# RULING ON GAS WASTE

JUDGE PAULUS, AT MARION, DECIDES AN IMPORTANT POINT.

Law Does Not Apply to the Exhaust of Gas Used in Place of Steam in Running Engines.

## ADVANCE IN PRICES OF COAL

BOTH BLOCK AND BITUMINOUS COST MORE AT THE MINES.

Oil Well Drillers Badly Burned—Methodists at Vincennes—Glass Company Is Dissolved.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., Sept. 17.—Judge Paulus to-day rendered an important decision in the gas waste matter. He holds that the law does not apply to exhaust where gas is used as a force to propel machinery. Judge Paulus regarded the statute as applying to the capping of gas wells to prevent the waste of gas. He stated that the law was framed at a time when gas wells were turned loose throughout the Indiana field, and the gas was permitted to escape with full force. The case on trial was that of the State vs. Edward Given. Gas was used by the latter in cyclinder in the place of steam.

The evidence from either side was not contradictory. The oil operators had agreed that the case should be brought that a test might be made. The ruling in the case is of greatest interest in the oil field. The gas as a by-product in the oil field has furnished the operators much annoyance on account of the State law. Many of the engines used in pumping oil may be operated by the use of gas in the manner described in this case.

### OIL DRILLERS BADLY BURNED.

Pocket of Shale Gas Ignited and Destroyed Their Outfit.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Sept. 17.—Chas. Steele and Joseph Wessner, oil well drillers, were badly burned this forenoon, three miles east of this city and their derrick and other drilling outfit destroyed. The men were drilling an oil well and when about 450 feet down a pocket of shale gas was struck, which was ignited by the fire in the forge. The men were terribly burned about the head, face and hands. The derrick and engine house took fire and burned in a few minutes.

The striking of shale gas seldom occurs, and especially at such a shallow depth. The loss on the drilling outfit is $2,500.

### Pay Train Wrecked.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Sept. 17.—The Vandalia pay car and an engine were wrecked to-day at Woodsville and Engineer Henry Berdsdorff was seriously injured. An open switch was responsible, and, as there is no explanation of how the switch came to be open, the supposition is that it was thrown by robbers bent on robbing the pay train, but no trace of the supposed robbers was found.

### Child Killed by a Wagon.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PETERSBURG, Ind., Sept. 17.—Yesterday afternoon the three-year-old child of Mrs. McChilius Butier, of this place, was run over by a road wagon loaded with crushed rock. The child's head was almost severed from its body. Death was instantaneous.

### LAW MAY BE TESTED.

Vanderburg Democratic Nominees Tardy in Filing Expense Accounts.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 17.—While the nominees of the Democratic county convention held nearly four weeks ago have been filing their bills of expenses with the county clerk within the last three days, it is likely that the law requiring certification will be tested here, either before election by prosecution of one or all the nominees for their delinquency, or after election in event that any of the delinquents are elected. None of the nominees spent money, according to their certificates. The claim is made that there is no such officer as "county clerk" with whom, as the law specifies, the certificates shall be filed, but that his title is, instead "clerk of the Circuit Court." Nevertheless, the nominees have filed their certificates tardily.

There is little probability of any prosecution for the failure prior to the election, and afterward it will come only in the improbable case of election of some of the nominees, when the opponents will contest the election on the ground that the man elected did not qualify properly. In some quarters Democrats are suggesting the advisability of a second convention so as to make certain of no legal complications.

All of the Republican nominees and candidates presented their affidavits within the limit of the law, ten days.

### Hering Wants a Joint Debate.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ELKHART, Ind., Sept. 17.—Prof. Hering, Democratic nominee to Congress, to-day issued a challenge to Representative Brick for a joint debate, to be held in the county seats and at Elkhart and Mishawaka.

### WILL TEST THE LAW.

Marion Merchants Object to the Metropolitan Police System.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., Sept. 17.—Following the individual action filed against the metropolitan police law last week, a State action will be begun not later than this week to have the law declared unconstitutional. A number of the leading merchants have subscribed a fund sufficient to carry the case to the Supreme Court for adjudication. The papers have been drawn up, all but a few minor details, and these will be filed in time to serve the papers on Governor Durbin when he comes to Marion on Friday. It has not yet been decided in whose name the suit shall be brought. The allegation will be made that the law is expensive, and that it furnishes no results commensurate with the increased cost.

