

FIREBALL AT CHURCH PICNIC

DROPPED FROM A CLOUD AND HURT EIGHT PERSONS. ... A ball of lightning dropped into the middle of a crowded pavilion at Highland Park, East New York, at the height of the storm yesterday afternoon, painfully injuring eight persons and scorching nearly 600 others.

Others who were injured were Emma Edelman of 264 Grandview avenue, Emma Jennings of 205 Lewis avenue, George Edelman of 284 Grandview avenue, Marie and Josephine Rabinov of 81 Ashford street and Katherine and Louise Boltz of Fountain place, Brooklyn.

The parishioners of Zion German Evangelical Church, which is at Liberty avenue and Bradford street, Williamsburg, had gone on a picnic to Highland Park early in the day. There were between four and five hundred of them. When the storm, puffed up they took refuge on the floor of a pavilion about 600 feet square which is in the picnic grounds.

The thunder grew nearer and many became terrified at the repeated flashes of lightning and edged away from the open sides of the flimsy house in which they were collected. Suddenly there was a particularly bright flash and those near the east side of the building saw a glowing ball of fire slide down the branches of a tree. It struck a telephone wire leading from the tree to the pavilion and like a conjurer's ball on a string the electric globe slipped down the wire, through the side of the building and out through the mouthpiece of a telephone instrument.

It dropped onto the pavilion floor almost in the middle of the huddled persons and apparently rolled along the floor for about ten feet, leaving a trail of smoke. Then while the picnickers felt to right and left to avoid it the ball of blue flame exploded with a heavy report.

Two dozen persons were thrown from their feet by the explosion. When they scrambled up again eight persons were lying where the electric ball had exploded. Policeman Meahan of the Liberty avenue station, who ran to Florence Koenig, hospitalized the wife of the motorist, her up on an ambulance. To others who were injured he gave temporary relief on the spot and they were able to go to their homes. At the hospital it was found that Miss Koenig was suffering from complete paralysis of the legs and back and that she had lost the power of speech.

Several persons who were standing near Miss Koenig at the time the fire ball burst had narrow escapes. Mrs. George Schmidt, the wife of the motorist of the church, who was holding her baby, George Schmidt, Jr., was thrown to the floor and slightly shocked, although her baby did not seem to have felt the current. Marie Rabinov, one of those treated by the ambulance surgeon, had burns over most of her face, each appearing to have been pricked into the flesh with an electric needle.

It is said that followed the appearance of the lightning bolt drove most of those who had sought shelter in the pavilion out into the storm. The Rev. Schmidt started a prayer, and for several minutes the frenzied congregation stood in the wet and lifted their voices in exhortation. Witnesses said the globe of lightning was "as big as a small football."

Lightning struck the roof of building No. 21 at the Brooklyn navy yard, containing quartermasters' stores, burned a hole through the roof and set fire to some of the stores on the upper floor. The fire squad of the navy yard put the flames out.

Forty-two families in the Knowlton apartments at Broadway and 158th street had a time when lightning struck a 30 foot flagpole on the roof. The pole was shattered to its base and the pieces fell over the edge of the roof, carrying away a piece of the cornice. Lightning also lit the flagpole on the building of Hackett & Carhart at 837 Broadway and sent fragments of it into the street.

BOLT KILLS MAN IN A LAUNCH. He Was Taking a Thunder Shower Bath on Tarrytown—His Body Not Marked. TARRYTOWN, N. Y., July 14.—George M. Atall of 106 West Thirty-sixth street, New York city, was struck by lightning while taking a thunder shower bath and shampoo at a launch at 4 o'clock this afternoon and instantly killed.

Atall, with Richard Foy of 1436 Broadway, was standing in the cockpit of the launch owned by William Hooper, also of 1436 Broadway, while the rain came down in torrents. Foy saw Atall rubbing the water into his hair. He turned for an instant, when a third caused him to turn back quickly and he saw Atall lying at his feet with his mouth open and eyes open.

