Norwich Bulletin

1796

VOL. LIII.—NO. 87 NORWICH, CONN., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1911 PRICE TWO CENTS.

AMERICANS RAILROADED TO PRISON

Sentenced as Vagrants at Brussels Because of Inability to Pay a Hotel Bill

ARE RELEASED AFTER TWENTY DAYS

Minister of Justice Tenders Apologies After Their Identity Was Established—American Legation to Investigate the Case—Belgium Papers Strong in Condemnation—One of Victims of a Wealthy Family.

Brussels, Belgium, April 11.—The local papers this morning publish a story concerning Ralph Brandreth of New York and Auguste Mathieu, the latter being described as the New Yorker's secretary, in which it is affirmed that through the intervention of the minister of justice the two men have been released from prison after serving only twenty days of a two years' sentence.

Sentenced as Vagabonds.

According to the published account, Brandreth and Mathieu were arrested on March 17, charged with having swindled the proprietor of a hotel, and were subsequently sentenced to imprisonment as vagabonds. The papers state that an investigation conducted by the minister of justice convinced him that Brandreth was an American millionaire.

Unable to Pay Hotel Bill.

Maitre Revelard, counsel for Mr. Brandreth, said that his client was senior partner in the Allcock Manufacturing company of New York. He explained that Mr. Brandreth had found himself temporarily without money and was unable to pay his bill at the hotel. The hotel keeper asked him to leave, which he did, stopping with a friend. The hotel keeper later denounced him to the police and charged he had borrowed money under false pretenses.

Sentenced for Two Years.

Brandreth was arrested March 17, and in spite of protests was sentenced to two years' imprisonment as a vagrant. The court proceedings passed unnoticed.

Released With Apologies.

In the meantime the minister of justice cabled to New York to verify his identity, but received no reply until today. He then immediately ordered the release of Brandreth with apologies.

American Legation to Investigate.

It is understood, however, that the matter will not be allowed to rest. The American legation will take up an investigation of the case, considering inexcusable that an American should lie twenty days in jail without the opportunity of justifying himself. The authorities are greatly annoyed over the affair, and announce their readiness to make an ample official expression of regret and pecuniary compensation, if desired.

New York Authorities Blamed.

The judge who had charge of the case asserts that the fault in the delay lies with the New York authorities. While waiting for a confirmation of his identity, the judge said, Mr. Brandreth was subjected to the most lenient rule of the prison. The Brussels newspapers comment this evening in strong terms. The Etoile Belge says it is a shame that such an incident is possible and that it is probable this will lead to a reform in the law of vagrancy.

Not Director of Allcock Company.

New York, April 11.—The corporation directory names Franklin Brandreth as president of the Allcock Manufacturing company and Daubney Brandreth as a director, but does not mention Ralph C. Brandreth in the concern's list of officers and directors. Guy S. Brandreth, a brother of Ralph, lives at Short Hills, N. J., but could not be reached tonight. It was reported recently that Guy S. Brandreth had acquired for a consideration of $10,000 the remainder of Ralph's interest in her father's estate.

Wife Doesn't Know Where He Is.

Mrs. Ralph C. Brandreth, who lives at Bellport, L. I., said today that she had not seen her husband for months and did not know of his whereabouts or the business in which he was engaged. Mrs. Brandreth was Miss Edith C. Armstrong before her marriage two years ago. The wedding ceremony was performed while both she and Brandreth were swathed in bandages as the result of an automobile accident near Monroe, N. Y.

Mother Also Ignorant in Matter.

Young Brandreth's mother also declared today that she knew nothing of her son's whereabouts or activities. She fitted out the yawl Taromina for him to make a world cruise four years ago. The yawl collided with a four-master off Tompkinsville, S. I., and split some of her spars and was compelled to put back to New York, where she struck a barge a mile or so further.

HATTERS' CASE MAY GO TO SUPREME COURT

Plaintiff Loewe Believes It Should Be Threshed Out There.

