NO RECOMMENDATION ON NATURAL GAS

Council Committee Submits Entirely New Measure to Take Place of First Bill—Provides for Heavy Payments and Bonds

The Council Committee on Public Improvements, comprising Councilmen Markham, Newell and Rolfes, yesterday reported without recommendation the natural-gas measure, which promises to the city a considerable reduction in the present rates to consumers. The committee submitted an entirely new bill.

Before the Council committee, at a public hearing a short time ago, the legal representatives of Daniel B. Holmes and his associates declared that the new company was able and willing to submit to any reasonable legislation in regard to the amount of the bond and the conditions made by the concern to the city.

Frederick N. Judson, representing the company, spoke of the big reduction in rates to gas consumers made possible by the enactment of the bill.

The measure was then reconsigned to the committee, of which Mr. Markham is the chairman, and yesterday the amendment was submitted striking out every provision of the original bill as drawn up by the company.

The new bill provides for a limited franchise and exacts a bond of $25,000 for the fulfillment of the new provisions of the measure.

The new bill also provides for the additional payment of $5,000 to the City Treasurer to guarantee repairs of the streets and $5,000 as guarantee of good faith before laying pipes.

The company's low rates to the city were not amended by the committee, but the bill provides that the company, in consideration of the grant, shall furnish to the city free natural gas for lighting the "City Hall, city prison and all other public buildings." The bill is to be taken up at the next meeting of the Council.

WEALTHY BOSTON MAN FOUND DEAD IN NEW YORK.

Mystery Surrounds Death of Henry R. Reed—His Young Woman Companion Missing.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 14.—Strange circumstances surrounding the death of Henry R. Reed, 60 years old, one of the wealthiest men in the sugar refining industry in Boston, whose body was found to-day in his room at the Grand Union Hotel, have caused the police to begin a searching investigation.

When Reed arrived at the hotel March 12 he was accompanied by a young woman who was registered as his wife, and has since then disappeared. At the time the body was discovered to-day, about a quarter past 11 o'clock, two gas jets were burning in the room. There were several papers littered about which Reed had evidently been reading. The body was clad only in a night shirt. It was lying diagonally across the bed.

On the table was found a bottle bearing the name of a Boston druggist, upon the label of which was written the words "Over Dose." Inside the bottle were white tablets of some unknown drug.

At the hotel it was said that the young woman who was with Mr. Reed was between 25 and 30 years old and remarkably pretty and refined. She wore a dress of dark material. The hotel management said that Mr. and Mrs. Reed had been patrons of the hotel off and on for twenty years.

TOBOGGAN SLIDE RAILROAD.

Tom L. Johnson Predicts Chicago New York Two-Hour Run.

Cleveland, O., March 14.—Mayor "Tom" L. Johnson last night told of rapid transit in the future as he believed it would be. To the members of the Cleveland Engineer Club, at their annual banquet, he predicted a trip from Chicago to New York over a sort of toboggan slide electric railroad in two hours.

"The engineer's work," the Mayor said, "is one of the essentials of modern life. That is, we could not do without him. For instance, do you think that we will be satisfied with a twenty-hour schedule between New York and Chicago? By no means. Although wheels and tracks will not allow a speed of more than 200 miles an hour, I believe that many of you in this room will see the time when two hours and a half between the two cities will be commonplace. That will be less than half the speed of a cannon ball. It can and will be done much quicker than you think.

"If we can control electricity and make it do the work along a straight line that it does now in a circle when used in what is known as a motor, we have the problem solved. And it is far easier than we have heretofore thought. Then people would be shot across the continent in a sort of shuttle on slide rails, something like a toboggan slide drawn by magnets. It is an early event of the future."

UPWARD MOVEMENT IN COPPER

Amalgamated Price Is Passed by Copper Range at Boston.

Boston, March 14.—A sharp upward movement in the coppers, especially in Copper Range and Osceola, marked the opening to-day of the Boston Stock Exchange.

Copper Range was bid for at 52, up ⅝ from yesterday's closing. A little later this stock reached 53, thereby crossing Amalgamated, which was selling at 51.

Osceola opened past the 100-mark, many shares changing hands at 101, an advance of 1½ points from last night's closing quotations. United States Mining was up ⅝ to 27⅝ and Greene Consolidated up ¼ to 29¼.

