NO TIME FOR WEDDING.

COUPLE CAUGHT STEAMER

Would-be Bridgeroom Now in the Tombs.

Passengers on the Cunard liner Lucania were astounded yesterday when United States Deputy Marshal Roberts boarded the steamer at Quarantine and put under arrest James Henry Parrott, one of the most popular passengers on the steamer, who was coming to this country, it was thought, with his bride. It was learned later from Parrott that the young woman who accompanied him as his wife was his "bride to be." They left Liverpool hurriedly, and had not had an opportunity to have the marriage ceremony performed before the Lucania steamed for New York.

Mr. Parrott is an Englishman, about thirty-five years old, and the young woman who accompanied him as Mrs. Parrott is Miss Grace Lawrence, of No. 90 Brompton Road, in the suburbs of London. She is eighteen years old and a ward in chancery. The couple were exceedingly popular on the passage from Liverpool, and were thought to be on their honeymoon trip to America.

When Deputy Marshal Roberts found Mr. Parrott and told him he would have to arrest him because of cable advices from the Foreign Office to the British Consul General at this port, Mr. Parrott was not at all alarmed and consented to accompany him. Miss Lawrence burst into tears and was greatly overcome, but on kindly words from Mr. Roberts and assurances that she would not be taken with her fiancé to the Tombs she became resigned and agreed to being locked up in her stateroom until taken to Ellis Island to-day.

It is not known on what charge Mr. Parrott was arrested. He is a civil engineer, having taken a special course in that subject at Cambridge. He lives at No. 15 Savoy Mansions, London, and was engaged in the automobile brokerage and exchange business. More than two years ago he met at Margate Miss Lawrence, who lived with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Maria Lawrence, a widow, at No. 90 Brompton Road. The friendship grew gradually, and Mr. Parrott was received many times at the home of his fiancée.

Several months ago he agreed to act as a selling agent for Andrew Fletcher, of Salton Castle, Scotland, and dispose of Mr. Fletcher's 60-horsepower Napier car. Through a coincidence the solicitors for the Lawrence family and for Mr. Fletcher were the same firm, and it is thought that they are interested in Mr. Parrott's arrest.

The prisoner has an account of over $2,000 at the Midland County Bank, and had plenty of money when he boarded the Lucania at Liverpool. He said yesterday that he had lost most of it to several professional gamblers at bridge whist on the passage across the Atlantic.

Mr. Parrott sold the Napier car for Mr. Fletcher for $1,250 and had until January 12, 1908, to make payment. It is said he will prove that Miss Lawrence is over eighteen years of age and will try to marry her before she returns to England. She will be detained at Ellis Island until next Saturday, when she will be sent back to Liverpool on the Lucania. Parrott was locked up yesterday in the Tombs prison.

FATAL BATTLE ON OHIO RIVER.

Shanty Boat Owner Killed, Wife and Baby and Two Constables Wounded.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 15.—While defending his shanty boat from the prying eyes of three Indiana constables and four Kentuckians, Arthur Kelling, twenty-one years old, was shot and killed this morning off the Indiana shore of the Ohio River near Bethlehem, twenty miles east of this city.

His wife, Lottie Kelling, was shot in the right arm and his year-old child Agnes was shot in the right hand during the fusillade. Clarence Scott, one of the Kentuckians, was shot through the right lung and probably fatally injured. Ira Scott, his brother, was shot in the right side.

ALMOST DROWNED GETTING SKIFF.

Morgue Superintendent Has Trying Time Rescuing Exhausted Fireman.

To his long string of rescues John W. Armstrong, night superintendent of the morgue, added another early yesterday morning when he saved John Brown, a fireman working on the steamboat Fidelity, of the Correction Department.

Brown reached the dock at East 26th street about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. A short distance away he saw an upturned skiff. Obtaining a boathook, he soon made it fast to the skiff and was drawing it in when a large wave threw him overboard. Swimming desperately, he tried to reach the boat, but the tide and wind carried it beyond his reach.

Cries for help were heard by Armstrong. He hurried out to investigate. About seventy-five yards from shore he saw Brown struggling for his life. Armstrong hurriedly put out in a boat and managed to get hold of the drowning man. His task, however, was not finished yet. When a few yards from shore his boat began taking in water and to sink rapidly. He finally reached the dock and, grasping a projection with one hand, he hung on with Brown clasped in his free arm. A patrolman of the East 22d street station heard his shouts for assistance and pulled both men up on the dock. Both were none the worse for their experience after a Bellevue doctor had given them something warm.

TALKED THEOSOPHY WITH KING OSCAR

Mrs. Katherine Tingley Here from Trip Abroad, Where She Spread Her Teachings.

