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INCIDENTS OF PORTLAND TRIP.

How Zion's Sweet Singers Sang Away the Odoriferous Late Pence Incident.

REFUSAL OF THE CHAMPAGNE.

Declination to Partake of Sparkling Beverage Elicits Praise from Fair Officials.

RESTING AFTER THE TRIUMPH

President Shurtliff, Conductor Ballantyne and Manager Ross Here Today—Choir to Come Later.

It was Mark Twain or some other celebrity of wit and humor who wrote that a person never needed a holiday as badly as he did the day after.

The members of the Ogden tabernacle choir are supporters of that philosophy, and are "resting hard" today. They have had their holiday. And what a holiday it was! At the Lewis & Clark exposition their fortunes kept an upward course and all were graced with victory. How sinuous and small it must have made the garrulous Lafe Pence feel. A year ago he stood in one of the public halls of Portland and chattered like a magpie against the good people of Utah and by odoriferous and inferential interrogation intimated that nothing good could come out of it. That it could hardly be mentioned without a feeling of reproach.

It is more than passing strange that within a twelvemonth a body of singers, sons and daughters of the Beehive State, should be received with an acclaim which for warmth and cordiality is without precedent in the Rose City. In the reception accorded them there was neither curiosity nor half admiration and half something else. All was welcome with big W, and it was on merit too. It is worth chronicling that the newspapers which last week wove laurel wreaths for the brows of Utah's sweet singers, were recording the financial entanglements and delinquencies of the selfsame Pence. If his defamation of a great state and people were remembered at all it was with a suppressed regret and unpleasant shrug of the shoulders. The fact is Pence and his "incident" seemed to be pretty well wiped off the slate.

PRAISE FOR ALL.

If there was any adverse criticism for the choir or for Utah people it did not come to the ears of those in charge of the state's affairs at the exposition. All was praise. And it was universal. All elements gave expression to it until home-folk felt that they were getting more than their due. The good impression created by the Utah fair commissioners and Messrs. Clawson and Cunningham who were on the ground in charge of the local exhibit was accentuated on the choir's arrival and made permanent at its first appearance before the public. The wearing of a Utah badge, and hundreds of them were worn, and sought for, during the week, was the signal for a compliment for Utah.

DIGNIFIED YOUNG FOLKS.

The successful carrying out of a project as big as the taking of the choir to Portland can only be appreciated by those who have had such enterprises in hand. There were innumerable matters which concerned Mr. Ballantyne and they were not all a part of the raising of the necessary $11,000. It was his oft-expressed desire that no young man or woman should say or do anything on the road or at the fair that would mantle their cheeks or cause regret.

"Will we see to it?" asked one of the others.

Instantly a forest of hands was forced upward in a great affirmative movement.

"And will we sing?"

"As if our very lives depended upon it."

And they did that, too. From the very moment he appeared before them, baton in hand, they were suppliant to his very wish, nod, or gesture. They were there to maintain the musical reputation and good name of their state. How splendidly they succeeded! They knew no creed. They brooked no strife. Whether their voices gave forth the soul-stirring and patriotic strains of "America," "The Star Spangled Banner," "Utah, We Love Thee," "O Ye Mountains High," or some classic regular program number, the result was the same—Excelsior! Never did a young band of singers give more loyal support to a leader than did they to theirs. Their voices were young, melodious and fresh as a bird's in the spring time. In their carrols there were no wooden lays or notes worn thin and flat with age and use. If the bass side of the organization was as strong as the soprano, what a superb chorus it would be!

NO WINE FOR THEM.