### Suit Over Gambling Losses.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., Sept. 17.—Harry Peter to-day filed suit in the Circuit Court against Willis Bike, Edward Griffith, John Whitney and G. R. Hightower to recover $1,740 which he claims he lost in a faro game on June 11 of last year. The demand is for $2,500, the interest and the attorney's fees being added to the original claim. The $1,740 was laid in a wager. The suit recalls the game in question, in which Peter claims he was given the "double cross," and was buncoed out of his money. He caused the arrest of the four men engaged and the cases are still awaiting adjustment. Each of the men was fined for gambling.

### ADVANCE IN COAL PRICES.

Both Block and Bituminous Cost More at the Mine.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 17.—Indiana bituminous coal was advanced 60 cents and block coal 25 cents at the mines to-day, bringing the former to an average price of $2 and the latter to $2.25. There had been an advance of 15 cents on each a few weeks ago and operators say there will be another advance on Oct. 1, and perhaps a total advance of $1 before Christmas.

The explanation is that Indiana operators are deprived of the full amount of possible profits owing to the inability of the railroads to move more than two-thirds of the output capacity. The operators have orders for more coal than Indiana's 10,000 miners could mine working six days a week and there is not over four days' work being done. The railroad companies are short both of cars and locomotives to haul what is being mined. The exceptionally strong demand for coal is because it is to take the place of anthracite in many instances.

### END OF A GLASS COMPANY.

Independent Combination Will Go Out of the Business.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 17.—The official announcement of the formal dissolution of the Independent Glass Company was made here to-day. The twenty-eight factories in the organization will continue operations as before the formation of the combination, and unfinished orders, amounting to about 25,000 boxes, will be divided pro rata among the concerns now in the company. All orders must be filled within sixty days, and at the expiration of that time the companp will close up business.

With the dissolution of the Independent company the American and Federated combines will control the market and no price-cutting war is feared.

### BUSY DAY AT VINCENNES.

Indiana Methodist Conference Holds Three Important Session.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

VINCENNES, Ind., Sept. 17.—The morning session of the Indiana Methodist Conference opened in the First Church in this city at 8:30 o'clock. The Rev. E. S. Dunham, D. D., conducted one-half hour of praise and prayer service. Dr. J. M. Walden, bishop of the conference, took charge of the business session at 9 o'clock. The Rev. R. A. Kemp, secretary, presented to him a gavel made from the wood from the first Methodist church in Indiana. Roll call followed, and about two hundred members responded.

The Rev. R. A. Kemp was re-elected for the eighteenth year as secretary, with F. M. Westhoefer, L. D. Moore and L. B. Johnson as assistants. The Rev. W. B. Grimes was re-elected as statistical secretary for the fifth year, with F. H. Collier C. M. Kroft, J. S. Washburn, J. F. Harvey, U. G. Abbott F. B. Ward, V. B. Hargitt, J. L. Shroyer and H. L. Liddle as assistants. The Rev. C. C. Ashbury, D. D., of Jeffersonville, was elected treasurer of the conference.

The committees were announced and approved and after preliminary business was attended to, Dr. S. F. Upham, of the Drew Seminary, at Madison, N. J., was introduced, also Dr. H. C. Jennings, of the Book Concern, at Cincinnati. Dr. Jennings made an address, at some length reviewing the publishing interests of Methodism. This was followed by a review of the seminary work of Methodism by Dr. Upham. Dr. Pearson, of Cincinnati, represented the Bible Society. At 10:45 the sacramente service was held.

The Cabinet has begun its sessions and met yesterday, last night and again this afternoon.

At the afternoon session missionary services were held. An address was made by Miss Deline and the missionary sermon was preached by the Rev. R. H. Moore, of Martinsville. Chaplain Lozier lectured to-night on "Apron Strings."

Among the reports made was one by the Rev. Dr. Kellogg, of the Central-avenue Methodist Church, Indianapolis: the principal items of which were: Membership, 990; Sunday-school membership, 465; value of property, $80,000; missionary contributions, $2,455; divided as follows; Church and Sunday-school, $1,175; W. F. M. S., $685; W. H. M. S., $595; church extension and education, $1,074; Methodist Hospital, $1,545; Rescue Mission, $400; a grand total of $5,474.