Mrs. Katherine Tingley, the Theosophist, who has a colony at Point Loma, Cal., arrived here yesterday from Liverpool on the Cunard liner Lucania. She had been to Germany, France, England and Sweden, and had much material concerning King Oscar of Sweden, which she said she would weave into an article for her publication. Mrs. Tingley heard of the King's death by wireless in mid-Atlantic, and was greatly depressed. She said King Oscar was a great scholar and exceptionally versatile. He believed firmly in reincarnation, she said.

"He was more feeble than when I met him seven years ago," said Mrs. Tingley. "I sent my representative to see him and tell him that I would visit him, and when I was ushered into his presence he was reading of theosophy and of my place at Point Loma in an article in one of the London weeklies. We talked of theosophy, and he said he was greatly interested in my place in California. He conducted me personally through the palace and showed me his paintings. He spoke of his position with Norway, and from what he said I knew at once that he was a disciple of peace. 'The people of Norway were my people,' he said, and then, bowing his head in tears, continued, 'I should have slaughtered them, but I had not the heart to make war on them because I loved them too well.'"

Mrs. Tingley said her teachings differed from those of Anne Besant, inasmuch as they were practical and sought to build colleges and elevate the world. She said that Mrs. Besant's teachings were theoretical and impractical.

While in Sweden Mrs. Tingley purchased the island of Visingso, where she will establish a colony. She also bought a place at New Forest, two hours out of London, with money contributed by Miss Nan Herbert, who is directing one of Mrs. Tingley's schools in Cuba.

FARMER GORED TO DEATH BY COW.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Eastport, Long Island, Dec. 15.—While milking a cow on his farm in this village, Nathaniel Howell, eighty-two years old, was attacked by the animal and sustained internal injuries, from which he died a few hours later. He was knocked down, and before he could regain his feet he was gored. His wife went to his rescue, and, using a pitchfork, drove the animal off. Neighbors carried Mr. Howell into the house, where a physician dressed his wounds, but was unable to save his life.

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER MAN KILLED.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 15.—George F. Fiske, a New York newspaper man, formerly of Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and recently press agent for the Jamestown Exposition, was struck and killed by a Pennsylvania Railroad train here to-night.

ASK CORTELYOU'S HELP.

Burley Tobacco Growers Want $5,000,000 in Kentucky Banks.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 15.—Clarence Lebus, president of the Burley Tobacco Society, which has pooled the 1906 and 1907 crops and will not sell to the so-called trust, and which is planning to plant no crop this year, has appealed to Secretary Cortelyou for help. He asks that $5,000,000 be placed in the national banks of the state to assist the tobacco men in fighting the so-called trust.

President Lebus says the tobacco planters put into the treasury of the government $12,000,000 annually, and are the only farmers in the world who pay a tax. He adds:

The federal government will not permit a tobacco grower even to twist his tobacco. If the growers had any freedom whatever in this respect the conditions to-day would be different. Uncle Sam tells us we can't twist our tobacco. He might as well tell a distiller he can make whiskey, but can't put it in a bottle, jug or barrel in order to sell it. He tells us we can grow the tobacco, but we must sell it in the leaf or pay a big tax on it.

Really, the farmer pays a tax indirectly, whether he twists the leaf or not. The removal of these taxes is always blocked in the United States Senate, although it has been recommended by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and many others.

TWO ASSASSINATIONS COST $100,000.

Settlement by the Hargis Family with Heirs of Marcum and Dr. Cox.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 15.—By the middle of this week the last dollar for the lives of James B. Marcum and Dr. B. D. Cox will have been paid over to their beneficiaries. It was announced to-night that the $100,000 damage suit brought against James and Elbert Hargis and Edward Callahan for the assassination of Dr. Cox has been compromised and that the money will be paid over by the middle of the week. The compromise price is supposed to have been $25,000. The suit was on in the Circuit Court, at Fayette.

Mrs. Abrella Marcum, widow of James B. Marcum, the last of three prominent men assassinated in Breathitt County, was given a judgment for $8,000. Of this amount $5,600 has been paid and the remainder, including interest and costs, about $6,000, will be paid early this week.

It is estimated that the lives of the two men cost the Hargises close to $100,000.

MORE INSURANCE COMPANIES QUIT.

Twenty, Carrying $96,000,000 in Policies in Wisconsin, Abandon the State.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Milwaukee, Dec. 15.—Two more insurance companies announced to-day their retirement from Wisconsin because of the hard laws in force in this state. The Union Central, of Ohio, and the Massachusetts Mutual are the newest to be added to the list of such companies, which now aggregate twenty. These twenty companies are carrying nearly $96,000,000 insurance in this state.

