FIVE CENT TELEPHONE RATE

BASIS OF THE LOWER SCHEDULE IN EFFECT JULY 1.

Ten Cents to Brooklyn and Near Suburbs in Per Cent. Lower Message Rate Forty Times 600 Instead of 450 for Five Cents. Long Range for a Nickel.

The reduction in telephone rates that is to take effect on July 1 has just been announced by T. S. Bethell, vice-president of the New York Telephone Company. After July 1 the charge to message rate subscribers in Manhattan and The Bronx will be five cents for any local message, instead of ten as at present, and the pay station charge will be five cents instead of 10 cents. The station charge in Brooklyn will be ten cents and there is a reduction in the line to the more remote points in the urban territory served by the New York Telephone Company and the New York and New Jersey Company, which are now under one management.

Calls from Manhattan to Brooklyn and other nearby points will be 10 cents and to Staten Island 15 cents, instead of 20 and 25 cents. The highest rate between the widely separated points, such, for example, as Tottenville, Staten Island, and Throgs Neck and of The Bronx will be 20 cents. In addition to this discounts of from 10 to 50 per cent. will be allowed to large users of the interborough service, making the average cost of the messages from six to 7 cents.

A reduction in the rentals of the extensions of telephones will also be made to private branch subscribers. After July 1 they will be $18 a year for each flat instead of $12, $9 and $6 as at present. The rates for auxiliary lines, the lines, extension stations, extension lines and private lines will be modified and reduced and exchange rates for many classes will be cut down in Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond, Jersey City, Hoboken, Bayonne and Newark. Moreover, the range of local messages will be greatly increased.

The New York Telephone Company decided to make these reductions last November but it was impossible to put them into effect until the plant had been enlarged sufficiently to meet the increased business that is bound to follow. The work on the enlargement began as soon as the plans had been prepared and in the past six months the company has spent $4,500,000 on construction, as against $1,500,000 in the corresponding six months of the previous year. In other words, according to Mr. Bethell, the corporation has expended $3,000,000 to put it in a position to handle the increased business without loss of efficiency and smoothness. The switchboards at the various central stations have been enlarged, new cables have been laid in many sections of the city and additional apparatus of all kinds has been installed.

One of the most important phases of the new schedule, as far as subscribers and patrons are concerned, is the extension of the range of local messages which are to be sent under the reduced rates. In this respect there will be a radical change in the present system. Manhattan and The Bronx have been divided into three overlapping zones. The first zone extends from the Battery to 110th street, the second from 110th street to Melrose and Tremont, and the third to the city line. Under this plan the pay station rates in the old city of New York will be as follows:

From any station connected to a central office south of 110th street, to any Manhattan, Melrose or Tremont station, five cents.

From any station connected to a Manhattan central office north of 110th street, Melrose or Tremont, to any point in Manhattan or The Bronx, five cents.

From any Bronx station north of Melrose and Tremont to any station connected with a central office in The Bronx or in Manhattan north of 110th street, five cents.

From any station in Manhattan south of 110th street to any station connected with a central office north of Melrose and Tremont, 10 cents.

The nearby Long Island and New Jersey territory that is served is also divided into overlapping zones. The zones in Kings and Queens are Brooklyn, Long Island City and the Coney Island district. On the other side of the North River they are Jersey City, Bayonne and Hoboken. In the more sparsely settled districts it will be the policy of the company to charge a flat rate and to extend the area in which messages can be sent for the minimum price. Jamaica, Richmond Hill and Queens, for instance, are now separate central offices, but they will all be merged into one exchange under a flat rate.

In Manhattan, according to the new schedule, party lines will be $42 for 600 messages, instead of $48. Direct line service only will be furnished at business places connecting with central offices south of 110th street.

Contracts with prospective subscribers will be accepted at the new rate from June 1, to take effect on July 1. Subscribers whose contracts can be properly modified by a written advice will get the benefit of the new rates from July 1, regardless of the provisions of the present contracts. When the terms of a contract must be so changed that it cannot be done by a written advice or when the subscriber under the new rate plan may have a choice of two or more forms of contract, an agent will call on the subscriber to arrange the terms.