### Christian Conference at Farmland.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FARMLAND, Ind., Sept. 17.—The second day's session of the sixty-fourth annual conference of the Christian Church opened with a song and praise service at 8 o'clock this morning. The most important business of the conference was transacted today, reports of the various departments being made, which showed them to be in a satisfactory condition. The Rev. Thomas Addington, one of the oldest ministers in active work in the State, delivered the morning sermon. The afternoon meeting was devoted to foreign missions, and was in charge of the Rev. Hannah W. Stanley, the conference president of foreign missions. Sabura Kosheba, a Japanese student at Union Christian College at Merom, Ind., who is being educated by the Christian Church for mission work among his own people, delivered an interesting address. The mission sermon was preached by the Rev. J. F. Burnett, of Muncie. At to-night's meeting the Rev. T. M. McWhinney, D. D., LL. D., of Dayton, O., addressed a large audience on "The Responsibility of the Church on Moral Reformation." An "overflow" meeting was held at the M. E. Church, where the Rev. J. J. Summerbell, of Dayton, preached.

### United Brethren at Peru.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PERU, Ind., Sept. 17.—More than two hundred ministers and laymen are already at the fifty-eighth annual session of the Northeast Indiana Conference of the United Brethren Church. Bishop Kephart, of Annville, Pa., presides, and delivered his annual address this morning. Judge Cox made an address of welcome for the city this afternoon. He was followed by several Peru ministers. Bishop Kephart responded. The conference quartet assists with the music.

### LAKE NAVAL INSTITUTE.

Michigan City Is Moving Actively in Its Own Interest.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Sept. 17.—A meeting of the citizens of Michigan City was held this evening for the purpose of listening to the report of the committee appointed to further interest Michigan City residents in securing the proposed naval reserve station which is to be instituted at some point on the great lakes. The committee appointed some weeks ago reported having received the assurance of assistance from Senators Beveridge and Fairbanks, Governor Durban, every Indiana congressman and many of the State's prominent citizens in the effort to secure the federal academy as a Michigan City institution.

The committee reported having been assured by a prominent Indianapolis resident, an ex-naval officer who is now on the retired list, that he would put forth every effort to assist in the effort to induce the naval commission to select Michigan City as the site for the proposed institution. An executive committee was chosen at the meeting to take the matter in charge and direct the campaign in behalf of this city.

Arrangements will be made for the reception and entertainment of the naval commission upon their arrival here in October, when they come to view the proposed sites for the academy.

### Union Men Leave the Militia.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Sept. 17.—The new militia company formed here and known as the Lupton Guards, is finding strong opposition from the union labor element, and the men who are members of labor unions who had joined the company, are withdrawing their membership. They say they were not aware that the rules of the labor organizations forbade joining the militia until informed by the officers of the unions. In Trades' Council Tuesday night, T. P. Kenny made a long talk against the union men joining the State militia, which is regarded here as a body of men whose purpose is to quell strikes.

### "Uncle Dan" Elliott's Canes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

VINCENNES, Ind., Sept. 17.—The venerable Daniel Elliott, or "Uncle Dan," as he is familiarly called, has a unique record for generosity. He lives on a farm six miles north of the city on the Bruceville road. He spends much of his time in making hickory canes which he presents to his friends. He bends the butt end of a hickory switch into a "shepherd's crook," lets it season in this bent position and it retains its shape. Mr. Elliott keeps a list of the names of his friends to whom he has presented canes. The list now contains 500 names and "Uncle Dan" says that he hopes to double this number. He never sells a cane, but gives them away. He is quite well-to-do, owns a large farm and is a progressive and intelligent man. He finds ample reward for his generosity in the thought that when he has passed away hundreds of men will rise up and call him blessed when the name of Daniel Elliott is mentioned. He says that when the generation to whom he is giving canes reach the shady side of life they will remember him as they, leaning upon his canes, are traveling down the western slope of life's journey.

### Golden Wedding Celebration.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAPORTE, Ind., Sept. 17.—Dr. and Mrs. George M. Dakin, prominent residents of Laporte county, have just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Dr. Dakin, dean of the medical profession in northern Indiana, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, in 1827, while his wife was born in the same county three years later. They were married Sept. 13, 1852, just four months after the young groom had received his degree from the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati. Dr. Dakin's first location was in Princeton Ill., but in 1862 he came to Laporte and has ever since lived here, having built up an excellent practice. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the State Medical Association. Mrs. Dakin is a prominent literary woman. They have two sons, Norman G. Dakin, of this city, and Alfred M. Dakin, of the City of Mexico.

