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STOCKS FALL UNDER HEAVY LIQUIDATION

Large Operators Forced to Throw Holdings on Market.

MANY FINANCIALLLY INJURED.

Identity of Those Hurt Causes a Great Deal of Talk—Members of Cliques Are Caught.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, April 29.—There was another severe slump in security prices to-day on the New York Stock Exchange, which resulted in losses of from 2 to 9 points in all the leading stocks. The market became somewhat demoralized in the last of the two hours' session, under an avalanche of liquidation.

Selling orders were pressed upon the market in large volumes, prices tumbled, and at the close, the bear element made a vicious attack, under which the market closed weak and almost panicky.

To-day's market was an exact replica of Thursday's, when a very severe break occurred. There was a steady stream of stocks pressed on the market in wholesale quantities. Pools covered their contracts, but found the operation so easy that they again sold new lines, thus pressing the market farther on its downward course. The heaviest sellers were found to be members of the various cliques, which had been advancing stocks on the rumors of deals. Alarmed by the heavy breaks already sustained, many of the leaders decided to lighten their loads. This selling has been the feature of the week in the stock market.

With the close of the market and its demoralized prices, there ended the golden theories, the ambitions and extravagant editions of pools and combinations, which had sent prices of railroad and industrial stocks soaring during February and March.

BROKERS ARE DECEIVED.

Conviction and deeply-rooted confidence had prevailed for months in the brokerage houses regarding a definite announcement of an alliance between the Union Pacific, the New York Central and the Chicago and Northwestern roads.

Great hopes were based on the future outcome of the unity of interests of the great systems, and detailed figures were given of the terms under which their securities would enter the combination.

Under the influence of these stories, which issued from responsible sources, the Central's stock leaped up to 165¾, Chicago and Northwestern to 24[illegible] and Union Pacific to 177¼.

Central closed to-day 3¾ points down from the high figure, Chicago and Northwestern 24 points down and Union Pacific, the stock on which the greatest hopes were based and in which the heaviest transactions by far were made, closed 19½ points lower.

Another exploded rumor was of an agreement which was to be entered into by the Union Pacific and the St. Paul. Shares in the latter road crawled up to the high record of 175½ by reason of the rumors. They closed to-day 16½ points down.

NORFOLK AND WESTERN.

Semi-official declarations were made also that Norfolk and Western was to be placed on a permanent 6 per cent dividend basis. The confidence in this production seemed at one time absolute in the financial district, and heavy buying sent the stock up to 88½. The dividend rate only recently announced, was at the rate of 5 per cent, to the bitter disappointment of investors and speculators alike. The stock has now tumbled back to 19½ points.

Latest of all the stories to be exploded was one by which the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad was to present to its guarantee 1½ per cent on the stock of the Louisville and Nashville road, a majority of whose shares it controls. Even during the recent days of declining prices this rumor was stated with such persistence that the shares of the two roads withstood the demoralizing influence of the stock market, and even rose in the face of general losses.

The Atlantic Coast Line shares reached [illegible], but closed today at [illegible], down 2¾ points. Louisville and Nashville shares crept to the record figures of the closing to-day at 161½.

MARGINS DESTROYED.

Margins which had been nearly exhausted by the decline during the week were wiped out right and left to-day. The liquidation of stocks caused an enormous proportion. The usual rumors which always follow the collapse of speculation were current, but were discredited. It was believed, however, that a continuation of the decline may uncover several weak spots. There were stories that certain stock leaders had overextended themselves, and that certain houses were in financial difficulties.

Belief prevailed that members of pools and cliques have suffered heavily in their operations in wheat and stocks, and that the losses fall on them, rather than on the general public.

Prospects for the immediate future are considered to be all the people and healthier as a result of the shaking out. Stress is being laid on the good harvest outlook, the prosperous condition of the steel and iron trade and the good showing of railroad earnings.

EXTREME DECLINES.