Quarrymen's Legs Broken.

Jura Comodena, 35 years old, of No. 2837 South Jefferson avenue, and John Evon, quarrymen employed in the stone quarry at Union and St. Louis avenues, sustained fractured legs and were taken to the City Hospital yesterday. The men were injured by being struck by flying rock, buried 30 feet by the explosion of a blast of giant powder. Comodena's left leg and Evon's right leg were broken.

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INDEPENDENT OIL REFINERY PLANNED FOR KANSAS CITY

Outlay of Three-Quarters of a Million Dollars Is Contemplated, and Institution Is to Have Output of 200,000 Barrels of Crude Product Daily—John W. Gates, the Cudahys and Other Packers Interested in Scheme to Build Pipe Line From Port Arthur, Tex., to Chanute, Kas.—English Capitalists Put Up Seven and a Half Million Dollars.

TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS IN THE SANTA FE CASE ENDS.

Kansas City, March 14.—As a result of the fight against the Standard Oil Company in Kansas elaborate plans for the erection by independent companies of pipe lines and refineries are in progress of formation.

J. B. and A. L. Levy, oil men, formerly from the Lima, O., field, are credited with having planned the erection of a refinery at Kansas City for the production of fuel oil, the crude material product to be piped from Kansas.

The plans call for an outlay of three-quarters of a million dollars and a daily output of 200,000 barrels of crude oil.

At Chanute, Kas., a meeting of producers has been held to consider the project for a pipe line to Port Arthur, Tex.

At the meeting a Chanute banker asserted that he had sold to an English concern, operating largely at Beaumont, Tex., and in the Russian fields, seven and a half million dollars in bonds to push the enterprise.

The line would be 350 miles in length and have a capacity of 200,000 barrels of oil a day. The Cudahys, the packers, and John W. Gates are said to be interested in the Port Arthur project.

TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS COMES TO END SUDDENLY.

Topeka, Kas., March 14.—The taking of depositions in the suit brought against the Santa Fe Railway alleging violation of the Kansas antitrust laws came to a sudden termination to-day, when Frank Monett, who is conducting the case on behalf of the State, moved to dismiss all the officers of the Santa Fe Railway, who had been subpoened to be examined.

Only two witnesses have been on the stand. One was W. J. Black, general passenger agent, and the other was W. J. Healy, freight auditor. Mr. Healy has been on the stand for three days.

It developed in the cross-examination of Mr. Healy to-day by Robert Dunlap, general counsel of the Santa Fe, that Mr. Healy was the wrong person to testify in regard to the matters which were inquired of by Mr. Monett.

Mr. Monett announces that the witnesses were dismissed simply according to regular form. It is the intention to take depositions at Chanute to-morrow, and to return to Topeka later.

It would be contrary to legal form, so Mr. Monett announced, to hold the hearing open until a later date, without the consent of both parties to the suit.

Consequently, he announces that notices will again be served upon all the witnesses who have been subpoenaed and who have not yet testified.

STANDARD WINS FIGHT IN ILLINOIS COUNTY.

Monmouth, Ill., March 14.—A settlement was effected to-day in the injunction proceedings preventing the Standard Oil Company from building a pipe line through Warren County without permission of the Board of Supervisors.

The injunction will be dismissed, and the company will resume work at once. The details of the settlement are withheld.

FIRE THREATENS BUSINESS BLOCKS

Blaze of Mysterious Origin Destroys Upper Stories of Building Occupied by Benstein Manufacturing Company.

Fire destroyed the two upper floors of a three-story brick building, Nos. 309 to 317 Lucas avenue, at about 8:30 o'clock last night. The fire, the cause of which is unknown, had gained great headway before the arrival of the Fire Department, and for a time the Hargadine-McKittrick Dry Goods Company's store, on the opposite side of the street, and several other large business buildings were in danger from the flames and sparks.

The third floor of the burned building, where the fire originated, was occupied by the Benstein Manufacturing Company. No one was on the floor at the time, the employes and owners having departed a few minutes before. It was estimated that the loss to the company amounted to from $4,000 to $7,000.