EFFECTS OF BURGLAR'S WIDOW.

Mrs. Hickey's Belongings Piled Up Back of Store She Didn't Buy.

Isaac Stein advertised a small stationery and candy store at 354 West 116th street for sale, and on Saturday a woman dressed in mourning came around with a little girl and after looking the place over told Stein she would buy. The price agreed upon was $200. She paid a deposit of $20, and the receipt was made out to Mrs. Kate Carr.

At 1 o'clock that afternoon a furniture van drove up to the store loaded with some valuable furniture, which the men said was to be left in the rear of the store. Stein refused to let the men put the stuff in his place until he got the balance of $180 from Mrs. Carr. She demanded her $20 back, saying that she had changed her mind, but Stein would not give her the money.

She met a policeman on the street and told him of her predicament and also that she was Mrs. William J. Hickey, the widow of the burglar who was shot and killed recently on the west side of the town. She left her property in the rear of the store. A music box and a collection of valuable silk waists are part of it with a lot of letters from Hickey. Stein says he will keep the stuff unless she pays for the store.

Five Hurt in Mine Gas Explosion.

PITTSBURG, May 27.—Five persons were injured in a mine explosion at the New Acme shaft of the Braznel mines, owned by the Braznel Gas Company, in Washington county, early this morning.

A score of men entered the shaft shortly after midnight. It is believed that some one of the party carried a naked lamp, which exploded an accumulation of gas. There was a terrific report and the interior of the mine was filled with dust.

All of the men succeeded in making their escape and when they reached the surface it was found that none of them was fatally injured.

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FIGHT IN FRONT OF CHURCH

Women Strikers Lawyer Hurst and Strong Men Follow It Up.

Hostilities broke out again yesterday between the Barna and Kirchow factions in the little Russian and Greek Catholic Church of St. Peter and St. Paul at Morris and Greene streets, Jersey City.

A lawyer was mobbed and some of the Barna crowd were arrested. The factional troubles were recently aired in the Court of Chancery and bills and cross bills were dismissed for lack of equity.

The parishioners decided to settle the dispute themselves and the followers of Sarp Barna, who keeps a saloon, put a new lock on the church door. Two Kirchow adherents who had secreted themselves in a closet changed the lock and gave their leader the key.

A crowd of Barna men and women gathered in front of the church yesterday morning and demanded admission. Lawyer Bruck Hurst, representing the rival faction, advised Kirchow not to surrender. Kirchow lost his nerve, dropped the key and got away.

The angry Barna folks sailed into the lawyer and handled him roughly. A woman smote him with her fist and several strong men tousled him. He rolled down the steps in front of the church and landed on his right shoulder. He managed to twist himself out of the mess and he also got away.

Later Justice of the Peace William V. O. Driscoll began to issue warrants in a candy store for the arrest of Barna worshippers for assault and battery on Kirchow and his followers.

Lawyer James Hamill, counsel for Barna, sent a hurry call for Justice of the Peace Frank P. Lehane, and the latter opened court on the sidewalk. He paroled six men and one woman arrested on Driscoll's warrants for appearance in court to-day. Driscoll let the other two prisoners go on bail. The Barna crowd entered the church at the close of court and Father Hunecky celebrated mass.

RESCUED FROM SINKING BARK.

Crew of the Trio Worn Out by Eleven Days Work at the Pumps.

MONTREAL, May 27.—The steamship Ionian, Capt. Nunan, of the Allan line, which reached port on Saturday afternoon, rescued the crew and captain of the Norwegian bark Trio of Tonsberg in mid-ocean on May 21. The Trio was in a helpless condition. In spite of incessant labor at the pumps, the water was gaining, and but for the timely arrival of the big Allan liner the Trio's crew must have perished in a few hours.