### Long Service as a Postal Clerk.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SPICELAND, Ind., Sept. 17.—Samuel Exam Unthank, who was appointed a postal clerk twenty-one years ago, has just sent in his resignation, having served all this time, except a few months at the close of Cleveland's first administration, when he was set aside to give room for a Democrat. He was reinstated early under Harrison's term of office. He was an expert clerk and always received high per cents. in his examinations, and was often consulted by the superintendent of the railway mail service in matters pertaining to the good of the service. All these years he ran between Fort Wayne and Cincinnati, and Fort Wayne and Rushville. He was in a few wrecks, but was never hurt by accidents.

### Allen County Grand Jury.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 17.—The grand jury made its report to-day and was discharged. Dr. T. L. Hickman was arrested this afternoon on a warrant charging criminal practice on a young woman.

William Meyer, who is out on bond, was indicted for embezzelment on evidence furnished by E. S. Barnard, secretary of the Columbus baseball club. Meyer was president of the Western Association and could not account for the $4,700 belonging to the eight clubs in equal proportion, in his hands.

Postmaster Wallace W. Williamson, was arrested to-day in Columbia City on two indictments, but was released without bond.

### Sherwell's Case Set for Trial.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 17.—The trial of Wilbur S. Sherwell, ex-policeman, indicted for the murder of three women in this city last November, was set to-day by Circuit Judge Mattison for Oct. 20. Prosecutors Durre and Wittenbraker and Attorney De Bruler will prosecute. The attorneys for the defense are Funkhouser & Funkhouser and Henning & Henning. Sherwell was a member of the police department up to the time of his arrest. One of the murders of which he is accused occurred in May, 1901, and the others just about two weeks before his arrest. The women were Fannie Butler, colored, and Georgia Railey and Lena Renner, white.

### Robbers Busy at Muncie.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 17.—A carnival of burglary was held all over Muncie last night. The aggregate list of daring attempts indicates that the work was carefully planned and carried out with precision. Two safes were blown, two groceries rifled, a blacksmith shop entered and a horse and buggy stolen. A special detail of the Muncie police force is at work on the case, and every clew is being followed. The net result of the robberies was two gold watches, a $15 ring and some other jewelry, a few dollars in change and some wearing apparel, cigars and tobacco. The horse and buggy were abandoned six miles from town.

### Will Go to the Far West.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HAGERSTOWN, Ind., Sept. 17.—P. E. Wise, a well-to-do farmer, living near Hagerstown, will move to Wenatchee, Wash., in the near future. Mr. Wise has interested a number of other farmers in the neighborhood to try a new country, and a good-sized colony will settle on land that has already been secured. Wenatchee is near the center of the State, at the mouth of the river of the same name, and on the right bank of the Columbia. The adjacent country is settled mainly by Indiana people. Most of those who will go from here are owners of their own farms.

### President's Order Ignored.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Sept. 17.—President Simon Burns wired the management of the Blackford Glass Company here not to start the factory in operation. The telegram was not received until after the blowing had been started and it was decided to continue in blast. The members of the co-operative concern, which owns the factory, are all members of L. A. 300 and their action in going to work without a wage scale and against the advice of their president may be the cause of considerable trouble in the oraganization.

### Clingman to Be Tried This Month.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Sept. 17.—The grand jury has returned an indictment of murder in the first degree against Rolla A. Clingman, who shot W. Stewart Miller, of Walker township. The defense applied for a change of venue, but when found that the case would be venued to Shelby instead of Henry county, it withdrew the application. The case will go to trial here on Sept. 29. Watson, Titsworth & Green will appear for the defense, and J. T. Arbuckle, deputy prosecutor, for the State.

### Track Work at Martinsville.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 17.—The Indianapolis & Martinsville Rapid Transit Company broke ground here to-day for the track at this end of the electric line and put a force of hands at work that will do a great deal toward having the road in operation early in the spring. Charles Finley Smith is reported as having said it would be completed this winter. The terminal station here is nearing completion and occupies a favorable site in the heart of our city.