An incident which spoke eloquently for the strong hold that temperance has upon the members of the choir was furnished at the reception tendered in their honor at the New York building through the courtesy of the lieutenant-governor of the Empire state. When they repaired to the building after the close of one of the concerts in Festival hall and while they were waiting on the broad and beautiful vine-clad verandas the order was given within that all be served with champagne. Presently waiters were tripping among them with big trays of the sparkling fluid. Some few thought it was punch and partook. A few others did the same, thinking it was cider. Quickly, however, the real character of the beverage was made known and the great majority of the glasses were returned untouched. The message was conveyed to the polite French steward who had charge of the serving. He scratched his head and gesticulated strangely. His demonstrations increased with the return of each waiter. He picked up bottle after bottle, glass after glass and smacked his lips as he tasted the contents and concluded that the stuff was all right. He was dumbfounded. Never in all his experience had his champagne come back to him in that manner before. What was the matter? Finally one of his countrymen made a discovery and said:

"Zeze arteests are Mormons and drink no wine."

"We, we!" (yes, yes!) he exclaimed with a shrug of his shoulders, as he gave command to gather up all the glasses. There was regret on his part that so much fine wine should be wasted, but rumor says it was disposed of during the night in a fashion immensely satisfactory to a crowd that gathered down stairs while the reception was going on above.

The declination of the choir was borne to President Goode and the lieutenant-governor, both of whom were present. Each commended the singers very highly for their resolute course and said they only wished that their example would be universally observed by young people.

"NOT DRINKING FOLKS."

An experience somewhat similar came to light at the American Inn, where the choir members stayed during their sojourn in Portland. When Messrs. Shurtliff and Ross went to see the fair management about getting special rates, the latter, with Mr. Tom Richardson of the Commercial club, waited upon Mrs. McCready, the proprietress, that lady gave her figures. Mr. Richardson urged that she do still better, but Mrs. McCready replied: "Gentlemen, you must know that I have done the best I can. These people are not a drinking people and it is from our wines and liquors that our greatest profits are made."

When the choir sang its farewell to the people of Portland from the sweeping porches of the Inn Mrs. McCready came forward and complimented it on its splendid behavior and regretted that it could not remain longer. "Never," she said, "have I seen young people more circumspect than these have been.

SOLOISTS AND ACCOMPANIST.

As to the soloists, and accompanist the story of their triumphs has already been fully told to the readers of the Deseret News. Prof. McClellan's "Irrigation Ode" won new laurels for him. Willard Weihe was denominated the "Mormon Ysaye," and it is doubtful whether the real Ysaye could have won warmer praise than he. In speaking of the work of Miss Gates only superlative words were used. Prof. McClellan's finished accompaniments to the choir and soloists did much towards the success achieved. The soulfulness of Weihe's magic violin-playing was wonderful. If there has ever been a time when he has acquitted himself better than another it was on this trip to Portland. And it is safe to say the notes of Miss Gates' "Pearl of Brazil" and "Sing, Sweet Bird" will long be remembered as among the sweetest and purest tones to which the people of Portland ever listened.

GREAT CROWDS ATTEND.

It was no small tribute to the choir and the soloists that they should have packed Festival hall at each concert. When people came to the doors to buy their tickets at 25 cents each they were amazed and wondered how they could sing for so low a figure. It was explained that the purpose was not to make money, but to show what could be done by Utah musicians, and that at a figure within the reach of all. In arriving at the determination to make 25 cents the price the fact that the people had already been called upon to pay admission into the grounds was taken into consideration. Even at the low rate charged $1,000 was taken in. The amount might easily have been doubled and the choir could have filled the hall every night for a week.

NOT ALL HOME.

A majority of the singers returned home reaching Ogden shortly after Saturday midnight. Some, however, remained in Oregon visiting relatives and friends while almost all of the larger Idaho towns claimed one or more for a summer vacation. Altogether about 40 were left behind.

MISS GATES BETTER.

Miss Gates who was afflicted with a heavy cold is better today and will soon be ready to begin work for the opera.

IN SALT LAKE TODAY.

President Shurtliff, Conductor Ballantyne and Business Manager Ross were in Salt Lake today seeing the railroad people and making settlements which grew out of the trip. They also made a pleasant call at the office of the First Presidency and received congratulations at the success of the undertaking.

MAY SING HERE.