One company, the Ætna, of Hartford, decided to-day to stay, on account of its accident business.

CHICAGO LAWYER SUICIDE IN BOSTON.

Discouraged About Health, He Shoots Himself in Quincy House.

Boston, Dec. 15.—A man believed to be Fred C. Hobein, an attorney connected with the firm of William C. Heinmann & Co., mortgage brokers, No. 92 La Salle street, Chicago, attempted suicide at the Quincy House, in this city, to-day by shooting. He left a note asking that the Rev. Edward L. Hobein, pastor of the German Congregational Church in Clinton, Mass., be informed. It is understood that the clergyman is a brother of the dead man.

It was said at the hotel that Mr. Hobein had come East to consult physicians about his health, and that he had received little encouragement. Despondency over this is believed to have led to his suicide. A considerable sum of money was found in his room.

The Rev. Edward L. Hobein, of Clinton, arrived in the city to-night, and after viewing the body identified it as that of his brother, Fred C. Hobein. He said that his brother had been despondent on account of illness. A note left by Hobein asked that his brother deliver his funeral eulogy.

MISSOURI MORE THAN HALF "DRY."

Cass and Clinton Counties Join Those Voting for Local Option.

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—Cass and Clinton counties voted for local option yesterday, making sixty-one dry counties in Missouri, four more than half. Elections are at hand in several other counties.

HUSBAND SLAIN, WIFE FATALLY HURT

Robbers Kill Kansas Grocer and Split Open Head of Woman.

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—Louis B. Sternberg, a grocer in Kansas City, Kan., was killed and his wife was fatally injured by robbers who attacked them in their store last night. The victims of the outrage were not found until to-day.

The robbers asked for a can of sardines. As the grocer placed an open can before them they struck him down with an iron bolt and then beat his head into a pulp.

They then entered the living apartments back of the store and attacked Mrs. Sternberg with a meat cleaver. They split open her head and knocked out one of her eyes. She cannot live. The thieves took $75 and escaped.

RUSSIA WON'T SILENCE MILYOUKOV.

Assurances were received yesterday that the Russian government does not contemplate taking any action to prevent Paul Milyoukov, the leader of the Democrats, from leaving the country to address the Civic Forum in this city on January 14. In order that he may take up the leadership of the Constitutional Democrats on the floor of the Douma at its reconvening, Milyoukov will remain in this city only three days before he sails for Russia again. Bishop Potter will preside when the Russian democratic leader appears at Carnegie Hall.

SHOOTS TWO WOMEN; KILLS SELF.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Otto Schmigler, a Hungarian tailor, to-day shot and probably fatally wounded Mrs. Caroline Webster, seriously wounded Miss Myrtle Spence and then killed himself. The tragedy occurred at the home of Mrs. Webster, a grocer's wife, from whom Schmigler rented a room. He had been out of employment for some time and was despondent. It is said he was infatuated with Miss Spence and that his advances had been repulsed.

NEGRO SHOT TO DEATH BY MOB.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

McHenry, Miss., Dec. 15.—Patrick Jones, a negro, charged with assaulting two young daughters of Bellamy Rouse, a white planter, was shot to death near here yesterday by a mob of two hundred men and boys. The negro recently completed a two years' sentence for attempted assault on Miss Mary Davis.

HUNTER SHOT, ANOTHER DROWNED.

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—G. Hawkins Norton, customs agent for the Illinois Central Railroad, and Walter Grima, a young cotton broker, were killed to-day while hunting at the Rigolets, twenty-five miles from New Orleans. Norton lost his life as a result of a gunshot wound in the side. Grima was drowned by the overturning of a boat.

TROOPS STAY AT MINES.

Funston Hears Remarkable Statement of Goldfield Conditions.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 15.—A delegation from the American Federation of Labor called to-day on General Funston, who is continuing his investigation of conditions with a view to determining the necessity for the presence here of federal troops.

"These men made the most remarkable statement I have yet heard," said General Funston to-night. "Their statement is that for months they have lived in constant fear. They have felt it necessary for their protection to go armed at all times, and have been compelled to avoid personal contact with members of the Western Federation of Miners in order to prevent serious trouble. This condition of affairs, they told me, obtained until the arrival of the United States troops, since which time the conditions have been greatly changed."

General Funston felt that this statement came from men who have been in a better position to know the real conditions than any others who have talked to him since his arrival.

In view of the facts gleaned to-day, General Funston said, there is little possibility of the troops leaving within ten days, and on his recommendation half of the number now here will be retained by the Washington authorities.

General Funston will not leave Goldfield before Tuesday, and may stay longer.