### Minister and Companion Arrested.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 17.—Insanity charges have been preferred against the Rev. John K. Hugo, a Methodist minister, and Miss Ada S. Bill. Hugo has been declared insane and the woman's case is pending. Hugo, who has a family, has been going about this city and Boonville with Miss Bill, invading the homes of strangers, demanding board at all hours, and holding religious services. Their queer actions on Boonville streets caused their arrest.

### Debating Society Reorganized.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Sept. 17.—The Zetophotonian Debating Society reorganized at the office of McKee & Trabue last night with the following officers: President, Tony Schrichte; vice president, Irvin C. Kinnear; secretary, Ferd Retherford; treasurer, Walter A. Kaler; sergeant-at-arms, T. Melville Geenlee. The first regular meeting will be held on Nov. 11. The club is composed principally of young newspaper men, lawyers and school teachers.

### Reward for a Murderer.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Sept. 17.—The Putnam County Commissioners have offered a reward for the capture of Zack Smithson, the murderer of George Boswell. The sum of $100 is to be paid if he is caught in Putnam county, and $200 if out of the county. He is believed to have fled toward his former home, which was on the line between Kentucky and Tennessee, where he has relatives in the mountains.

### Chased a Thief Ten Miles.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PETERSBURG, Ind., Sept. 17.—An exciting man chase took place near here today. John Postlewait, a farmhand, took $35 from the trousers pocket of John Robling and made an effort to escape. The officers were soon in pursuit of the fugitive. For ten miles the chase was exciting. As Postlewait was entering the town of Oakland City, twelve miles south of here, he was placed under arrest. He was brought to this place by Sheriff Bass and lodged in jail.

### First Classes Organized.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 17.—Actual work was begun in Palmer University to-day. Chancellor T. M. McWhinney conducted exercises in the chapel at 10 o'clock. The students were then introduced to the members of the faculty. The enrollment to-day showed eighty-five students from all parts of Indiana and from other States. A reception for the faculty and students will be given Friday evening.

### Assaulted by a Woman.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Sept. 17.— Prof. Mattall, a young man who conducts a dancing acadenmy here, was the victim of an assault last night. A few days ago he notified two young women to remain away from the academy, as their presence was objectionable. Last night they appeared on the scene, asked for an explanation, and failing to get it, one of them slashed Mattall with a rawhide.

### Will Codify City Laws.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., Sept. 17.—Marion's new Council has decided to codify the laws of the city. Obsolete and conflicting ordinances will be stricken off and new and up-to-date laws will be enacted for the betterment of the city government. The Council has ordered the purchase of a new set of ordinance books. All the old ordinances will be carefully gone over and those that have been outgrown will be revoked by a general measure.

### Bought a Home for His Parents.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Sept. 17.—Harry Birkenruth, a young Logansport jockey, to-day bought a handsome Broadway residence for $7,000 and has given it to his aged parents for a home. It was bought with money earned by riding fast horses. Three years ago he left home without a dollar, and now he is classed among the best jockeys on the American turf.

### Sentenced for Murderous Assault.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PERU, Ind., Sept. 17.—Steve Titus, keeper of a saloon near the Union Station, whose father owns the Lindell Hotel in Kokomo, was to-night found guilty of murderous assault on William F. Wingert, a commission merchant of Chicago, and will be sentenced to two years' imprisonment. He threw a glass in Wingert's face in a restaurant.

### A Mason of High Degree.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 17.—The Supreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry, had its second sitting to-day. The ladies of the party were taken sightseeing. Among those who received the degree was L. V. Buskirk, postmaster at Bloomington, Ind.

### The Rev. Jacob Heath Very Sick.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 17.—The Rev. Jacob Heath, an aged minister and the father of Perry S. Heath, former assistant postmaster general, is critically ill of paralysis at his home in this city. Perry S. Heath has left Salt Lake City for his father's bedside.

### Selby Arrested in Kentucky.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

VINCENNES, Ind., Sept. 17.—John Selby, the absconding forger, who forfeited his bond and fled last week, has been caught at Bowling Green, Ky.