Prof. Ballantyne said to the "News" before returning home this afternoon that he would go into the mountains tomorrow to enter upon a couple of weeks' rest. He expressed his regret at not being able to see Prof. Stephens who has extended a cordial invitation for the Ogden choir to come to Salt Lake soon and give a concert in the Tabernacle. However, he said that immediately on his return he would open negotiations with Prof. Stephens to that end and said he felt safe in the assurance that they would make a Salt Lake appearance.

GRATEFUL TO KIESEL.

The choir members are most grateful to Hon. Fred Kiesel of Ogden who has been their staunchest friend and champion in the effort to go to Portland. The boys and girls say that he has been almost like a father to them and that they appreciate more than words can express what he has done. He was ever present to advise and encourage them. When they scored particularly at the rendition of any specific number no man applauded more warmly or praised more highly than he. He was probably the proudest man in Portland last week.

For Huge Labor Day Parade.

New York, Aug. 28.—Plans were completed yesterday by local labor leaders for a Labor day parade which, they claim, will eclipse in point of numbers and display anything of the kind ever attempted in this country. More than 50,000 union men will be in line, and will march through the town's thoroughfares. Every union to be represented in the parade will place every man on its membership roll in line of march, or as nearly so as is possible. The United Housesmiths and Bridgemen's union will have 5,000 men. From the International Brotherhood of Teamsters will come 10,000. The Brotherhood of Carpenters expects to have 6,000 men in the parade, while the Rockmen's and Excavators' union will contribute 12,000.

A Pre-historic Camel.

Berkeley, Cal., Aug. 28.—A bulletin on an extinct species of camel that once upon a time roamed the regions of pre-historic California, has been issued by the geological department of the University of California. In the region about the Potter Creek cave, Shasta county, were unearthed various portions of the camels that existed during the quartenary age.

Besides the remains of camels, a large number of species of the quartenary mammals were found.

THOS. F. RYAN ON THE EQUITABLE LIFE

Purchase of Control of Stock and Inducing Morton to Take Presidency, Was Only Public Duty.

DECLARES THE SOCIETY IS SOUND

Hereafter it Will be Run as an Insurance Company Pure and Simple.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 28.—Thomas F. Ryan, the financier of New York City who recently acquired the control of the Equitable Life Assurance society of New York, in an interview here today with the Associated Press, said:

"This is my eighth visit to the Pacific coast. I am astounded at the progress of the country since my last visit in 1901, and the evidence of prosperity to be seen on all sides.

"As to the Equitable Life, my purchase of the control of stock and inducing Mr. Morton to take the presidency was only a public duty which any number of other men would have readily preformed had they been aware of the consequences of a continuation of the dissensions among the old officers and directors. I happened from my relations to some of the parties engaged in the conflict, to have a better view of the situation than some of the others. That was all.

"There is not the slightest doubt about the strength of the Equitable. It is as sound as the Bank of England. It will hereafter be run as an insurance company pure and simple, with an eye single to the welfare of its policyholders. As to the investigation by the New York legislature, nothing could be better for the policyholders of the Equitable. Mr. Morton will afford the committee every facility and will aid in every way, to the end that a full and thorough investigation shall be made. If anybody connected with the company has been guilty of wrongdoings he should suffer, and if anybody has anything in his possession belonging to the company he must give it back. We insist, however, that the investigation committee shall demand from all the other insurance companies that the committee be given the same facilities for an insight into their management as the Equitable affords. We feel that this is not only fair, but clearly in the interests of all policyholders. The management of all the great life insurance companies must become an open book, or confidence, which is the very foundation on which they exist, will not soon be restored. The federal government should have practically the same supervision of life insurance companies as it has over national banks. The officers and managers of these companies have in their keeping a trust of the most sacred character and they should not object to the best interests of their business. I am quite sure that President Roosevelt has given this question much thought and I hope he will express his opinions to Congress in his usual vigorous and strightforward way."

"I suppose that you are not pleased at the adverse comment of some of the newspapers regarding your purchase of the control of the Equitable?"

