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Attorney Brandeis, for Prosecution, Asks that Secretary of Interior Appear in Pinchot Inquiry.

COMMITTEE WILL MAKE DECISION

Matter Passed Up for Time Being, but Summons May Be Issued.

STEPHEN BIRCH TAKES STAND

Manager of Morgan-Guggenheim Syndicate Questioned All Day.

TELLS THINGS ABOUT ALASKA

Conl Lands Come in for Long Discussion, in Which Lawyer Tries to Show Up "the Power of Morgan."

WASHINGTON, March 25.-The Ballinmse of of representatives.

requesting that Secretary of the Interior cipline aboard the Salem. Ballinger be called as one of his witnesses. ters that he desired to introduce in evidence in personnel. at this time. Questioned further by memhe admitted that he desired to conduct a House Will Discuss general examination of the accused cabinet

Counsel for Mr. Ballinger objected to this and called forth from Mr. Brandels the remark that from his letters he had always Hasty Action Will Not Be Taken on supposed Mr. Ballinger to be ready to appear whenever and as often as any one connected with the inquiry desired.

Some members of the committee seemed to think that Mr. Ballinger, as the person most interested in the inquiry, should have opportunity to make his statement first in his own way and not subject himself to a cross-examination. The matter was passed over temporarily to be decided later

Manager Birch on Stand. The witness stand was occupied during the entire day by Stephen Birch, managing director of the Morgan-Guggenheim syndiin Alaska. It was thought at first that Mr. Birch's testimony would be largely Members of the committe, however, be- ment to the law. came deeply interested in the operations of The Alaska syndicate, and they plied the objections have been made to it all over witness with questions from every possible the country, it is proposed to amend the sage. Much of the questioning was intended to show that the Guggenheims practically control Alaska. Mr. Birch stoutly ferees on the bill were not appointed, which

"Well," he was asked by Representative the house of the senate amendments. Graham, 'If the Guggenheims got control

a fair question to ask him. He admitted that the Guggenhelm interests were large; that they had invested some \$15,000,000 at ready and had contracted for the expenditure of other millions. There had been no returns from these investments as yet. But the syndicate had "hopes."

As to the Cunningham claims, Mr. Birch the claimants had given to Daniel Guggenhelm, July 20, 1907. He declared that this option had been accepted by the Guggenhelms December 7 of that year. The claimants, however, had never lived up to its terms. Cunningham, he said, in January or tion by changing their railroad base from Katalla to Cordova, and that, furthermore, the option was of no effect because a majority of the claimants had never ratified it.

"The Power of Morgan." Mr. Brandels sought to show that the Morgans and Guggenhelms, with their "great power and influence in this counmust have brought this influencing an effort to get patents granted to the Chaningham claimants.

Mr. Birch declared, however, that he knew of no such efforts having been made, What could we have done?" he protested. "Ah, Mr. Birch, you can answer that far better than I." dramatically exclaimed Mr.

As to his estimate that the coal in Alaska was worth 50 cents a ton and that, therefore, the Cunningham claims represented an actual value of \$25,000,000, Mr. Birch declared that it was just as sensible to say that the leebergs in Alaska were of inestimable value. The icebergs, he said, would be valuable if they could be brought to market in this country. So it was with the coal, but first the transportation facilities had to be provided.

It was evident today that members of the committee are growing irritable and that this irritability extends to the counsel, There were frequent clashes and both Messrs, Brandels and Vertrees made apologies at the close of the session for impatient remarks.

Immediately after the committee met today Mr. Brandels said that when Mesars. Birch and Steele, of the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate had given their testimony he desired to call Secretary Ballinger and would like to have him appear today.

Mr. Vertrees was on his feet in an "Mr. Bailinger," he said, "is the person most interested in this inquiry. We ought

to be allowed the discretion as to indicating when he should appear." Mr. Brandels said he desired to prove by Secretary Ballinger certain letters that could be proved best by him.