The Ionian was steaming at full speed at midnight when the distress rockets from the sinking vessel were seen. Before leaving the Trio Officer Miller of the life-saving crew set her afire and when the Ionian steamed away the bark was shrouded in smoke.

Capt. Thoraesen tells a story of hardship. His vessel left Tonsberg on April 12 in ballast for Bay Chaleur, N. B. All went well until May 10, when the Trio encountered a hurricane from the northwest. During the height of the storm the masts went overboard and the timbers were strained to such an extent that the bark commenced to leak.

Night and day the captain and crew labored at the pumps. To add to the peril the ballast shifted. Then the pumps choked and bailing had to be resorted to. Signals of distress were kept flying and at night rockets were sent up.

The water was gaining in the Trio, a heavy sea was running and, worn out by incessant work at the pumps, the crew had almost given up in despair when the Ionian appeared.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY SERVICES.

Exercises at Fort Greene—Negroes Decorate Lincoln Monument.

Memorial exercises were held at the Tomb of the Martyrs, Fort Greene, Brooklyn, yesterday morning. Participating in the services were members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Society of Old Brooklynites, the Knights of St. John and Malta, children from Public School 5 and the orphans from St. John's and St. Joseph's Homes. Justice O'Keefe of the Court of Special Sessions delivered the oration.

In the afternoon William Lloyd Garrison Post, the Abraham Lincoln War Veterans' Association and other members of the Grand Army of the Republic decorated the Lincoln statue in Prospect Park and listened to several addresses by negro clergymen.

Delegations from the various Grand Army posts visited the cemeteries and decorated the graves of the soldiers. In the evening memorial services were held in many of the churches and many war veterans were in attendance.

TRIED TO CHARM A COPPERHEAD.

Snake Bites Ellingham on the Wrist and He May Die.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., May 27.—In attempting to charm a copperhead which he had captured on the mountains John Ellingham of this city was bitten last night. The snake bit him on his wrist as he held it in his hand. He was in a hotel and, hurrying to the bar, he drank a large quantity of whiskey. He was then driven to Muhlenburg Hospital in a cab. When he reached there his arm had swollen to twice its natural size and physicians worked over him all night. He was still in danger to-night.

The Weather.

Cloudy, showery and sultry conditions prevailed over the eastern half of the country yesterday. A low pressure area was moving out of the St. Lawrence Valley and another was moving into the Lake regions from the Central States. There was a third over the extreme Northwest.

In this city the day was cloudy, with heavy showers and thunderstorms; slightly warmer; wind generally southeasterly; average humidity, 85 per cent.; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 29.76; 3 P. M., 29.69.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

	1906.	1905.		1906.	1905.
9 A. M.	68°	68°	6 P. M.	68°	70°
12 M.	66°	71°	9 P. M.	65°	68°
3 P. M.	70°	75°	12 Mid.	65°	64°

Highest temperature 74° at 4 P. M.

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

For eastern New York, rain to-day, followed by fair in the afternoon; cooler on the coast; fair to-morrow; fresh to brisk northwest to north winds.

For New England, rain to-day; fair to-morrow; fresh to brisk northwest to northwest winds.

For eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, rain and cooler to-day; fair to-morrow; fresh north winds.

For the District of Columbia and Virginia, showers and cooler to-day; fair to-morrow; fresh northwest to north winds.

For western New York partly cloudy to-day and to-morrow; fresh north winds.

SPAIN LOVES PRINCESS ENA.

GROWING ENTHUSIASM OVER THE KING'S FIANCÉE.

Many Towns to Name Streets and New Buildings in Her Honor Not a Discordant Note as the Wedding Day Approaches—Madrid Already Crowded.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MADRID, May 27.—This city is marriage mad. Nothing is talked of but the forthcoming wedding of King Alfonso and Princess Ena. Never will a Queen-Consort have a warmer welcome than Spaniards of every rank are preparing for the young English Princess. Every time she appears great crowds gather, waving flags, cheering and throwing flowers at her. Alfonso's speedy automobile is a source of much disappointment to the countless admirers of the Princess as it whizzes past them.