Foy picked him up and carried him into the cabin. He tried to resuscitate him, but when he found his efforts were in vain he signalled for help, and Dr. T. V. Roe and Dr. J. H. Borden rode to the launch and tried every means to save Atall's life, but failed. They then hurried him to the hospital, but it was of no use. Coroner Squires was notified and Atall's body will be shipped to New York to-morrow morning.

Foy, who stood within a foot of Atall, was not shocked at all and there was no mark on Atall's body or on the boat. Persons on shore, however, say they were watching the two men in the boat and saw a flash come and envelop Atall's body just before he fell.

CAUGHT LIGHTING A BOMB.

Spinnella's Persecutor Taken in the Act—Letter in His Pocket. Detective Petrocino and two of his Italian squad of sleuths believe that they put a trap in the activities of a band of blackmailers and bomb throwers when they arrested last night a man in the act of lighting a stick of dynamite under the front steps of the building at 314 and 316 East Eleventh street, which has twice been the scene of Black Hand bomb courtesies.

Pronzola Bonaventura, the man they caught, was looked up at Headquarters on the charge of attempting to blow up the building, and on his person was found a letter addressed to Francesco Spinnella, the owner of the building and the man against whom the bomb throwers have been particularly active.

The last attacks on Spinnella's property were in May. According to his habit he had refused to hand over money to the blackmailers, and on May 24 a bomb blew up part of his building. Later detectives from Petrocino's squad arrested Michael Abagnale, a barber, to whom Spinnella had given a dummy package of bills in the presence of a detective.

This man was released, on \$3,000 bail and the next night a stick of dynamite blew the front out of Spinnella's place and threw the forty families living in the tenement into a panic. That was a warning to Spinnella to pay up and shut up.

Detectives continued to shadow Spinnella's place, and last night Petrocino himself went down to the East Eleventh street home and with two of his men watched it from the shadows of the cemetery across the street. They saw a man stoop down under the steps of the tenement and light a match. In an instant they were on his back.

Under the steps they found a 10 inch dynamite stick with a 30 inch fuse. Spinnella will be summoned on upon the letter found on the prisoner and the detectives believe they will be able to connect with the gang the prisoner arrested for. Spinnella had Joseph Solomon arrested for loitering in front of his house later in the evening.

Shortly after midnight detectives from the Fifth street station rounded up three blackmailers whom they caught reaching for a package of dummy money which had been left by Bernard Porges of 8 St. Marks place in a doorway at 400 East Third street, the place designated by several threatening letters to Porges as the rendezvous.

The prisoners were two boys and a man, all Italians. PRISONER TIED TO A TREE. Postmaster in a Long Island Village Captures a Thief and His Band.

NORFOLK, L. I., July 14.—There were an attorney, a doctor, a robber and a quick capture early this morning at Fort Salonga, three miles from this place. Awakened about 2 o'clock by the sound of breaking glass, Louis K. Smith, the postmaster, thought the sound came from the direction of the post office opposite his home. He got up and, throwing on a few clothes, took his shotgun and started. As he crossed the street, he said, he saw a man climb in through a window from which the glass had been broken. Smith covered the man with the shotgun and told him to stay just where he was, and the stranger obeyed.

Mr. Smith's son, Alvin, had followed his father from the house and the two tied the man to a tree. Then the son ran to arouse the neighbors. In a short time they had several men out, armed with guns and revolvers. Constable Hauser was called up by telephone and when he got to the village he found the man still tied to the tree, with most of the population of the place in the immediate vicinity.

The man was turned over to the constable and later had a hearing before Justice Hawkins, who held him for the Grand Jury. The man said his name was William Johnson and that he was 50 years old. He said he made his living by going about the country sharpening saws. The tools he had with him seemed to bear out his assertion.

His only explanation of his attempt to break into the post office was that he must have been crazed by the heat and did not know what he was doing. TO RUN PRESTON WILLY NINNY. De Leonists Stick to Their Convict Candidate for President.