"Mr. Ballinger has already contemplated appearing more than once before this committee," continued Mr. Brandels. "His let ters to the committee show that he is ready to come at any time."

The committee will decide this matter in executive session," ruled Chairman Nelson. Protest from Brandels.

"Ban I desire to be heard." protested Mr. "Preceed, then," directed Mr. Nelson. "This inquiry begun," resumed the attorney, "with the explicit statement on our part that we would lay before the committee such facts as seemed vital to the investigation. We particularly declined to make charges. We desired the committee

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Keeps Cruiser From Sailing

Probe Into Alleged Harsh Treatment of Men on "Salem" Proceeds at Hampton Roads.

NORFOLK, Va., March 25.-Owing to an nvestigation begun today by Admiral Dil. Appalling Details of Allegea lingham into charges of alleged harsh and cruel treatment to the men aboard the scout cruiser Salem, the sailing of the vessel has been delayed. It was to have SIX BANKS UNDER INVESTIGATION joined the Birmingham, a sister ship, in a cruise to South America and the west coast of Africa, from which points the two Testimony Indicates that They Paid ships are to conduct long distance wireless tests during the coming summer with Brantok, Mass. After the words "Evans" Mad House" had been found painted on ORDER CITY FUNDS WITHDRAWN the side of the Salem, which is commanded by Captain George R. Evans, a seaman, under sentence of imprisonment for five

years, leaped overboard. Inquiry at the Navy department developed the fact that for some time past complaint has been heard that Captain George Evans was applying the naval regulations with undue severity on board the Salem. It

by the fight against Speaker Cannon in the The department by no means was satis-As soon as the committee met this morn-but to settle all doubt sent Admiral Dil- their institutions as city depositories formed fied that these allegations were truthful, H. Glavis and others, sprang a surprise by personal investigation of the state of dis- grand jury today.

The department is now awaiting his rewished to identify by Mr. Ballinger two let- measures, even if these involve a change made on the banks named indicates that

Tax Amendments

Senate Bill to Change Corporation Act.

WASHINGTON, March 25.-The senate amendment to the corporation law pro-viding that reports required under the comptroller the withdrawal of funds will be Telegram.)—After a struggle that required crats, in pursuance of the provision of the terms of that act shall only be made pub- stadual, however, so that the institutions the combined efforts of all citizens in this Norris resolution. the when called for by resolution of the senate or house or upon the order of the senate or house or upon the order of the senate or house or upon the order of the service of the secretary to redeem in favor of the first young man to insure his attendance at the secretary to redeem in favor of the First young man to insure his attendance at the president will not be accepted by the house, the presentment calling on the bank direc- morning was corralled between the junction rules; until after full discussion.

law without the house having an opporfunity to discuss it," said Mr. Pitzgerald today, when a request was made for the perfunctory in character and would follow appointment of conferees on the legislathe lines of his statement recently made tive, executive and judicial appropriation before the senate committee on territories, bill which contains the proposed amend-

"Now that it has gone into effect and

will give an opportunity for discussion of coal lands in Alaska, what would there NOMINATIONS BY PRESIDENT

Mr. Birch said he did not think this was District Judge for Baltimore and Two District Attorneys Named.

today sent to the senate the nomination of John C. Rose, now United States district and the story of the transfer of \$45,000 by produced the option which a committee of P. Hill, to be United States district attorney to succeed Mr. Rose. Clarence R. Wilson was nominated by the president to be United States district attorney for the District of Columbia, succeeding Daniel W.

Baker, resigned. February, 1908, had contended that the Bundy of Ohlo, at Monrovia, Liberia; Guggenheims themselves had voided the op- Charles B. Curtis of New York City, at Christiania; Richard O. Marsh of Illinois at Panama; Arthur Orr of Evanston, III.

To be second secretaries of embassies: Gustav Scholle, St. Paul. at Paris; George T. Weltzel, St. Louis, at Mexico City.

SHACKLETON AT NEW YORK Antarctic Explorer Refuses to Discus Dr. Cook-Thinks Peary Reached Pole.