Danbury, Conn., April 11.—D. E. Loewe of the firm of D. E. Loewe & Co., hatters, of this city, plaintiffs in the suit against the United Hatters of North America, commenting on the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals, handed down yesterday, which reversed the decision of the United States district court in awarding damages to the plaintiff, today said:

"As I am not a lawyer, I do not feel that I want to discuss the legal issues involved in the opinion given by the circuit court of appeals, but if the judge of the lower court or the attorneys continue to hold the same views upon the important points involved in the appeal that they held at the time of the trial, it appears to me that it would be wise to have the supreme court pass upon the question, rather than to have a re-trial of the case. As I view the matter at present, it seems to me that our case should be taken to the supreme court of the United States for final decision upon the points that have been raised in the appeal just decided."

The points to which Mr. Loewe indicated he had special reference were those relating to certain directions by Judge Platt to the jury and also to the admission of certain evidence relative to the responsibility of the defendants.

ALIMONY DODGER RELEASED FROM JAIL

Cannot Be Confined Forever Because He Does Not Pay.

New York, April 11.—Good news for the "Alimony club" in Ludlow street jail is contained in a decision handed down today by Justice Guy in the supreme court in the divorce suit brought by Helen W. Richards against John T. Richards, a lawyer. Justice Guy holds in substance that Richards need not stay in jail forever merely because he has not paid his wife her temporary alimony. Richards was fined and committed for contempt in October last and has been in jail ever since until today.

Mrs. Richards' counsel contended that the code provision limiting imprisonment for non-payment of alimony to six months applied only to permanent alimony, and that a man could be kept in jail continuously for non-payment of temporary alimony. In his decision Justice Guy holds that this contention is an absurdity and ordered the prisoner's release.

HUMAN LIFE MAGAZINE ASSIGNS TO PRINTERS.

Liabilities Are Over $50,000, but Assets Are Not Given.

Boston, April 11.—An assignment for the benefit of its creditors was made today by the Human Life Publishing company of this city to Herbert H. White, treasurer of the University Press of Cambridge, which printed the concern's magazine, Human Life.

It is believed that the liabilities of the company are in excess of $50,000, but Mr. White is unable to estimate the amount at the present time. The capital stock of the company was $500,000. George S. McNeal is president of the company.

George C. Terry Very Low.

Aiken, S. C., April 11.—George C. Terry, assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, who has been seriously ill at a hotel here for more than a week, is reported in a critical condition tonight. According to his physicians, no hope is held for his recovery.

NEW TRIAL ORDERED FOR DR. B. CLARK HYDE

Was Convicted of Murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope.

Kansas City, Mo., April 11.—Action in the B. Clark Hyde murder case, which the supreme court of Missouri today reversed and remanded to this county for new trial, tonight awaits the arrival of the official mandate from Jefferson City.

Attorneys for both the state and the defense will make no definite plans for the future until they have read this document.

That Dr. Hyde will be re-tried is certain, according to Prosecutor Virgil Conkling. It is probable, too, that he will again be tried on the charge of murdering Col. Thomas H. Swope, although it was on this case that the higher court granted the reversal. The physician is also under indictment for the murder of other members of the Swope family.

Attorney Frank P. Walsh, chief counsel for Dr. Hyde, said tonight that if the case is re-tried it will be before Judge E. E. Poterfield, who presides over the second division of the criminal court. Dr. Hyde's attorneys have the privilege of taking a change of venue to Judge Porterfield if they desire. Judge Latschaw says he will not be able to pass on the question of bail until the mandate arrives.

Both sides are anxious for an early re-trial. The beginning of the trial, however, depends largely upon the condition of Mrs. Logan O. Swope, who is now said to be seriously ill at Los Angeles.

DRUG CLERKS AFRAID OF LOSING POSITIONS.

Dare Not Appear at Hartford and Argue for Ten Hour Law.

Hartford, April 11.—Charles Calendar, a drug clerk, made the statement before the labor committee today that at a meeting of the Drug Clerks' association last night a majority of the clerks expressed a fear of appearing before the committees because their employers might discharge them. The hearing was on a bill which provides a ten hour law for drug clerks.

C. A. Repelye of Hartford, proprietor of a drug store, said that so far as he knew no proprietor would interfere with clerks in their movements outside of the stores. He said the bill is too drastic, especially for proprietors of small stores.

SILK MILL SHUTS DOWN BECAUSE OF A STRIKE.

Action of 100 Throws 1,000 Out of Employment at Shamokin.