Governor Sparks sent a long communication to-day to Washington, stating in detail his position in relation to the troops and making correction of some omissions in the original call for troops.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

Committee Asks Aid for Widows and Orphans at Monongah.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 15.—The permanent relief committee, headed by Governor W. M. O. Dawson, to provide for the widows and orphans in distress through the recent explosion at the mines of the Fairmont Coal Company, at Monongah, prepared to-day an appeal for funds that is being sent to chambers of commerce and kindred organizations all over the country. All newspapers are urged to aid the work by receiving contributions, acknowledging them through their columns and sending them to the treasurer.

Contributions of clothing, toys for the orphans at Christmas time and similar donations are to be sent to W. H. Moore, Mayor of Monongah and chairman of the committee looking after the temporary wants of the victims. The committee's appeal follows:

At Monongah, W. Va., on Friday, December 6, an explosion in the mines of the Fairmont Coal Company resulted in the death of approximately 350 employes.

Monongah is a mining town of approximately three thousand inhabitants. This disaster has destroyed almost one-half of the bread winners. The other half is composed of the employes of two other mines of the same company, and of the usual stores, etc., which go to make up a purely mining community.

Fully two hundred and fifty widows and one thousand children are left without any means of support. Most of these families live in the company houses at Monongah; the remaining ones in various countries of Europe. The company has generously declared that the families occupying its houses may remain until other provision is made for them, but operations cannot be resumed at the damaged mines until these houses are available for the new force. Many of the resident families will want to return to their relatives in their native countries in Europe. The other resident families must seek a community in which they can earn a livelihood.

Aid must be given these families to reach their new abodes and to help them establish themselves, and the families living abroad must be provided for until they can adjust themselves to their new conditions.

As near as can be determined at this time almost $50,000 from all sources has been subscribed. Upon the basis of $300 for each widow and $100 for each child under sixteen years old, $175,000 will be required. At least $25,000 additional will be needed to provide, on relatively the same basis, for the aged dependents of the unmarried victims, the many now unborn children and the undoubted accessions to the married victims list when complete information has been received.

The committee feels that a basis lower than the above will not be adequate properly to care for the needs of the bereaved ones, and a total of $200,000 will therefore be required to carry out the relief work on this basis.

The immediate needs of the resident families are being amply met by the company and a committee of women from Fairmount and Monongah.

The committee begs to express its profound gratitude for the contributions already so generously made, and to earnestly appeal for the further assistance that it feels is so badly needed.

The magnitude of this disaster is too great for West Virginia to alone render all the help required. It commands national attention, and the committee feels assured that its appeal will be heard and responded to by the nation.

All checks should be made payable to the Monongah Mines Relief Committee, J. E. Sands, treasurer, Fairmount, W. Va.

W. M. O. DAWSON,
Governor of West Virginia, Chairman.
P. J. DONOHUE, Bishop of Wheeling.
JOHN W. MASON, Judge Circuit Court.
W. E. ARNETT, Mayor of Fairmount.
W. H. MOORE, Mayor of Monongah.
A. HOWARD FLEMING,
Postmaster of Fairmount, Secretary.
Subscription Committee.

PART OF LONG BEACH WASHED AWAY.

Considerable Damage Done by Saturday's Storm at Point Lookout.

Freeport, Long Island, Dec. 15.—The heavy storm of yesterday did great damage to the east end of Long Beach, especially that portion known as Point Lookout. The seas which swept into the beach yesterday were the most severe of the season. Several of the recent storms have gouged out sections of the beach, but the one yesterday was the worst.

Warned by the previous storms, the owners of cottages had begun to move them back, and it was fortunate they had, for the waves reached them yesterday. Had they been where they were last summer they would have been washed to sea.

Ellison's pavilion was damaged. The telephone line of the beach was blown down, and had to be rebuilt to-day. Henry Lotz, of the lifesaving crew, came near losing his cottage. It had been shifted about five hundred feet back from where it stood last summer, but the sand was washed from under it yesterday.

The government has arranged to move the lifesaving station from its present place around to Jones Inlet, as it is believed all that section of the beach will be eaten out. It is thought the entire east end beach may have to be bulkheaded.

TREASURER GLAZIER NEAR DEATH.

Michigan Official, Whose Banks are Closed, in Comatose Condition.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Chelsea, Mich., Dec. 15.—Frank P. Glazier, State Treasurer, whose resignation has been demanded by Governor Warner because of the bankruptcy of his banks and the manner in which he has managed the state funds, is critically ill at his home here. Heart failure is his trouble.

A consultation of physicians was held this afternoon. Glazier has been in a comatose state all day. The doctors say that unless he is awakened his death is almost certain.