NEW YORK, March 25 .- "I have little doubt that Captain Scott's expedition will reach the South pole," said Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, when he referring to this deal having been cut from counties. The damage done in that region landed today. "I maye no intention of heading any expedition to the South pole while kept \$5,000 for his services in arranging phone lines were destroyed and it will be Captain Scott is trying to reach it." The British explorer arrived today, with

Lady Shackleton. The explorer declined to discuss Dr. Cook. the pole," he said. "I have absolutely no

SHOOTS WIFE OF HIS FRIEND the German National bank of Pittsburg and Verne Hartlerond of Wabash, Ind. Patally Wounds Mrs. F. J. Webb,

Who Rebuffed Advances. WABASH, Ind., March 25 .- After having fatally wounded Mrs. Floyd J. Webb, the wife of his friend, with a shotgun, Verne

"I'm the man you're after," said Hart- the exposure of the facts, are entitled to he had fallen in love with Mrs. Webb, and | Klein's sentence is urged. that she rebuffed him. Hartleroad, who is It is also recommended that no further 23 years old, had lived with the Webb fam- indictments be found against Klein or Wasily for several years. Webb was away from

THIRTY-ONE ARE HELD FOR GRAFT

Past and Present Councilmen of Pittsburg Are Indicted in Monstrous Civic Scandal.

GRAND JURY UNCOVERS P

Are Most Sensational.

Large Bribes to Aldermen.

Money in Big Institutions Called Out in Order that Alleged "Givers" May Not Profit Further.

PITTSBURG, March 25.-Laying bare the was alleged that the discipline was harsh ter an adjournment of practically two weeks, the sessions of last Friday and Sat. weeks, the seasions of last Friday and Saturday having been seriously interfered with situation aboard ship became unbearable. City depositories to investigate the town boards and ascertain the bribe givers in connection with the ordinance designating ing, Attorney Brandels representing Louis lingham to Hampton Roads to make a the meat of two presentments made by the

The presentments make a sensational story of the inside history of corruption in Mr. Brandels stated at first that he port and if necessary will apply corrective the municipal bodies in 1008 and the demand FIRE FIGHTERS STOP BLAZE House Elects even more sensational developments than have been exposed are expected Monday Flames Subdued Near Dunning After the demand of the grand jury, make their eport in court.

A further result of the precentments of Morrow late today for the withdrawal of all city funds from the six banks and the Leaps Dismal Twice and with Diffidesignating them as custodians of city

There is about \$3,640,320 in these banks now and this would be increased many millions during the next week by the taxes tors read:

banks individually. Depositories Killed.

doing and criminal conduct."

United States district court there, and John | Charles Stewart in the Hotel Imperial, New

York City, is told. It is related that Max Leslie, former chairman of the republican county commitgave William Brand, who was then president of common council, directly or indirectly \$17,500 to obtain the city deposits for Brand, either as intermediary or principal. all reports are in,

Big Transaction Alleged. It is declared that Morris Einstein re-

a unknown. the deal.

saloonkeeper already convicted of bribery, well burned over. was given \$500 for his services in bringing about the meeting between the officials of the councilmen.

The public is urged not to pass hasty judgment on any officials of the banks mentioned and stress is laid on the solvency

of the institutions. Leniency for Klein. It is recited that John F. Klein and Hartleroad went to the county jail late Joseph C. Wasson, by reason of their confessions and statements making possible and later in a cell he related that great consideration, and a reduction of

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Cat Up a Tree Makes Life So Hideous Police Are Called

under a porch?"

night and on into the next day-so hide- man to go out there and get the thing. ous, in fact, that a woman residing at that address went in person to the police ing why some sleepless citizen in that station Friday morning and lodged a com- part of town had not done that himself

most awful noises that a human being hood

"What makes more noise than a pig, ever had to listen to," said the woman whose patience had been spent in her allnight effort to steal a wink or two of sleep, Wrong. To be sure that's the old an- "I don't believe anybody in the neighbor. swer to this old riddle, but it's wrong, hood slept. It was something awful the The right answer is "one cat up a tree." way that cat went on. Why, it screached Life was hideous out in the vicinity of and howled and meouwed until I thought 807 North Twenty-third street Thursday I would so crazy. Now, I want a police Captain Dunn was on the verge of ask long ago, but he forbade and detailed Of-"Why, the thing has been up in a tree floor Thornton, the cat-killing expert, to right by my house all night, making the go to the relief of this besieged neighbor



"Talk About Being President!"

