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FLOODS IN THE MOHAWK VALLEY

The Outlook Is That Unprecedented High Water Will Be Experienced.

VILLAGE OF HERKIMER IS IN TERROR

Electric Light Station Flooded—Fires in Pumping Station Out—8,000 People Face Drinking Water Famine—150 Housss Vacated—On Only One Side is There Escape for the Inhabitants.

Little Falls, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The village of Herkimer is in terror tonight, shrouded in darkness and rain. The electric light plant has been flooded and all the lights are out; the fires under the boilers of the pumping stations have been quenched, and there is only 24 hours of drinking water in sight for 8,000 people. All manufacturing plants have suspended and two schools are closed. Many fled to higher land during the daylight hours, and tonight armed guards patrol in boats the canals that lately were streets.

Sharp Watch Kept by Patrol.

One hundred and fifty houses have been vacated and sharp watch on the rise of the waters is being kept by the patrol, lest those asleep on second story floors be drowned in their beds. The village is menaced on the west by the Mohawk river, and on the north and east by West Canada Creek, a confluent. On one side only is there escape.

Dynamite for Ice Jams.

Fort Plains, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The outlook tonight is that this portion of the Mohawk valley will experience almost unprecedented high water. Ice jams west of here have caused the streets in Ilion, Frankfort and Herkimer to be inundated and dynamite is being used to break them up. When that happens it is feared the rush of water and ice will cause havoc hereabouts, for the Mohawk river is almost solidly clogged from here to Canajoharie.

Serious Damage Feared in Lowlands.

Local manufacturers with plants on the lowlands fear serfious damage and all West Shore employes available have been ordered to remain on duty throughout the night, in case it is necessary to shift New York Central tarins to the West Shore tracks in Utica, going east, and at Hoffman's, going west.

SIX PASSENGER TRAINS TIED UP IN NEVADA.

Tracks Washed Away at Balttle Mountain—Many Easterners Stranded.

Reno, Nev., Feb. 28.—A mile of Southern Pacific railroad track near Battle Mountain, Nevada, was washed away yesterday by a sudden rise of the Reese river. Six passenger trains are indefinitely tied up at Battle Mountain, and the population of that little town is temporarily increased by 1,500 persons. Many of the stranded passengers are from the east.

From Echo, Utah, east through Wyoming, Union Pacific trains are encountering a severe blizzard. A snowstorm accompanied by a sixty mile wind was reported today at many points.

ASQUITH'S GOVERNMENT OBTAINS LEASE OF LIFE.

After Easter House of Commons Starts to Revolutionize Government System.

London, Feb. 28.—In the session of the house of commons today the outcome of what was awaited as eagerly as the denouement of a Greek tragedy by all the members of both houses able to pack themselves into the chamber, Premier Asquith's government obtained a lease of life until after Easter. This was the gift of the conservatives, who were so anxious to avoid two general elections so excessively within so brief a period that they accepted the premier's programme without calling for a vote.

When the house of commons meets after Easter it will take up the struggle to revolutionise the British government system. Resolutions will be presented to deprive the house of lords of all authority over finances, and also of the power of vetoing the measures of the lower house, leaving to the lords only the functions of delay and discussion.

If this plan succeeds, the government proposes next year to proceed with the transformation of the house of lords from a hereditary to a democratic body.

Such was the programme that the prime minister unfolded, and he and Chancellor Lloyd-George declared that the government staked its existence on it. In the meantime the budget stands side-tracked. It is likely that when it is taken up it will combine the budgets of two years, shorn of the features objectionable to the Irish members.

BOOKKEEPER COLEMAN WILL LEAVE JAIL TODAY.

Bail Secured Through Efforts of His Father and Uncle.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 28.—The work of ascertaining the exact condition of the National City bank, whose bookkeeper, George W. Coleman, is under arrest for a shortage of $160,000, is progressing satisfactorily, from an expert's standpoint, that former Gov. John L. Bates, the receiver, today declined the aid of Coleman in straightening out the accounts.

Bank Examiner E. S. Pepper, who was suspended by the comptroller of the currency on Saturday, spent a few hours at the bank today, as his successor has not yet arrived.

Through the efforts of the young man's father, Charles F. Coleman, and an uncle, securities were offered to the district attorney in Boston this afternoon, and accepted. Tomorrow the bond will be signed for Coleman's release.

COURTS' POWER OVER CONGRESS

Decision of District Supreme Judge Upholds Order Against Committee.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Justice Wright in the supreme court of the District of Columbia today decided that the court acted entirely within its authority when it issued the writ of mandamus ordering the joint committee investigating the sugar trust to show cause why it should not consider the bid of the Valley Paper company of Holyoke, Mass.

ABBE OF ARGELES FINED $40.