Failing to hear from Martin R. Preston, the man who is serving a sentence for murder in the State prison of Nevada, in reply to a telegram asking him to reconsider his refusal to accept the nomination of the Socialist Labor party for President of the United States, the party leaders decided yesterday that silence meant consent and announced the ticket of the party as follows: For President, Martin R. Preston; for Vice-President, Donald L. Munroe; for Governor of New York State, Leander Armstrong; for Lieutenant-Governor, Frank E. Passano.

A private telegram was received several days ago from Preston by Daniel De Leon, the founder of the S. L. P., declining the nomination. Since then he has ignored all messages asking him to change his mind. Whether he likes it or not the De Leon Socialists will run Preston as their candidate, stump the country for him and otherwise act as if he were a free agent and not a convict. The stand taken yesterday by the national committee of the party was that the national committee had rejected nothing offered from Preston indicating that he would not run.

FLOOD IN THE HUDSON TUNNEL

DELUGE AT 9TH STREET PUTS LINE OUT OF BUSINESS AN HOUR. One Train With Sixty Passengers Aboard Went Dead South of Ninth Street and Short Circuiting Made It Necessary to Turn Off All the Power for a Time.

The Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Company, which operates the Hudson tunnel, stacked up against its first torrential rain yesterday afternoon and as a result of the flood that poured into the tunnel at Ninth street and Sixth avenue was put out of business for an hour. The tunnel was flooded up over the third rail to a point about a hundred feet south of Ninth street, an up grade south of this point protecting the under river section of the tunnel. As it was, however, it became necessary to turn off the power, which put the entire system out of commission.

The flood brought a confus of high officials of the tunnel companies. Edward M. Hedley, brother of Frank Hedley of the Interborough and superintendent of motive power of the Hudson tunnels; Chief Engineer Charles M. Jacobs, Superintendent of Works Curby and other heads of departments gathered at Christopher street supervising the pumping of the tunnel dry. Service was interrupted at 5:25 P. M. About 6:15 the tunnels between Christopher street and Hoboken were again doing business, but nothing was moving to the north.

There are ten trains of four cars each normally running in the tunnel system. The New York station is now in use as far north as Twenty-third street. The Ninth street station, however, is not being used yet on account of considerable construction work being done under private contract. The connecting lines to the subway at Fourth avenue run into the tunnel here, and it has been necessary to make a large open excavation at the southeast corner of the Jefferson Market Court Building.

When the heavy rainstorm burst the water backed up from the sewer, accumulating in an enormous pool about the manhole near the excavation, and was soon pouring down in a muddy cascade into the tunnel itself. There is a trench about three feet deep under each of the two tunnel tracks. This trench, which is drained by a deep hole or sump, with a pump attached, at Ninth street, for a time kept the water from flooding the tracks, but it finally rose even with the ties and then drowned the third rail and short circuited the system.

At this time, about 6:15, one of the four car trains had reached a point about two hundred feet south of Ninth street. This train went dead, and with the permission of the street car guards the passengers jumped to the roadbed, still dry on that higher grade, and walked to the Christopher street station.

Sup't. Alcott of the repair department had thrown in a breaker at the Ninth street station, which cut off the current from the third rails from Christopher street north. There were two trains in each of the river tunnels at this time. As soon as they got out the current was cut off from the entire system until 6:15. By this time the switches north of Christopher street had been arranged so that trains could be transferred from the eastbound to the westbound tracks. Service was then resumed with three trains.

Sup't. Hedley said that the accident was chargeable in no way to the tunnel companies and that when once the tunnel had been roofed over and the work at Ninth street had been completed there would be no chance of surface water, whether from a cloudburst or any other cause, getting into the tunnel at all. Gangs of men were put into the ditch at Ninth street, and under the powerful emergency pumps of the tunnel company and a number of extra hand pumps and hydraulic pumps put in the great pool which had formed was gradually drained off. At one time this reached from Twelfth street to a point about 150 feet west the Ninth street station. At no time were the river tubes in danger of being flooded. The tunnel system, Mr. Hedley said, would be in condition to handle the regular traffic early this morning.