About $40,000 worth of leather was stored in the first floor, occupied as a warehouse by the Mattt Leather Company. This valuable stock was covered with tarpaulins by the Salvage Corps before the water came through from the upper floors, so that the damage was estimated at not more than 5 per cent.

According to Chief Swingley, the damage to the building proper will not exceed from $4,000 to $5,000. It is owned by David A. Brislin. The New Era Manufacturing Company, occupying the building just east of the burned structure, suffered a loss from water, caused by the bursting of a hose on the third floor. The amount of the damage could not be estimated last night.

The first alarm was sounded by Alexander Rubenstein of No. 31 North Sixth street. Rubenstein saw the flames in the third-story windows as he was passing along Ninth street. Watchmen Martin Ryan and Brock also turned in alarms. Fifteen fire companies responded to the call, and by quick and efficient work had the fire completely under control by 9 o'clock.

Chief Swingley used his new automobile to reach the fire. He only rode two blocks, however, as he was at the engine-house at Eleventh and Lucas avenue when the alarm sounded.

RAILROADS TO SPEND $200,000,000 IN 1905.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, March 14.—Two hundred million dollars is the sum the railroads of this country will spend for improvements in traffic equipment during the year 1905, according to a conservative estimate made by railroad men here. This sum will be a record-breaker for a single year, and it is taken as an unfailing evidence that the current year is to be one of great prosperity. The following tells the story completely:

Pennsylvania lines,	$22,000,000.
E. & O.,	$14,000,000.
New York Central lines,	$20,000,000.
Southern Pacific,	$5,000,000.
Southern Railway,	$8,000,000.
Rock Island,	$10,000,000.
Santa Fe,	$8,000,000.
Norfolk and Western,	$2,000,000.
Erie,	$16,000,000.
Frisco lines,	$2,000,000.
Other systems (estimated),	$80,000,000.

CHICAGO FACTORY BURNS.

Loss Is Estimated at $500,000, Fully Insured.

Chicago, March 14.—Fire, which broke out to-day in the printing and box department of the Grand Crossing Tack Company's plant, at Seventy-ninth street and South Chicago avenue, caused a loss of about $500,000, fully insured.

After the printing and box department, a three-story brick building, had been destroyed, the firemen thought the fire would not spread further, but on the collapse of the walls and the roof of the printing and box department, the fire spread quickly to two adjoining portions of the plant.

These sections, containing valuable machinery, were practically destroyed.

The entire plant, valued at $1,000,000, employed 800 persons, many of them women and children. At the first shout of fire, there was panic among those working on upper floors, but all were taken out in safety.

Grocers Nominate Directors.

At a meeting of the St. Louis Retail Grocers' Association last night in the Imperial building, Tenth and Pine streets, nominations were made for the election of a Board of Directors of thirteen members. New constitution and by-laws were submitted for approval. The election will take place March 28.

MOURNER KILLED WHEN NEARING HOME

Francis McBriarty, Returning From His Cousin's Funeral, Struck by Frisco Train—Letter Leads to Identity.

While alighting from a Frisco suburban train in the Terminal yards, at Twentieth street, last evening, Francis McBriarty, 21 years old, was ground to death between the cars. He had just returned from Catawissa, Mo., where, with the other members of his family, he attended the funeral of Mrs. Maggie Bremen, a cousin.

When the train slowed up at the flag station his brothers, Richard and William, alighted, and he continued on until it reached Twentieth street.

Before it came to a stop he dropped off and was struck by the railing of the car and knocked under the wheels. His body was cut in two and his skull was fractured.

The body was picked up by the trainmen and placed on a siding, and was later conveyed to the morgue by Policeman Combs. A letter addressed to Francis McBriarty, at No. 2916 Manchester avenue, was the only mark of identification found on the body.

Several hours later John E. McBriarty of No. 2729 Hickory street, called at the morgue in company with his two sons, Richard and William, and identified the body as that of one of his sons. He stated that he had left the train at Tower Grove Station and the boys said that they would go on to Twentieth street.

Richard McBriarty said that he and his brother had dropped off at Twenty-second street and waited for several minutes for Francis, but when he did not come they thought that he had gone into the station with the train and he and his brother went home.

Francis was employed as a machinist in the Missouri Pacific shops and boarded at No. 2918 Manchester avenue.