He Had Forbidden Catholic Children to Use Interdicted Textbooks.

Bayonne, France, Feb. 28.—The court today condemned the abbe of Argeles to pay a fine of $40 and the costs of the action brought against him because he had forbidden Catholic school children to use the interdicted textbooks under pain of a refusal of the sacrament to their parents and of the first communion to the children.

$600,000 FIRE AT BOMBAY.

Grain and Oil Warehouse Burned in India.

Bombay, British India, Feb. 28.—The grain and oil warehouses were burned out today. The loss is estimated at $600,000.

Cramp Ship Company Buys Controlling Interest.

Chester, Pa., Feb. 28.—The controlling interest of the Federal Steel Castings company has been purchased by the Cramp Ship and Engine Building company of Philadelphia. The price paid has not been made public. The Federal plant gives employment to about 500 men. It was originally started as the Delaware River Steel company. A slump in the market forced a sale of the plant, and it remained idle for some time. In 1906 the Federal company was formed and secured the plant.

KRITCHMAN AND MITCHELL TRIAL RESUMED

After a Week's Halt by Reason of Juror's Sickness.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 28.—After having had respite for practically a week from the ordeal, Joseph Mitchel and Sophie Kritchman this morning again faced the judge and jury for the continuation of their trial on the charge of having murdered Bronislow Kulvinskas last September at Union City. The illness of Juror Harry W. Carter of Guilford, halted the trial the early part of last week. Practically all of today was taken up with the examination of Medical Examiner A. A. Crane, who gave place to George C. Ham, a civil engineer, shortly before the proceedings ended for the day.

The latter was on the stand when adjournment was taken.

After adjournment, Assistant State Attorney Kellogg stated that the prosecution expected to finish its presentation of evidence by Saturday of this week. Court will sit six days a week until the conclusion of the case.

In accordance with the order issued by Judge Williams earlier in the day and which went into effect this evening, an extra detail of police will be employed during the remainder of the trial to keep loiterers away from the vicinity of the court building.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF CASSIE CHADWICK RECALLED.

President Commutes Sentence Imposed on Cashier Arthur Spear.

Washington, Feb. 28.—An echo of the financial operations of Cassie Chadwick, five years ago, was heard today, when the president commuted to expire immediately the seven years' sentence imposed upon Arthur B. Spear, the cashier of the National Bank of Oberlin, Ohio, for making false entries. Spear certified, according to the records, that Cassie Chadwick had certain deposits in the bank when the facts were she did not have them. It was admitted during Spear's trial that the certification was made by direction of President Beckwith, from which the cashier received no personal benefit. Beckwith having died before the trial of Spear, the brunt of the affair fell on Spear, who was generally regarded as the tool of his superior officers. A note bearing the forged signature of Andrew Carnegie in the possession of Mrs. Chadwick figured in the case, it having been reported that Beckwith had the paper somewhere in the bank. Mrs. Chadwick died in the penitentiary following her conviction resulting from the disclosures made.

MRS. GLOVER A WITNESS IN PROBATE COURT.

Denies Revolver Story Told by Hattie Leblanc's Aunt.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 28.—The presence of Miss Hattie Leblanc, the little Cape Breton girl under indictment for the murder of Clarence F. Glover, in the Glover family as a servant, was irritating to Mrs. Glover long before the murder, according to the widow's testimony in the probate court today.

Mrs. Glover, whose appearance on the witness stand has been anticipated with eagerness ever since the hearing on her husband's will began, three weeks ago, told part of her own side of the case during today's session. She will continue tomorrow.

Mrs. Glover stated that she was a distant relative of the accused girl. She met Glover in 1896 and lived with him three years before they were married. About two years ago she did not like her husband's attitude toward the Leblanc girl. Mrs. Glover denied that she had ever remarked to the girl's aunt that she wished that she had a revolver, so she could shoot her husband. She did admit that she was angry with both her husband and the Leblanc girl.

A Hundred Miners Had Narrow Escape from Drowning.

Danville, Ills., Feb. 28.—Just before a hundred miners who were to have entered Gray's mine today, the swollen Varmillion river broke through the walls into the pit. There is thirty-six feet of water in the mine now. The miners would all have perished in the flood had they gone to work a few minutes earlier.

First Degree Murder Indictment.

New York, Feb. 28.—The grand jury today returned an indictment of murder in the first degree against Morris Lustig, proprietor of a private detective agency here. Mrs. Lustig died on October 28 last and her body was sent to Milroy, Pa., for burial. Information was given to the district attorney's office which resulted in the body of the woman being exhumed. Evidences of strychnine were found in the body, and Lustig was arrested.

Cabled Paragraphs.