Burning Two Days.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

the jury was the order of City Comptroller MANY RANCHERS LOSE HOMES

culty Prevented from Covering Logan and McPherson Counties.

of the Dismal and Loup rivers just east port the same to this grand jury not later | The entire range was burned over at the crats. further demand that said report be in writ- it is reported thousands of trees were deing and certified to by directors of said stroyed, notwithstanding the prompt re-

"We strongly recommend and insist that the proper officials of the city of Pittsburg toke immediate legal action to mullify the ordinance making the Farmers Deposit Netional bank, the Second National bank of the second National bank of the rescription of the second national second Pittsburg, the German National bank of Frents. Joe Drimmel lost seven head of Alleghency, the Columbia National bank stock and all of his hay and improvoments of Pittsburg and the Workingman's Savings in this same neighborhood. Full reports and Trust company of Allegheney as city will undoubtedly show a great less of stock depositories, in order that the bribe givers throughout the entire section, though there may not benefit by reason of their wrong. Was not the usual number of cattle on the

TOPRO. The presentments give the full details of Martin Brennan, near Hecla, lost a big the plot of the part of the councilmen to barn, hay and considerable grain. Homer WASHINGTON, March 25.—The president obtain bribes from the six banks, the means Crane of this section lost his house, barn adopted for paying the bribes are related and grain and all improvements. L. G. Thomas, a renter on the Cramer place afterney at Baltimore, to be judge of the an unnamed man to former Questiman southeast of Heela, lost his house, barn

and all improvements. In this valley a half dozen claim shacks were destroyed, all of which were wel supplied with provisions. F. R. Barnaby tee, received \$25,000 by arrangement between the part of the E. P. Jermings and F. A. Griffen of the and all farm implements. L. G. Pierce, and all farm implements. Columbia National bank, and that Leslie near Seneca, and E. Gordon's place, in the same neighborhood, were entirely burned

Hay, fences and range losses are commor the Columbia National bank. An unnamed with all. The fire reached a frontage of man is said to be interested and concerned twenty miles in a great number of places. in the payment of the money by Leslie to Losses will run into many thousands when

Big Triangle Burned Over. THEDFORD, Neb., March 25,-(Special ceived \$15,000 from the Workingman's Sav- Telegram.)-The prairie fire which started ngs and Trust company to have that bank from some unaccounted cause Wednesday named a city depository, but the name of southwest of Hecla, burned over a large the bank official who paid him the money portun of Hooker and Thomas counties destroying buildings on many ranches and It is further declared in the presentments homesteads and killed several hundred that the members of the grand jury are of head of stock. It jumped across Dismal the opinion that the books of the Working- river five miles west of Black's ranch and man's bank has been mutilated, three pages extended into McPherson and Logan the ledger. Einstein, it is also declared, has not been ascertained. Fences and teleseveral days before a full account of the Further declarations in the presentment damage can be estimated. The triangle are that two city clerks were given \$1,000 between the Middle Loup and Dismal each, and that \$1.750 was set apart for news- rivers, embracing an area of fifteen miles I believe that Commander Peary reached paper men and that Henry M. Bolger, the wide at its widest part, seems to be fully

Gift from Miss Carnegie. PASADENA, Cal., March 25 .- Just before leaving with her father and mother for New York yesterday Miss Marguerite Carnegie gave \$5,000 as an endowment fund for a children's bed in the Pasadens hospital. Mr. Carnegie says the time wil come when the system of giving which has been established will devolve upor

The squeal of the stuck pig is again abroad in the land.