### Indiana Obituary.

GREENFIELD, Ind., Sept. 17.—Dr. John H. Justice, one of the prominent physicians of this city and county, died at his home here Tuesday night after a week's illness with brain fever. He was the son of John J. and Lusticia Justice; born near Markleville, Madison county, Sept. 8, 1854. He read medicine with his brother, Dr. William A. Justice, of Edna, this county, and was graduated from the Indiana Medical College, at Indianapolis in 1882. He left a widow and two daughters.

RICHMOND.—Alfred C. E. Dickey, receiver of the Reserve Fund Savings and Loan Association, of Indiana, with headquarters at Indianapolis, has brought suit against Alonzo Worl, of this county, to recover money paid Worl by the association in dividends and on the face of his seventeen shares of stock when it was withdrawn. The demand is for $600. It is alleged that the money was paid Worl by the association after the same was insolvent.

RICHMOND, Ind., Sept. 17.—Mrs. Isabella Fagan, wife of Thomas S. Fagan, of this city, died this morning at the residence of her son, Judge W. E. Fagan, at Topeka, Kan. She had been in feeble health for some months, and went West in the hope of betterment. She was a native of Wayne county, and lived in this city for eighteen years. Her age was seventy-one years. The husband, three sons and two daughters survive. The body will be brought here.

PETERSBURG, Ind., Sept. 17.—The body of W. S. Mitchell was brought here yesterday afternoon from the Southern Indiana Hospital at Evansville. He was one of the prominent business men of this place. His mind became aberrant about six months ago and he was taken to the hospital for treatment.

### Indiana Notes.

LOGANSPORT.—Sidney A. Vaughn, Logansport's new mayor, is a stickler for reform in the punishment of petty offenders, and has introduced an innovation bordering on the old chain-gang system. Instead of sending three plain drunks to jail to be an expense on the county he put them to work cleaning gutters. He says that within three months his plan will reduce the number of arrests for petty offenses 50 per cent.

TIPTON.—The arrangements for the reception of President Roosevelt in this city on Tuesday, Sept. 23, have been completed and a great demonstration will be held. The train will arrive here at 9:30 a. m., stopping at the Independence-street crossing, where the President will deliver a fifteen-minute speech. The city will be decorated and the busines houses will close in the morning.

MARION.—The City Council has passed an ordinance providing for the appointment by the Council of a board of library directors, to consist of five members, to act in conjunction with the School Board in managing the affairs of the new $50,000 Carnegie Library, of which it is hoped to take possession soon.

CENTERVILLE.—Lizzie Gibson, a middle-aged woman, was brought from Richmond Wednesday in such a condition that she died while being taken out of the carriage in which she had had to ride the seven and a half miles to the poor house.

PERU.—A. T. Reed has sold the Bearss Hotel, Peru's leading house, to F. C. Kuhns, chief clerk of the Windsor-Clifton, in Chicago, and Frank Covington, of Peru. They will take charge on Oct. 1, and will greatly enlarge and improve the place.

RUSHVILLE.—The Common Council of this city has passed an ordinance limiting the speed of all vehicles of transit propelled by steam, electricity or gasoline to five miles an hour.

### Soldiers' Bodies to Be Exhumed.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—A detachment of United States burial corps, a branch of the quartermaster's department of the army, left here to-night for the Philippines by way of San Francisco for the purpose of exhuming bodies of Americans, civilians, soldiers and sailors who have been buried there. The corps is scheduled to leave San Francisco on Oct. 1. The members will stop at Hawaii and Guam and will also visit China. More than 3,000 bodies have been brought back from the Philippines and in less than a year it is expected those remaining will have been removed to the United States.

# ANOTHER STRIKE RUMOR

BIG ANTHRACITE COLLIERY ABOUT TO RESUME OPERATIONS.

It Will Surrender to the Miners It Is Said—No Sign of Break in the Ranks of Strikers.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Word was received in Chicago to-night from Henry E. Weaver, of the Weaver Coal Company, who is in Buffalo, that the anthracite coal strike will soon come to an end; that one of the largest mines in the heart of the disturbed district in Pennsylvania is about to give in to the strikers and that other mines will directly follow the example of the leader.

