BRITISH EFFORT FOR PEACE.

BETTER TERMS TO BE OFFERED TO THE BOERS.

Official Announcement Expected From Colonial Secretary Chamberlain—King Desires His Coronation Year to Be Marked by Peace Throughout Empire.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—It is becoming clearer daily that the pendulum which seems to control the vacillating policy of the British Government has again taken a wide swing, and every effort is now being made to induce the Boers to accept easy terms of peace.

The official declarations of only a few weeks ago that unconditional surrender would alone be accepted and that no shred of independence would be permitted to the Transvaal, are now explained to mean something very different from the obvious signification of these simple words. The Government has, in fact, let it become known that it is quite ready to enter into negotiations with any responsible Boer commander on the basis of the concession of ultimate local representative self-government.

The greatest significance of this announcement lies in its reception by the British public. There has not been a single Jingo protest. The extraordinary *volte face* of the Ministry has been allowed to pass almost without comment. The silence is so general that one is almost compelled to believe it due to one of those quiet official intimations sometimes given to the Unionist press in moments of national emergency.

There is no sign whatever of the spontaneous popular protest which such a suggestion would have aroused only a year or so ago. The Government, if it wished to convince public opinion in favor of bringing the war to a close on any terms short of conceding independence to the Transvaal, has reason to be satisfied with the effect or non-effect of its really momentuous announcement.

Next, probably, will come a definite declaration in the same direction. The impression prevails in authoritative quarters that at the Guild Hall next week, when the city Council entertains the Prince of Wales at luncheon, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain will make a speech of the first importance, stating in clear language the terms which the Government is prepared to give to the Boers.

The Earl of Rosebery will propose the toast of "Prosperity to the Colonies" at the direct request of the King, and that fact itself is of considerable significance. His Majesty, it is well known, is extremely desirous that his coronation year should be ushered in by the establishment of peace throughout the empire and if Mr. Chamberlain should announce modifications in the terms designed to placate the Boers, the credit should be given to his royal master.

Some ultra-sanguine prophets declare that Mr. Chamberlain will make public the satisfactory conclusion of peace negotiations now actually in progress; but no ground can be discovered here for that extreme optimism. There is reason to believe, however, that the Government for a month past has been taking measures to bring it unofficially to the knowledge of the Boer leaders that peace is available on far easier terms than previous utterances of British officials have indicated. Information both from Holland and South Africa points in this direction.

One is almost forced to believe that the conciliatory attitude of Great Britain has been adopted just seventeen months too late. Such terms might have been arranged after the fall of Pretoria, but the Boers remaining in the field now have nothing further to lose and they are absolute irreconcilables. On the other hand the British Government cannot be criticised for its delay, because public opinion in June, 1900, would have refused to approve the terms to which it now gives a grudging consent.

So it has been since the beginning of this unhappy and unnecessary war. Compromise has been impossible for one side or the other at every stage. There are those sanguine enough to believe that terms sufficiently liberal might now be offered to induce the bulk of the Boer combatants to abandon the struggle. Next month, possibly the next few days, may settle this point.

At all events if Great Britain is able to show that a really generous offer has been refused, it will go far to moderate public opinion abroad toward this country and might justify more stringent measures for bringing the war to a conclusion, which would be the only alternative course open to the British.

ANTI-BRITISH LEAGUE.

One Formed in Russia, but It Has Few Members.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 30.—The *Novoe Vremya* announces the formation of a Russian league of persons desiring to show their hatred of Great Britain. They are pledged to discriminate against British goods. Pastor Gillott of the Dutch Church is the moving spirit.

Higherto, however, only fifty-seven persons have joined, and in view of the Russian authorities' anxiety to push Russian and Siberian produce in the English markets, as show especially at the Glasgow exhibition, the league is too likely to attain serious dimensions. It is simply one more sign of British unpopularity on the Continent.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC IN LONDON.

There Are 430 Cases Under Treatment Now—Many Have Died.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Statistics published to-day show that since the present outbreak of smallpox 116 persons have died of the disease, 232 have recovered and there are 430 cases under treatment. Sixty per cent. of persons who had not been vaccinated died and 9 per cent. of those who had been vaccinated. There were fifty-seven doubtful cases. The first case was reported on May 29.