Shamokin, Pa., April 11.—Following a strike at the Rock street Shamokin silk mills today, whereby 100 employes were rendered idle, the management of the mills, which also controls the Edgewood silk mill, shut down the two plants and a dye plant, throwing out of work 1,000 additional employes. The strike was due to an alleged unfair docking system.

Prisoner Escapes from Fort Adams.

Newport, R. I., April 11.—Troops are searching about Newport tonight for Private James P. Conroy, a military prisoner at Fort Adams, who escaped from the guard this afternoon. Private Conroy is a member of the 130th coast artillery company, and was recently sentenced to three years at hard labor.

Negro Democrats to Convene.

Washington, April 11.—To formulate plans for participation in the presidential campaign in 1912 the national negro democratic executive committee has issued a call for a convention in Indianapolis, Ind., May 17, on the basis of one delegate from each congressional district and one from each territory.

Cabled Paragraphs

Kingston, Jamaica, April 11.—Today's papers state that a New York business house has agreed to finance a plan for the construction of a floating dock in this harbor. A promoter is here, negotiating with the local government.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, April 11.—At daybreak a feeble-minded youth of 22 years paid with his life for the indiscretion of an anti-government utterance. The summary punishment has made an unpleasant impression.

Lima, Peru, April 11.—The general strike of workingmen begun yesterday was settled today, following the adjustment of the dispute between the management and the employes of the Vitarte factory, where the trouble began.

Dusseldor, Rhenish Prussia, April 11.—Count Zeppelin's dirigible balloon Deutschland II., arrived today from Frankfort on the Main, and will be stationed here permanently to carry out the contract with the municipality for passenger flight.

London, April 11.—As a result of a scrutiny of the votes cast in Exeter at the last election, another liberal member of the house of commons, Richard Harold St. Maur, has been unseated. Henry Edward Duke, the former unionist member, was declared elected by a majority of one.

LARGER TRAIN CREWS URGED ON FREIGHTS.

Brotherhood Presents Arguments to Legislative Committee.

Hartford, Conn., April 11.—John L. Rowe of Bridgeport, of the grievance committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, appeared before the railroad committee today and urged the passage of the "full crew" bill. The bill provides that on freight trains consisting of 35 or more cars two brakemen and one flagman shall be employed in addition to the engineer, fireman and conductor; also that the same number shall be employed on any train or freight yard engine using a main track.

Small Crews Increase Danger.

Mr. Rowe said that peculiar conditions exist in Connecticut on railroads. There is much more switching than in most states, and a number of men in train crews smaller. The less number of men employed in a yard increases the danger of the crew. The terrible toll of lives annually proves the necessity for the law that will employ more men. The employe is supposed to protect his train just as much as he did before the block system was installed. Quick communication of signals is necessary. It cannot be done with a brakeman forward, a brakeman in the rear and only the conductor in the middle of the train.

$21,000,000 Contributed in Aid.

"Surround these men with protection. In 28 years railroad men have paid from their wages $21,000,000 in the United States and Canada to the families of killed and injured. There are better occupations than shaking hands with death every 24 hours. There shouldn't be less than three brakemen and a conductor on the average train," said Mr. Rowe.

B. A. Wynne, legislative agent for the Brotherhood of Conductors, stated to the committee that there is scarcely a time when the main line is not used by switching crews and that more men are needed in the yards.

Trains Shy of Help.

Representative C. W. Murphy of Danbury said he saw a train of ten cars at South Norwalk a few days ago in charge of two brakemen. He had done a brakeman's duty, helping passengers on and off a train. He had noticed that a majority of trains are shy of help.

Representative Albert Phillips of Stamford said he had seen brakemen collecting fares, and recently during a rush he paid his fare to one who gave him no rebate. He was sure that train crews are not large enough.

MILK BUSINESS TO UNDERGO INVESTIGATION

Effort to Determine if Sherman Anti-Trust Law Has Been Violated.

Boston, April 11.—A thorough investigation of the conditions surrounding the sale and transportation of milk in New England is to be made by the federal grand jury. William S. Gregg, special assistant to the attorney general of the United States, arrived in Boston today and announced that he would conduct such an investigation by direction of Attorney General Wickersham.