C. E. Ferguson, private secretary to Mr. Weaver, received a long telegram from Buffalo stating the case and the announcement was authorized by Mr. Weaver through Mr. Ferguson in Chicago. "The big mine which Mr. Weaver refers to," said Mr. Ferguson, "will be in operation within a week. The owners of the mine, which is one of the largest in the affected district, realize that the settlement, which is bound to come, cannot be put off any longer, as the big strike has now come to a crisis and affairs have got to such a serious point and the effects are so widespread and dire that the settlement must come promptly. Mr. Weaver was assured that the mine would be working again within a week. Of course, the other mines will follow the example promptly and the public can look forward to a settlement of all of the difficulties within a short time."

### STRIKERS STILL FIRM.

Operators, However, Are Said to Be Increasing Their Output.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 17.—Inactivity at President Mitchell's headquarters and apparent activity in coal operators' circles covers the situation in this section of the strike region to-day. President Mitchell still insists that his followers are remaining firm and that there will be no break in the ranks of the miners. He discredits all reports about an increase in output of coal at mines and washeries, saying that there will be no coal mined and sent to market of any account until the strike is ended. At the offices of the local coal companies, on the other hand, it is said that they are adding to their working force every day and that the output of coal is gradually increasing, but no figures are furnished. The Exeter mine, of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, was opened to-day.

### Supply Train Intercepted.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Sept. 17.—A mob of several hundred persons intercepted a supply train which was being run over the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad into the North Mahanoy colliery to-day. When the engineer saw the crowd he put on steam and ran the train through regardless of obstacles. All nonunion men on their way to work were turned back and forty men employed by the Mahanoy City Water Company also were intercepted.

### Washery Burned.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 18.—The Taylor Coal Company washery in North Scranton was destroyed by fire this morning. It is alleged to be of incendiary origin. The watchman declared that he chased four prowlers from the premises just before he discovered the fire. The washery had not been in operation for a month. This is the third Scranton washery destroyed by fire since the strike began.

### Warned Against Lawlessness.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 17.—Sheriff Schadt to-day admitted that he had sent a communication to President Mitchell informing him that if there be a repetition of lawlessness 'e will make requisition for troops.

The Pancoast colliery, at Throop, resumed operations to-day. The Ontario & Western now has five collieries and three washeries in operation.

### All Troops to Be Recalled.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 17.—Governor White determined to-night to call in the troops still on duty in the New river coal field and they will leave for their homes to-morrow. Everything was quiet to-day and many new men went into the mines to work. Most of them, however, were men who had been imported from elsewhere.

### Carpenters Vote $10,000.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 17.—The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, whose biennial convention is now being held in this city, to-day decided to contribute $10,000 to aid the anthracite coal strikers in Pennsylvania. The money will be sent to Secretary Wilson at Indianapolis.

### Secretary Wilson Returns.

Secretary W. B. Wilson, of the United Mine Workers, returned from Wilkesbarre, Pa., yesterday, where he has been in conference with President Mitchell and President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Wilson says as much about the conference as he did before he went. He says the situation in the anthracite region is unchanged and he knows of nothing in view that might lead to a settlement of the strike. The men are all idle and show no disposition to return to work until concessions are granted.

## COAL OIL IN ALASKA.

Gusher Well Struck at a Depth of Two Hundred Feet.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 17.—A special to the Times from Valdez, Alaska, says: "The first flow of coal oil in Alaska was struck at Cotella on Sept. 1 at a depth of 200 feet. The gusher took everything away and rose 150 feet before it finally was stopped. Cotella is near Kayakakak, thirty miles south of Copper."

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

QUEENSTOWN, Sept. 18.—Arrived: Germanic, from New York, and Commonwealth, from Boston, both for Liverpool, and proceeded. Sailed: Saxonia, for Boston.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Sailed: Philadelphia, for Southampton; Tutonic, for Liverpool; Sardinan, for Glasgow.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 17.—Arrived: Westerland, from Philadelphia. Sailed: Rhynland, for Philadelphia.

BROWHEAD, Sept. 17.—Passed: Germanic, from New York, for Queenstown and Liverpool.

NAPLES, Sept. 17.—Arrived: Trave, from New York, for Genoa, and proceeded.

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 17.—Arrived: St. Louis, from New York.

FAYAL, Sept. 17.—Passed: Lahn, from Genoa, for New York.

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 17.—Arrived: Statendam, from New York.

ANTWERP, Sept. 17.—Sailed: Pennland, for Philadelphia.

