

SHONTS MAKES DENIAL.

ARRIVES FROM PANAMA.

Says Importation of Canal Laborers Is Not Illegal.

Theodore P. Shonts, the chairman of the Panama Canal Commission, who went to Panama on June 23 with Chief Engineer John F. Stevens, returned yesterday on the Panama Line steamship Panama.

With him returned Commissioner Bishop, who went down at the same time. The chairman of the commission called just after Congress had decided on a lock type of canal, and after the \$26,000,000 appropriation went through.

Mr. Shonts last night gave out the following statement: The eight-hour law does not apply to unskilled labor on the Isthmus of Panama.

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GOMPERS ON COOLIES.

Their Use on Canal Work Violation of Law, He Says.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today issued a statement concerning the action of the Isthmian Canal Commission in deciding to introduce Chinese coolie labor in the work of constructing the canal.

It seems that those in charge of the Panama Canal construction are not in favor of either law or principle. First, in the most unbecoming manner, the eight-hour law is annulled in the greatest public work ever undertaken by the Government.

The existing law excludes Chinese laborers and coolies from the United States or any of its possessions. The Panama Canal zone is an American possession and it is an violation of law to bring Chinese coolies there as it is in other portions of our country.

CLUB ENDS BATTLE ON ROOF.

Patrolman Overcomes Alleged Burglar Who Cut His Uniform to Tatters.

An alleged burglar and Patrolman Dwyer fought for life and death yesterday afternoon on the edge of a roof coping five stories from the ground.

Dwyer caught the man on the edge of the roof of No. 45 Forsyth street, where he is said to have attempted to break into a flat.

Dwyer stopped him in his feet, drew a long knife and rushed at Dwyer. The latter warded off the blows with his club, but some of the wild slashes cut great rents in the patrolman's uniform.

WORKED 54 YEARS, NEVER MISSED DAY.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Thomas Chapman died in this city today, aged eighty-four years.

FAT MAN FROM TINY BABY GREW.

He Could Be Put into Sugar Bowl at Birth—Now Weighs 335 Pounds.

Middletown, Conn., Aug. 11.—William Beckwith, of Hadlyme, who is so small at birth that his parents could place him in an ordinary sized sugar bowl and sit on the lid, is now the fattest man in this part of the state.

A feature of the day was a weighing bout, in which "Big Bill," as Beckwith is called, took the prize, tipping the scales at 335 pounds.

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WOMAN MAKES PHONE COMPANY PAY.

Cuts Poles Set Up on Her Property and Enforces Demand for \$100.

Delaware, N. J., Aug. 11.—Mrs. Eliza Miller is being congratulated by her friends on having won a victory over the telephone company here.

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BIND AND GAG WOMAN AND ROB HOUSE.

Thieves Enter Home of Farmer and Escape with Considerable Booty.

Farmingtown, N. H., Aug. 11.—The police were informed today that while James Lord, a farmer of this place, was asleep last night, burglars entered his house, gagged and bound Mrs. Lord, and removed her from the house, and then robbed the place.

KILLS HUSBAND IN STREET.

Jealous Wife Finds Him With Man, but Shoots in Quarrel.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 11.—Edward Gillis, a well known and respected merchant of Malvern, Ark., was shot to death on the streets of Hot Springs today by his wife in a fit of jealousy.

NEW YORKERS IN TOBACCO SUITS.

Property Attached in Suits Wherein They Are Named with Bankrupt.

Winsted, Conn., Aug. 11.—Papers were served today by Constable Woodruff, of Suffield, in fourteen suits brought by tobacco growers in Southwick, Mass., and Simsbury, against Kutinsky Adler & Co., of New York, and Luther H. Case, of this city, as joint carriers, for several years aggregating \$2,100 for tobacco sold by the growers to these dealers.

TICKET SCALPERS AGAIN LOSE.

Court in Omaha Decides That They Cannot Traffic in Contracts.

Omaha, Aug. 11.—The case of the railroads against the ticket scalpers of Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., today was decided by Judge Garland, of the federal court, and the injunction against the brokers was granted.

DELAWARE PEACH CROP ROTTING.

New Petition for Patrick.

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 11.—Advices received here today from the peach growing districts in Delaware show that the total crop of the state will be less than 1,500,000 baskets, or one-half of what was expected.

RUSSIAN GIANT GOES BACK.

Machnow, the Russian giant, who was exhibited in New York and other cities by Oscar Hammerstein, sailed for his home yesterday on the Hamburg-American liner Graf Waldersee.

NARROW ESCAPE OF TWO MEN IN SOUND.

Two men were nearly drowned in Long Island Sound off Clason's Point yesterday afternoon, when a thunderstorm descended on a sailboat, which they were and turned the little craft over on its side.

RECORD MAKES DENIAL.