"Oh, that can't be helped. It will all come out right in the end when they see that the directors, Mr. Cleveland and his co-trustees, are electing men to stand by Mr. Morton in his determination to have a thorough house-cleaning and put the company on an economical business basis, reduce the cost of insurance to policyholders and manage the company in their interests and with due regard to public sentiment. The new management must in this way appeal to the public conscience; it will then command confidence everywhere."

"Are you a candidate for United States senator from Virginia?"

"No, indeed. I have no desire to hold any political office. I have responsibilities enough without that."

"You are, of course, interested in national politics?"

"Yes, always, and in Virginia state politics. I am glad to hear that Congressman Swanson has been nominated by the Democrats for governor of that state. The presidential election is a long way off and it is too soon to talk about candidates. Democratic success can only come by the Democrats in the southern states organizing and forcing the party to take a stand for conservatism and by appealing to the sober minded, thoughtful voters of the country. In the solid south lies the party's greatest hope of a revival of the principles of true Democracy."

DASHED TO DEATH.

Man Falls 1,200 Feet from Trapeze Attached to Parachute.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 28.—Releasing his grasp on a trapeze attachment to a parachute, as the latter opened to the wind, 1,200 feet above the ground, John Williams, 38 years old, has been dashed to his death, at Red House park, near Cahokia, Ill. Every bone in his body was broken as Williams struck the ground with fearful force.

The tragedy is said to have been the result of the victim's determination to make a balloon ascension. As the aeronaut prepared to make the ascension, Williams is said to have rushed forward and seized the trapeze bar, calling to his friends, "Goodbye." As he clasped the bar the balloon rose into space, carrying both the aeronaut and Williams. As the parachute commenced to fill in the wind and the descent of the canvas was suddenly checked, Williams, whose strength was exhausted, was jerked loose from the bar, and his body shot downward.

The aeronaut was uninjured, and alighted a few yards away from the scene from where Williams met his death.

For Vice President of Brazil.

New York, Aug. 28.—Nomination of candidates for vice president of the republic offers some difficulties in consequence, says a Herald dispatch from Rio de Janerio, of the opposition of Parnambuco men to the nomination of Nilo Pecanha, governor of the state of Rio de Janerio. As for the presidency the nomination of Alfonso Penna, at present vice president, has been definitely decided.

WILL ENTERTAIN THE TAFT PARTY.

Will be Guests of Com. Legardo, Entertainment Being in Accordance with Old Native Customs.

BOURKE COCHRAN WILL LECTURE

For Benefit of Manila Medical Dispensaries—Sale of Seats is Unprecedented.

Manila, Aug. 28.—Secy. Taft, Miss Roosevelt and the Misses Boardman and MacMillan during the rest of their stay at Manila will be guests of Commissioner Legardo, where their entertainment will be in accordance with old native customs.

Tomorrow, Aug. 29, Mr. Legardo will give a farewell reception party, and the same night Bourke Cochran will lecture for the benefit of the medical dispensaries and St. Paul's hospital, his subject being "The Sole Unfailing Fountain of Prosperity." The sale of seats for this lecture has been unprecedented.

A consensus of opinion of the majority of the party upon their return from a visit to the southern provinces is to the effect that at least 25 per cent reduction will be made in the Dingley tariff, if not absolute free trade, will be granted on the products of the islands, which do not interfere with the same products of the United States. The leaders of the party will also recommend during the next session of Congress the establishment of a postal bank by the government, and also an agricultural bank, safeguarded by the government.

The building of railroads will, it is believed, solve the Philippine question.

The cholera situation remains unchanged. Two deaths among the natives were reported today.

The American cruiser Rainbow was successfully floated today.

The cruiser Rainbow, the flagship of the Philippine cruiser squadron, with Rear Admiral Reiter on board, went ashore on Aug. 25, at the mouth of the Agusan river, in North Mindinao.

Tomorrow, Aug. 29, the visiting congressmen will listen to the political and economical grievances of Fiske, Warden and other agitators.