THREAT FOR HEMPSTEAD FRUIT DEALER

Hempstead, Long Island, Dec. 15 (Special).—A. Bacigalupo, a fruit dealer, of this village, who supplies the Meadow Brook Hunt Club and the summer homes of New Yorkers with fruit, has just received a Black Hand letter from New York ordering him to leave $1,000 at 61st street and First avenue to-day or have his home and store here blown up. Bacigalupo took the letter to Justice Charles F. Gittens, who told the frightened fruit dealer not to say a word about it to any one and he would catch the criminals. Bacigalupo would not talk, but his wife admitted he had received the letter, and later his daughter gave all the particulars regarding it. He owns his store and home in Clinton street, and is probably worth $20,000. He has a family of eight children.

PRIEST HAS PAPER SELLER ARRESTED.

Acting on a complaint received at the East 104th street station from the Rev. F. A. Hotovitzky, a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas, in East 97th street, near Madison avenue, Detective Allen yesterday arrested Alexander Ivanoff, of No. 51 East 88th street, on a charge of disorderly conduct. The priest said that Ivanoff had been selling a paper called "The Russian Voice in America," which was revolutionary in its doctrines, in front of the church during services there. The prisoner was discharged by Magistrate Steinert in the night court.

INDIANS DEFRAUDED?

Senators Say Kickapoos' Treatment Was Criminal and Brutal.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senators Teller, Curtis and La Follette, composing a committee which was authorized to investigate the affairs of the Kickapoo Indians, will soon submit to the Senate a report giving the names of several persons who are alleged to have dealt fraudulently with the Kickapoos who emigrated to Mexico and who disposed of their lands near Shawnee, Okla. The report mentions a clique known as the "Chapman-Grimes-Conine people," and says that their conduct in securing the valuable lands owned by the Mexican Kickapoo Indians was "criminal and brutal in the extreme." It is recommended that a special attorney be appointed, who shall act under the direction of the Department of Justice in entering suits to set aside all the deeds to Kickapoo lands. The alleged criminal acts of the men mentioned in the report appear to be very hard to deal with in the opinion of the committee, for the reason that most of them were committed in Mexico.

Concerning the doings of the Chapman-Grimes-Conine people the report says:

Outrages were shamelessly perpetrated by them, and their conduct has never been equalled in the history of any dealings to secure lands from the American Indians. The names of the Indians were wilfully and deliberately forged to the deeds claimed to have been taken in Mexico. Two or three instances are sufficient to show to what extremes they went. They had all the leading members of the tribe, or head men of the tribe, arrested and thrown into jail. They then took a large number of Indians by force and under guard of policemen to Guajardo's, in Musquiz, where they urged the Indians to sell their lands, which the Indians declined to do, telling them invariably that they did not desire to sell their lands, and under no circumstances would they sign any papers; yet these people claim to have deeds executed at Guajardo's house by these Indians. The Indians all say that they did not sign, and the Indian interpreters used upon the different occasions each says that the Indians did not sign their names, touch the pen or authorize any one to sign their names or touch the pen for them.

The committee will request that it be continued in existence until such time as its members shall consider that the grievances of the Kickapoos in question are receiving proper attention.

OBITUARY.

THOMAS ALLEN GERE.

Thomas Allen Gere, for years an authority on the commerce of the Port of New York, died on Saturday at his home, in Scotch Plains, N. J. He had been a commercial reporter for The Tribune for many years, and was known on the exchanges and to commission merchants and railroad men for his accurate knowledge of the growth of the commerce of this port.

Mr. Gere was born in this city on August 17, 1834. As a young man he worked on the docks in Brooklyn beside the late Hugh McLaughlin, who afterward became Democratic boss of Brooklyn. His literary talents were developing, however, and he sought the society of the contributors to magazines and periodicals of the time, becoming himself a contributor. Walt Whitman, in his rambles along the waterfront, made the acquaintance of the young man, and they were companions until the poet's death. Mr. Gere often said that the advice and companionship of the poet taught him more than anything else in his life. He himself was the author of a number of poems, the best known being "The Stage Driver's Story." His memory was as good for poetry as for statistics, and he could quote Shakespeare by act and scene. He began his newspaper work in 1856, and was connected with "The Commercial" and "The World" before coming to The Tribune.

He leaves three sons, Arthur E., William D. and Harry G. Gere, and four daughters, all of whom are married.

ALFRED STEAD DIES IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 15.—Alfred Stead, son of W. T. Stead, editor of the "Review of Reviews," died to-day. He was born in 1877 and was associated with his father in the publication of that journal.

WILLIAM ULMER.

William Ulmer, founder of the Ulmer Brewing Company, died at his home, No. 683 Bushwick avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday. Mr. Ulmer had been ill several weeks. He was born in Germany seventy-five years ago. In 1850 he came to America, and in the early 70's founded the brewery under the firm name of Virgilius & Ulmer. Mr. Ulmer was a member of the Brooklyn Turn Verein and the Arion Society.