Ena, or Victoria, as the Spaniards call her, can do no wrong. The fact that she violated all Spanish etiquette on Saturday in trying on her wedding gown is quoted as being merely a delightful example of bright, young impetuosity.

In Badajos and Ferrol bells have rung and the people have made extraordinary demonstrations of rejoicing in the streets, for in each town a criminal condemned to death has been pardoned at her intercession.

In the press there is not a single discordant note. Even the Republican organs have nothing but praise for the beauty, talent and tact of Spain's future Queen.

It is announced that the Government will proclaim a three days holiday from May 31, the wedding day. All public offices will be closed and the people will devote themselves to merrymaking. Many towns have decided to give the Princess's name to orphanages, hospitals and other buildings the foundation stones of which will be laid on her wedding day. In nearly all the large towns some of the principal squares or streets will be renamed Reina Victoria Eugénie. In Madrid the fashionable shopping street, Carrera de San Geronimo, will soon be rebaptized Queen Victoria avenue.

In practically every church in Spain a Te Deum will be sung on the wedding day at nearly as possible the exact time of the wedding.

The streets here are already decorated with bunting and spanned by triumphal arches. On every side are immense cloth medallions. One sees the British arms elbowing the castles and lions of Castile. The Union Jack is omnipresent. It hangs outside the shops and inside the cafés. It is draped about balconies and strung across the streets. It is waved over buildings and carried in miniature by swarms of small children.

London has never made such a show of the Union Jack as Madrid is now doing. The shop windows are given up to portraits of Alfonso and Ena. Hawkers crowd the sidewalks selling their photographs. Even the sellers of lottery tickets are making a specialty of Ena's photographs.

Alfonso arrived at the Pardo Palace at 9:30 o'clock this morning in his motor car, giving a signal, so that the Princess would know that he was coming. As soon as she heard it Ena went out on a balcony and waved her hand. Soon afterward preparations were made for the celebration of mass. A bell was rung so that the crowd outside the palace should know when the ceremony commenced, for even at that hour a great crowd had assembled, and that means more in Spain than people not knowing the country might imagine.

An altar had been arranged on the balconies of the palace. The King and Princess Ena and the Catholic members of their suites heard the mass from the salon, the public outside participating from a small square, where a regiment of infantry with its colors and band was drawn up. After the services Princess Ena received a tremendous ovation from the people outside.

After the regiment had marched past most of the royal personages went by motor car to Madrid. The King and Princess remained at the palace. Princess Ena's mother and brothers went to the British Embassy and attended services at the Anglican chapel there. The King and Princess heard another mass at the palace.

Then at noon the President of the Council of Ministers arrived and discharged certain affairs of State, the Princess being present. Luncheon followed, after which the King and Princess Ena went motoring.

POPE AT PUBLIC SERVICE.

Somewhat Improved, but Shows Signs of His Illness.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, May 27.—The ceremonies attendant upon the beatification of sixteen Carmelite nuns of Compiègne who were guillotined during the French Revolution took place to-day in the presence of a large number of French and Spanish pilgrims, who remained in Rome after having been unable to see the Pope on May 20, the occasion of the beatification of the Dominican monks who lost their lives in Tonquin.

St. Peter's was specially decorated for to-day's celebration with paintings representing the martyrdom of the nuns and miracles wrought by their intercession. The morning function consisted of the celebration of the mass and the reading of the decree of beatification to the public.

In the afternoon the Pope, who has been very ill, descended into the church with the usual solemnity. Ten thousand tickets had been issued for the services. The Pope did not appear as well as usual, but his satisfaction because of his ability to attend the ceremony was evident. The beatification of the nuns is noteworthy as being the first honor of the kind bestowed upon martyrs of the French Revolution, and the occasion is regarded as having been opportune. The Pope selected the cases of the nuns out of 153 approved by the Congregation of Sacred Rites.

After the ceremony the Pope showed signs of exhaustion, and retired immediately to bed.