WOULD PROHIBIT SALE OF OPTIONS ON GRAINS.

Illinois House Committee Votes to Recommend Passage of Bill Aimed at Board of Trade Speculation.

Springfield, Ill., March 14.—The House Committee on Warehouses to-day voted to present to the House as a committee measure a bill to prohibit the sale of grain except when the seller holds a warehouse certificate for the grain, or actually owns the grain itself.

The bill, should it pass, would, it is alleged, put the Chicago Board of Trade out of business. It developed after the meeting that Representative Erby, who was appointed a member of a subcommittee of three to draft the bill, is one of the trustees of the estate of Henry B. Smith, and in that capacity recently sued the Chicago Board of Trade for $1,500,000 for money lost by Mr. Smith through speculation.

The subcommittee is expected to complete its draft of the bill within a few days.

THEFT CHARGED TO FIREMAN.

Said to Have Stolen Large Number of Car Tickets.

Henry T. Ranken, a fireman, employed at the August Gast Bank Note and Lithograph Company, is under arrest at the Four Courts charged with the theft of $90 worth of children's car tickets, which had been printed by that company for the United Railways Company. He was apprehended near Union Station by Detectives Kennedy and Sullivan.

He had in his possession a bundle containing 3,283 tickets when he was arrested. He stated that he was trying to dispose of them.

The prisoner admitted selling a large number of tickets to messengers throughout the city at the rate of twenty for 25 cents. He will be held pending an application for a warrant this morning.

"LADY WINDEMERE'S FAN" GIVEN AT THE ODEON.

"Lady Windemere's Fan" was presented at the Odeon last night. The comedy was well staged. The cast included the entire company. Miss Vaughan cleverly interpreted the trying role of Mrs. Evelynne. Mr. Carleton was a pleasing Lord Windemere and Marion Pollock Johnson played the smart Lady Windemere. Maude Love has a part suited to her talents as Lady Agatha, court beauty and society favorite.

The Odeon Stock Company is rehearsing Bronson Howard's famous play, "The Banker's Daughter," for production next week. Miss Vaughan and Mr. Carleton will be seen in the leading roles.

ADVOCATES FOREIGN TRADE COMMISSION

Professor Crowell and Lieutenant Carden Dwell on Necessity for Systematic Effort in Export Development.

Necessity for intelligent and systematic endeavor in the development of our export trade was the keynote of the two addresses made on the general subject of "The Commercial Opportunity of St. Louis Abroad," by Lieutenant Godfrey L. Carden of the United States Revenue Cutter Service, and Professor John Franklin Crowell, internal commerce expert of the Department of Commerce and Labor, at the meeting of the Business Men's League last night at the Mercantile Club.

W. K. Bixby of the league made the closing address.

One of the striking suggestions embodied in the discussion was that by Professor Crowell advocating the organization by the league of a foreign trade commission, to make a systematic study of and to report upon the entire question of foreign trade from the standpoint of St. Louis.

The value of this commission, he said, would be to furnish information as to the conditions to be met in the markets of the world, the methods of trade in those markets, and the type of men needed to open and develop those markets.

Professor Crowell spoke of the relation of the city to the universal market under the headings of the strategic advantages of St. Louis, the problems of foreign trade and the programme of progress.

There is a call, the speaker said, from every quarter of the undeveloped globe for business leadership which will develop rather than destroy the economic possibilities of backward peoples.

The trust problem, he said, calls for serious study. It is alarming us and elating our foreign competitors because it is putting the home market on a higher price level than the foreign market and driving American capital and industries into other countries.

He summed up the advantages of St. Louis as being its natural waterway to the sea, its location in line with the westward drift of the country's center of manufactures, its center as the lowest cost of production of food supplies, and its position between the raw materials for manufactures from the north and south.

"You are the chief gateway and the chief distributer for the Southwest, whose resources are as yet hardly touched," was his final count in the list of natural advantages.

Other things that are most needed now, the speaker said, are ships, banks, trained business representation and commercial and industrial generalship. For the latter industrial and commercial training is a necessity, and in this connection he cited the advantages of technical education.

Professor Crowell's address was preceded by an interesting address on "The Commercial Supremacy of America," by Lieutenant Carden, which was illustrated by a series of excellent stereopticon views from photographs taken by him during his three years' tour of Europe undertaken upon detail from the Government to study trade conditions abroad.