He leaves a wife and two daughters, both of whom are married.

MRS. ARAMINTA BOUTON ROCKWOOD.

Mrs. Araminta Bouton Rockwood, wife of George Gardner Rockwood, the photographer, and daughter of the late Joslah and Emeline Bouton, died yesterday at her home, No. 326 West 85th street. She married Mr. Rockwood at Troy in 1853. The funeral will be held to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

OBITUARY NOTES.

ANDREW MILLER, a retired builder, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. J. Newcomb, at No. 124 Dudley avenue, Westfield, N. J., in his eighty-third year. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. The burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

THE REV. JOSHUA COIT, treasurer of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, died suddenly at his home, in Winchester, Mass., yesterday. He was born in New London, Conn., in 1832. He was graduated from Yale in 1853.

MRS. MARGARET ANNE DUANE, widow of the Rev. Dr. Richard B. Duane, died yesterday at her home, No. 10 East 58th street, in her eighty-second year. Miss Anne D. Duane and William J. Duane survive her. The funeral will be held in the Church of Zion and St. Timothy, at No. 334 West 57th street, on Wednesday at 9:45 o'clock.

DENY THAT STRIKE IS THREATENED.

Railroad Officials Say Eastern Trainmen Have Made No Demands.

While reports have been coming to this city from time to time of a threatened strike of the trainmen and conductors on sixty-five railroads east of the Mississippi, it was said yesterday by representatives of some of these roads that no demands had been made and that no trouble was looked for.

The members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railroad Conductors on these railroads formed a kind of amalgamation some time ago. This was followed by the organization of the Eastern Association of Railroad Trainmen and Conductors, composed of the chairmen of the grievance committees of these sixty-five roads. This association held a convention lasting several days in the Broadway Central Hotel in this city about two months ago, at which recommendations were made, including, it is understood, a demand for a 10 per cent increase in wages.

President Truesdale of the Lackawanna Railroad, one of the sixty-five in question, said:

"No demands have been received by this company and no meeting of the heads of the companies has been arranged for. As far as I know, there is no reason for calling such a meeting."

"From the present outlook of affairs," said a representative of the Erie Railroad, who has been out West and has been talking with a number of the trainmen and conductors, "this would be a very bad time for making demands. I think the men will be very well satisfied with matters as they are."

SON TRIES TO SAVE FATHER AFIRE.

Herman Suski, a coal dealer of No. 39 McKibbin street, Brooklyn, is dying in St. Catherine's Hospital from burns as the result of an explosion of gas in the cellar of his home yesterday. His son Abraham, ten years old, is in a serious condition from burns received when he tried to smother the flames which enveloped his father. Suski went to the cellar with a lighted match to hunt for a leaky gas pipe. An explosion followed immediately, and the fire spread to the storage bins. Suski was knocked down and almost burned to death.

CHASE MAN WITH THREE REVOLVERS.

A man with a taste for revolvers gave the police and a crowd of citizens a merry chase, starting at Broadway and ending in a hallway in Park street, yesterday afternoon. At the Elizabeth street station he said he was Daniel McMahon, a painter, of Camden, N. J. He was charged with burglary. The police say McMahon picked up a brick that was lying loose in Broadway, smashed the show window of Schoverling, Daly & Gales, of No. 302 Broadway, and grabbed three revolvers.

CHURCH LIKES JENKINS

Resolutions Adopted Expressing Confidence in Indicted Banker.

The congregation of the Sumner Avenue Baptist Church passed resolutions yesterday expressing their confidence in the integrity of John G. Jenkins, sr., the indicted ex-president of the First National Bank. The morning service was given up for the resolutions and a discussion of them. The Rev. Dr. R. H. Green, pastor, read the resolutions, which were as follows:

Whereas, John G. Jenkins has been indicted by the grand jurors of Kings for certifying, as president of the Williamsburg Trust Company, to the correctness of a financial statement made to the Banking Department of the State of New York on August 6, 1906, and which certification is alleged to be untrue; and,

Whereas, Notwithstanding the aforesaid indictment, we, his friends and fellow members of the Sumner Avenue Baptist Church, recognizing his honorable career of more than fifty years, during which period he has managed the many millions of dollars of the people of Brooklyn honestly and conscientiously and without just cause of suspicion or distrust, and who at the same time often, at great personal sacrifice and inconvenience to himself and family, has generously contributed thousands of dollars to philanthropic and charitable enterprises, as well as to all branches of work in the Church of God, and whose humble Christian character and influence has left its impress for good upon every institution with which he has been affiliated, and especially the Sumner Avenue Baptist Church, beyond expression; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, his friends and fellow members of the Sumner Avenue Baptist Church, do hereby express our deepest and profoundest sympathy for our beloved brother and his immediate family at this time, and regret that they should apparently have been singled out to bear the odium of the irregularities which have recently been found to exist in many of the banks and trust companies of the greater city. And be it further