Paris, Feb. 28.—The marriage was celebrated here today of Miss Mary Frothingham, a daughter of Charles F. Frothingham of New York, and Count Alexander Koulosoff Tolstoi, nephew of Count Tolstoi, the Russian author.

Oxford, England, Feb. 28.—L. C. Hull of Michigan, a Rhodes scholar, won the 100 yards dash today at the varsity sports, in 10 1-5 seconds. G. E. Putnam of Kansas, another Rhodes scholar, won the weight put, with 37 feet 5 inches.

Paris, Feb. 28.—The court today denied the appeal of Mrs. Gubata, formerly Mrs. Beck of New York, who was convicted of obtaining jewelry by fraud, but reduced the term of her imprisonment from two years to three months.

Paris, Feb. 28.—The council of the University of Paris has considered plans for the reception of Theodore Roosevelt in April. No details of the programme were given out, further than the announcement that the ex-president's lecture, which will be in English, will not be open to the public, but will be for students and professors only.

SNOWSLIDES IN MINING REGION OF NORTH IDAHO

Twenty-four Lives Lost—Rescuers at Work Night and Day—Canyon Filled to Depth of 45 Feet.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 28.—Twenty-four persons are known tonight to be dead as the result of snowslides yesterday and today in the mining region of northern Idaho. To the 19 who perished in the avalanches at Mace and Burke, Idaho, last night and early today, are added three more who died in a similar disaster yesterday when the camp of the Carbonate Hill Mining company at Mullen, Idaho, was destroyed and two were killed at Dorsey, Idaho, today.

The fight against time and cold at Mace and at Burke has been waged bravely and persistently by the little army of men who hope to find under the heaps of ruins some who have escaped death.

The rescuers have dug frantically for hours. Every available man and boy has been pressed into service.

Mace is situated on a creek and the mountains rise high on either side of the town. The main body of the avalanche, which started from the top of Custer mountain, passed beyond the town and striking the opposite slope with terrific force rushed up the opposite mountainside. The canyon is filled to a depth of 45 feet. The damage to Mace was done by a fragment of the main slide which carried a construction train from the track as it plunged into the ravine. As it rolled up the other side it demolished the houses in its path and stopped a short distance beyond the Passmore home. The boarding house of the Standard mine, where 300 miners were sleeping, was missed by 120 feet.

The first slide, which almost wiped out Mace, occurred Sunday while all except the night men in the mines were sleeping. The avalanche at Burke occurred early today. That more lives were not lost at Burke is due to Seaman S. Rowe, foreman of the Hecla mine. Realizing the danger that threatened the sleeping citizens he sent another man to arouse the inhabitants and urge them to seek safety.

Burke is buried fifty feet under snow and earth. The slide is 3,000 feet long and fills the canyon.

CHANCELLOR MACCRACKEN READS LETTER OF RETIREMENT

From the New York University, to Take Place on 70th Birthday.

New York, Feb. 28.—The venerable Henry Mitchell MacCracken, one of the best known educators in the country, will retire as chancellor of New York university on his 70th birthday, Sept. 28 next. At the same time he will resign as professor of philosophy.

After serving the university for more than a quarter of a century, Dr. MacCracken made known his intention to retire in a letter read at the quarterly meeting of the univresity council today.

"I deem it wise," he says, "to turn while I still enjoy unbroken health, away from prescribed labor defined by contract to voluntary effort in such forms as may seem best suited to me. Throughout the faculties, the student body and the corporation there prevails a marked unity of spirit and effort. It is in every way a fitting time for me to lay down the office."

The chancellor's letter was referred to a special committee.

"RED ADAMS" FOUND GUILTY OF USING MAILS TO DEFRAUD.

Swindler, Past Middle Age, Has Had Checkered Career.

New York, Feb. 28.—For his latest confidence game, collecting funds from the gullible public to push imaginary claims to the estate of Sir Francis Drake, "Red Adams," with a pictursque string of aliases, was found guilty in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court today. The jury held him guilty of using the mails to defraud on five counts, which may carby a maimum sentence of seven and on-half years in prison and a $5,000 fine.

Adams is past middle age, and has had a checkered career. Counsel put in no defense save a motion to dismiss the case on a technicality. Judge Hough during the trial characterized Adams as a swindler. He added that it was just that he be kept in the future where swindling would be more difficult.

Boston's "Cost of Living" Bill Signed by Governor Draper.

Boston, Feb. 28.—The "cost of living" bill was signed by Governor Draper late today, immediately after he had received it from the senate. The bill provides for the appointment of a commission of five members to investigate the cause of existing high prices of necessaries of life. For the purposes of the investigation $15,000 is appropriated.

Passenger Car Tipped Over, No One Seriously Hurt.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The engine and a passenger coach of an Adirondack and St. Lawrence railroad train, running from Herman to De Kalb Junction, were derailed here today. The car tipped over and 25 passengers narrowly escaped death. None was seriously injured. A large cake of ice on a highway crossing caused the accident. The line was completely blocked.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Marseilles: Feb. 25, Provincia, from New York.