The Metropolitan Asylum Board, which is the responsible authority for the control of epidemics, met this afternoon. The medical officers of the board expect that the number of cases will increase until next May.

TURKISH TROOPS REVOLT.

Refuse Have Possession of the Grand Mosque at Jeddah.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 30.—The Turkish troops in El Hedjaz, Arabia, who have not been paid for some time, have mutinied. The rebels now occupy the grand mosque at Jeddah. There have been murders and pillage in Mecca.

Pope Receives Bishop Sbaretti.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Nov. 30.—The Pope today received Bishop Sbaretti, formerly in Cuba, who has been appointed special Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines.

RUSSIA'S ARMENIAN PLAN.

To Force All Refugees to Become Russian Subjects—Keeps Question Open.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The motives and intentions of the Russian Government with regard to Armenia are considered here to be sufficiently exposed by Dr. Alexandre Ular, who publishes to-day the text of a confidential note sent a month ago by the Russian Minister of the Interior to the trans-Caucasian officials. The note says in part:

"I beg to call attention to the irregular situation of the Armenian refugees in trans-Caucasia. Your reports state that efforts to get Armenian refugees out of trans-Caucasia and back to Turkish territory have failed, and that their number, instead of diminishing, is constantly increasing. It amounts now to over 40,000. Most of these people are wholly without means, are a heavy burden on the Government and cause trouble for the population. This state of things will not, as it seems, soon come to an end.

"According to the reports, the Turkish Consuls refuse to issue return passports for Armenian refugees, I therefore beg to inform you that by the highest decision you will prepare all necessary measures with a view to enforcing upon all Armenian refugees residing in your territory in March, 1902, naturalization as Russian subjects. You will make lists of persons residing in your district who are likely to be affected by this measure and add notes determining their situation as future military conscripts, if it be necessary, besides to have ground registers prepared in order to fix localities where naturalized Armenians may usefully be settled as Crown farmers."

Dr. Ular points out that Russia has never taken the slightest interest in the Armenians in Asia Minor. She is glad, in pursuance of her policy of territorial aggrandizement and increase of population, to make discontented Armenians into Russian subjects one way or another. This is why the administrative reform suggested by the western Powers could not be forced on Turkey in spite of the awful situation in Armenia.

This state of things came out in a curious way at the time of the recent French naval demonstration. The French Government wanted to ask, together with a prompt settlement of the Lorando affair, for some reforms concerning Armenia. At the last moment, however, Russia intervened and France could not but give way to Russian pressure. Her claims were suddenly restricted to money matters and her Government had some trouble in convincing Frenchmen of the necessity of not interfering in the Armenian question.

GERMAN CREDULITY.

Statement Seriously Made That Mr. Morgan Is Government Agent in Steamship Deal.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—A writer to-day in to-day's *Berliner Tageblatt* affirms that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan is now acting on behalf of the United States Government in seeking to acquire control of the Atlantic steamship lines. The writer makes this amusing suggestion in one of a series of articles on commerce, and goes on to say that the Government would do better to play the game itself instead of using an outside instrument.

Such an assertion solemnly made in one of the serious papers of the German capital goes far to explain the extraordinary credulity of German public opinion in regard to foreign affairs.

DESIRE TO BREAK FROM SPAIN.

Catalonia's Agitation Discussed in the Chamber of Deputies.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MADRID, Nov. 30.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day Señor Silvela, the former Conservative Premier, condemned the agitation in regard to the separation of Catalonia from Spain.

Prime Minister Sagasta said it was very painful to him to participate in this debate. Barcelona, he said, could not separate from Spain without committing suicide. The legitimate aspirations of Barcelona would be satisfied by the reforms which Parliament intend to introduce.

The Mayor of Barcelona declared that the people of Catalonia were loyal to Spain. Their propaganda was a legal one and would be carried on.

MOVE AGAINST ANARCHISTS.

Police Plan Submitted to the Powers by Russia and Germany.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—As a result of pourparlers which have been exchanged between Germany and Russia on the subject of the suppression of Anarchists, circulars have been sent to the Continental Powers and the United States containing proposals from the two Governments referred to. The suggestions are purely practical and of a police character.

OUTBREAK BY POLISH STUDENTS.