It is some weaker, but those who have been waiting for it recognized the cry of the World-Herald, jealous of The Bee's daily gains in paid

The reason of the squeal is that The Bee gained 42 per cent in paid want ads over the same week last year.

The stuck pig may squeal but Bee want ads are growing by leaps and bounds and each time you hear the squeal you know that The Bee want ads are up another notch.

Watch them grow!

ACT TO REDEEM \$5,000 BILL Committee by Bank of Minden in Fair Way to Get Unanimous Vote

Slates Chosen by Republican and Democratic Caucuses Go Through Without Division.

WASHINGTON, March 3.-By an unantmous vote the house today adopted a resolutton naming a committee on rules, com-

than Monday, March 28, 1916. And we government forest reserve at Halsey and After a brief discussion, which made it a matter of record, that the members

Numerous protests against having a roll cleaned up this old envelope, with other were heard and only a handful of members scraps of paper, was put into the waste basket and burned. The Treasury de-Speaker Cannon, looking over the house. | bank examiner and got busy. It was asspeaker, who by that statement made the tificate had been issued to the Bankers record clear that no insurgents had ob- National bank of Chicago, which in turn

Incendiary Fire at Morganfield, Kv. delayed.

larged committee on rules,

Masonic Temple, Bank, Theater, vention of the Association of Commercial Church and Big Store Are Destroyed.

MORGANVILLE, Ky., March 25.-Fire a prosed to have been of incendiary origin good roads expert to make the trip along today destroyed business property here to the Northwestern railroad, stopping at Fre- learned are also reported among the missthe value of \$200,000. The Green River department store, Masonic temple, the opera nouse, the new Baptist church and par- highways. The schedule for these meetsonage and the Bank of Union County were ings has not been arranged mong the buildings burned. Managers of he Green River department store, where the fire started, claim to have received several threatening letters lately from the Black Hand.

TWO ITALIANS ARE INDICTED

Caruso.

NEW YORK, March 25.-The two prosperous Italian business men, Antonio Cincotto and Antonio Mislano, who were arrested on March 4 charged with attempting to blackmail and extort \$15,000 from Enrico Caruso, the operatic tenor, were indicted for that offense today in the county court in Brooklyn. Both pleaded

SHIPMENTS OF CATTLE San Antonio Railroads Have Orders for Over Four Thousand Cars Before April 10.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 25.-Railoads operating out of San Antonio have orders for 4,200 cars between now and April 10," to handle the greatest rush of cattle ever known from this section to Oklahoma pastures. The drouth and the high price of feed is causing ranchmen to move their cattle to Oklahoma to pastures.

Money Janitor Burned,

EXAMINER SAW

In This Circumstance Alone Lies Institution's Protection - Good Roads Gospel to Be Preached in State.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) National bank of Minden, Neb., one \$5,000 inquest. of the Dismal and Loup rivers just east of here late last night, after it had jumped for some law without the house having an opporting to discuss it." said Mr. Fitzgeraid today, when a request was made for the appointment of conferees on the legisla, appointment of conferees on the legisla. the bill. The denomination is now unusual, for the \$5,000 bank certificate is not now named in the resolution had been sejected day the bank examiner examined the books finishing room on the fourth floor and fill

"Not a sufficient number," declared partment was immediately notified by the "The vote was unanimous," added the certified that this particular gold cer- blown out of my hands." jected to the personal of the new en- had endorsed it over to the First National bank of Minden. In cases of this kind, with evidence as conclusive as it is, an indemnifying bond will be demanded from the bank to safeguard the treasury and the passage of the bill should not be long

Senator Brown today secured the promise of Director Logan W. Page of the office of public roads to attend the state con-Clubs at Columbus, Neb., April 27 and 28. rapher.
GERTRUDE QUINN, aged 20, folder.

gineer, Vernon M. Pierce. Senator Brown is also negotiating for a mont, Norfolk and other cities, to speak to lng. commercial clubs on the subject of better