"The so-termed American commercial invasion of Europe is only the skirmish line of the engagement," said he. "Not more than 20 per cent of the exports of the United States is in manufactured goods, leaving 80 per cent to foodstuffs, which the foreigner seeks of his own volition, and the real invasion will come when our facilities exceed our home demands. When that time does come, we will find ourselves engaged with nations experienced and adept in the foreign trade. To offset these advantages we must strengthen our technical schools, see to it that our young men acquire a knowledge of foreign languages, inculcate in the minds of all that honesty, integrity, and fear of God are our first essentials, and in that spirit and under the folds of the glorious flag that floats above us, we will be prepared when the time comes to maintain our position in the world with the best."

Mr. Bixby cited the bank clearings and the figures of export values for New York, New Orleans, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia and St. Louis, the latter city being the lowest in the value of its exports, which, he said, were principally flour, grain, cotton, packing-house products, cars, beer, boots and shoes, hardware and machinery, agricultural stuffs forming the larger part.

He said that as a result of his recent visit to Cuba he felt assured that the Cubans were inclined to favor American products, and that there never was a better opportunity for American trade there than there is to-day. The secret of success lay in selling to those peoples what they wanted and not what the merchant wanted them to have. He commended the idea of a commerce commission and thought it would pay.

Mr. Walbridge, who presided, introduced Colonel Sleeper of Tulsa, I. T., of the Tulsa party now visiting St. Louis, who made a brief address.

A dinner was served preceding the speech-making and nearly 400 guests were present. The applications for membership of Theodore D. Hadley and Henry Reed were favorably voted upon.

BILL GRANTING INCREASE TO FIREMEN PASSES COUNCIL

Men Getting $80 Will Be Allowed $85 if Measure Becomes a Law—Public Hearing.

The proposition to increase the pay of the firemen of St. Louis passed the Council yesterday afternoon with two amendments. Councilman Sheehan proposed a raise in salary for the members of the department receiving $80 to $85. The measure provided a raise from $80 to $82.50.

The other amendment provided for an increase in salary of $15 for the assistant secretary of the Fire Department. Captain Boyce spoke in favor of the amendments.

After a short discussion in which Councilmen Markham and Gibson took exception to the increase, the amendments prevailed by a vote of 6 to 3.

A public hearing was announced on the improvement of Bremen avenue, from the Levee to Broadway, for Friday, March 17, at 3:30 p. m. A relief bill was passed in favor of Catherine A. Morrissey and another measure granted to the Simmons Hardware Company the privilege of erecting an awning in front of its property in Broadway.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS NOTES.

—Captain John B. Christian, Ninth Cavalry, returned to the post yesterday from Fort Meade, S. D., where he conducted a detachment of recruits last week.

—Recruit John Harendel, unassigned cavalry, is transferred to the Second Battery, Field Artillery. He left the post last night for Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

—Private James Stewart is relieved from special duty at the post exchange, and Private Andy Burdett is detailed in his stead.

—Private Henry Jones is directed to proceed to-day to Fort Bayard, N. M., and report upon his arrival to the commanding officer for admission to the Army General Hospital at that post. He will be treated for consumption.

—The following noncommissioned officers arrived at this post yesterday from Fort Clark, Tex.: Corporals William McGown, Troop A; Clark B. Mattlock, Troop B; Norman Kukesh, Troop C; Joseph G. Murphy, Troop D; Edgar Bussard, Troop E, and Thomas E. Hawkins, Troop F, First Cavalry. They have been assigned to the recruit detachment as drill instructors.

—Sebring C. Megill, Second Lieutenant, Eighth Cavalry, who is on furlough, is visiting First Lieutenant Osmund Latrobe Jr., Eighth Cavalry.

—Captain Lester W. Cornish is detailed as surveying officer and summary court officer, vice Captain John B. Christian, who is relieved.

TWENTY-SIXTH WARD MEETING.

Democrats Plan Energetic Campaign in West End.

A meeting of Democrats of the Twenty-sixth Ward was held at No. 4457 Easton avenue last night. J. B. Comer, City Central Committeeman for the ward, acted as chairman.