St. John's Cadets Break Record for 100 Mile March.

SYRACUSE, May 27.—St. John's Military Academy cadets returned to-night from a 100 mile march to Oswego and return, breaking the long distance record formerly held by the North Carolina Military Academy.

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LONDON ART SALES.

Collection of the Late Thomas Heade Woods Brings Total of $201,055.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 27.—The sale at Christie's of the pictures and drawings of the late Thomas Heade Woods, formerly a member of the Christie firm, was concluded yesterday. The sale realized a total of £58,211.

A portrait of Lady Whitbread, by Sir W. Beechey, brought £546; a portrait of Lady Wallingtonn, by J. Hoppner, £6,300; a portrait of Miss Emily Charlotte Tighlin, by Sir T. Lawrence, £3,150; a portrait of Mrs. Robinson, by Sir J. Reynolds, £504; a portrait of Mrs. Sheridan as Saint Cecilia, by Sir J. Reynolds, £147, and portraits of the Stanhope children, by G. Romney, £1,890.

In another sale a portrait of Mrs. Ferguson, by Sir H. Raeburn, the property of Miss Evelyn Portal, sold for £1,743; portrait of William Petrie, by G. Romney, same owner, £871; portrait of Mrs. Ferguson, by Sir H. Raeburn, property of Miss E. G. Emerson Pollok, £2,467; portrait of Mrs. Sarah Siddons, by G. Romney, £3,675; portraits of John Johnstone of Alva, his sister and his niece, property of Major Johnstone, £6,090; portrait of a young girl, by G. Romney, £787; portrait of Mrs. Mingay, by G. Romney, £6,510; portrait of Indiana Talbot, by T. Gainsborough, £1,029; portrait of Dr. George Cameron, by Sir H. Raeburn, £809; a winter landscape, by G. Morland, £819; portrait of Mrs. Lee Harvey and her daughter, by Sir H. Raeburn, £2,310; portrait of Col. Lee Harvey, same artist, £3,150, and portrait of John Harvey, same artist, £651.

The two days sale of valuable books and manuscripts at Sotheby's ended yesterday. It was the most important sale of the kind this season. "Songs of Innocence," by William Blake, printed in colors and touched with color by the author, brought £88; "Napoleon I. and the Battle of the Rivoli," the original draft entirely in Napoleon's handwriting of the proclamation which he proposed to issue to the French army under his command in Italy, on January 18, 1797, £122; "Horæ Beatæ Mariæ Virginis cum Calendario," manuscript on vellum by a French scribe, decorated with seventeen miniatures, borders and numerous initial letters, £195; "Bulletins de la Convention Nationale," broadsheets, September, 1792, to January, 1795, £190; manuscript transcripts of letters, poems and petitions addressed by Lady Arabella Stuart to her cousin german, King James I., and to other of her relatives and friends imploring their intercession with the King on her behalf for having incurred his displeasure by her secret marriage with a grandson of the Earl of Hertford, £150; "Valerius Maximus," a beautiful manuscript written and illuminated at Florence for a member of the great Popoleschi family, £122; Christine de Pisan, "Livre des Faits d'Armes et de Chevalerie," manuscript on vellum, ornamented with four superb miniatures, richly ornamented borders and initial letters, £225; Guillaume de Guilleville, "Le Pèlerinage de la Vie Humaine," four books, in verse, manuscript on vellum, £290; Martin Le Franc, "Champion des Dames," manuscript on stout paper, £195; "Lancelot du Lac Autres Romans de la Table Rond," manuscript on stout paper, £500; Shakespeare, "A Midsommer Night's Dreame," printed by James Roberts, 1600, £280; Shakespeare, "The Excellent History of the Merchant of Venice," same publisher, 1600, £460; Shakespeare, "The Chronicle History of Henry Fifth," printed 1608, £150; Shakespeare, "True Chronicle History of the Life and Death of King Lear," printed 1608, £395, and Shakespeare's "A Most Pleasant and Excellent Conceited Comedy of Sir John Falstaffe and the Merry Wives of Windsor," printed 1619, £385.

