the student's mangled body on the railroad track on the bridge. How he came to be on the bridge the students are at a loss to understand. Rumors were afloat today that Pierson had been tied to the railroad track by the initiators, but the fraternity men emphatically deny that such a thing was done or even contemplated.

Young Pierson was a son of L. N. Pierson, a business man of College Hill, Cincinnati. Mr. Pierson, sr., is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and had come here to attend the initiation of his son. The body of the dead student was taken to the home of President Pierce of Kenyon and prepared for burial. It was taken to Cincinnati this morning on a special train by the father.

Before leaving Mr. Pierson notified the members of the fraternity that he did not attach any blame to them.

The theory advanced by the students and members of the faculty is that young Pierson sat down on the end of a railroad tie to wait and fell asleep. He had been up all the previous night awaiting his father's arrival and was worn out by his long vigil.

AUTO SCORCHERS ARRESTED

Deputy Sheriffs Armed with Shotguns Patrol Roads in Vicinity of St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 29.—A force of deputies, armed with shotguns and appointed by the sheriff, under authority of the St. Louis county court, patrolled the St. Louis county roads for the first time today to prohibit automobile scorching. Among the prominent automobilists detained were Marion Lambert, vice president of a pharmacy company; August Gehner, capitalist; F. H. Britton, general manager of the Cotton Belt railway, and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Kerens. Mr. Kerens is the son of Colonel R. C. Kerens, recently nominee for United States senator. The chauffeurs were charged with exceeding the speed limit and released in bond pending trial next Thursday.

The shotgun patrolmen, stationed along the roads, used stop watches and then stopped the automobiles with leveled shotguns.

Women Occupy Pulpits.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 29.—Today was "white ribbon" day in the various churches of the city and suburban towns, in honor of the visiting delegates to the National Woman's Christian Temperance union convention. The principal event of the day was the convention sermon, delivered by Miss Elizabeth W. Greenwood of the evangelistic department at the First Congregational church this afternoon.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Oct. 29.

At New York—Arrived: Bleucher, from Hamburg; Nicolai II, from Copenhagen; Columbia, from Glasgow; United States, from Copenhagen; La Gascogne, from Havre.

At Queenstown—Sailed: Etruria, for New York.

At Dover—Sailed: Moltke, for New York.

CRISIS IS IMMINENT

Russian Government Seems Powerless to Cope with Situation.

PRESENT REGIME SEEMS TOTTERING

Differences Develop Between Count Witte and General Trepoff.

DISCONTENT EXTENDS TO THE ARMY

Grave Doubts Are Now Entertained of Fidelity of Imperial Guard.

TWO SERIOUS CONFLICTS IN ODESSA

Twenty-Seven Persons Are Reported Killed and Ninety Injured—Cossacks Fire Upon Students.

BULLETIN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 30.—1:40 a. m.—At 1 o'clock this morning an additional detachment of military telegraphers took possession of the general telegraph office and service was partly resumed.

The employes of the chief telegraph office here have declared a three days' strike.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 29.—10:40 p. m.—While the day passed quietly, without bloodshed in the Russian capital, and while the city is outwardly calm, today's developments all indicate that a crisis is imminent. Although the streets are filled with troops and reinforcements are now pouring in from Finland, the government seems utterly powerless to cope with the situation and many calm observers seem seriously to believe that the present regime is tottering to its fall.

Differences have developed between Count Witte and General Trepoff, and while the precious moments pass, the emperor, surrounded by the imperial family, remains shut up at Peterhof, seemingly still hesitating as to what course to pursue.

Grave doubts are expressed as to whether even the imperial guard can now be relied on. Discontent is rife. Early this morning the Fourteenth equipage of sailors of the guard who have been shut up like prisoners in barracks on the Moska canal, demolished the windows and furniture and in the afternoon a detachment consisting of four officers of the guard went to the lawyers' assembly and told the barristers that many of the officers and a large part of the troops were disgusted with the government and were ready to enlist in the movement for freedom. They asked for aid toward effecting organization and said they had discussed among themselves the question of resigning, but decided to show that people in uniform could help to achieve libertles. Even the Cossack patrols in keeping idlers moving in the streets today seemed careful not to use their whips and simply drove the crowds along before their advancing horses.

Strikers Make Demands.

A meeting of the municipal council was held this evening at which a deputation of thrty members of the strikers committee appeared. In an impassioned speech the leader of the deputation presented the following demands of the workmen and affiliated organizations:

First—A constitution and political liberty.

Second—That the city furnish food to the workmen.

Third—That the city refuse further supplies to the troops and the police.

Fourth—That the troops be removed from the water works or otherwise the strikers would cut the water supply.

Fifth—The immunity of the deputation from arrest.

The council granted this last demand and promised to reply to the other demands tomorrow.

The council sent requests to both General Trepoff and Minister of the Interior Bouligin not to arrest the members of the deputation but the police, nevertheless, took them into custody. Upon urgent representations, General Trepoff an hour later released them. The people are extremely nervous and bordering on panic and are easy victims of every sensational rumor. Among the countless baseless reports which received credence today were: That the emperor had embarked on a vessel and fled to Denmark; that General Trepoff had been killed by a bomb and that Vice Admiral Birileff has been assassinated by mutineers in the Black sea.

Strike in the Postoffice.

With a strike in the government postoffice tonight, communication with the interior practically ceased. Government troops were placed in the government telegraph office, but only a few lines are working. Many lines, including the land lines to the continent and to Libau, where they connect with the cable, have been cut. At 10 o'clock, however, the cable by way of Nystad and Sweden was still open. This is now the only thread connecting Russia with the outer world. Admiral Durnovo, superintendent of posts and telegraphs, told the representative of an European power today that he could not tell how long cable communication with the continent would last.

Protection for Americans.

The foreign embassies have discussed the situation, but as yet have taken no steps as regards the safety of foreign residents. As a precaution the state department at Washington has been requested to confer authority for the charter of a vessel and to hoist on it an American flag, as a refuge for Americans.

Negotiations for a new loan will be formally adjourned tomorrow, as neither the government nor the bankers are prepared to close the negotiations while the present situation continues.

J. Pierpont Morgan, jr. and George W. Perkins are negotiating with the Hamburg-American Steamship company for a despatch of a vessel to take them off in case of necessity.

The University, the Polytechnic institute, and all the educational institutions were closed today so as to prevent further meetings being held in them. The University is surrounded by troops who blocked all the adjacent streets, and the students and professors are kept within the confines of each institution. Even the druggists have struck, and as there are many cases of sickness in the city, the army dispensaries, by request of the physicians, have been opened to fill prescriptions. At a meeting tonight the physicians divided the city into districts and selected stations where first aid to the injured will be given in case there should be collisions between the troops and the people.

Such news as comes from the interior shows no improvement in the situation. The government everywhere seems powerless to break the political strike.

Ultimatum from Moscow Council.

Most interesting, by far, however, is the news from Moscow, the real Russian capital, where, according to private reports,