He said the inquiry was to be directed toward ascertaining whether the Sherman anti-trust law has been violated by any persons connected with the milk business in New England.

$8,350 REALIZED FOR NEW YORK FIRE SUFFERERS

Benefit Performance Held Under Auspices of Theatrical Managers.

New York, April 11.—Eight thousand three hundred and fifty dollars was realized for the Washington place fire sufferers at a special benefit matinee held this afternoon at the Metropolitan opera house under the auspices of the Association of Theatrical Managers of Greater New York.

The house was packed from floor to dome and hundreds were standing. Prominent actors and actresses sold programmes and 43 of the leading operatic, dramatic, musical comedy and vaudeville stars contributed their services to the variegated bill.

A New Pension Bill.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Washington, April 11.—Representative Sherwood of Ohio, the new chairman of the pension committee of the house, introduced bill No. 1 at the opening of congress last week. This bill provides that any person that served 90 days and less than six months shall receive a pension of $15 a month; for a service of six months and less than nine months, $20 per month; for a service of nine months or less than one year, $25 per month; and for a service of one year or over, $30 per month.

The bill also provides that no soldier drawing a pension under this act or either $25 or $30 per month shall be eligible to admission or residence in either a state or national soldiers' home. It is further provided that any soldier who was wounded in battle or on duty and who is disabled and unfit for manual labor shall draw the minimum of $30, without regard to length of service, and that no pension under this act shall be paid to a soldier whose annual income is $1,000 or over, nor shall rank be considered in the adjudicating of claims under this act. The bill is to take effect on its passage and pensions date from the filing of claim. No other pension can be drawn while drawing under this act. An honorable discharge is the only requisite.

H. R. No. 3 is the Sulloway bill, reintroduced, which passed the house last congress, but was not acted upon in the senate.

Indicted For Manslaughter

OWNERS OF TRIANGLE WAIST COMPANY ARRESTED.

BLAMED FOR TWO DEATHS

Contention That Girls on Ninth Floor Perished Because Door Was Locked—Both Released on Bail.

New York, April 11.—Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, owners of the Triangle Waist company, were indicted today by the grand jury which is investigating the circumstances of the Washington place fire of March 25, as a result of which 145 employes of the company lost their lives.

Manslaughter in Both Degrees.

The indictments, four in number, charge each man with manslaughter in the first and second degree, the maximum penalty for which is twenty and ten years' imprisonment, respectively.

Released in $25,000 Bail.

Harris and Blanck were arrested at their homes, were arraigned and after entering pleas of not guilty were released in $25,000 bail.

Indictments Charge Two Deaths.

These indictments charge that the defendants are responsible for the deaths of Rosie Grasso and Margaret Schwartz, whose charred bodies were found on the ninth floor of the burned building. The Grasso girl was 16 years old, Margaret Schwartz 23.

Claim Made That Door Was Locked.

The district attorney hopes to prove that the girls tried the door on the ninth floor in an effort to escape, but that it was locked. A charred piece of the door in question, with the bolt shot, was shown to the grand jury, as well as a part of the burned stairway.

Other Indictments Possible.

A few minutes afterward the indictments were returned. Other indictments may follow.

Took Their Arrest Calmly.

Judge O'Sullivan thanked the grand jury for its diligence and gave the defendants until April 25 to withdraw their pleas of not guilty. Both men took their arrest calmly.

The grand jury investigation will be resumed next week.

COFFINS ARRIVE FOR SOLDIERS IN TEXAS.

Lieutenant of United States Cavalry Writes of Significant Developments.

Rochester, N. Y., April 11.—G. P. Rogers of the Rogers Lumber company, Geneva, yesterday received a letter from his son, Charles Rogers, who is a lieutenant, U. S. cavalry, now stationed on the Mexican border. Lieutenant Rogers writes his father that the regulars are looking for something to happen within the next two weeks. He says that included in the supplies received within a week are a large quantity of coffins and grave markers and that fifty additional surgeons have been ordered to camp.

These signs, the letter adds, point to something besides ordinary camp life, and since it became known that coffins and grave markers were included in the camp supplies the regulars are more than ever convinced that they will see active field duty and are eager for it.

MAYOR GAYNOR BUYS URCHIN A JACKKNIFE.