The last mentioned work, among others, was bought for America.

EDITH BEERS'S ESCAPE.

Says She Ran Away With a Man Who for a Long Time Kept Her Prisoner.

During the rain yesterday afternoon a frail looking girl without a hat walked down Hudson avenue, Brooklyn. She occasionally looked behind her as if afraid she was being followed. She entered a cheap restaurant near Myrtle avenue. Patrolman Smith of the Adams street station saw her and became interested, as her actions were peculiar. He at last entered the restaurant and got into conversation with her. The result of this was that he took her to the Adams street station, where she told Capt. Shaw she was Edith Beers, 17 years old, of 68 Fernole street, Rahway, N. J.

With tears she said her father and mother were respectable people, but that about a month ago she had left home in company with a man who had taken her to Coney Island and that she had since been living with him. She soon repented and tried to get away, but he took care that she could not do so. Yesterday, however, she said she saw the opportunity she had been waiting for and got out of the house without the man, who is an Italian, or any of his friends discovering it.

Then she jumped on a trolley car and was taken to Brooklyn. At Hudson avenue she jumped off the car and continued along Hudson avenue until she came to a restaurant where she was found by Patrolman Smith.

Capt. Shaw telephoned to the Chief of Police of Rahway, who verified what the girl had said about her parents. He said they were highly respectable. The Rahway chief then notified the father who said he would visit Brooklyn this morning to see what he could do for his daughter. Capt. Shaw on questioning the girl, ascertained that she had been living in Sixteenth street, Coney Island, but she could not tell in what part of the street the house was. She knew that it was not far from the merry making part of Coney Island. She said the Italian's name was Samuel Orsuly. Capt. Shaw was soon in communication with Capt. Harkins of Coney Island, who said he would do all he could to find Orsuly.

PASSAIC WANTS MALCOLM.

The Bench Warrant for His Arrest Telegraphed to Seattle.

PASSAIC, N. J., May 27.—Chief of Police William Hendry and County Prosecutor Eugene Emley are making preparations to bring back here for trial William Malcolm, the defaulting secretary of the Mutual Loan and Building Association of this city, who was arrested yesterday in Seattle, Wash.

On the receipt of a telegram last night from the chief of police of Seattle Chief Hendry telegraphed the bench warrant issued for Malcom's arrest and instructed the police there to hold the man until arrangements could be made for his extradition.

Malcolm's stealings from the association amounted to nearly a hundred thousand dollars, about forty thousand of which was made good by property transferred to the trustees before his disappearance. Malcolm is 60 years old. For many years he conducted a book and stationery business in Passaic. He was also City Treasurer and a member of a number of fraternal orders and of the First Presbyterian Church.

The first discovery of a shortage in his accounts with the loan association was made in May, 1902, and he left Passaic the following August. The September Grand Jury the same year found an indictment against him for embezzlement and the police have been looking for him in vain since that time until he was heard from in Seattle, through a former Passaic woman who wrote to friends here that she had seen him.

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CZAR IS LIKELY TO YIELD.

WILL PROBABLY GRANT DUMA'S DEMAND FOR NEW MINISTRY.

Got Rid of Witte to Avoid Clash With the Assembly and Goremykin Immediately Brought One On Shipoff's Name Mentioned for the Premiership.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 28.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Times* says it may be seriously questioned whether Premier Goremykin was called upon to reply to the Duma's address. From a constitutional standpoint such a step is inadmissible, but it is evident that the Ministry regards the constitutional principle implied in the imperial manifesto of October 30 as a mere fiction.

On the other hand it is evident that the Ministry does not speak in the name of the sovereign. The only inference is that it regards itself as a separate, independent institution, the attitude of which naturally prompts the conviction that the Ministry seeks to set up a wall between the sovereign and the people.

From this viewpoint the declaration must be regarded as a gross blunder, but it is evident also that a Ministry holding such views is bound sooner or later to come into open collision with the Duma.