At Alexandria: Feb. 26, Cincinnati, from New York.

At Liverpool: Feb. 27, Baltic, from New York.

At Queenstown: Feb. 27, Oceania, from New York.

At Cospoli: Feb. 27, Grosser Kurfurst, from New York.

Miss Belle Quimby, Chicago Artist

LOOKED OUT OF PLACE IN BOSTON POLICE DOCK.

FINED $10 FOR SHOPLIFTING

Remained in Jail Rather Than Have Wealthy Friends Know of Her Disgrace—Was in Boston on Visit.

Boston, Feb. 28.—For shoplifting, a woman who gave the name of Belle Quimby, an artist in studios in Madison avenue and Leavenworth street, Chicago, remained in jail from Saturday afternoon until today, without bail.

She was fined $10 for stealing less than $10 worth of merchandise from a department store.

Had $50 in Her Purse.

She looked altogether out of place in the dock with a dozen or more women arrested for various offenses. She was richly clad in furs and her gown and hat were of the finest material. She had almost $50 in her purse when arrested.

She was told Saturday that if she notified some of her friends they might have her released for $50 cash bail. She replied:

Thought Punishment Would Be Beneficial.

"I dare say my friends in Boston would put up thousands if it were necessary, but I don't want them to know of this disgrace. Besides, I think the punishment of a few days in jail will be a constant reminder for me the rest of my life when I am tempted to steal."

The stand the woman took was much praised by the police.

Was Visiting in Boston.

The woman was here on a visit. She paid the fine and took a train for the west.

DESSICATED EGGS UNFIT FOR CONSUMPTION

Seized in Shop of a New York Produce Dealer.

New York, Feb. 28.—In addition to the blanket indictments found last week against eight of the directors of the Consolidated Milk exchange charging conspiracy to control prices under a state law, individual indictments were found today on the same counts. All but one of the directors, who is in Cuba, surrendered and were paroled until tomorrow in the case of their counsel, William Travers Jerome, formerly district attorney, when the amount of the bonds will be set.

Eight hundred pounds of dessicated eggs, shipped here by the Monarch Dessicated Egg company of Chicago, were seized here today in the shop of a West Side produce dealer and destroyed under a provision of the national pure food law. Samples of the eggs were forwarded some days ago to Washington, where they were found unfit for consumption.

LAKE SHORE RAILROAD ENTERED PLEA OF GUILTY.

The Corporation Fined $1,000, the Minimum Penalty.

Cincinnati, Feb. 28.—The first indictment under the Elkins railroad law in which a common carrier was accused of accepting a concession resulted today in a plea of guilty on the part of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad. Judge Sater of the United States district court fined the corporation $1,000, the minimum penalty.

The case rested upon a shipment of ties from Ozone, Tenn., to Bryan, Ohio. The ties were trans-shipped at Cincinnati over the Cincinnati Northern railroad, a part of the New York Central system, to which the defendant road also belongs.

It is alleged that to escape a high local rate the timbers were billed through to Chicago, although there was no intention of sending them beyond Bryan.

CONGRESS.

Six Hours' Consideration of the Post-office Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Aldrich bill, providing for a commission of senators, representatives and civil appointees, to be selected by the president to supervise the business methods of the executive departments, was passed by the senate today.

The postoffice appropriation bill was under consideration in the house the entire session, which lasted over six hours.

Both branches will be in session tomorrow.

POSTPONED FOR A YEAR.

American Exposition to Be Held in Berlin in 1911.

New York, Feb. 28.—The American exposition, to have been held in Berlin in 1910, has been postponed for a year, and in the end there may be held instead a German-American exposition to insure support of German interests.

Ex-Vice President Fairbanks at the Elysee Palace.

Paris, Feb. 28.—President Fallieres received Charles W. Fairbanks at the Elysee palace today. The American ambassador, Mr. Bacon, presented the former vice president, and the exchange of greetings was most corial. During the stay in Paris Mrs. Fairbanks was entertained at several luncheons and teas by Mrs. Bacon and other American ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks will leave for London tomorrow.

Appointed Exchange Professor to Lecture at Berlin University.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 28.—Professor Hugo Munsterberg, professor of psychology and director of the psychological laboratory at Harvard university, has been appointed exchange professor to lecture at Berlin university. Professor Munsterberg will serve during the term 1910-1911.

Oklahomo Senate Passed White Slave Bill.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 28.—The senate today passed the house "white slave" bill, which provides a penalty of twenty years' imprisonment for any person found guilty of in any way engaging in the white slave traffic.

Veteran Boston Dancing Master Dead.