SHONTS STOPS WORK OF STEAM SHOVELS ON PANAMA CANAL

Oyster Bay, Aug. 27.—Theodore Shonts, chairman of the Isthmian canal commission, was a diner with Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt this evening. He came to talk over with the president some matters in connection with the canal work.

Chairman Shonts said in response to inquiries about the resignation of Supt. Prescott of the Panama railway, that Mr. Prescott had resigned presumably because of strictures made upon his conduct of the road. He said Mr. Prescott had been succeeded by Mr. Baird of the Rock Island system, who is now en route to Panama to assume his new duties.

"I have laid off all steam shovels," said Mr. Shonts, "until the railroad tracks have been put into proper condition for their use. I found that when I was on the isthmus at least six steam shovels out of which the operators were not getting to exceed 25 per cent of efficiency. That condition could not be allowed to go on, so we have ordered all steam shovel work discontinued for the present.

"We shall have no difficulty in getting all the labor we may want. The superintendent who has charge of that branch of the work has worked 75,000 men on a single contract, and he says he could get 100,000 blacks for work on the canal if so many were needed. The principal idea at present is to provide quarters for the employes, to establish good sanitary conditions, and to arrange for the prompt payment of the men. Once these preliminaries are arranged, we will begin to make the dirt fly."

SQUANDERED A FORTUNE,

And When That Was Gone Wm. Ely Turned Hold-up.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—William Ely, held by the police for the Johannson jewelry store hold-up, has squandered $200,000 within three years, according to the confession he made last night to Inspector Shippy. This money, he said, was left him at the death of his father.

Most of his fortune went in betting on horse races, Ely said. He further hinted that being unable to obtain employment, he was forced to become a hold-up man.

Two other men, suspected of being the accomplices of Ely, have been arrested.

PRINTERS MAY STRIKE.

Officers of Typographical Union Have Prepared for It.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Having planned to realize enough funds to carry a small army of men on strike indefinitely, officers of the Typographical union here today demanded signed agreements from members of the typothetae for the eight-hour day under threat of instant strike. By the plan it is intended to have a general strike of job printers in all the big cities near Chicago, from Ohio to Missouri and Minnesota. Local unionists plan to halt the importation of non-union compositors from outside cities and it is believed this can be made effective owing to the number of non-union men in other cities.

ABANDONED THEIR CHILDREN

San Francisco Couple Leave Them At an Albany Hotel.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 28.—A couple registered at the Hotel Ten Eyck here last Thursday as Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers of San Francisco and disappeared from the hotel Friday night, leaving behind them two children, both boys, six years and six months' old respectively. The children are being cared for by the hotel management, but if the parents do not call for them Monday, they will be placed in charge of the city charity authorities. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers left without paying their board bill and after getting the hotel to cash a certified check. The police have heard that the couple came here from Washington and today telegraphed to that city in an effort to locate them.

MEANS MUCH FOR SALT LAKE CITY.

Deal Pending Looking to the Purchase of Big Block of Stock Of East Jordan Canal.

IS BEING CONSIDERED TODAY

Will Give City an Additional 20,000,000 Gallons of Water for Exchange Purposes.

A deal which will eventually secure for the city 80 per cent of the flow of Little Cottonwood creek has been closed by the city whereby it has secured an option on 1,600 shares of stock in the East Jordan Canal company. The option price is $25 per share and the matter of taking up the option and ratifying the action of the mayor and the engineers for the city who secured it, will be discussed at a meeting of the special water committee of the city council to be held late this afternoon provided all of the members of that committee have returned from the junket to Portland.

It is stated that the one-fifth interest in the entire stock of the company which is involved in the deal will give the city 20,000,000 gallons of water for exchange purposes and it is the intention to extend the canal for a distance of about three and one-half miles further than the present canal, thus bringing more land between Union and Big Cottonwood under the canal system so that the possibilities of exchange with the farmers may be increased.