Lad Was Whittling Stick in City Hall Park.

New York, April 11.—As Mayor Gaynor was passing through City Hall park this afternoon he chanced to notice a little street urchin whittling a stick of wood with what had once been a penknife.

"What are you doing, sonny?" the mayor asked.

"Just whittlin'," responded the boy, looking up at his questioner, whom he did not recognize.

"Come along with me and we'll get a real knife," said the mayor, taking the boy's hand in his own.

Together they visited a sporting goods store and bought a good knife, and the boy went away pleased, not knowing who his benefactor was.

ANOTHER DEMOCRAT WINS AT HARTFORD.

O'Neil Chosen Alderman at Special Election to Break Tie.

Hartford, Conn., April 11.—The special election held in the Fifth ward today to decide the tie vote for alderman at the recent city election resulted in a victory for J. F. O'Neil, democrat, who defeated his republican opponent, Dr. W. A. Damon, 348 to 291.

The board of aldermen, as a result of today's election, will stand eleven democrats to nine republicans. The democrats also have a safe working majority in the board of common council and a democratic mayor. This is the first time for nearly twenty years that the city government has been democratic.

TWO HUNDRED OFFERED TO SELL THEIR BLOOD

Hospital Had Advertised to Pay $25 a Quart for It.

New York, April 11.—Two hundred men called at the Mount Moriah hospital today in answer to an advertisement offering $25 for a quart of human blood. Most of them were penniless, and all declared that the monetary reward was their sole consideration in applying.

G. J. Allen, a strapping sailor, was selected, and for half an hour blood flowed from his arteries into the veins of Mrs. Rosie Reisler. Allen wanted to depart when the operation was concluded, but surgeons detained him until he recovers his strength. Mrs. Reisler, who had lost blood through an internal hemorrhage, has a good chance of recovery.

TO BRING KELSEY BACK TO HARTFORD.

Governor Baldwin Signs Requisition Papers for His Removal.

Hartford, Conn., April 11.—Requisition papers were signed today by Governor Baldwin for the removal of Charles B. Kelsey, former assistant treasurer of the Hartford Life Insurance company, from New York city, where he was arrested last week, to this city.

The papers will be taken to Albany by a local detective for signature by Governor Dix. Kelsey is charged with the larceny of $1,000 from the insurance company.

Poured Wine Into Streets

RIOTOUS DEMONSTRATION BY WINE GROWERS IN FRANCE.

CHAMPAGNE DESTROYED

250,000 Bottles of the Beverage Smashed and Red Flag Raised—Dissatisfaction Over Action of the Senate.

Paris, April 11.—The senate today after a lengthy discussion of the serious condition which has arisen over the champagne question, adopted a resolution in favor of the suppression of all territorial delimitations, as likely to provoke dissensions between the various sections of the country.

New Law Caused Protest.

A law was recently enacted excluding the department of Aube from the region the wine of which can be legally designated champagne. This has resulted in demonstrations of protest in that department.

Deadly Blow to Marne.

Rheims, France, April 11.—The resolution adopted by the senate relative to the delimited champagne area caused tremendous excitement throughout the department of Marne, the news spreading like wildfire. It is considered as a deadly blow to the interests of Marne and a concession to the rival and neighboring department of Aube.

Wine Growers on Rampage.

Epernay, Department of Marne, April 11.—Upon hearing the decision of the senate, the leaders summoned the wine growers to assemble at Epernay and the call was quickly answered. A big column gathered from various sections, marched through the valley and arrived at Dizy before the authorities were aware that the workers had started. They wrecked cellars and smashed 250,000 bottles of champagne, throwing up barricades with casks and hoisting the red flag.

Wine Poured Into Streets.

The column then swept down on Damery, where three establishments were sacked, gallons of wine being poured into the streets. The next stopping place was Ay, where the rioters were beginning the work of destruction when a squadron of the Thirty-first dragoons, which had been sent in pursuit, caught up with them, driving them out of town. Several of the rioters were injured, but the others took up the march to Epernay.

Troops Guard Approaches to Town.

At Epernay the populace was seething. All the troops were on foot and the approaches to the town were strongly guarded. The situation is considered very serious, and it is feared the night will not pass without much further destruction to property.