Resolved, That, come what will, whether he be vindicated or not by the courts of the state, we will never believe that John G. Jenkins ever intentionally, wilfully or maliciously used such means as has been charged for his own benefit or to defraud or deceive any man, woman or child of any sum of money, much or little. And be it likewise

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolution be spread on the minutes of our church and a copy thereof be presented to our brother, John G. Jenkins.

Jenkins and his family have long been members of the church, and the senior member is its chief financial support. A few years ago he gave the institution $50,000 to clear it from debt. As soon as the minister had ceased reading the congregation cheered, the voices of men and women mingling. For five minutes the cheers rose and fell, until the minister raised his hand and called for silence. Then the members of the congregation vied with one another in eulogizing the indicted bank president and his indicted sons. After every one who had anything to say had talked, the resolutions were passed unanimously.

SCOW TRIMMERS THREATEN STRIKE.

Police Ordered To Be Prepared for Trouble To-day—Want Increase in Wages.

The police were ordered last night to be on the lookout for a strike of scow trimmers at the city dumps this morning and to see that order is maintained. The strike, if it takes place, will be of miniature proportions, as only about four hundred trimmers are engaged in the business of sorting from the garbage of the city such articles as may be of value. C. de Marco, of No. 137 West 110th street, has the contract for Manhattan and The Bronx. He said the trimmers had demanded an increase in wages, which he had granted on December 9. He said they now want another raise. Instead of granting this last demand, he said, he is ready to fill their places if they quit work. He attributes their discontent to outside influence.

FOUR RUNAWAYS BROUGHT BACK.

Diphtheria Patients None the Worse for Exposure—Taken to Randall's Island.

Suffering somewhat from exposure and tired by a long tramp, the four boys who escaped early last Thursday morning from the Willard Parker Hospital while under treatment for diphtheria, were brought back to this city last evening from Walden, N. Y., where they were caught on Saturday.

They are Otto Schmall, fourteen years old; William Sutton, sixteen; William Keen, seventeen, and Hamilton White, eighteen. They were brought back by officers from the House of Refuge on Randall's Island, where they have been inmates. When the quartet escaped on Thursday they had almost entirely recovered from diphtheria, and therefore, instead of the officials taking them back to the Willard Parker Hospital, they were taken to the House of Refuge. An examination by a physician showed no recurrence of the disease. The boys were suffering only from exposure. The doctor said also that there was no fear that the patients could have spread contagion.

The boys were reticent and would say nothing about their escape, but the superintendent said last evening that he felt certain they received outside assistance in making their escape. Boys who are sent to the House of Refuge must remain there until they are twenty-one years of age, unless their good conduct earns for them release on parole. The punishment that will be meted out to these boys for running away will be to take from them all good marks during their stay on Randall's Island and give them a number of demerits that will put them back where they started from.

Their capture was effected by accident. William Sutton, whose home is in Newburg, piloted his companions to Orange County. They stole some tobacco and pipes from a pedler's wagon which they met near Goshen. Then the boys tried to sell the proceeds of their theft to a dealer, who suspected that they had stolen them, and held them up at the point of a revolver. The dealer then summoned the police. The boys at first denied their identity, but finally they broke down. They said they had walked the distance of about fifty miles from New Jersey, where they went as soon as they escaped.

TWO SISTERS BURNED TO DEATH.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 15.—Sadie Kalem, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kalem, died to-day from burns caused by the overturning of a kerosene lamp at her home, No. 210 Hope street, last night. This is the second death resulting from the accident, Sadie's sister Alice, nine years old, having died last night from burns received while trying to save Sadie's life. Mrs. Mary Kalem, mother of the girls, is in a critical condition from the shock of the tragedy. She has been unconscous since she learned of the death of the older child. Mr. and Mrs. Kalem were absent from home when the accident occurred, and the children were alone in the house.

"ABE" HUMMEL NOT SERIOUSLY ILL.

"Abe" Hummel, the lawyer on Blackwell's Island, who has been reported as being dangerously ill, was said last night at the prison hospital to be as well as might be expected. Since Hummel has been in prison he has not been well, and his condition is unchanged.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

An investigation is being made into the disaster in Sutton Place on Saturday, when the gale carried away part of an unfinished chimney of the New York Steam Heating Company, the fall of which crushed in the dwellings on both sides. Those hurt are recovering from their injuries. It is not thought that any arrests will be made.