Plans were discussed for the conduct of the campaign, and it was decided to have two mass meetings, one early next week and one the week following. A meeting, which will be the closing feature of the campaign, will be held just before election day.

Edward Kinealy reported that the Plumbers' Union, which has a membership of 250 in the ward, would support Wash and the entire regular Democratic ticket.

J. H. HYDE AGREES ON MUTUALIZATION

Equitable Committee Decides to Recommend Majority of Directors Represent Stockholders

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 14.—After a session which lasted three hours, the special committee of the Board of Directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, appointed to find a plan for mutualizing the company, to-day gave out the following statement:

New York, March 14, 1905.—The special committee of the Board of Directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, consisting of Jas. W. Alexander, Cornelius N. Bliss, T. DeWitt Cuyler, Chauncey M. Depew, James H. Hyde, Valentine P. Snyder and Gage E. Tarbell, unanimously resolved at a meeting held to-day to recommend to the Board of Directors that the charter of the society be forthwith amended so as to confer upon the policy holders the right to elect a majority of the Board of Directors, namely, twenty-eight out of fifty-two.

Such action was taken with the express consent and approval of Mr. Hyde as the representative of the majority of the capital stock of the society.

A meeting of the Board of Directors has been called for next Tuesday, March 21, 1905, when the committee will submit to the board the amended charter as prepared by counsel.

(Signed)

JAMES W. ALEXANDER, President.
JAMES H. HYDE, Vice President.
GAGE E. TARBELL, Second Vice President.

Opinions were divided as to whether the resolution adopted by the committee was a Hyde or an Alexander victory. There will be no change in the personnel of the Board of Directors as now constituted until the next annual meeting of the board, when thirteen new directors will be chosen. Of these, seven will represent the policy holders and six will be elected by the stockholders. At the next annual election thirteen more new directors will be named to succeed thirteen of the old board, and they will be chosen as before—seven policy holders' directors and six Hyde directors. Thus it will take four years to place the Board of Directors on the basis of twenty-eight for the policy holders and twenty-four for Mr. Hyde.

Even after the reorganization of the board was effected, it was argued, Mr. Hyde would still retain nominally 45 per cent of the members of the board. Most corporations are controlled by 20 per cent of the stock, and it was said there was no reason why Mr. Hyde should not maintain his position as actual ruler of the company's affairs.

Mr. Alexander's friends said, on the other hand, that the plan suggested by the committee was a victory for the company's president. He has, they insisted, completely routed the Hyde faction and forced them to concede that which would eventually place Mr. Hyde in the minority.

HOUSE PASSES MANY MEASURES

Sixty-Three Bills Adopted by Lower Branch—Committee to Consider Municipal Bridge Amendments.

The House of Delegates last night transacted a larger volume of business than at any other session this year. Sixty-three bills, mostly providing for street improvements, were passed, fifty-six engrossed bills were signed by Acting Speaker John R. McCarthy and twelve Council bills were read for the first time.

On motion of Delegate William A. Block, the bill creating a municipal bridge commission was referred to a conference committee, to be represented in the House by Delegates Block, Fontana and Wiedmer. This committee will consider the amendments tacked on the bill in the Council extending its scope and providing for an increased appropriation for the commission.

The new water-rates bill passed the House with two amendments. One reduced the rate of closets in houses to the original fee and the other took similar action in relation to bathtubs. An increase of $1 was provided by the Council amendments to the water-rates bill, and the House returned the charges to the old standard.

P. R. FitzGibbon, City Register, at the request of the House, forwarded to Clerk Henry Block a list of the permits granted by Mayor Wells during his term.

Persons interested in the Manufacturers' Railway bill, granting that company ferry privileges and franchises on city streets in South St. Louis in perpetuity, were present last night in the House chamber in expectation of action by the House. The bill was due to have its second reading. No action was taken.

AGED STEAMBOATMAN FOUND DEAD IN BED.

George Hauser Had Lived Sixteen Years in Room in Which He Breathed His Last.

George Hauser, an aged riverman, of No. 1351 Clark avenue, was found dead yesterday morning in the room that he had occupied for the last sixteen years. He had been ill for several months, and was unable to do any work.