Viewed thus, the declaration perhaps may be regarded as a not unmixed evil since it clears the atmosphere of all possible misunderstandings and places the whole issue fairly and squarely before the eyes of Russia and the world. The outcome might seem simple to those trained in the traditions of parliamentary government. Either the Ministry should go or the Duma be dissolved.

In Russia there are no traditions. Premier Goremykin and his colleagues, in spite of their crushing arraignment and unanimous condemnation by the Duma, will most probably remain in office.

Yet it is more certain than ever that the Duma will not dissolve. Its dissolution at the present juncture would be tantamount to dispersal, with consequences too terrible for any one in Russia to contemplate, much less the court.

At the same time, the correspondent says he feels convinced that the present situation cannot be indefinitely prolonged. The peasant Deputies, at the close of Saturday's sitting, crowded the telegraph office and sent messages which will be read in every village, announcing the Government's refusal to satisfy the demands for land and amnesty. The effect of this dread news will soon be appreciable, and the Government will have to give way.

It is known that the Czar made up his mind to get rid of the Witte Ministry in order to avoid an immediate conflict with the Duma. Premier Goremykin's failure to stave off a collision should, in the logic of things, prompt a similar decision.

The imminence of a Shipoff Ministry appears to be clearly indicated.

TAKES OVER N. Y. THEATRES.

Dewey, Gotham and Circle Join the Empire Circuit Company.

BALTIMORE, May 27.—It was announced here to-night that the Empire Circuit Company, which recently took over the burlesque theatres of James L. Kernan in Baltimore, Washington and Buffalo, completed arrangements on Saturday night whereby it will take over the Dewey, Gotham and Circle theatres in New York.

These houses were formerly in what is known as the Eastern circuit and playing Columbian attractions.

There were present on behalf of the Empire circuit: James J. Butler, president, of St. Louis; James E. Fennesy, secretary, of Cincinnati; John H. Whalen, treasurer, of Louisville; directors, George W. Rife and Attorney Charles H. Knapp of Baltimore. The directors will continue in session this week at the Imperial Hotel.

Providence is to be added to the Empire Circuit and other important cities are expected to follow. The Empire Circuit has purchased ground on Broadway near Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, for the erection of a burlesque house.

Ithaca's Postmaster Dies of Heart Failure.

ITHACA, May 27.—Postmaster Frank J. Enz of Ithaca was stricken with heart failure while out walking this afternoon and died an hour after he had been taken to his home in a carriage. Mr. Enz served two terms in the New York State Assembly, having been elected from Tompkins county in 1887 and 1888. He also served several terms as chairman of the Republican county committee here. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1839, and came to this country in 1854.

Obituary Notes.

Alexander Greig, vice-president and general manager of the Federal Union Surety Company of Indianapolis, died yesterday morning in Miss Alston's private hospital, 26 West Sixty-first street. He had a stroke of paralysis three weeks ago in Indianapolis. He was brought here for treatment by Dr. Neil Macphatter of 64 West Fortieth street, an old friend, but he was too far gone to respond to treatment. Mr. Greig was born in Scotland forty-six years ago and came to this country in 1881. He went into the railroad business, being connected at first with the Union Pacific. He left railroading to become second vice-president of the National Surety Company. After a few years he became vice-president of the Trust Company of the Republic. For the last two years and a half he had been with the Federal Union Surety Company. He has relatives in Scotland and in England.

The Rev. Lyman Whiting, D. D., a prominent retired clergyman, died at his home in East Charlemont, Mass., on Sunday, aged 88. He served as pastor in numerous Massachusetts Presbyterian and Congregational churches, also in Charleston, W. Va., Philadelphia, Providence and several Western cities. At one time he was chaplain of the Massachusetts Senate, and in 1854 was nominated by the Whigs and Know Nothings for Congress. Dr. Whiting was graduated from Amherst in Henry Ward Beecher's class. He leaves a widow and three daughters.

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