When the storm broke there was a concerted rush for the downtown stations of the Interborough subway by everybody who was near the stations. At the Grand Central station and those south of Fourteenth street the rush jammed the platforms so that the trains could not get out on schedule. While people were still pouring in the lights in several of the downtown stations went out. The darkness lasted about five minutes.

STORN SPARK ON THE WIRES Drops New Haven Road From Electricity Back to Age of Steam. NEW ROCHELLE, July 14.—A bolt of lightning at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon put the overhead electric system of the New Haven Railroad out of business for two hours.

The bolt hit the wires at Westfield and ran along the system as far as Stamford. The rush hour was beginning and thousands of commuters bound for Westchester and Connecticut towns were held up. The through express service suffered with the local traffic and the company was obliged to fall back on the steam locomotives, the use of which was discontinued on July 1.

A few locomotives used for switching at New Rochelle and Port Chester were pressed into service, and with their aid the traffic was untangled. At 6 o'clock the electricity was turned on, but it was very late when the company caught up with its schedule.

YELLOW FEVER IN CUBA. Ten Cases Suddenly Break Out in Province of Santiago—Puniguitas Brigade. HAVANA, July 14.—Five new cases of yellow fever are reported at Daquiri, Province of Santiago, where there have been ten cases of the disease. A special sanitary brigade is fumigating suspected premises.

G. L. Ekins's Summer Home Burns. PHILADELPHIA, July 14.—Cheltenham, the country estate of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Ekins at Ekins Park, was struck by lightning this afternoon and was completely burned. The loss, according to William Ekins, son of the owner of the estate, will reach about \$250,000. Valuable pictures, marbles and tapestries were saved. No one was hurt.

DEAD AT FLYING AUTO'S WHEEL.

Policeman Rode After the Car, Which Driver's Companion Stopped. Stephen W. Anderson of 257 State street, Brooklyn, said to be the owner of a garage in Bedford avenue, invited Miss Lillian Cohen of 577 Classon avenue and John D. Lord of 28 Washington street, Jamaica, to ride with him last night in a new car he had recently purchased. He started down Ocean boulevard with Miss Cohen sitting beside him and Mr. Lord in a seat behind.

The car was going at such a clip when it reached Avenue S that Mounted Policeman Carly signalled for Anderson to stop. The car kept right on and Carly went after it. When Lord saw that the policeman was overhauling the car he reached over to warn Anderson to stop. Then he noticed blood on Anderson's coat and found that he was leaning over, apparently lifeless.

Lord stopped the car until the policeman caught up and after explaining the situation ran it with all speed to the reception hospital at Coney Island. Dr. Michaelis examined Anderson and found that he had died of a hemorrhage of the lungs.

POLES PLOT TO KILL THE CZAR. More Than 100 Men and Women Arrested at Sandomierz, Poland. SANDOMIERZ, Poland, July 14.—A despatch from Sandomierz, Poland, states that more than a hundred men and women have been arrested for complicity in a plot to kill the Czar. Other arrests are impending.

It is stated that the conspiracy, which centred in Sosnowice, is widespread in Poland. Sosnowice is now overrun with troops. JOHN HAYS HAMMOND III. Ptomaine Poisoning Has Been Bothering Him for Last Ten Days.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., July 14.—John Hays Hammond, the mining engineer, has been ill at his summer home here for the last ten days of ptomaine poisoning. Shortly after his return from the Cleveland funeral Mr. Hammond ate some lobster and was taken ill.

For several days he was in bad shape, but he pulled through and soon will be out again. PRESIDENT TO TALK ON NAVY. Will Attend Meeting of General Naval Board at Newport on July 23.

OYSTER BAY, July 14.—The President announced to-day that he would attend the meeting of the General Naval Board to be held at the Naval War College at Newport on July 23. The President will make the trip in the Government yacht, Mayflower, leaving Oyster Bay next Tuesday evening and return early on Thursday morning.