He retired early Monday night, but showed no sign of immediate danger. He usually awakened early in the morning, and when he failed to get up yesterday morning Mrs. Judith Buffo, the landlady, went to his room to arouse him. The door of the room was locked, and when he made no response the door was forced.

Hauser had evidently been dead for several hours. The Coroner was notified and gave Mrs. Buffo permission to take charge of the funeral arrangements. Hauser has a sister named Mrs. Kate Emmanuel, residing at No. 519 East State street, Harrisburg, Pa. The deceased was a member of the A. O. U. W. The Public Administrator will take charge of Hauser's estate.

POSSE KILLS TWO NEGROES.

Third, Who Escaped, Is Pursued by Bloodhounds.

Memphis, March 14.—A Commercial-Appeal special from Lake Village, Ark., says a pitched battle was fought between a Sheriff's posse of white men and three negroes suspected of murder on the shore of the lake near that town this afternoon, two of the negroes being killed outright and C. D. Owens, manager of the Red Leaf plantation, wounded in the arm.

The third negro escaped into the woods. Bloodhounds were sent for, and are on the fugitive's trail. It is believed that he will be taken before morning.

Recently two brothers named Watson were murdered near Dumas, Ark., and the three negroes were said to have participated in the crime.

HARPER GOES TO NEW YORK.

To See Rockefeller, and Then Take Treatment.

Chicago, March 14.—President W. R. Harper of the University of Chicago departed on the Twentieth Century Limited to-day for New York, where he will be the guest of John D. Rockefeller, after which he will receive X-ray treatment for cancer at Lakewood, N. J.

President Harper is able to walk, and is fast recovering strength lost during the recent operation.

DON'T MISS

"SOULS ON FIRE"

LOUIS TRACY'S LATEST STORY will begin in The Sunday Republic Magazine March 26. The story has a timely interest. Much of the action is laid in Russia and the turbulence and strife of rural life in the great White Czar's domain are stirringly limned in Mr. Tracy's most entrancing style. By special arrangement with the English author's American publisher, this novel will not appear in book form this year.

LOUIS TRACY

is one of the greatest writers of to-day. He leaped into fame with two remarkable romances, "Wings of the Morning" and "Pillar of Light." He traveled with Gladstone, was the friend of Dean Vaughan and interviewed the celebrities of Europe while serving as correspondent for a widely read English newspaper. Mr. Tracy's love of America and appreciation of Americans can be seen in many of his books.

WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED

That his new work, "SOULS ON FIRE," had been completed, scores of magazines bid for the serial rights. This was procured for The Sunday Republic Magazine. Mr. Tracy is thoroughly familiar with the scenes and characters set forth in the story. In order to make sure that you get the opening chapters of "SOULS ON FIRE" order The Sunday Republic of March 26 to-day. To miss this story will be to miss the literary treat of the year.

THINKS RACING NOT IN DANGER

Carmody and Corrigan Say Sport Will Continue in St. Louis—Tilles Has His Doubts.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, March 14.—In speaking of the Missouri situation after the Western Jockey Club meeting here to-day, Captain Carmody said:

"Affairs are back where they were before the breeders' law was passed, and racing in the State is not endangered in any way. Missouri is very much a local option State, and St. Louis in particular has a home-rule law that will permit the tracks there to run. I do not see anything in the situation to cause alarm. Just what Union Park will do is a matter of speculation, but the course certainly will reopen."

Corrigan was complacent about the Missouri situation.

"To tell you the truth," he said after the meeting, "I have not worried much about it. We will run our spring meeting, which will be over before the breeders' law is repealed. After that I cannot say what will happen.

"I see it has been stated that the matter of closing tracks in the State of Missouri is in the hands of county officials. That is entirely possible, but I do not care at all to discuss that phase of the matter. We will do the best we can; that is all I can say just now."

The Empire City track of New York applied for admission to the Corrigan circuit, but was turned down. The Empire was recently refused dates by the New York Jockey Club.

TILLES NOT SURE OF RACING.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hot Springs, March 14.—Captain Tilles says there will be racing in St. Louis in the middle of June, in the event the State Auditor issues bookmakers' licenses. He is by no means sure that official will not throw obstacles in the way.

Doctor Bernays of St. Louis, who was one of the witnesses before the Senate Committee against the breeders' bill, came here to-day and approached Barney Schreiber in the betting ring.