Hostility to Prussia Shown by Demonstration Before a Consulate.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

VIENNA, Nov. 30.—Three hundred Polish students at Lemberg to-day penetrated the police cordon into the street containing the German consulate and made a hostile demonstration. The Galician Polish movement against Prussia is growing.

Crown Prince Ferdinand and His Wife Not at Odds.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

VIENNA, Nov. 30.—The Roumanian Minister has written a letter to the *Fremden-Blatt* denying the reports that there are dissensions between Crown Prince Ferdinand of Roumania and his wife, Princess Marie, daughter of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

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AMERICANS IN BANK FRAUDS.

LONDON POLICE AFTER ALLEGED PALS OF LAURIE MARKS.

Warrant for James Maines—Betting Agent Named Kelly Arrested—London and Westminster Bank Added to the List of Victims of Extensive Forgeries.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of James Maines, a New Yorker, who is also well known in Chicago. He is wanted for alleged complicity in the theft at the Bank of Liverpool.

Maines has been in London for some time and was associated with Laurie Marks in the betting business. It was through Marks, it is alleged, that Maines became concerned in the frauds. Maines lived at the Charing Cross Hotel where the police seized his luggage. It contained a number of appliances used by card sharpers. Maines disappeared at the same time as Laurie Marks, and it is believed that he sailed for New York.

A betting agent of the name of Kelly, who is charged with having been concerned in the Bank of Liverpool frauds, was arraigned in court to-day. The prosecution said the proceeds of forged checks to the amount of £73,000 had been traced to Kelly. The attorneys for the defendant pointed out that Kelly had voluntarily surrendered to the police. The Magistrate refused to admit Kelly to bail.

George Marks, a brother of Laurie Marks, the bookmaker, who was charged with complicity in the Liverpool robbery and who was afterward reported to have committed suicide from the Boulogne boat, sailed for New York on the American Line steamship St. Paul to-day. George Marks said he was convinced that Laurie was dead.

The police now know that when Laurie Marks boarded the steamship at Boulogne for Folkestone he was in an intoxicated condition. They say he must have committed suicide.

A man who is described as being well known in city circles, and who has represented numerous American companies in London and Paris, has been arrested in Paris for complicity in extensive forgeries on the London and Westminster bank. He will be held in Paris pending the arrival of extradition papers from London.

POOR SHOW SEASON IN LONDON.

Three Plays Taken Off Last Night—Sousa Scores a Success.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—After the last very poor theatrical season London managers hoped confidently for better results in this one. But now, within a short time of the pantomimes, it can be safely said that the present season is no better, and is probably even worse than the last. Every piece whose success was a little doubtful, but which in an ordinary season could have been pulled together for a fair measure of prosperity, has come to grief.

Passing over earlier failures, there are no less than three pieces to be withdrawn to-night. Mr. W. S. Penley's revival of "Uncles and Aunts" has proved a failure. Nat Goodwin also closes at the Comedy Theatre with H. V. Esmond's "When We Were Twenty-one," after a run which, except from the artistic point of view, can only be called a failure. The third is at the Vaudeville Theatre, where Seymour Hicks and Ellaline Terriss finish in "Sweet and Twenty," which undoubtedly has been profitable and a success, but latterly began to weaken and is withdrawn sooner than such a success should have been. Mr. Esmond's "The Sentimentalist," produced by Mr. Lewis Waller, at the Duke of York's Theatre, came heavily to the ground in a fortnight, although in an ordinary season what was good in it, combined with Lewis Waller's popularity, would have assured it a run of a couple of months at any rate.

The readiness of the West End theatres to close on a foggy night some time ago may be interpreted to mean that booking ahead was very light and the receipt of bundles of orders by banks and in other quarters used by theatre managers to distribute to deadheads in decorating their more expensive seats, all tell the same tale.

The one exception to the general rule is Mr. John Philip Sousa, who is having a genuine success in afternoon performances at the Empire Theatre and in the evenings at Covent Garden. His marches are hummed and whistled all over London. He himself has been a boom to every variety show in the metropolis and to every piece in which an extra turn can be introduced. At all of them impersonators, men, women and children, give more or less faithful imitations of Sousa conducting. At the Strand Theatre both Louie Freear and Marie Dainton "do" him. At the Hippodrome "the smallest man in the world" wields a Sousa baton.