John Curtin, who refused his address, was held in $2,000 bail in the Tombs court yesterday on the charge of attempted highway robbery. Herman Mellinthein, a broker, of No. 306 Bay 34th street, Bensonhurst, Long Island, says Curtin tried to rob him at the William street entrance of the Brooklyn Bridge.

TRANSATLANTIC TRAVELLERS.

Among the passengers who arrived yesterday from abroad were:

ST. PAUL, FROM SOUTHAMPTON.

Robert Collier.	Penrhyn Stanlaws.
G. W. Hobart.	Mrs. William B. Wilkins.
Mr. and Mrs. Preston King.	Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Sloan.

LUCANIA, FROM LIVERPOOL.

William A. Dupee.	H. V. Palmer.
A. J. Forbes.	Miss Alice E. Neal.
Harvey Clements.	Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lawrence.
Mrs. Elizabeth D. Falconer.	Sir Thomas Troubridge.
William C. Henne.	

LA LORRAINE, FROM HAVRE.

Lewis Mack.	Mme. Maude Amy.
C. F. Williamson.	Albert F. Andre.
F. B. Riggs.	Corti Romolo.
Miss Piney Sutherland.	

ARABIC, FROM LIVERPOOL.

Mrs. Rowland Leigh.	Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Budd.
William Steel.	Arthur H. Bradford.
Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Allen.	Albert J. Chandler.

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SEVEN FIREMEN INJURED.

Victims of Falling Wall and Explosion of Ammonia Tank.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 15.—Seven firemen were injured, Frank Sova, perhaps fatally, in the burning of the Saginaw Produce and Cold Storage Company's plant in West Saginaw to-day. The property loss was $40,000. Five of the firemen were caught under a falling wall, and two were hurt by the explosion of an ammonia tank.

Manistique, Mich., Dec. 15.—The three band mills of the Chicago Lumber Company were destroyed by fire here to-day. Henry Hammel, fifty-two years old, a night foreman, and the night watchman, named Norton, were burned to death. The loss was $100,000.

Pittsburg, Dec. 15.—The plant of the Large Distillery Company, of this city, located at Large, Penn., on Peter's Creek, was destroyed by fire to-day. The bonded warehouses near the plant were saved, and holders of certificates will not suffer loss. The loss, which has not been estimated, is covered by insurance.

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—Fire to-day destroyed the Tulane shoe factory, one of the largest in the South. The loss is $100,000.

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 15.—The Chick Springs Hotel, a summer resort located ten miles from Greenville, was burned last night. The loss is $60,000, partly insured.

Greenville, Penn., Dec. 15.—The Mercer County Courthouse, located at Mercer and erected forty years ago, was destroyed by fire to-night. The loss is estimated at $150,000. It is thought many of the public documents, kept since 1807, have been ruined. A new clock was being placed in the courthouse tower and gas used to illuminate the dial exploded.

CIVIC FEDERATION MEETS TO-DAY.

Sessions Expected To Be the Most Important Ever Held.

Financiers, publicists, manufacturers, employers and labor leaders will gather at the Park Avenue Hotel this morning for the eighth annual meeting of the National Civic Federation. There will be morning and afternoon sessions, a dinner to-night at the Hotel Astor, for which there have been seven hundred acceptances, and final sessions to-morrow morning and afternoon. Officials of the federation say the meeting is likely to exceed in interest any of the seven previously held.

Many speakers are to be heard on the two general subjects for discussion, which are, for to-day, "Protecting the People's Savings," and for to-morrow, "Prevention of Strikes and Lockouts." The day sessions will be held at the Park Avenue Hotel assembly rooms. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor and vice-president of the federation, takes the chair at the opening session, in place of August Belmont, the president, who is in Chicago. Mr. Gompers will introduce James Speyer, the banker, who will preside at the morning session. A letter will be read from Mr. Belmont.

"Currency Regulation" is the opening topic, and there will be heard in discussion of it Andrew Carnegie, Congressman Charles M. Fowler, chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency; Victor Morawetz, chairman of the executive board of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway system; Theodore Marburg, of the American Economic Association, and others. "Shall Government Deposits Be Guaranteed?" will also be considered in the morning, with W. G. Evans taking the affirmative and Horace White the negative. In the afternoon Postmaster General Meyer will read a paper on "Postal Savings Banks"; Andrew Mills, of the Dry Dock Savings Bank, this city, one on "Savings Banks," and ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio, now president of the Cleveland Society for Savings, on "Savings Banks."

Some of those who had arrived for the meeting last night were Franklin MacVeagh, Chicago; Samuel Mather