Schreiber immediately refused to shake hands with the surgeon, and took exception to his course in loud and angry tones. The dispute drew quite a crowd around Schreiber's book and Doctor Bernays was considerably discomfited.

SENATOR BARTLEY SUMMONED

Excitement in Senate When Subpoena Was Served.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., March 14.—A whiff of excitement was created in the Senate just before adjournment to-day when a Deputy Sheriff appeared with a subpoena, commanding Senator Bartley to appear before the Grand Jury at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. While the Senator accepted service he announced that he did not intend to appear, as he claimed exemption on account of being a Representative. He professed ignorance as to why he should be wanted, but this afternoon he went to the Grand Jury room.

Subsequently he stated that he was not wanted, and did not testify. He declined to state why he was wanted. From another source it is learned that some time ago he complained that he had been robbed of a diamond ring. The case was put on the docket of the State Attorney, but Senator Bartley did not care to press the matter.

PEASANTS PILLAGE ESTATE OF GRAND DUKE SERGIUS.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—The estate of the late Grand Duke Sergius in the Dmitrov district, near Moscow, has been pillaged by peasants and a factory in the same district has been burned down.

East St. Louis Items.

—Mrs. G. W. McGorristen will entertain the members of the Excelsior Club this afternoon.

—Miss Mary Forman has returned from Hot Springs, Ark.

—Mrs. H. Albrecht entertained the Ha Ha Club yesterday afternoon.

—The East St. Louis fraternal order of Eagles will give a ball Saturday evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Perkins have returned from Hot Springs, Ark.

—Miss Nadine Gibson will entertain friends this evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller have returned from Bloomington, Ill.

—The North End Athletic Club will give a ball Friday night at Central Park.

—The Christian Endeavor Society of the First Christian Church will give a supper to-morrow evening.

—Mrs. Joe. Young is visiting in Peoria, Ill.

—The members of the First M. E. Church gave a reception last night in the church parlors in honor of their pastor, the Reverend J. F. Harmon.

—George Bennett, 28 years old, of Fourth street, East St. Louis, employed as a switchman by the Terminal Railroad, fell yesterday while at work and his left leg was broken. He was taken to the Henrietta Hospital.

—Mrs. Kate Logan, a negress, was arrested yesterday afternoon at her home, at Ninth street and Lynch avenue, on a charge of stealing a washtub, a washboard and six stew kettles from Mrs. John Dunn of Thirteenth street and Lake avenue. Mrs. Logan washed for Mrs. Dunn.

Belleville News Notes.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Bohlsen are visiting in Mascoutah, Ill.

—Mrs. George Roth of South Abend street is entertaining her son, G. Roth of Brainerd, Minn.

—The sixth anniversary of the founding of the missionary society of the Lutheran Church will be celebrated April 26.

—The members of the Choral Symphony Society will give a smoker Saturday night in their hall.

—Mrs. M. Dreas of St. Louis, Mo., visited friends in Belleville yesterday afternoon.

—The St. Paul's Dramatic Club will give an entertainment to-night in their hall.

—Mrs. Catherine Henninger, 60 years old, died at her home on West First street, Belleville, yesterday. She leaves two children, Louis of St. Louis and Henry of Belleville. She was a member of the St. Paul's Frauen Verein and the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

—Thomas Griner Jr., the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Griner of O'Fallon, who was run over by a train last Saturday, died yesterday from the effects of the injuries.

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Despondent because he lost his position and unable to secure employment for the last three days, Charles Martineck, 19 years old, sent a bullet into his right temple at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fannie Ronek, at No. 1010 Emmet street, last evening. He was taken to the City Hospital, dying.

Martineck had been out all day searching for work and, being unsuccessful, came home at supper time in a sullen mood. He entered the house from the rear, passing through the kitchen, where his sister and Miss Bertha Maran were chatting.

They asked if he had secured a position and he answered in the negative. Then he went into the front room.

A moment later a pistol was heard, and the women hurried into the front room, where they found Martineck lying face downward on the floor with a wound in his right temple.

They called the police, and the man was removed to the City Hospital, where he was attended by Doctor John Young Brown, who stated that the bullet had lodged in the brain and probably would prove fatal.

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