Boston, Feb. 28.—Augustus L. Papanti, whose promting taught three generations of Bostonians the waltz and other dances, died today, after a long illness. For more than forty years Papanti taught dancing at his academy on Tremont street.

Immediate Strike May Be Ordered

MEETING OF ALL TRADES BODIES TOMORROW.

PHILADELPHIA MORE QUIET

Transit Company Declares That No Proposition Looking Toward Arbitration is Being Considered.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—Despite the constantly increasing number of demands by religious bodies and others that arbitration be resorted to to settle the strike against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, officials of that company declared tonight that no proposition looking toward arbitration in any form is being considered by the board of directors.

Few Disturbances Yesterday.

There were very few disturbances along any of the lines of the company today, and an increased number of cars left the various barns. Heavy rain which fell tonight kept the crowds from the streets and the most complete after-dark schedule in effect since the strike began was run on all lines until midnight.

Hope for Arbitration.

Many labor leaders still hope that public sympathy will force arbitration before the general strike voted for yesterday goes into effect on Saturday.

In addition to the many out of town labor leaders already on the scene, the national heads of labor organizations in the country are expected here in time to participate in another meeting of labor chiefs which will be held on Wednesday night.

General Strike Order May Be Changed

It is possible that the general strike order may be changed at that meeting to become effective immediately in many trades. At the session of the labor representatives on Sunday many of the delegates were in favor of an immediate strike and only consented to a postponement after C. O. Pratt of the carmen had pleaded for delay.

As a compromise it was agreed to hold a further meeting of all the trades bodies on Wednesday, when an immediate strike could be ordered.

Night Disturbances.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—A number of disturbances occurred tonight in the southern section of the city. At Fifth and Moyamensing avenue a car of the Southwestern Traction company and a car of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company collided. Both cars were badly smashed. The only passenger, a woman, refused to go to a hospital. A mob tried to complete the destruction of the cars, but was dispersed by the police.

At Twentieth and Ellsworth streets Joseph Kinsley was shot in the leg during a strike argument. His assailant, a negro, escaped.

No Possible Chance for Arbitration.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—President Kruger of the Rapid Transit company said tonight:

"The company will not for a moment consider any proposition to arbitrate, no matter from what source. No influence that can possibly be brought to bear will change this decision."

ALLEGED CRUELTY PRACTICED ON U. S. SAILOR

While Lying on Death Bed at San Francisco Marine Hospital.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Two depositions reciting cruelty alleged to have been practiced upon Mateo Brezzinio, a sailor, at the United States marine hospital here, immediately before his death on February 17, were sent to Washington last night to be submitted to the surgeon general as a protest from the sailors of San Francisco. Numerous reinforcing affidavits accompany the depositions. The depositions charge that Brezzinio was attacked and struck in the face by one of the staff physicians while the patient, who had submitted to an operation, reclined in bed.

Dr. J. M. Gassaway, commanding officer at the hospital, declares there is no truth in the charges.

SHOWS GRATIFYING INCREASE.

Annual Report of Pennsylvania Railroad Company for Year 1909.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—The annual report of the Pennsylvania Railroad company for the year 1909 was made public today and shows a gratifying increase, according to President McCrea, in the gross earnings as compared with the earnings of the previous year. The gross revenue reached the big total of $153,564,527, an increase over 1908 of $17,267,636. The operating expenses, including taxes, amounted to $111,903,160, an increase of $10,502,167. The net operating revenue of the company was $37,479,331, an increase of $5,270,139. The net income for last year amounted to $35,159,087, an increase of $6,951,427.

The cash dividends paid during the year amounted to $19,173,742.

HEROISM REWARDED.

Passenger Train Conductor Given Gold Watch and Check for $500.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—For heroic work in the rescue of passengers from the wreck of a Canadian Pacific train at Spanish river bridge on Jan. 21, in which over forty lives were lost, Conductor Thomas Reynolds was given a gold watch and a check for $500 today. In making the presentation President Shaughnessy said it was the company's recognition of Reynolds' appreciation of the duty of a railroad man, which called for self sacrifice and devotion quite as much as that of a soldier.

Honorary Freedom of City of London to Theodore Roosevelt.

London, Feb. 28.—The corporation of London will hold a special meeting next Thursday to consider a requisition which has been signed by many influential members to present the honorary freedom of the city to Theodore Roosevelt in a gold box and to entertain him at a reception and luncheon at Guild hall.

This distinction has been shown previously to Garibaldi, General Grant, George Peabody, the philanthropist, and Count De Lesseps.

Storms and Washouts Hold Up Traffic on Pacific Roads.