Rioters Damage Wine Cellars.

Rheims, France, April 11.—A column of two thousand persons from all the villages in the Marne valley descended on Epernay, which is the entrepot for champagne wines. These are kept in vaults in the rock on which the town is built. They marched through several small towns, doing considerable damage to the cellars of unpopular firms. The authorities hastily despatched the Sixteenth dragoons and a heavy force of gendarmes after the rioters.

COMPULSORY REST ONE DAY IN SEVEN

Labor Committee Gives Hearing on Bill to That Effect.

Hartford, April 11.—The labor committee gave a hearing today on Representative Sherman's bill, which makes compulsory one day's rest in seven. The bill does not apply to farm or personal service, druggists, watchmen, superintendents or managers, janitors, persons engaged in transportation, sale or delivery of milk, food, or newspapers.

Rev. C. S. McFarlane, representing the Federation of Churches, said that the countries of Switzerland and Spain and states of Massachusetts and California have laws similar to this one pending. There was some opposition to the bill, the contention being that conditions often require labor seven days a week.

PRINZESS IRENE SUFFERED VERY LITTLE DAMAGE.

Yet Cost of the Accident Will Be Between $100,000 and $150,000.

New York, April 11.—Divers made an examination today of the steamer Prinzess Irene and confirmed that the only damage which she suffered in the grounding on Fire Island beach was a broken rudder post. She will go to Newport News for drydock and a more thorough examination some time this week, probably under her own steam, although tugs will at least act as consorts.

It is said that Captain F. Von Letten Petersen will take the steamer back to Genoa although he may later be transferred to some other vessel. The cost of the Irene's mishap is estimated at from $100,000 to $150,000.

REPUTATION DAMAGED TO EXTENT OF SIX CENTS.

Man Who Was Arrested and Photographed Gets Small Verdict.

New York, April 11.—Six cents damages was awarded today to William Casey by a Brooklyn jury in the supreme court for the injury to his reputation sustained when he was arrested and photographed by Brooklyn detectives, charged with a crime of which he was acquitted on trial.

Casey sued General Theodore Bingham, then police commissioner, for $25,000, and seven detectives for $10,000 each. The case against General Bingham was thrown out of court, and today's verdict followed the trial of the action against the detectives.

SWEENEY SUCCEEDS LURIENNE.

Traffic Manager of One Company and General Manager of Another.

New York, April 11.—The appointment was announced today of Edward C. Sweeney, superintendent of the French Telegraph-Cable company, to be traffic manager of this company and general manager of the United States and Hayti Telegraph and Cable company, to succeed the late Louis A. Lurienne. Mr. Sweeney has been 32 years in the French Telegraph-Cable company's service.

Fire Wipes Out Business District.

Seattle, Wash., April 11.—Practically the entire business district of Iditared City, Alaska, the scene of teh recent rich gold strikes, has been destroyed by fire.

Condensed Telegrams

Ice Will Cost More in Chicago this summer than in 1910, according to an announcement by leading dealers.

A New Freight Steamship Service between Boston and South American ports will be inaugurated next fall.

Three Resolutions Providing for the direct election of senators by the people have been introduced in the house.

Abanding Their Contest for a Saturday half holiday, the striking plumers of Chester, Conn., have returned to work.

President Taft Emphatically denied that the government had any knowledge of a secret treaty between Japan and Mexico.

On the Ground that it was special legislation, the Pennsylvania eight-hour law is declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court.

William S. Link, former member of the Illinois state legislature, indicted for perjury in connection with the Lorimer case, was found dead.

Senator Stone declared in his opinion the repeated efforts to connect Japan with the movement of American troops to the Texas border were made for "some unholy purpose."

A Children's Bureau is to be established in the department of commerce and labor as provided for in a bill introduced in the house yesterday by Representative Barnhart of Indiana.

Captain Robert Bartlett, master of the Peary Arctic ship, Roosevelt, became an American citizen yesterday. Captain Bartlett was a Newfoundlander and accompanied Admiral Peary on his journey to the North Pole.

A Fire in the Pricsburg Colliery of the Scranton Coal company, which owns the ill-fated Pancoast mine, threatened the lives of 300 workers. They were safely gotten out and the fire extinguished.