While ashore the President will be the guest of Rear Admiral John E. Merrell, the president of the Naval War College. He will be present when the board discusses the plans for the new battleships and will deliver an address to the officers at the college on Wednesday morning. The President will also be "The Navy," and he will probably take the opportunity to express his belief in the need for a larger battleship fleet.

Herman Ridder's appeal to the President on behalf of the American Newspaper Publishers Association to take action against the paper manufacturers' pools has been turned over to the Department of Justice. Secretary Loeb said to-day that the President would not make a personal reply to Mr. Ridder.

According to Secretary Loeb also, the President will make no reply to the criticism by J. G. Phelps Stokes and Mrs. Stokes of his last Saturday's speech in which he attacked some examples of privileges as set forth by "certain socialist writers."

RAILWAY MEN IN POLITICS. Nebraska Association May Vote as a Unit for Bryan or Taft. OMAHA, July 14.—The Nebraska State Railway Employees Protective Association, with about 20,000 members, proposes to take an active part not only in State politics but in the Presidential campaign as well. After deciding which candidate for the Presidency to support its officers will endeavor to persuade its members to vote as a unit for that candidate.

It is said by those closely in touch with the officers and many of the leading members of the association that the association will decide to throw its support to Taft. The executive committee of the association held a meeting in Omaha to-day to discuss the present situation, and it plans to call a meeting here for July 25, at which it will be decided whether the association shall support Taft or Bryan.

For State and county officers the association will support men who do not believe in lower railroad rates or increased railroad taxes. BRIGANDS TO RELEASE HIM. Clark Kennedy, Seized With Moroccan Wife, Arranges With Moroccan Captors.

CONTEST OVER LEEDS WILL?

FIRST WIFE, WHO GOT NOTHING AT TIME OF DIVORCE, CUT OFF. Her Son, With a Bequest of \$1,000,000, Would Gain If His Mother Won Contest—Real Property Goes to Second Wife and Large Residue to Infant Daughter.

The will of William B. Leeds, who died in Paris on June 23, will be offered for probate next month, according to information received from abroad by friends of Mr. Leeds. The will is in the possession of Lewis Case Ledyard, Mr. Leeds's attorney, who is still in Europe, and will be brought over by Mr. Ledyard early in August. It would surprise none of Mr. Leeds's friends if the proceedings for probate were followed by a spirited contest.

The information received by Mr. Leeds's friends is that the will cuts out absolutely the first wife of the testator, Jeanette Irene Gear Leeds, who is now living in Richmond, Ind., the home town of both Mr. Leeds and his first and second wives.

The first Mrs. Leeds, the daughter of a Richmond banker who assisted Mr. Leeds materially in his early business career, got a divorce from her husband after they had been married seventeen years. This was in 1900, and it was reported widely that she received at the time \$1,000,000 in lieu of alimony. This report, it was declared yesterday, was erroneous, though the first Mrs. Leeds never took the pains to deny it. Not only was it declared, did she not receive \$1,000,000, but she never had a cent in alimony. She was extremely anxious for a divorce and made no provision for the first wife, to Mr. Leeds's son by that wife is bequeathed \$1,000,000, either outright or in trust. This son, Rudolph Leeds, is 22 years old, is married and resides in Richmond, Ind. An unsuccessful contest by his mother could not jeopardize his inheritance, while successful contest would largely increase it.

The will is understood to bequeath an estate valued at between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000. The only other specific bequest of importance, apart from that to Rudolph Leeds, is one to the second wife, who at the time of her marriage was Mrs. Nonnie May Stewart Woodington. To her Mr. Leeds leaves all his real property.

The most valuable pieces are a house at 97 Fifth avenue, this city, for which Mr. Leeds paid \$250,000, and Rough Point, the Newport villa, which Mr. Leeds bought from Frederick W. Vanderbilt for \$500,000. In Mr. Leeds's lifetime the second wife received valuable presents of jewelry and, it is thought, large blocks of securities.