Ogden, Utah., Feb. 28.—A storm in Wyoming and a washout in Nevada forced the abandonment of much traffic of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads today. The trains Nos. 2, 4, and 6 and 10 on the Southern Pacific have been annulled. Train No. 1 on the Union Pacific is many hours behind.

Condensed Telegrams

Lieut. Col. William R. Abercrombie was retired upon his own application.

The Senate Committee Agreed on a programme for conducting the cost of living investigation.

The Fifteenth Corporation Tax Case brought to the supreme court of the United States was docketed.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered the rates on fruit shipments from Florida reduced.

The Pope Will Grant Colonel Roosevelt an audience and the king of Italy will give a dinner in his honor.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, rabbi of the Tree synagogue, New York city, delivered an address in London on Liberal Judaism.

Attorney General Wickersham discussed the administration railroad bill with the house interstate commerce commission.

Three Burglars Were Sentenced to seventeen years in the penitentiary in Nova Scotia for robbing summer homes of Americans.

The Decision of the French Court against Cardinal Lucon of Rheims sustains the public school teachers in their every complaint.

The Dalai Lamb, the Buddhist Pope, deposed by the Chinese from Tibet, is reported to have taken refuge in Bhintan, an independent state in Asia.

It Now Appears That the British ministry would have been defeated in the first week of the new parliament had it not been spared by the unionists.

President Taft Sent a Special Message to congress urging legislation for the improvement of the personnel of the navy and indorsing the Meyer plan.

The Court of Inquiry which is investigating the shooting up of Brownsville, Tex., on the night of Aug. 13, 1906, has about finished the work of taking testimony.

Pinchot Began His Testimony before the senate committee investigating the conservation controversy and denounced Ballinger as faithless to his trust and to the president.

Sir John Bingham, president of the divorce court in England, at a meeting of the royal commission to investigate the subject of divorce, expressed some radical views on the question.

GIFT OF $5,000 TO SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL

For the Establishment of a Lectureship, Made by Chester W. Lyman.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 28.—Prof. Russell H. Chittenden, director of the Sheffield Scientific school, announced today a gift of $5,000 to the Sheffield trustees for the establishment of a lectureship in the Sheffield Scientific school. The gift is made by Chester W. Lyman of New York city, a graduate of Yale college in the class of 1882, to be used in a course of lectures on the subject of water storage conservation. The lectureship will be known as the Chester S. Lyman lectureship, in memory of the donor's father, who was for many years professor of physics and astronomy in the Sheffield Scientific school. It is hoped that this will serve as the nucleus of a larger fund in the memory of Professor Lyman to cover the broader field of hydraulic engineering.

DEATH OF "HERO" GRAVES.

He Gave the Alarm at Mill River Flood in 1874.

Northampton, Mass., Feb. 28.—Daniel Collins Graves, the hero of the Mill river flood of 1874, one of the greatest disasters that New England has known, died today at his home in Williamsburg. He was 70 years old. Mr. Graves, while returning home early the morning of May 16, 1874, learned that the reservoir at the head of the Mill river valley had burst. Unharnessing his horse, he leaped on its back and rode the length of the valley, awakening the several hundred inhabitants of the villages threatened by the onrushing water. Despite his warning, more than one hundred and forty people were caught in the flood and drowned. Since his exploit, Mr. Graves, locally known as "Hero" Graves, has been a farmer in well to do circumstances.

GENERAL MANAGER HIGGINS

Writes to Adjustment Board of New Haven Road Trainmen.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 28.—The adjustment board of the Brotherhoods of Railway Conductors and Trainmen received a letter today from General Manager Higgins of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, in which the board is asked to define the line of demarkation between the demands of the trainmen and conductors so that the company would know in what manner to treat with the demands. The letter was answered at once.

Pamphlets entitled "Demands of Railroad Employes" were circulated among the men of all divisions of the road today.

Fire Threatened Lives of Score of Lodgers.

Lyndonville, Vt., Feb. 28.—The lives of a score of lodgers were threatened and two women were injured tonight by a $25,000 fire that destroyed the Parker block on Depot street. Mrs. J. M. Caff, 73 years old, who had to be carried from an upper story, is in a critical condition tonight from suffocation and shock. Mrs. G. B. Allyn, who leaped from the second story, is suffering from a badly sprained wrist. The block was a three-story wooden structure owned by G. B. Allyn. The cause of the blaze is not known. Half of the loss is covered by insurance.

Will of Mrs. Barnard Admitted to Probate Without Contest.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 28.—The will of Mrs. Julius F. Barnard, formerly of Boston, was admitted to probate today without contest, and letters of administration were issued to a local bank. After Mrs. Barnard's death recently a controversy arose over the custody of her three children. Mrs. Barnard left an estate of $500,000. In addition the will of John Barnard, her husband's father, was admitted to probate today. It bequeaths the bulk of a $250,000 estate to her children.