MISSIONS IN CHINA TO COMBINE.

American Board, London Society and Presbyterian Board Get Together.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PEKIN, Nov. 30.—The representatives of the three great missions in China—the American Board of Foreign Missions, the London Society and the Presbyterian Board are engaged in carrying out the most important scheme for cooperation in the history of missions in China. The consolidated missions will be called the North China Educational Union. They will embrace theological and female schools and the college at Tientsin. The Rev. Dr. Sheffield of the American Board of Foreign Missions will be President of the united societies.

INDUSTRIAL REVIVAL IN ITALY.

Minister of the Treasury Makes Good Report to the Chamber of Deputies.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Nov. 30.—Signor di Broglio, the Minister of the Treasury, stated to the Chamber of Deputies to-day that the budget for the current year would show a surplus of 41,000,000 lire. He expected that the national finances would show similar surpluses for the next two years, as an industrial revival had set in throughout the country.

WHITE STAR LINE NOT SOLD.

Report That American Syndicate Had Secured Control Is Denied.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The Rt. Hon. W. J. Pirrie, head of the great Belfast shipbuilding firm of Harland & Wolff, denies that he has sold his interest in the White Star steamship line to an American syndicate.

Lady Pauncefote Sails on the St. Paul.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Lady Pauncefote, wife of the British Ambassador at Washington, and Miss Pauncefote, and John B. Carter, second secretary of the American embassy at London, and Mrs. Carter are passengers on the American Line steamship St. Paul, which sailed for New York to-day.

DISS DE BAR DEFIANT.

Accuses Witness Who Appears Against Her—Held for Trial With Jackson.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The trial of Theodore and Laura Jackson (Ann O'Delia Diss De Bar) on charges of immorality and obtaining money under false pretences was resumed in the Marylebone police court to-day.

Evidence was given by a medical expert in regard to Jackson. There was nothing in the evidence, however, inconsistent with the present charges against the man.

Dr. Mary E. B. Adams gave evidence that she lived at Fort Recovery, Ohio, which she left in 1897. She became acquainted with both prisoners in 1899, when she joined them for lessons in spiritualism. Subsequently she accompanied them to New York, where she accused them of obtaining bonds and goods from her.

Diss De Bar cross-examined the witness and suggested that she had poisoned her husband.

Dr. Adams emphatically denied that she had poisoned her husband, who, she declared, had died of heart failure. She said she matriculated at the Women's Medical College of Cincinnati in 1895. The prisoners, the witness said, asserted that Jackson was the incarnation of Christ and "Swami" (Diss De Bar) was the incarnation of Christ's mother. Diss De Bar interrupted the witness at this point and declared that the statement was a horrible blasphemy.

At the conclusion of the testimony the Jacksons were committed for trial.

BOERS MOVE RAPIDLY.

Foil the Efforts of the British Scouts in Many Instances.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The correspondent of THE SUN at Pretoria writes that the Boers' powers of rapid movement and concentration still foil the efforts of the British military intelligence officers attached to the various columns. The Boers come in as fast as the fastest scouts who are looking out for them and their attack is delivered before warning can be given, even in cases where the intentions of the Boers are partly known beforehand.

As an example of quick moving, he says that Louis Botha, with 600 men, covered sixty miles in twelve hours in order to arrive at Brakenlaagte to help Grobeler against Col. Benson.

NO INVITATION TO HILL.

Nebraska Democrats Decide Not to Ask Him to Their Jackson Dinner.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 30.—David Bennett Hill will not be a guest of the Jacksonian Club of Omaha at their annual banquet early in January. At their meeting yesterday to discuss invitations it was decided not to invite Mr. Hill. The decision was due undoubtedly to the wishes of W. J. Bryan in the matter, although it is said that Mr. Bryan has done nothing directly to keep an invitation from being sent to Mr. Hill. The Jacksonian Club is the strongest Democratic club in the middle West, and the policy to be pursued by the party in the State is usually promulgated at its annual banquets.

HURON-ERIE CANAL PROPOSED

Dominion Parliament to Be Asked to Authorize Its Construction.