### Prince to Take Post Graduate Course.

BERKELEY, Cal., Sept 17.—Word has been received at the office of the recorder of the University of California from Burmah, India, to the effect that Prince Suji nam Rola, eldest son and heir apparent of Sura ja Rola Mures of Rajputana, is coming to pursue post graduate work. He has forwarded his credentials from the University of Calcutta, where he has taken his degree of bachelor of science.

### J. D. Rockefeller Suffers from Fire.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Sept. 17.—The residence of John D. Rockefeller, at Pocantico Hills, Westchester county, was destroyed by fire to-night. The building was burned to the ground. The fire is supposed to have started from crossed electric wires. The loss is $40,000.


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Original price, $350. Price, $175

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Original price, $350. Price, $225

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# WARNING TO POACHERS

"SEAL PIRATES" WILL BE SUNK BY REVENUE GUNBOATS.

American and Japanese Poachers Notified They Must Keep Away from the Siberian Coast.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—In a dispatch from Odessa, the correspondent of the Standard says the government has announced that it will take effect measures to suppress the poaching operations of Americans and Japanese among the seals on the northeast coast of Siberia. The measures will be enforced by three fast gunboats.

Although anxious to comply with the reiterated representations of Russia, the Washington and Tokio governments have failed to put an end to this illicit fishing in Russian waters. M. Yermoloff, continues the correspondent, now gives formal notice that American and Japanese poachers captured within the limits of Russia's maritime jurisdiction on the Siberian coats will be liable to three months' imprisonment and their ships and cargoes to confiscation. This order will be enforced by gunboats. No discrimination will be made; the commanders and crews of poaching vessels will be subjected to the same punishment. In case of refusal to surrender or attempt to escape, the commander of the Russian gungoats are empowered to fire upon and sink the "sea pirates."

## HE IS NOT AN ANARCHIST,

Yet He Resigned from the President's Reception Committee.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Ephraim Phillip Rosenthal, secretary of the committee arranging for the reception and entertainment of President Roosevelt during his visit to Chicago next month, resigned his position suddenly to-day. He took this step imediately upon the publication of a rumor that the Roosevelt committee cortained one, and possibly two members whose sympathies leaned toward anarchy.

Mr. Rosenthal's name was coupled with the announcement that a city detective was investigating the report in such a way that he could not but understand that the inference was that he was the man concerned. He decided to step aside, he announced later in the day, not because he was concerned over the insinuation very deeply on his own account, but rather that he desired the visit of the President to be absolutely clear from the shadow of any suspicion that anyone whose name had even been coupled with the subject of anarchy was to be associated with those having him in their care during his stay here.

Max Rabinoff, a member of one of the entertainment committees, also found himself connected with the gossip going the rounds because of his friendship for Mr. Rosenthal, but he vehemently denied having any interest in Anarchists or their beliefs. He did not tender his resignation.

### For Penny Postage.

Buffalo Express.

The men who run the Postoffice Department are beginning to talk about the time when the penny postage will be realized. They point to the fact that the deficiency in the department for the last fiscal year will not amount to more than $1,500,000, and that is considered a mere trifle, whereas the year before it was over $3,000,000. If it were not for the cost of the rural free delivery, which is fast being extended all over the country, it would be possible to establish penny postage now, so these department experts say. But as the rural free delivery has the call at the present time, penny postage must wait for a more convenient season. Yet, notwithstanding the great cost of this service by which the country people are so much benefited, it is declared that penny postage on first-class matter is not so very far away. The country delivery must be put nearer on a paying basis, and there must be a strict classification of published matter, and then the time will come when it will be possible to give attention to the subject of the reduction of letter postage.


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### Johnson and the Donkey.

Chicago Journal.

The noisy Tom is not taken seriously. He will not do. No man known or suspected of faith in single tax or silver can hope to be a presidential candidate. The Democrats have had too much of Bryan and Bryanism as it is. In 1904 the Democrats will pick as their standard-bearer some rational, brainy leader, who has kept clear of bewhiskered Populists, long-haired Socialists, and red-shirted Anarchists. They will not be guilty of naming Johnson with his crew of Socialists, single-taxers, and silverites. Bryan proved a heavy load. Johnson would break the back of the Democratic donkey.

### Large for a Queen.

Kansas City Journal.

A story is told of an English private soldier who was brought