The minimum flow of Little Cottonwood is 7,000,000 gallons per day and as the city will be able to exchange to secure 80 per cent of that the importance of the deal made is very clear. If possible the city may decide to secure more of the East Jordan stock so that more water may be secured to exchange for Big Cottonwood water.

Supt. Frank L. Hines of the waterworks department, Mayor Morris, City Engineer Ritter, Assistant Engineer Bacon and Councilman Fernstrom took a trip up Emigration canyon on Saturday afternoon and considered the matter of tapping the sump at a lower depth so as to secure an additional flow of water from that creek. It was decided to take such action and it is probable that another tunnel will be run in to tap bedrock and secure an increased supply from that source. It is believed that between the two methods the flow will be increased over a million gallons per day.

CHINESE ANTI-AMERICAN BOYCOTT GRADULLY SUBSIDING

Washington, Aug. 28.—Of particular importance to the southern cotton spinners and weavers is the announcement by Minister Rockhill today that the Chinese boycott on American piece goods is about to be lifted. Cabling from Pekin, the minister says that his information is to the effect that the anti-American boycott as a whole is gradually subsiding. The Chinese merchants of Shanghai dealing in piece goods are strongly opposing the boycott an dtaking steps which Minister Rockhill believes are likely to break it so far as piece goods are concerned.

HOLMES SURRENDERS.

Gave Himself Into the Hands of The U. S. Marshal.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Former Associate Statistician E. S. Holmes, Jr., of the department of agriculture, indicted together with F. A. Peckham and Moses Haas of New York on the charges of conspiring to defraud the government by prematurely divulging the department cotton crop reports, surrendered to the United States marshal today, later appearing before Justice Stafford and giving bond in the sum of $10,000.

UNIVERSITY STATUTES.

Those Condemned by the Russian Professors Are to be Amended.

Odessa, Aug. 28.—The minister of public instruction has notified the officials of the local university and other institutions of its intention to amend the university statutes of 1884 which have been condemned by professors and students all over the country. A meeting today of 342 professors decided to continue to abstain from proceeding with university work until a new order of things is established and the people generally are given all civil rights and the universities are granted academic autonomy.

FINANCES OF MACEDONIA.

Collective Note from Six Embassies Presented to the Porte.

Constantinople, Aug. 28.—A collective note from the six embassies giving notice of the appointment of commissioners to control the finances of Macedonia, was presented to the porte today.

Peddlers Try Moral Suasion.

New York, Aug. 28.—Push-cart peddlers to the number of several thousand, who threatened a few days ago to strike and deprive a large East Side section of its fresh vegetable supply, have now decided to try moral suasion against the city authorities and forego a strike.

The peddlers' unions met yesterday and took this course. They decided to begin by appointing a committee to call on the mayor in an effort to have withdrawn a large number of peddlers' licenses now in the hands of small storekeepers, and to secure other reforms affecting their business.

Killed by a Baseball.

Marquette, Mich., Aug. 28.—W. F. Franks, a druggist, was hit by a foul tip at a baseball game yesterday. His skull was fractured and death followed in a few hours.

Baer Anticipates No Strike.

Philadelphia, Aug. 28.—President Baer of the Reading Railroad company, who returned Saturday from a trip to the west, does not expect a strike in the anthracite region.

"While I have not been in close touch with events in the last few weeks," he said, "from what I have heard, I believe the miners are better satisfied with present conditions and will make a peaceful adjustment of the wage scale for another term of years. The coal interests will certainly do their part to avert a strike."

COUNCILMEN HOME.

Had a Good Time but Received No Honors From Portland.

All of the councilmanic party excepting Councilmen Wells, Preece and Hartenstein and their wives, returned from the junket to Portland last night at 11 o'clock. The three councilmen named went to San Francisco and are expected home some time today. The party reports having had a fine trip, although the Portland city officials evidently did not know that it was in town for they failed to materialize or pay their respects to the Salt Lake council.