MAIL CLERKS RALLY AROUND QUACKENBUSH.

Former President, However, Refused to Yield Chair to Him.

Boston, April 11.—Charles Quackenbush of Stamford, Conn., recently discharged from the railway mail service by the postmaster general, and later dropped from the Railway Mail Clerks' association by the national secretary, was declared elected tonight president of the New England division of the Railway Mail Clerks' association by a strong mail vote which has been cast the past few days.

Mr. Quackenbush defeated President Alvah C. Walton of Boston, who sought re-election, but when the former attempted to take the chair to assume his office he met with resistance on the part of President Walton, who insisted that he was acting on authority from the national body in refusing to give up his office, as Quackenbush was not now a member of the order. After an hour's noisy debate, Mr. Walton withdrew under protest and Mr. Quackenbush took the chair.

The vote for president was Quackenbush 568, Walton 328. All the remaining officers were re-elected.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was voted to pay Quackenbush an amount equal to his regular salary, while he was out of a position, a sum of $68 being raised on the spot for him, and an assessment of $1 a member voted to pay the salaries of any member of the New England division who might lose his position through siding with Mr. Quackenbush in the controversy.

WOMAN BURNED TO CRISP AT BEACON FALLS.

Believed to Have Fallen on Stove During a Fainting Spell.

Beacon Falls, Conn., April 11.—Mary Sims, 46 years old, was burned to death when the home of Mrs. George Stevens, located at what is known as Egypt brook, on the Derby rolley line, was destroyed by fire late today. The fire was discovered by two boys who were passing the house and saw Miss Sims standing on the porch, her clothing in flames.

They secured help as soon as they could, but on the arrival of the nearest neighbors, who lived some distance away, the house was almost burned to the ground. Search of the ruins disclosed Miss Sims' body under the ruins of the porch, the lower part of her body burned to a crisp and the upper part so disfigured that it was hardly recognizable.

The cause of the fire is not known, but it is supposed that Miss Sims, who was subject to fainting spells, fell on he stove in the kitchen and her clothing caught fire, and that in her efforts to extinguish it set the house on fire. The loss on the house will amount to $2,000.

BRIDGEPORT COAL DEALER KNOWS OF NO COMBINE.

Appeared Before Special Legislative Committee on High Cost of Living.

Hartford, Conn., April 11.—The special committee which is inquiring into the high cost of living and endeavoring to ascertain if there are combinations to put up prices had before it by subpoena this afternoon coal dealers from Bridgeport to give an account of conditions there.

The chief witness was ex-Senator Thomas Arnold, Jr., who is in the coal business and who disclaimed knowledge of any agreement among dealers to keep up, to put down or to regulate prices. He described conditions there, the methods of doing business and general trade conditions.

CELEBRATED ACTRESS DIED IN POVERTY.

Mrs. Nellie Browne Buried by Actors Fund of America.

Boston, April 11.—The body of Mrs. Nellie Browne, an actress of years ago, who played with Edwin, Junius and John Wilkes Booth and Fanny Davenport, was buried by the Actors Fund of America in Mount Hope cemetery today. Mrs. Browne died at Long Island hospital in straitened circumstances, her earthly possessions consisting of jewelry which Edwin and John Wilkes Booth gave her.

One of her leading roles was that of the gentlewoman in Macbeth, with Edwin Booth and Mme. Janauschek in the leading parts.

SIX INJURED AT A FIRE IN OHIO.

Employes of Furniture Company Jumped from Third Floor.

Gallipolis, Ohio, April 11.—Six employes of the Ohio Valley Furniture company were seriously injured tonight by jumping from the third floor of the plant when a fire started in the building.

The structure was destroyed. Loss estimated at $100,000; insurance $40,000.

Farmer's Needs On Free List

TARIFF PROGRAMME MAPPED OUT IN DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

RECIPROCITY APPROVED

Canadian Agreement Will First Receive Attention, Then Farmer's Free List—House Elects Committees.

Washington, April 11.—Reciprocity with Canada and a farmer's free list, it was decided at the democratic caucus, held here tonight, will be the legislation taken up in the order named by the present house of representatives. The wool and cotton schedules, according to present indications, will follow.

No Opposition in Caucus.