New Bridgeport Bank. The First National bank of Bridgeport Neb., has been authorized to begin business, with \$25,000 capital. Homer K. Hurket is president; J. L. Johnson, vice president,

and John G. Burket, cashler. Rural carriers appointed are as follows: Nebraska-Able, Route 1, Theodore B. Sem-New York Merchants Charged with rad, carrier; Ed Kreink, substitute. Brain-ard, Route 3, Elijah C. Merrick, carrier; H. R. Merrick, substitute. Clearwater, Route 1; August Screer, carrier; Ann Screer, substitute. Scott's Bluff, Route 2, Robert S. Walker, carrier; Rosa A. Walker, substitute.

> carrier; Herman Gebisen, substitute. South Dakoa-Canton, Route 4, W. H. carrier; no substitute. Postmasters appointed are: Nebraska- building smashing the windows. Arborville, York county, Charles W. Whittemore, vice J. H. Dorsey, resigned; South

Bend, Cass county, Jerry E. McHugh, vice . Sturzneggar, resigned. Iowa-Grimes, Pelk county, Daniel O'Donnell, vice C. L. Black, resigned. South Dakota - Clayton, Hutchinson county, George A. Buchner, vice G. Buch-

ner, deceased. Captain Murphy is Missing. ST. PAUL. March 25. Fearing that Captain Timothy Murphy, head of the Volunteers of America in St. Paul, has met with death or accident, the police today are searching for him.

Supreme Court to Settle Ownership of Choctaw Strip

an appeal to the United States supreme cision of the United States circuit court court in the case growing out of the con- here on December 28, 1908, the strip was alcohol for a cigar lighter. The electric test to determine whether what is known taken away from Arkanaas because the spark of the lighter, according to Mr. Fish,

The Choctaw strip is twelve miles long Smith. It originally was a part of the be a part of Oklahoma. Indian Territory, allotted to the Choctaw William Bowman, under sentence to be The financial loss is placed at \$300,000. Indians, but later was ceded to Arkansas hanged in Fort Smith on April 8 for crimi- equally divided between building and by congress so the local authorities could nal assault, was today granted a reprieve. stock. have police jurisdiction over it.

FORT SMITH, Ark., March 25.-The state, men were hanged there after being senupreme court of Arkansas today granted tenced by the Arkansas courts. By a destitutional amendment.

The Oklahoma constitutional convention Fish expressed the belief that all employes and two miles wide, and adjoins Fort adopted a resolution declaring the land to on the fourth floor escaped, but could see

have police jurisdiction over it.

Bowman's crime was committed in the The Fish Furniture company occupies two The strip had become a refuge for outstrip and the contest over this land had a buildings separated by an alley, one build-

SIXTEEN PERISH IN CHICAGO FIRE

Victims Are Trapped Behind Wall of Flame on Fourth Floor of Furniture Factory.

DEATH ROLL MAY GROW LARGER

Danger from Tettering Walls Makes Recovery of Bodies Hazardons.

UNFORTUNATES MOSTLY WOMEN Workers Rushed to Stairway, Only to

Find Eccape Cut Off.

CIGAR LIGHTER CAUSES BLAZE Spark from Little Contrivance in

Hands of Clerk Set Fire to Quantity of Benzine in Repair Shop.

CHICAGO, March 25 .- Search of the wreckings for the remaining bodies of those who lost their lives in the Fish Furniture company's fire here today was discontinued this afternoon, owing to danger from tottering walls, but not until after twelve of the bodies had been recovered and sloven of these identified.

While earlier estimates placed the number of victims trapped on the fourth and fifth floors of the building as high as twenty, later and more thorough investigation indicates that there were but sixteen. Two of these escaped with their lives, which leaves but two more to be accounted for.