During their stay in Portland, a steamer trip was taken down the river to Astoria and Swaco, which was very enjoyable. On the way home a stop was made at Boise, Ida., where the party was taken in hand by Mayor Pinney and was royally entertained. Councilman E. H. Davis acted as commissary-general during the entire trip and also acted as chaperone. It is useless to state that the commissary was always well filled with the best on the market.

POLYNESIAN OUTING.

Free Lunch and a Good Time Generally At Calder's Park.

A marriage ceremony, a big free feed and numerous other things are promised the patrons of Calder's Park on Wednesday next, on the occasion of the Polynesian outing to that resort. As is usual with the Pacific Islanders, arrangements have been made for a royal time and their friends and the public generally are invited to participate in the festivities. The program will begin promptly at 3 o'clock, when the bride and groom will present themselves for matrimonial honors. Among the other attractions are Polynesian songs, dances, etc., the whole making up a program of unusual excellence. This will be the last day of the season at Calder's Park.

NEWSPAPER CHANGE.

Messrs. Reber, Brown and McCoy Buy The Caliente Express.

(Special to the "News.")

Caliente, Nev., Aug. 26.—Frank L. Reber and James Brown of Las Vegas, Nev., who are extensively interested in newspaper enterprises in this state, and G. R. McCoy of Colorado, have taken possession of the Caliente Express. The first issue under the new management will appear Thursday next.

TELEPHONE-TELEGRAPH.

Arrangement Which May Lead to Absorption of the Independent.

The Independent Telephone company has concluded an arrangement with the Western Union Telegraph company, whereby the poles of the latter company will become available to the wires of the telephone company in any direction that the latter may desire to go. The telephone company is preparing to string a wire to Los Angeles and also to reach Idaho points in this way. It is claimed that this deal is part of a move whereby the Western Union intends to eventually absorb all of the Independent Telephone companies in the United States, and control them in the same way that the American Telephone & Telegraph company controls the various Bell Telephone companies throughout the United States.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED.

O. C. Cox Arrested in Connection With The Payne-Ferguson Case.

County Attorney Christenson last night issued a complaint against O. C. Cox charging him with attempting to induce Mrs. N. G. Ferguson not to return to this city and testify against Dr. E. S. Payne, who is charged with the murder of Alice Ferguson, her daughter, who died as the result of a criminal operation. The husband of Mrs. Ferguson swore to the complaint against Cox, which was filed in Justice Dana T. Smith's court. The justice issued a warrant for the man's arrest and he was taken in charge by the police at 3 o'clock this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson took the remains of their daughter back to Newark, O., their former home, for burial, and during their absence it is alleged that Cox, who roomed at the Ferguson home in this city, wrote to Mrs. Ferguson and told her that the papers here were publishing some ugly matters concerning her and that she had better not return as she would probably be placed under arrest as an accomplice. The letters were shown to Mr. Ferguson and upon his return to this city on Sunday he laid the matter before the county attorney who issued a complaint against Cox.

The prisoner was arraigned before Justice Dana T. Smith this morning and took until Thursday to plead to the charge against him. Meanwhile he is endeavoring to get bonds.

Cox is an advertising solicitor who came to Salt Lake several months ago highly recommended from Boise. For some time past he has been engaged on the "News" but last week tendered his resignation to accept a position with the San Francisco Chronicle, for which section he intended leaving in a day or two.

MRS. HASLAM DEAD.

Wife of Less Than a Year a Victim of Bright's Disease.

At St. Mark's hospital this morning Mrs. Miriam Haslam, wife of Robert W. Haslam of 515 west First North street, died from Bright's disease. Mrs. Haslam was a young lady just over 21 years of age and had been married less than a year. Her husband met her in England, where her parents reside, and she returned with him to this country as a bride. Mr. Haslam is a nephew of State Senator W. N. Williams. The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Haslam will be held Wednesday at 2 o'clock from the Sixteenth ward meetinghouse.

JAPAN MAKES A GREAT OFFER.

Authorizes President to Waive All Claims for Indemnity for Cost Of the War.

WILL CEDE PART OF SAKHALIN

Question of the Redemption Price To be Left to Arbitration by a Mixed Commission.