In the caucus there was no opposition to the Canadian reciprocity and no change or amendment to the bill as presented by Chairman Underwood of the house ways and means committee, were offered by any of those present at the caucus.

Farmer's Needs on Free List.

On the free list will be included those things which the farmer needs most, namely, agricultural implements, dressed meat and meat products, flour, rough lumber, boots, shoes and saddles, wire fencing, baling wire, cotton bagging, cotton ties, bagging ties, burlap and salt.

High Tariff on These Products.

On many of the products the present tariff is practically prohibitive and there are few importations of them on that account. It is impossible for this reason to estimate what the difference will amount to by putting them on the free list.

House Elects Committees.

It required over two hours in the house of representatives today to elect its new committees. It was the first time in history that the committees had been elected.

Former Speaker Cannon taunted the democrats with having approved as the republican representatives on the various committees practically the same men whom he as speaker had put on these committees in the last house. The republicans charged the democrats with gross unfairness in cutting down the minority membership on the most important committees.

The Caucus Vote.

Washington, April 11.—The democratic caucus voted a straight endorsement of the Underwoid reciprocity bill, 128 ayes, 29 noes, and six voting present.

INDICTMENTS AGAINST BOSTON MINE PROMOTER

Alleged That He Used Mails in a Scheme to Defraud.

Boston, April 11.—Three indictments of three counts each against Victor M. Well, a Water street mine promoter, charging the use of the mails in a scheme to defraud, were returned by the federal grand jury here late today. It is charged that Well, by misrepresenting the value of the stock of the Goldfield-Boston Consolidated Mining corporation of Nevada, in letters and printed matter sent through the mails in 1908, defrauded several persons. The amounts which these persons are alleged to have been defrauded are not named in the indictments.

The grand jury also returned an indictment against Arthur E. Feeley of Pittsfield, formerly a clerk in the Third National bank of that city, ten counts charging embezzlement, and ten more counts charging abstraction, the total sum named being $2,800. The alleged stealings are charged to have occurred between July, 1909, and January, 1911.

BIG COUNTERFEITING PLANT AT DENVER.

Harry R. Porter Run Down After a Two Years' Search.

Denver, Col., April 11.—Government officials made what they regard as an important arrest today in apprehending Harry R. Porter, an assayer and chemist, whom they charge with having operated an extensive counterfeiting plant here.

In Porter's home the detectives found, they assert, a counterfeiting outfit and a thousand counterfeit dollars. They have been seeking Porter for two years.

THREE GIRLS WIN $1,000 BY REMAINING SINGLE.

New Haven Young Women to Share in Uncle's Estate.

New York, April 11.—Three New Haven, Conn., girls, the Misses Belle, Henrietta and Marion Fuechtwanger, will receive $1,000 each from the estate of their uncle, Meyer Fuechtwanger, who died in this city April 6, for not marrying during his lifetime.

The young women filed a petition with the will today saying that they had complied with their uncle's wishes.

ROGERS KIDNAPPED HIS OWN LITTLE NEPHEW.

Uncle of Lad Then Collected Ransom from His Mother.

Las Vegas, N. M., April 11.—Implicated by the confession of Joe Wiggins, a former life convict, Will Rogers, uncle of little Waldo Rogers, was tonight arrested for complicity in the lad's abduction. For his return $12,000 was paid, Will Rogers acting as agent for Mrs. Rogers.

Gompers Greets Davenport.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Washington, April 11.—There was almost a commotion in the lobby of the Willard last night when Samuel Gompers, the famous labor leader, walked across from the elevator and shook hands with Daniel Davenport, the Connecticut barrister, who has been trying for several years to put Gompers in jail. Davenport is the lawyer for the employers' association which prosecuted Gompers and convicted him in the lower courts of contempt. There was a long struggle, and it is not yet ended, as the supreme court has had the case for something like two years, and Davenport has been patiently waiting each decision day to know whether he or Gompers wins. It has been noticed while the case has been pending that Gompers has not been very prominent in politics or in urging union labor men to vote one way or the other in campaigns. Davenport is a democrat, a Yale graduate, and has often been urged to take a hand in the politics of Connecticut, even to running for governor or senator, but he has never considered his state a very reliable proposition for a democratic candidate to win any such any sort of office.