The residuary estate, worth probably \$7,000,000, is left to an infant daughter by that name. This bequest, it is understood, is made in trust until the child attains her majority. The United States Trust Company and George F. Baker, president of the First National Bank, are named in the will as executors.

KNIFE AT CUBAN MEETING. Man Supposed to Be Insane Accuses and Stabs Gen. Portuondo. HAVANA, July 14.—Gen. Rafael Portuondo, a prominent politician of Mayari, Province of Santiago, was stabbed and probably fatally injured yesterday at a political meeting at Mayari by Augustin Aguilera, a member of a prominent family, who is a brother of the Maguelista candidate for Mayor of Mayari.

Aguilera says that Gen. Portuondo abused two of his (Aguilera's) daughters two years ago. Gen. Portuondo distinguished himself in the war for independence, and subsequently became President of the House of Representatives.

It is believed that Aguilera is insane. He killed his wife several years ago. He was sentenced to a term of imprisonment, but was released under one of the decrees of amnesty issued by Gen. Leonard Wood when he was governor of the island.

CATHOLIC PRIESTS DROWNED. Were Fleeting From the Mission at Chippewyan, Which Was Burning Down. WINDYFORD, July 14.—The Roman Catholic mission at Chippewyan, Lake Athabasca, northwest of here, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday, with all the supplies and twenty dog teams.

While in flight from the burning building two priests, Father Poitras, in charge, and his assistant, were drowned at Smith's Landing on the Athabasca River.

RAID AT THE TOKALON CLUB At Behest of Man Who Says He Couldn't Cash in Though His Horse Won. Capt. Corcoran of the East 104th street police station raided the Tokalon Club, at 118 East 118th street, yesterday afternoon, and took away eleven men, two telephones and a cartload of racing charts.

On Saturday night Louis Polanski of 580 Eighth avenue complained that he had put up \$100 at the Tokalon Club on the third and fourth races at Brighton that day and had won, but was unable to collect the money. The police and Polanski went around to the club on Monday afternoon, but found nobody in. Yesterday afternoon Polanski went in armed with two marked dollar bills, and at his signal the money was up to the captain and his friends joined him.

HELIUM REALLY LIQUEFIED.

Prof. Ohnes Keeps Rare Metal Fluid for 50 Minutes—Very Low Boiling Point. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, July 15.—The Telegraph prints a despatch from The Hague saying that Prof. Ohnes of the University of Leyden, who retracted lately his provisional statement that he had succeeded in liquefying helium, has now absolutely succeeded.

He obtained on July 10 fifty cubic centimeters of liquid helium, which remained in that state for fifty minutes. The boiling point of the liquid was 268 degrees centigrade below zero, equivalent to about 450 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

WOMAN SPECULATOR ARRIVES And Is Arrested Right Off for Unlicensed Theatre Ticket Vending. The first woman ticket speculator to be arraigned in the night police court was arrested on Forty-second street last night for selling tickets without a license. She said she was Kate Wade, 22 years old, of 253 West Fifty-sixth street.

"I had just arrived from Lexington, Ky., my home," she said, "and as I was short of money I thought it was a good chance to make something. I don't like it, anyway, and have no intention of trying to sell any more."

She was warned that a license was necessary and discharged. FORBIDS HEIR TO RACE HORSES. Singular 21 Year Prohibition in the Will of F. S. P. Stew of England. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, July 14.—The will of F. S. P. Stew, who died on May 17 last, disposes of \$1,751,700. Mr. Stew directs his son and heir not to keep or run racehorses within twenty-one years of the testator's death, otherwise his interest in the estate will cease excepting an annuity of \$2,500.