The following table shows some of the extreme declines of the day:

Brooklyn Rapid Transit	3¾
Brooklyn Union Gas	3
Atlantic Coast Line	4
Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg	5
Denver and Rio Grande	3½
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	5½
Canadian Pacific	3¾
Chicago and Northwestern preferred	3
Colorado Fuel	3
St. Paul	5½
Great Northern preferred	3
American Woolen	4
Lake Shore	3
Metropolitan subs	3½
New York Central	3
Missouri, Kansas and Texas preferred	4
Northern Pacific	3½
Pressed Steel Car	3½
Sloss-Sheffield	3
Southern Pacific	3½
Tennessee Coal	3½
Union Pacific	4½
United States Steel	2½
United States Rubber preferred	3½

LOOMIS TURNS ON ACCUSER; TAFT ORDERS BOWEN HOME

Minister to Caracas, Who Made Sensational Charges Against Assistant Secretary of State, Mut Return to Washington and Furnish Proof of Their Truthfulness—Instructions Are Sent by Direction of the President—Cablegram Closes With Portentious Words—Russell to Fill Vacant Post.

FUTURE CAREER DEPENDS ON OUTCOME OF HIS ERRAND.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, April 29.—Francis B. Loomis, Assistant Secretary of State, who has been charged by Herbert W. Bowen, American Minister at Caracas, with turning his former post as Minister to Venezuela to personal profit, to-day turned upon his accuser.

He preferred with Secretary Taft charges that Mr. Bowen was responsible for the publication of the purport of the charges.

Two cablegrams instructing Mr. Bowen to return to Washington were sent from Washington to Caracas. One was from Mr. Loomis "by direction of the President." It simply directed him to leave his post for home.

The other cablegram was signed by Mr. Taft. It directed Mr. Bowen to proceed home because of the publication of the charges. Mr. Loomis's sweeping denial, made in writing to Mr. Taft, Mr. Loomis's assertion that Mr. Bowen caused the publication of the charges, and Mr. Loomis's demand that Mr. Bowen be called upon to substantiate the charges in person. The message concluded with these words:

"If all goes well you may return to the diplomatic service."

W. W. Russell, American Minister to Colombia, has been ordered to go to Caracas.

Upon his arrival in Washington Mr. Bowen will be called upon to substantiate the charges he has made, and he must answer Mr. Loomis's counter charge. Substantiation of his charges is the important question for Mr. Bowen, for upon it rests his future official life.

If he cannot prove the charges, it is conceded on all sides, he must leave the diplomatic service. If he does prove them Mr. Loomis must leave.

While engaged on his errand to Washington Mr. Bowen will be practically out of the diplomatic service. If he comes cleanly out of the investigation he will, according to present plans, become Minister to Chile, and later Ambassador to Brazil.

If he fails to "make good," the President will decide what disposition shall be made of him, just as he will do with Mr. Loomis if the result of the investigation is the other way.

It will take Mr. Russell at least three weeks and probably a month to close up his affairs in Bogota and get to Caracas, owing to the difficulties of travel and the infrequent calls of steamships at Cartagena.

MANN SAYS KERENS WELCOMES INQUIRY

Kansas City Lieutenant, Who Will Testify Next Week, Says Investigation Will Exonerate His Chief.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., April 29.—Homer R. Mann, one of the two Kansas City politicians subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury investigating the alleged irregularities in the Republican Senatorial contest in St. Louis, telegraphed Circuit Attorney Sager that he could not go until after Monday night.

Mr. Sager replied that he could come during next week, and Mr. Mann expects to go before the end of next week. He was assistant secretary of the Republican State Committee, and afterward had charge of the Kerens headquarters at the Planters House in St. Louis during the Senatorial fight before the Legislature met.

Mr. Kerens told me over the telephone this morning," Mr. Mann said, "that he was glad this inquiry was begun, and hoped it would be thorough. It is evidently directed at him, as no other witnesses except his friends have been subpoenaed, but it will do him good, because when it is finished it will be shown that the stories of his using money improperly will be exploded.

"We entertained members and their friends in St. Louis. Some who came there to live with us, almost, were the meanest anti-Kerens men in the Legislature. But not one dollar was spent improperly, and the Grand Jury can have the books in which record of campaign expenses were kept."

TALTY'S CONTEST AGAINST MAYOR WELLS FILED.