OTTAWA, Nov. 30.—The latest thing in the way of canal construction is a proposition to connect Lakes Huron and Erie by a navigable canal not less than fourteen feet deep. The men who are identified with the enterprise will seek for the necessary legislative authority at the next session of the Dominion Parliament. The title they will assume is the St. Joseph and Lake Huron Ship Canal Company. The idea is to build the canal from some point on the shore of Lake Huron, in the county of Huron or Lambton, to a point on Lake Erie between Rondeau Harbor and Port Burwell.

Busch Out of World's Fair Management.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30.—Adolphus Busch, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, announces that he will resign from that office. Mr. Busch denies that there is any friction between President Francis or other members of the World's Fair directory and himself, but says that his large business interests require all his time. Mr. Busch recently returned from Europe and announced it to be his opinion that the World's Fair cannot be held in 1903 because foreign countries could not get their exhibits ready. President Francis declared that he thought Mr. Busch was mistaken.

Chicago Police Fund to Get More Pay.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—High police officers are much concerned over a campaign that the Policemen's Protective Association has begun for the increase of patrolmen's salaries from $1,000 to $1,200 a year. One officer says that the 2,250 members of the association have been assessed $20 each to create a campaign fund of $45,000 to defray the expenses of the campaign. Should the promoters succeed in getting through the City Council a bill which will increase salaries to $1,200 the cost to the taxpayers of the city will amount to $900,000, estimating the number of patrolmen at 3,500.

Lord Aylmer Dead.

RICHMOND, Quebec, Nov. 30.—The Hon. Sir Adolphus Aylmer, Baron of Balrath and Lord Aylmer, passed away at his residence near here last night. He was 87 years old. His son, Col. Matthew Aylmer, Adjutant-General of the Canadian forces, succeeds to the title.

Hanna Gives $5,000 to McKinley Memorial.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 30.—Senator Hanna to-day gave $5,000 as his subscription to the Cleveland committee of the McKinley Memorial Association.

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DUTCH QUEEN'S UNHAPPINESS

SERIOUS QUARREL WITH HER YOUNG HUSBAND.

Prince Consort Fears to Show Himself in Public Because of the Anger of the People—Money One of the Causes of Estrangement—He Explains to Kaiser.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Information from The Hague describes the semi-official denials of trouble between Queen Wilhelmina and her Prince Consort as entirely mendacious. As was stated a month ago, while the Queen was seriously ill, the young couple did have serious differences and are now gravely estranged.

The Dutch people, as might be expected, have ranged themselves fiercely by their young Queen's side and the Prince dare not show himself in public, so widespread and passionate is the feeling of resentment. Moreover, he has taken no pains to conceal his contempt for Dutchmen and would doubtless cheerfully accept a lump sum down and a yearly allowance by way of solace for retirement into private life in Germany. He is known to have sent a complete statement of his case to the German Emperor, but if Kaiser Wilhelm should venture to interfere actively he would raise such a storm in Holland as would not be easily allayed.

Prince Henry's main grievances are said to be, in order of importance: Queen Wilhelmina's niggardliness in the matter of money, her disposition to keep him in the position of lapdog, and the persistent manner in which the Dutch Ministers have treated him as a person of no importance.

His position resembles somewhat that of the present King of England's father in the early days of his union with Queen Victoria. But Prince Albert was a man of intellect and tact; and, although Englishmen never loved him, they quickly learned to respect him. The Dutch Queen's consort apparently possesses none of the qualities absolutely indispensable to successful maintenance of such a delicate position. So trouble sooner or later was inevitable.

SEWING SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION.

To Be Discontinued, Having Accomplished Work for Which It Was Formed.

At a meeting of the New York Association of Sewing Schools, held at the Parish House of the Church of the Holy Communion, 49 West Twentieth street, on Friday, Nov. 22, it was resolved that the association, having accomplished the work for which it was formed, should be discontinued. The Executive Committee will take charge of all unfinished business and will act as a Committee of Information as long as there is any need of such a body.

The New York Association of Sewing Schools was formed in 1893, in response to a circular issued by a committee representing educational institutions and churches. This demonstrated the need of an organization "to act as a centre of information for sewing schools, and to formulate and carry out such plans and arrange for such meetings and classes as might be deemed advisable for the further development of its work." This object has been carried out during the past eight years by means of conferences, classes and exhibitions, and through the medium of leaflets.