Milling Company Protests Against the Seizure of Bleached Flour.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 28.—The Updyke Milling company of Omaha today filed a petition in the federal court asking that United States District Attorney Temple be enjoined from further interference with its business or from further seizures of flour as ordered by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. Eight carloads belonging to the company were seized as bleached flour by Attorney Temple several months ago.

SAY THEY HAVE SCHWAB BEATEN

Labor Leaders Claim All Departments With Two Exceptions Are Now Unionized.

BETHLEHEM STEEL PLANT STILL IDLE

Attempts to Reopen Works Yesterday a Failure—Only 400 of the Nearly 10,000 Men Reported for Work—Coroner Issues John Doe Warrant for State Trooper Who Shot and Killed Jos Szambo.

Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 28.—The attempt of the Bethlehem Steel company to reopen its plant today was a failure. Reports received tonight are that not more than 300 or 400 of the nearly 10,000 men were at work today, and not many men went out on the nightshift. It is predicted that tomorrow morning the number of men going to work will be largely in excess of today, for the company sent out notices today to most of the men who were still at work when the plant was shut down on Saturday to return to the plant, assuring them that they will receive protection. A number of foremen returned home today, after waiting several hours without enough workmen appearing to operate the departments.

Talk of Arbitration.

The labor leaders in charge of the strike say they have President Schwab beaten. They claim that with one or two exceptions all departments have been unionized. Frank Dry, one of the organizers claim they will be able to formulate the demands of the various unions, which will then be submitted to the priests of the local Roman Catholic churches, who have promised to use their best offices to act as arbitrators for an adjustment of the grievances.

Trooper's Act in Killing Joseph Szambo Uncalled For.

A John Doe warrant was issued today by Coroner Gobsen of Lehigh county for the arrest of the state policeman whose shot killed Joseph Szambo. This decision was reached after a conference with District Attorney McKeen of Easton, who is quoted as saying, after viewing the scene of the tragedy, that "there is no doubt in my mind that the act of the trooper was uncalled for, and that he can be held accountable on the charge of either murder or manslaughter."

Constables James Cullen of the Fourth ward, who was one of the 29 men arrested by the state troopers on Saturday night, was today fined $2 for being intoxicated.

Organizer Tazelaar talked today with Clarence Darrow, a labor attorney, and it is probable that Darrow will assist H. A. Cyphers, a local attorney, in pushing the case against the state trooper who shot Szambo. George Myrak, the Hungarian, who was shot in the face by the same trooper, is in a critical condition at his home.

PROSECUTOR'S NEXT STEP AGAINST INDICTED PACKERS

Will Be to Apply for the Minutes of the Accused Corporations.

New York, Feb. 28.—The next step by Prosecutor Garven of Hudson county, New Jersey, against the indicted packers and their companies will be to apply at Trenton, the state capital, for the minutes of the accused corporations. If these are not produced, an order will be asked compelling the companies to show cause why they should not be adjudged in contumacy. Prosecutor Garven would not say tonight when he intends to act, but it was understood he will do so tomorrow.

The sheriff will shortly report which of the corporations and their officers indicted are now in his jurisdiction. Copies of the capiases and indictments against those elsewhere will then be sent to the police of the counties where they live. If the police decline to make arrests, the governor of New Jersey will then make requisition for extradition.

SEISMOGRAPHS RECORD SIX BIG EARTHQUAKES.

Shocks Were from East to West—Came from Long Distance.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 28.—Five long earthquake shocks were recorded by the seismograph at St. Louis university today commencing at 3.39.45 and continuing until 3.48.10 o'clock. The shocks were from east to west, according to Father Goesse, and portend a severe shock in the extreme southwestern portion of the globe.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 28.—A sixth shock, the most severe of all, was recorded at 7.40 o'clock tonight. It lasted ninety seconds.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 28.—Earthquake tremors lasting over an hour were recorded here this afternoon by the seismograph at St. Ignatius' observatory. The Rev. Frederick Odenbach said that the tremors evidently came from a long distance, but he would not be able to place them until he made calculations tomorrow.

DIAMONDS AND JEWELRY WORTH $50,000 STOLEN

From Wife of New York Broker While She Was in Her Bath.

New York, Feb. 28.—While she was in her bath, diamonds and jewelry valued at $50,000 were stolen from the dressing room of Mrs. Sanford Erlanger, wife of a New York stock broker, in her apartment at the Ansonia. The theft was made last Thursday, but was not announced by the detectives until tonight. Although a maid was in the apartment at the time, she has been exonerated by her mistress from any knowledge of the robbery, and the detectives believe it was an outside job.

LONG ISLAND TRAGEDY.

Eight Daughters Saw Their Mother Shot Dead.