Jersey City Corporation Counsel Says Riparian Charges Are False.

George L. Record, Corporation Counsel of Jersey City and candidate for the United States Senate, on the independent platform, in opposition to Senator Dryden, issued a reply yesterday to charges made against him recently by John C. Payne before the committee of the New Jersey Senate investigating the Riparian Commission.

Mr. Record then takes up the charges seriatim and declares there was no graft; that what he did was done with the knowledge and consent of the board; that all the fees he received were legal and honorable. He demands an immediate hearing.

When the bills were all in, I stated to Mr. Payne that I had no objection to the removal of the rooms which I could spare, and was offered three other rooms in the same building. I saw Messrs. Potter & Higgins, who had rooms suitable for my office.

It is charged that I am receiving money wrongfully in payment for rent since the Riparian Commission has no office. The facts are that when it became known abroad in the building that the commission was to leave I had several persons apply for my office.

Justice Reed directs that a judgment of ouster go against the present Excise Commission. The fifth section of the "Bishops' bill" was inserted at the instance of some of the Republican leaders of Essex County, who wished to take control of the saloons away from the "Pagan."

The Excise Board named by the County Judge of Essex has revolutionized the saloon conditions in Newark. The fifth section of the law, while intended primarily for Jersey City, applied to all cities where the Excise Commissioner had previously been appointed by the Mayor or other governing body of the municipality.

SAN JUAN HILL WANTS ASSEMBLYMAN.

Dr. Washington Said To Be Behind Fight for Negro from 13th District.

A fight in the 13th Assembly District, the greater part of which is known as San Juan Hill, is in progress. The majority of the voters in this district are Negroes, and they want one of their race to represent them in the Legislature.

"ONLY EMOUMENT, RIGHT TO LIVE."

Loyal American Woman Sends Her Dollar to the Republican Cause.

Congressman James S. Sherman, chairman of the Republican Congressional campaign in New York, today went to Utica yesterday to spend Sunday at home. He is expecting good results this week from the requests being sent out to each subscriber to the fund to get three others to subscribe.

HORSES RUN; DRIVER MAY DIE.

Team Frightened by Engine Upset Wagon, Injuring Man and Helper.

A team attached to a delivery wagon became frightened at a train passing under the railroad bridge at Tremont avenue yesterday afternoon and fled, upsetting the wagon and pinning Joseph Walsh, the driver, and Edward Galvin, his helper, under it.

KINNAN WITNESS FEARED ARREST.

Mary Scippo, the Italian woman whose testimony figured prominently in the Kinnan murder inquiry last month before Coroner McDonald, visited the Bronx coroner's office yesterday in a highly excited condition.

CHICAGO POPULATION, 2,300,000.

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BRYAN TO SPEAK IN SEVERAL CITIES.

Itinerary Thus Far Arranged Includes Chicago, Louisville and Kansas City.

William Jennings Bryan will make speeches in other cities than New York before he reaches his home in Nebraska after his return to this country. His itinerary, as completed up to date, was given out by the managers of the New York reception at the Hotel Victoria last night.

He will arrive in New York on Thursday, August 30, and will ride in state to the Hotel Victoria. In the evening he will attend and speak at the reception in Madison Square Garden. He will also speak briefly at an overflow meeting in Madison Square Park.

On Friday Mr. Bryan will speak in New Haven and Bridgeport, and the following day will make speeches at Newark and Jersey City. On Sunday he will rest at his hotel in this city, and the next day will start for Chicago. On Tuesday night he will attend a reception in his honor in that city and leave on a late train for Louisville and Kansas City. According to present plans he will reach his home in Lincoln on Saturday, September 8.

ASK SUPPORT FOR ANDREWS.

Business Men of 31st Assembly District anxious to Defeat Quigg.

A committee of one hundred business men issued an address to the business men of the 31st Assembly District in support of Harvey T. Andrews, who is running for the Republican leadership of the district with the support of the Parsons and anti-Quigg element.

The circular says that all over the country there is a movement to prevent corporations from controlling politics. With the aid of President Roosevelt it is said, this movement has been successful to a great degree. It next says that Lemuel E. Quigg, who represents the great traction interests of the city, is attempting to spread the net of his influence over the entire county, and calls upon the business men of the district to prevent his invasion there.

DISCHARGED FOR ADMITTING SPEED.

Magistrate Tells Chauffeur It Is Refreshing to Hear the Truth.

Magistrate Luke J. Conorton has sporting blood. He admires a man who will "see" his accuser and "raise him." There appeared before Magistrate Conorton in the Far Rockaway court on Thursday Harvey Kennedy, a chauffeur who drives a big car for B. Englander, of Arverne.