CZAR'S REPLY PARTLY RESPONSIVE

It is Believed That the Proposition Was Not Clearly Understood At Peterhof.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 28.—The Associated Press has definite knowledge that several days ago President Roosevelt was authorized on behalf of Japan to waive all claims for indemnity or reimbursement for the cost of the war, and to cede back to Russia the northern half of Sakhalin island, leaving the question of the redemption price of the sale to arbitration of a mixed commission. This statement was transmitted to the Russian emperor through the American ambassador at St. Petersburg. An Associated Press telegram announced that the czar's reply was "partially responsive." There is reason to believe that this proposition on behalf of Japan was not clearly understood at Peterhof, but was supposed to be a revival of the efforts of Japan to secure an indemnity under the guise of purchase of a fraction of Sakhalin. It is believed the conference which was held last evening between Messrs. Witte and Takahira was for the purpose of clearing up the situation and it is now possible that, following the precedent of its ally, Great Britain, Japan will agree to settle the whole question of the redemption price of Sakhalin as the Dogger bank troubles were adjusted. The Japanese contention is that Sakhalin is de facto Japanese territory and that Russia has no means at her command for its present recovery. It is understood that M. Witte has accepted this view in principle and expressed the judgment that they should pay something in the nature of redemption money. It is believed that the Tokio council, which is in session this morning, is considering this phase of the question. It is not true that the adjournment which was agreed to last night until Tuesday afternoon was made at the suggestion of President Roosevelt. There is reason for believing that he knew nothing whatever of it but that the adjournment was by mutual agreement between the Russians and Japanese.

WITTE-TAKAHIRA CONFERENCE.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 28.—It is now learned that the conference between Messrs. Witte and Takahira last evening did not bear upon the question of the cession of Sakhalin or the question of indemnity.

THINK PEACE IS HOPELESS.

Tokio, Aug. 28, 2:30 p. m.—The public remains uninformed regarding the latest developments at Portsmouth, but seem convinced that peace is hopeless. The market reflected this sentiment. After the opening today prices sharply declined.

RUSSIA CANNOT ACCEPT.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—The Sviet today says:

The Japanese conditions for peace would only be acceptable if a Japanese fleet were threatening St. Petersburg and a Japanese army was occupying Moscow. Russia will not bow to the Japanese yoke to fulfill President Roosevelts desire to guarantee the American creditors of Japan and to cover himself with glory as a peace maker. Japan, needing peace, seeks it through the intermediary of her friend, President Roosevelt, and makes exorbitant demands while the president is striving indirectly to exact the consent of Russia. After long and fruitless negotiations it would seem that we are on the eve of what Russia has long desired—a great battle between Gen. Linevitch and Field Marshal Oyama.

MEANS PEACE OR WAR.

Tokio, Aug. 28, 2:30 p. m.—The conference of the cabinet officers and elder statesmen adjourned at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and the participants proceeded to a place where the deliberations were continued under the presidency of the emperor. It is believed that the decision will mean the continuance of the war or peace. Many manifestations have resulted from the outwardly critical situation.

A failure of the peace negotiations would be generally regretted but the press and other widespread expressions would be generally for a continuation of the war rather than the acceptance of unsatisfactory terms. Underlying this popular attitude is deep rooted confidence that Field Marshal Oyama will defeat General Linevitch and take Harbin and that Japan will completely overrun the coast provinces, and continue the war for an extended period.

FIFTH WEEK OF FIGHT AGAINST YELLOW FEVER

New Orleans, Aug. 28.—The fifth week of the fight against yellow fever began today with a continuance of favorable conditions and a feeling that the crisis has passed. The fact that there are only 199 cases under treatment and many of them of the lightest character being especially significant. In the 31 cases of the preceding 24 hours only five were Italians and there were only three cases reported from the originally infected location. The marine hospital has a man in touch with every infected point outside of New Orleans. Surgeon von Exdorf having started for Leaville from which the information continues to be vague owing to its isolation.