New York, Feb. 28.—The eight young daughters of Mrs. Carrie Murat, a French woman living at Woodhaven, L. I., saw her shot dead tonight by Frank Saldermano, an Italian. Saldermano fired two ineffective shots at his wife, Amelia, the oldest and prettiest of the Murat girls, before shooting Mrs. Murat. Then he escaped. The shooting was prompted by Mrs. Murat's refusal to let Amelia go with her husband to live in New York's "Little Italy."

BALLOON "NEW YORK"

Started Last Night from Texas for Long Distance Record.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 28.—Clifford B. Harmon of New York and George B. Harrison of Los Angeles started tonight at 9.15 o'clock in the balloon "New York" for a long distance record.

The balloon sailed easily toward the northwest. The balloonists are prepared to remain in the air 72 hours. The balloon is carrying 80,000 cubic feet of gas.

Get a College Education Without Going to College.

Boston, Feb. 28.—A college education without going to college, at a price so low as to place it within reach of great numbers of ambitious students unable to attend the regularly established institutions, is provided for in a bill signed by Governor Draper today. The bill incorporates the trustees of the Massachusetts college, for which $500,000 is wanted, and of which $100,000 has already been subscribed by Edmund D. Harbour of this city, the father of the idea. It is planned to give instructions in various parts of the state, where it is expected towns and cities will give free use of buildings.

CONFESSED TO PLAN TO WRECK NEW HAVEN TRAIN

And Then Rob Bodies of the Dead—Five Boys Arrested.

Greenwich, Conn., Feb. 28.—Five boys of foreign parentage, the oldest only 19 and the youngest ten, confessed today after arrest here, to plans to wreck a fast New York, New Haven & Hartford passenger train which left New York shortly after noon, and then plunder the bodies of the dead. They are George Lenko, 16 years old; Stephen Yoski, 16; Edward G. Gydoosik, 14; Andrew Milaen, 22, and Matthew Gydooski, 19. By his own uncontradicted statement, Yoski was ringleader. All were frequenters of moving picture shows. Although the arrest did not come out until today, plans for the wreck, according to the police, had been laid for last Saturday and would probably have gone through with appalling possibilities if it had not been for the watchfulness of a switchman who saw one of the boys using a stolen key to open a switch near the East Portchester freight yards. Had the switch remained open the train would have shot abruptly into a thirty-foot rock embankment.

The train carried a special club car on which William G. Rockefeller, E. C. Benedict and a score of other wealthy men ride for the week-end to their country places in Stamford and Greenwich. In his anxiety to close the switch the switchman let the boys escape for the time being, but he immediately notified the railway detective force.

OLEOMARGARINE DEALER GOES TO FORT LEAVENWORTH.

Six Years in Federal Prison and Fined $15,000.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Federal inquiry into methods of disposing of oleomargarine was ordered today by Judge K. M. Landis of the United States district court after he had sentenced William Broadwell, one of four dealers, who had been indicted for violating the oleomargarine regulations, to six years in federal prison at Fort Leavenworth and fined him $15,000.

"It has been disclosed that probably not less than $15,000, and possibly more than $20,000, has been lost by the United States government as a result of Broadwell's activities," said Judge Landis in sentencing him. "Whenever arrested he has given bonds and then gone out and violated the law again the next day. It has been a wilful defiance of the law. His bond has been supplied by a manufacturer of the commodity which he sold illegally, a proceeding which I regard it as my duty to say is highly significant."

CAPT. FOWLER NOT KILLED IN NICARAGUA BATTLE.

American Was Only Slightly Injured—Rejoins the Revolutionists.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Capt. Godfrey Reece Fowler of Palestine, Texas, was not killed in the battle between the revolutionary forces and Nicaraguan government troops at Tisma, Nicaragua, February 22, as reported, but was only slightly injured and has rejoined the revolutionists. United States Consul Olivarez at Managua, in a dispatch to the state department today, says Fowler received only a flesh wound in the leg. He succeeded in getting off the battlefield and after his injuries were properly dressed rejoined the revolutionary army.

Speaker Cannon to Be Guest of Honor at White House Dinner.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Speaker Cannon is to be the guest of honor at a dinner of forty covers or more at the White House on Thursday night. At that time President Taft will inaugurate a new White House custom, that of an annual function in honor of the presiding officer of the house of representatives. The dinner is to be on a par with those tendered to the cabinet, to the diplomatic corps and to the judiciary.

Voted to Create Interstate Commerce Court.

Washington, Feb. 28.—By a majority of two the house committee on interstate commerce voted today to create the interstate commerce court, which is one of the principal features of the Townsend administration railroad bill. This is the provision for which the president and the attorney general have been fighting to have kept in the bill.

New York Prices on Meat Advance.

New York, Feb. 28.—Prophecies that the late meat bo