The first conference was held in April, 1893, and since that time a large number of such gatherings have been held in various parts of the country to discuss practical questions relating to the teaching of sewing. Exhibitions have been held in conjunction with these conferences at which specimens from the schools of France, Japan, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium and England, obtained through the Department of State at Washington, contributed much in value and interest.

Three other associations have been formed and the teaching of sewing has become a part of the public school work in many of the large cities of the country.

The membership of the association included three associations, the public schools of twelve of the largest cities and 124 schools and colleges. Many thousands of children were reached directly by its influence.

Classes in sewing, embroidery, cord work and basketry have been held each season for the benefit of the volunteer workers in the church schools and missions, and in New York this winter they are being carried on at the Teachers' College, Columbia University, and at St. James's Church. Many of the schools have classes for their own teachers.

The work which has been developed by the association is now on a firm basis and can be carried on without the assistance of the organization.

FOUND HER ON THE STAGE.

Father's Hunt for Gladys Atkinson Reveals Her as Miss St. John, Chorus Girl.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 30.—Gladys Atkinson, the nineteen-year-old daughter of a New York family, was found on the stage of the Star Theatre here to-day by Detective Mintz, who was hunting for her under directions from her father. At present she is a chorus girl with the Bohemian Burlesquers company. Her stage name is Gladys St. John.

Gladys has been stage-struck for several years. While at Newport last summer she was rescued from drowning by Harry Evans, a "black-face" comedian, and three weeks after the rescue she became Mrs. Evans. When her husband started in on his vaudeville work this fall she was persuaded to join the burlesque company and she declares she intends to stay with it despite the protestations of her family.

TRAMPING AS A MAN.

Ethel Wells Douglass of This City on a Jaunt With Her Husband.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 30.—Robert Douglass and Ethel Wells Douglass, man and wife, are detained here by the police on a charge of tramping. The woman is attired in male garb. She went to a hospital yesterday for treatment for an abscess on the foot caused by a cotton seed getting in her shoe while she and her husband were spending a night in a gin house in Georgia.

The pair tramped from New York to Birmingham. The woman gives her address as 233 East Fifteenth street, New York. She is 20 years old and rather good looking. She says tramping is a hard life.

PUT HER BABY IN THE OVEN.

Fire Started Up Under Her Mother Was Not So Rash Now.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Fred Meyers, who lives five miles from Cattaraugus, wrapped her five-months-old baby twice in a blanket, put her in the oven of the kitchen stove to keep warm, and went out into the garden last Wednesday. When she came back half an hour later the fire in the stove had caused up and the room was filled with smoke. Rushing in, she took the child from the oven, keeping from the flames and choking and blind of her infant. Life was scarcely extinct.

Burlington Lease Signed.

A lease of the Burlington railroad system to the new Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Company was signed in Burlington, Iowa, yesterday by President George Harris of the Burlington road. The period of the lease is 999 years and the terms are equivalent to 3½ per cent. guaranteed payment in the joint name of Louis by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads.

CONTEST FOR STEERS ESTATE.

Bank President's Sister-in-Law Sues the Woman Who Got the Property.

Property which once belonged to Edward P. Steers, once School Commissioner and President of the Twelfth Ward Bank, is involved in a suit which Susan C. Steers has brought in the Supreme Court against Lucretia V. Steers or Birdsall. Steers died on April 22, 1899, leaving his estate to his wife, Anna Mersereau Steers. It is alleged that Lucretia V. Birdsall had been a member of their household for a number of years and had taken the name of Steers.

Two days after the funeral of Steers, it is alleged, Lucretia V. Birdsall took Mrs. Steers to a lawyer and a will was executed by which Mrs. Steers left Miss Birdsall all the estate. Mrs. Steers then went to reside at Garden City, where, on Dec. 12, 1900, a deed was executed by Mrs. Steers conveying all her realty to Miss Birdsall. It is stated that this property consisted of nine tenements on the north side of 110th street between Third and Lexington avenues; twenty lots at 182d street and the Boulevard; property at Southampton, L. I., and thirty acres on the Tarrytown road near White Plains. They are valued together at $300,000 and it is averred that the conveyence was without consideration.