HITCHCOCK SEES SHERMAN. Wants to Find Out When Candidate Will Be Ready to Start Campaign. UTRICA, N. Y., July 14.—Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican national committee, came up from New York this afternoon to see Congressman Sherman. He spent three hours with the Vice-Presidential nominee and returned to that city on the Empire State Express. Chairman Hitchcock said that one object of his visit to Mr. Sherman was to learn from the candidate when Mr. Sherman believed he would be ready to enter into the work of the campaign.

Congressman Sherman will preside at one of the sessions of the National Eldestedford at Richfield Springs, September 2 and 3. TO OUTPOINT BIG CUNARDERS. Hamburg-American Co. Planning Bigger, Faster and Better Flying Atlantic Liners. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. HAMBURG, July 14.—Rumor is busy with the intentions of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American steamship companies to build a ship to recover speed supremacy on the Atlantic. It was stated recently that the Hamburg-American company had successfully appealed to the Government for a loan at a low rate of interest to assist the project.

Herr Ballin, director of the company, denies this, but the reports of the company's intention to build a ship to eclipse the performances of the Mauretania and Lusitania persist, and it is declared that experiments are going on and plans maturing for a vessel larger, faster and more profitable than the Mauretania, with combined piston and turbine engines.

SAVED MAN GOES BACK TO JAIL. Convict Who Broke Parole Thinks Better of It After Salvation Army Conversion. MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., July 14.—Thomas McCarty, sentenced to the State prison here for burglary and paroled by the board one year ago, returned voluntarily to-day to complete his sentence of fourteen years.

A condition of the parole was that he should not leave the State and should communicate with the authorities every sixty days. He disappeared soon after his release and the officers have been trying to find him. It developed with his return that he had gone to the State of Washington and one night recently while listening to the songs of some Salvation Army singers on the streets of Yakima he was converted. He at once wrote to Gov. Hanly saying that he had violated his parole, but would return as soon as possible and complete his sentence.

Members of the Salvation Army wrote to the Governor asking him to pardon McCarty, but the Executive refused to consider the case at all while McCarty was out of the State.

PHILADELPHIA BANK CLOSED. National Deposit Locked Deposits and Didn't Keep Up Reserve. PHILADELPHIA, July 14.—On an order from the Comptroller of the Currency, William M. Hardt national bank examiner, to-day closed the National Deposit Bank of Philadelphia. Milton C. Elliott of Washington was appointed receiver.

While the definite statement was made by Examiner Hardt, it was plainly a case of lack of business and gradual drying up of the institution. The bank at its last report had only \$660,874 deposits. The bank was organized in 1905 by the late Major John F. Phinney, formerly Assistant Treasurer of Philadelphia. It was one of the smallest among this city's banks.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Regarding the National Deposit Bank of Philadelphia the acting Comptroller said the bank was closed because of continuous disregard of the money reserve law and that it was in a generally unsatisfactory condition. TO WED—MAN HUSBAND CROSE. Widow Schindler Will Bequeath the Wife of a New York Militia Officer.

U. S. TO TRY OUT DIRIGIBLES

SIGNAL CORPS TO ASK CONGRESS FOR \$1,000,000. This Country to Follow Lead of European Nations—War Value of Balloons of La Patrie Type Believed to Be Great—Heavier Than Air Style Not Favored.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The board of fortifications of the army has taken a strong interest in the work of foreign aeronauts and especially in the aerial developments of the dirigible balloon under Count von Zeppelin. It is the intention of the board to ask Congress for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 in order that similar experimental work may be begun in this country. The idea of the Signal Corps is to obtain a large dirigible balloon, equal in efficiency to but larger than the French balloon La Patrie.

Aerial navigation, in the opinion of the army, has already reached a stage which promises great practical development in the future, and the value of a dirigible balloon as an engine of war, it is believed, has already been demonstrated. A fleet of dirigible balloons would be a valuable adjunct to the coast defenses of a country, as they would be able to sail out against an approaching fleet without exposing themselves to the enemy's fire and would be able to make quick and accurate observations of the enemy's strength.