"This man was speeding at a rate of thirty miles an hour," said Bicycle Policeman McDonald and Ennis. "Sure, your honor," admitted Kennedy. "I reckon I must have been going about thirty-five or forty miles an hour. But what's the use of running a machine if it can't go faster than a perambulator?"

INDIGNANT AT SPEED ARRESTS.

Automobilists Object to Rigid Enforcement of Laws in Pennsylvania Towns.

Port Jervis, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Automobilists are becoming indignant at the rigid enforcement of the laws regarding speed, license numbers and lights in Milford and Matamoras, Pike County, Penn. Officials of both boroughs are constantly making arrests, which result in fines. In Matamoras Chief of Police Burk detects speed violators by timing over a certain sixty-five feet of road. There are several miles of straight smooth road, nearly a mile in length, in the Matamoras section of the borough council of Matamoras has raised the fine from \$10 to \$20.

KILLED BY BLAST IN TUNNEL.

Laborers Hit by Shower of Rock Following Explosion in McAdoo Bore.

Michael O'Connor, of Jersey City, was killed and Thomas Coyne was seriously injured by a blast in the lower McAdoo tunnel yesterday. The two men were preparing a blast to dislodge rock in front of the shield. The explosion was followed by a shower of rock, and O'Connor was instantly killed. Coyne's left leg was broken.

TRIES SUICIDE ON SOUND STEAMER.

Swede Cuts Throat and Wrists, Then Jumps Overboard—Sent to Bellevue.

Oscar Stronberg, a Swede, employed at the American Axe and Tool Works, at East Douglas, Mass., after slashing his throat and wrists with a pocket-knife, jumped from the Sound steamer City of Worcester on her trip from New London to this city yesterday. Several of the crew rescued him. He was locked up in the hold, and when the boat docked at Pier 40, North River, Stronberg was turned over to the police. He told them that he was married and had two children. Magistrate sent him to Bellevue to be examined as to his sanity.

ELEPHANT HASTE HURTS WOMAN.

Grunda, Reaching for Bread, Tears Arm of Friend with Tusk.

Mrs. Lucretia Ann Hawes, sixty-three years old, who lives at the Peabody Home for Aged Women, West Farms, was injured yesterday while feeding the pet elephant Grunda at the New York Zoological Garden, The Bronx. Every day for several weeks Mrs. Hawes has been feeding the elephant, and the woman and the beast became quite chummy. The moment he spied her yesterday, Grunda trumpeted and waved his trunk in recognition. Mrs. Hawes held out a basket of bread. The elephant shoved out his trunk hurriedly, and in doing so tore Mrs. Hawes' hand with his tusks. She fell in a faint, and the elephant dropped the bread and seemed to show much concern. The woman fell to the ground at once. The injury is not serious.

TWO ARRESTS IN STRANGLING CASE.

One Italian Admits Having Been in Murdered Woman's Room During the Day.

Angelo Mazetti, of No. 109 Mulberry street, and Rocco Carvadi, of No. 63 Duane street, were arrested yesterday on suspicion of knowing something about the case of Marie Pecora, who was found strangled to death on Friday in her flat at No. 32½ Carmine street. Luigi Guaraldi, of No. 15 King street, had previously been sent to the House of Correction. A woman will soon be arrested in connection with the case. Carvadi told the police that he had been in the Pecora woman's flat three times during the day, and he admitted that he had planned to room together, but said the plans fell through. He says he is eighteen years old, while the Pecora woman was forty. He says he was in the room on Friday night, but he says he does not know the woman. He says he saw a man leave the house with a camera. Carvadi, it is said, knew something of the dead woman's affairs, and he says he saw her on Tuesday and sent her to Chicago.

The Financial World.

We have had throughout this week a security market under extreme pressure; and the net result exhibits nothing discouraging. During the past month market values have advanced materially, following purchases on a large scale by interests with sense enough to appreciate and stability enough to profit from the bargain quotations which adverse manipulation had made. And not at all unattractive it is that many such buyers should on the rise take profits. Such realization has been, indeed, the feature of the week just ended. Under ordinary circumstances sales in such volume could not fail to affect the market largely; yet the week's net result shows actually more advances than declines, and not one decline consequential. Apropos of this phase of the market—significant from the speculative standpoint—an important Stock Exchange authority (Messrs. Hooley, Learnard & Co.) wrote yesterday in an advisory letter to clients:

We cannot join in the cry against the market. Most of the effective elements seem to be in a sprightly mood. Indeed, outside of money market discussion, we doubt if there be even scant basis for any bearish disposition, and the money market position, as we have said, is not a source of the discouraging influence which so many speculative traders are insisting upon—funds now available at six months at 5 per cent will be at maturity renewable, we anticipate, at 3 per cent. Such a situation, we suggest, will probably result in twelve months to come around 4 per cent which is not at all the grewsome thing so much scheduled. The course of this week's market—such, but there are many who say it is not equal to that rate. True, there are many who return is still above the mark. True, there are many who say that it may, there can be no doubt that the conditions bear within themselves the possibility of a further advance. There may be some flurry during the crop month, but when the West and South will draw down their grain from New York; but that such a flurry will be gravely onerous is scarcely conceivable. An increase in the crop month will not be a source of difficulty which actually and materially increases the supply of the circulating medium. The effect of this may be remote, but is none-the-less certain. The particular condition of the market must come back multiplied when the crop is sold—and the large surplus which will be available for export will be a source of difficulty for foreign credits and strengthen our export market. The buyer of securities to-day may have to carry a margin of 15 per cent for these six months; but it is certain that the interest must decline, and on holdings of a year it is a fair inference that an average rate of 10 per cent will cover carrying cost. And furthermore, it must be borne in mind that the supply of money for commercial purposes use in business activity for specific end and can afford to pay temporary high rates in order to secure contingencies. The buyer of securities is under no such penalty. His revenue is derived from individual effort, and he can afford for a reasonable period to submit to an interest charge which would be onerous to the merchant or manufacturer. If the opinion of the business of New York be worth anything—to which we have added the opinion of Chicago and other Western centres—there is no reason to apprehend a serious rise in money rates. Existing rates of activity which prevail, and are in themselves trustworthy signs of prosperity. Abnormally low money rates invariably testify to a state of distrust, and a state of distrust is a source of fear—abnormally low rates testify to panic. Neither of these extremes is in the least manner discernible to-day. The money market is healthy, and the way of any speculation Wall Street entertains.

Whether or not the security market immediately strengthens, it seems possible that any material decline can be scored for the general list. Any one who sneers at market conditions do not any longer include important banking representatives. Standard market issues are in position to do very much better; but the same can be said of the tested industrials. An ugly incident seemed for a time threatening in the case of the Erie, but the Erie has a bond pool of \$10,000,000, and the Erie is in a position to enforce such a hurried market liquidation; but a better understanding of what actually is involved dispersed uneasiness. The market is in a condition that prevails in the Vanderbilt quarter as shown by the phenomenal increase of earnings officially recorded. The Erie, except Erie, is a source of concern, and the cheapest of all the Eastern trunk lines.

Of course, some of the old overvalued pools are still staggering—Chicago & Ohio, and as a case as Chicago-Great Western. H. ALLWELL.

A BLACK HAND RAID.

JURY PROBES ICE TRUST.

Speculation continued yesterday regarding the probable outcome of the ice investigation of the grand jury, and although it was reported that the evidence adduced was conclusive enough to cause indictments there was no authoritative statement to confirm it. The grand jury convenes to-morrow, but it is understood that the ice situation will not be taken up again before Tuesday.

Mr. Smyth, Assistant District Attorney, who with District Attorney Jerome is handling the case for the people, said that no witnesses had been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury in the ice investigation until Tuesday. Individual members of the jury, it is said, have made investigations of their own account, and have discovered certain conditions that have not yet been revealed by the witnesses examined by District Attorney Jerome. There are three or four members of the August grand jury who use large quantities of ice in their business, and they have shown unusual personal interest in the investigation. It is understood that the District Attorney's office will be largely guided in the investigation next week by the individual wishes of the grand jurors. The latter are determined on a rigid examination into every phase of the situation.

DEMAND TRIBUTE FROM ITALIAN LABORERS—CHASED IN AUTOMOBILE.

There was a fight late Friday night near Armonk, Westchester County, when five "Black Hand" men descended on a camp in which were about fifty workmen and tried to compel them to surrender their wages. When the men refused the "Black Hand" men opened fire with revolvers and mortally wounded three. The bandits were masked, so that the residents of the Italian colony could not recognize them. The Sheriff's office was advised of the hold-up early yesterday morning, and Under Sheriff Lane and a posse of men pursued the bandits with an automobile. The "Black Hand" men were caught in a trap, and it is believed that they drove in the direction of Connecticut. The wounded men are Louis and Albert Chibaldi and John Castelone. The Italians are employed by a contracting firm which is building macadam driveways at the summer resort of C. R. Agnew, assistant secretary of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, is laying out near Armonk. They were asleep when the "Black Hand" men drove up. The bandits jumped from their carriage and, rushing into the camp, demanded the wages of the men. They were sent to collect. When the laborers refused to give up they were shot through the ceiling, and when they fled they were shot in the back. The Italians were so badly frightened yesterday that they abandoned their work, and several of them returned to New York. Under Sheriff Lane obtained a clew this afternoon which leads him to believe that the "Black Hand" men came from Brooklyn, where they have headquarters.

STOCK OF NEW COMPANY PAID IN AND AGREEMENT CHOSEN.

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