A sister of Mrs. Steers, Susan C. Steers, wife of Abraham Steers, a brother of the testator, brings the suit to set aside this conveyance on allegations of undue influence and mental incapacity. Mrs. Anna Mersereau Steers died last March.

PLAGUE AT HONOLULU?

A Letter From That City Says There Are Twenty-three Cases There.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 30.—A letter from G. T. Walker, a magazine writer, now at Honolulu, received last night by a former companion of his travels, now living in this city gives news of an alleged epidemic of bubonic plague at Honolulu, which has been carefully suppressed by the authorities up to this time. The disease says Walker, has gained alarming headway among the Asiatics at Honolulu, and preparations are now being made for quarantining the port against the world. This step, writes the informant, will be taken within the next week. Continuing, he says:

"Twenty-three cases are positively known to exist, for this many plague patients are now at the Kalihi detention camp. This camp is guarded night and day. It is reported on excellent authority that yesterday (Sunday) two Japanese died and were cremated by the Board of Health at midnight. The President of the Board of Health has been reported away from his home for two days.

"Fourteen of the known cases are Japanese and nine are Chinese. The Honolulu papers are not allowed to print any particulars concerning the plague."

111 TRANSFERS IN 3 WEEKS

And 31 Transferred Policemen Immediately Put Back Again.

The scandal that followed the exposures made by the soldier-policeman Oneill of the pay-for-transfer system in the Police Department has not served to stop the number of transfers. Between Nov. 7 and Nov. 29 111 patrolmen were shifted from one precinct to another. Since Sept. 4 thirty-one policemen have been transferred and then put back in their old precincts. Most of these double changes have been made within twenty-four hours. Just why it is necessary to transfer a patrolman out of a precinct and send him back to the same precinct next day has never been evident to anybody, except, perhaps, those in charge of the "transfer bureau," a bureau not recognized by the law.

HEITFELD NOW A DEMOCRAT.

United States Senator Gives Notice That He Has Left the Populists.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 30.—United States Senator Henry Heitfeld of this State has addressed a letter to D. H. Andrews of this city, chairman of the Populist State Central Committee, announcing his withdrawal from the Populist party and his affiliation with the Democrats. The letter says both the Democratic and the People's parties are striving for the same purposes and should combine. The writer asks Mr. Andrews to call the State Central Committee together, expressing the hope that it will approve his action and unite with him in an affiliation with the dominant element of the Democratic party.

George Gould's Railroad Tour.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 30.—George J. Gould, President of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, arrived at noon to-day from the northern part of Louisiana in his private car, accompanied by E. T. Jeffery, President of Denver and Rio Grande; C. G. Warner, Second Vice-President of Missouri Pacific; Russell Harding, Third Vice-President and General Manager of the Missouri Pacific; L. S. Thorne, First Vice-President and General Manager of the Texas and Pacific; W. B. Walthen, Chief Engineer of the Texas and Pacific; J. H. Hays, Chief Roadmaster of the Texas and Pacific. The party will go from here direct to Denver over the Denver and Rio Grande.

For Princeton's Gymnasium.

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 30.—J. McNaughton Thompson, treasurer of the gymnasium fund of Princeton University, has issued an appeal to the alumni to subscribe to the fund in order that work may be begun on the building as soon as possible. It is estimated that the cost of the structure will be $225,000, of which $150,000 has been raised. The committee wishes to have all the money on hand before the work of building is begun, and for this reason the second appeal is issued.

A. T. Paige Goes Into Bankruptcy.

AKRON, Ohio, Nov. 30.—A. T. Paige, ex-City Commissioner and one of Akron's leading citizens, filed a petition in bankruptcy today, with $60,000 liabilities and practically no assets. The indebtedness was incurred almost wholly in connection with New York Apparel contracts undertaken by Paige, Grey & Co., of which firm the late David R. Paige was the senior partner.

Made a Roundsman for Bravery.

Policeman Joseph Shea of the Mercer street station has just been made a roundsman by Commissioner Murphy for bravery at the Hotel Adelphia fire on Jan. 30 last. Some of the patrolmen who are taking the civil service examination for the place of roundsman think that Mr. Murphy is promoting too many men for bravery.

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