The search was abandoned for the day on the report of Building Inspector Short, who declared that three of the walls were in a dangerous condition. If these are still standing in the morning the work of removing the debris will be resumed. A coroner's jury which was empaneled

this afternoon viewed the bodies at the morgue, but the inquest was postponed until April 2. Cigar Lighter Starts Blase,

Lee Stoeckel, a clerk for the Fish company, who, by accident, was said to have started the fire, told his story to Fire Attorney Hogan this afternoon. Although WASHINGTON, March 25 .- Special Tele- Stocckel, who is but 20 years of age, is gram.)-Senator Brown introduced a bill admittedly unfortunate, Attorney Hogan

"About 8:45 o'clock this morning." Stocckel said, "Mr. Mitchell, who is a printed and one is easily traced. On the member of the firm, gave me three pecket sporse made by citizens to the call for in party caucuses, the house by a viva of the First National bank, less than a them with benzine. I had filled two of month ago, this gold certificate was the lighters out of the five-gallon can and was working on the third when there was

> "A sheet of flame almost blinded me. I counter of the bank. When the janitor did not fully regain my senses until I had reached the street. The lighters contained a contrivance to make a spark, but whether I ignited one of them or not I do not know. I either dropped the can of benzine when the flames shot up in front of me or it was

Among the Victims. Following is a list of the identified dead; HARRY DARLINGTON, aged 40, painter, ETHEL ANDERSON, aged 18, stenog-

MINUR W. BELL, advertising manager, MINOR W. BELL, advertising manager.
HOSIE BRUNKE, aged 17, stenographer,
MRS. HANNAH GURDEN, aged 20,
idow forewoman folding department.
LILLIAN SULLIVAN, aged 16, folder.
WILLIAM GREEN, aged 24, clerk.
ETHEL LICTENSTEIN, aged 18, stenog-

rapher. HARRY M. MITCHELL, auditor of com-VERONICA M'GRATH, aged 17, stenog-

Mary Wargo, aged 20, folder. Bert St. Clair, aged 28, confidential clerk. Three others whose names could not be

One of the bodies was identified by Florence Sullivan as that of her sister Lillian. She said she recognized a shoe taken from one of the bodies as one which had been worn by her sister. Florence, who is 18 years old and a switchboard operator, might easily have shared her sister's fate. She was to have gone to work for the Fish company at noon, taking the place of another girl.

Alexander Bush, a street car conductor, identified one of the bodies as that of Rosia Brunke, whom he was to have married Easter Sunday. He recognized her through the medium of a number of trinkets, including an engagement ring.

Victims Mostly Women. Ten women and girls, it is said, were at Iowa-Andover, Route I, John C. Gehlsen, work on the sixth floor when the explosion occurred. The spread of the flames throughout the upper floors was almost in-Feldman, carrier; Ida M. Feldman, substi- stantaneous, and when the girls rushed to tute. Gregory, Route 2, Frank J. Shaffer, the stairways they found their escape cut off. They next turned to the front of the Then suddenly one of the girls stepped

out on the window ledge and screamed for help. Then she leaped. She fell on the awning over the front entrance to the store where she lay unconscious until a man, crawling out on the canopy lifted her up. She was taken to St. Luke's hospital only a few blocks away, but died soon afterwards. She was identified as Emma Lychtenstein, 20 years old and was employed as a filing clerk. Death was due to internal injuries received in her fall. Soon after Miss Lychtenstein struck a

crash as if floors falling was heard and the people at the windows disappeared. Isanc Fish, secretary of the Fish Furniture company, had entered the elevator when the explosion occurred. The elevator came to a stop between the third and fourth floors.

The door of the car was automatically locked, but in a frenzy Mr. Nush and the elevator boy which was in the cage succeeded in breaking it down.

Cans of Benzine Explode. According to Mr. Fish the fire started when an employe went into the finishing department on the fourth floor to get some as the "Choctaw strip" is a part of Okla- state had failed to accept the land by con- started the fire, which quickly reached cans of benzine and explosions followed. Mr.

no hope for those above.

laws and during the border days eighty bearing upon the granting of the reprieve. ing fronting on Wabash avenue, where the