Little confidence is placed in the heavier than air machine as an engine of war, as this type of machine will, it is believed, be limited to carrying small burdens at a high rate of speed and necessarily will be more dangerous to operate than a dirigible. On the other hand, the dirigible has a sufficiently high speed for all practical uses, a large carrying capacity and an extended cruising radius.

The Signal Corps has entered into contracts with American inventors to obtain several dirigible balloons and aeroplanes, and these will get a thorough trial at a series of experiments to be held at Fort Myer, Virginia, this fall. The balloons to be bought are of such small type that they will be only experimental.

England in a smaller way has also taken up the work of experimenting with dirigibles. Russia is building a fleet of four dirigibles of La Patrie type. Officials of the Signal Corps believe it more advisable to make an appropriation for the construction of large high powered dirigibles than for a battleship of the Connecticut type. This type of battleship costs about \$5,000,000, whereas for that amount of money forty large dirigibles could be built. Signal Corps officers believe that if dirigible balloon stations were established at Boston, Norfolk and Charleston on the Atlantic coast, as well as at Mobile and at San Diego, San Francisco and at Bremerton on the Pacific side, they would form a coast defense of incomparable value.

The use of dirigibles in war, however, has been limited by the action of the Hague peace conference prohibiting for a period extending to the close of the next peace conference the discharge of explosives and projectiles from balloons. This declaration was ratified by the United States Senate March 12 last, and the United States is practically the only world Power which signed this declaration.

Army officers, however, say that the dirigible is intended only to prevent destruction of balloons being used as offensive agents, but if a dirigible balloon on an observation cruise is attacked by an enemy's guns the occupants of the balloon have the right in accordance with the spirit of the Hague declaration regarding explosives to defend themselves to the best of their ability.

DELA'S ZEPPELIN 24 HOUR SAIL. Motor Mithap Causes Return After Easy Manoeuvring Over Lake Constance. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. FRIEDRICHSTADT, Lake Constance, July 14.—The Zeppelin airship started on its twenty-four hour trial trip punctually at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It rose to a considerable height and sailed rapidly over the lake and across the city of Constance.

The start was made from Count Zeppelin's floating shed on the lake. The King and Queen of Wurtemberg watched the start from their yacht, while the shores of the lake and the roofs and towers of Constance were crowded with spectators. The weather was splendid, and Count Zeppelin was confident that a successful trial trip would result.

The airship manoeuvred over Constance and then turned back toward this place, rising and descending frequently to show the royal observers and the Government experts the ease with which it rises without throwing out ballast and descending. While it was thus engaged a fault developed in the cooler of one of the motors, and despite the favorable weather conditions the airship was compelled to return to its shed. Another trial will be made to-morrow.

The Government has issued special orders to all the military posts along the route and to the river police of the Rhine to lend any necessary assistance to the aeronauts. A second, high altitude, observation dirigible will follow the airship whenever the trip is made, as far as possible along the roads toward Mayence. The airship will display a searchlight of high power for its benefit.

JURY HAS STEVE ADAMS'S CASE. Western Federalist Charged With Murder—Seen to Kneep Fate. GRAND JUNCTION, Col., July 14.—Steve Adams, the Western Federalist who has been on trial here for the last two weeks charged with the murder of Arthur L. Collins, superintendent of Smuggler Union mine at Telluride, would know his fate within thirty-six hours.

Arguments were closed to-day, the judge delivered his instructions and the jury is out. Adams's defence was an alibi, and several federalist witnesses swore to every trivial incident that happened the day Collins was murdered. Adams's defence was that he was in the week before or after the tragedy. Half a dozen men of high reputation swore that Adams confessed in minute detail how he killed Collins, but his written confession of the crime was not allowed to go before the jury.

Barn, Auto and Horses Destroyed by Fire Set by Litchner. RAILWAY, N. J., July 14.—In the storm this evening lightning struck and set fire to the barn and garage of William May of Barnet street. The buildings were destroyed, as were also a team of horses and Mr. May's auto and other valuable property. Mr. May himself was severely burned while attempting to get the horses out.