Defeated Republican Candidate Claims 68,203 Votes and Credits Opponent With Less Than 17,808 Ballots.

The contest of former Judge John A. Talty against Mayor Rolla Wells was filed yesterday in the Circuit Clerk's office in the courthouse a few minutes before the office was closed at noon.

Talty states that the count of the Board of Election Commissioners of the election held April 4 last, gave Mayor Wells 46,318 votes.

He alleges that less than 17,808 ballots were cast for Mayor Wells including illegal and invalid ballots, because of not being properly numbered and recorded and having the name or initial of no judge of election written upon them.

Talty states that 68,321 valid ballots were cast for himself.

He alleges that in every precinct in the city not less than 25 valid ballots for him were tendered to the judges and clerks of election, but were rejected by the election officers.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Mrs. Jane Murphy Struck by Switch Engine.

Mrs. Jane Murphy, 70 years old, of No. 2011 South Second street, died at the city [illegible] yesterday afternoon, after being struck by an Iron Mountain Railroad switch engine at the foot of Barton street. She is survived by two sons.

Before she died, Mrs. Murphy talked calmly to the physicians and told them how she was injured. She seemed so cheerful that for a while it was thought her life could be saved, but the loss of blood had so weakened her that she did not survive the shock.

As Mrs. Murphy was slightly deaf she did not hear the approaching engine until it was too late to escape. The engine struck her as she stood facing in the opposite direction and threw her several feet. She fell with one leg across the track, and the engine and tender both passed over it.

"FOREIGN RELIGION A HUGE MISTAKE"

Professor Starr of Chicago University Says Even Cannibals Would Be Better Off Without Its Influence.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, April 29.—Fancy drinks, rum, shoes, stiff shirts and alarm clocks are the only benefits Anglo-Saxon interference has brought to heathen nations, according to Professor Frederick Starr, University of Chicago anthropologist, who declared himself in a lecture to students.

Professor Starr said that foreign religion is a huge mistake and that even cannibals would be better off without its influence. Coming from Rockefeller's institution and denying the giving of money to convert the heathen nations, the open expression of these sentiments has caused a sensation at the university.

"There's not a barbarous nation in the world," said Professor Starr, "that we have not tried to enlighten and convert. There is hardly to be found a people so small that we have not carried the torch of learning among them, never failing to bring back the cash. We wish to convert these barbarous peoples. Therefore our religion, which is an intolerant religion, holding that there is nothing but everlasting damnation for those who happen not to have heard of it, sends its missions to foreign shores.

"It's all a mistake. An African living in an African hut after an African fashion is far more likely to be a good man than he is after the Anglo-Saxon has introduced his civilization. His surface religion and his rum. We are the most meddlesome race that ever existed."

PADEREWSKI SOON TO LEAVE AMERICA

Pianist's Condition Serious and He Must Seek Soothing Air of Switzerland.

Boston, April 29.—Ignace Paderewski arrived here to-day from Buffalo. He had a comfortable journey, and was said by his secretary to be about the same as when he left Buffalo yesterday. By advice of his physician the pianist has decided to cancel all engagements and return to Switzerland.

He hopes to sail from New York about May 10. Doctor Francis F. Frohnzak of Buffalo, who accompanied Paderewski from Buffalo after their arrival here issued the following bulletin concerning the patient:

"Mr. Paderewski is suffering from nervous prostration and myalgia of the muscles of the neck and right shoulder region, brought on by a severe shock of some kind."

Paderewski's secretary was asked about the shock to which the doctor attributed the patient's condition, and it was explained that Wednesday evening the engine on the train to which Paderewski's private car was attached was derailed near Auburn, N. Y., and the train stopped very quickly.

The jar was such as to cause movable articles to fall to the floor, and Mr. Paderewski suffered severely from the experience.

The pianist is remaining in bed by the doctor's advice and will continue to do so for the present.

Fire Truck and Car Collide.

Fire truck No. 4 collided with a Broadway car at Hunter street yesterday morning. The truck was turning from the Broadway into the Hunter street, when the rear wheels struck the car. No [illegible] in the car were shaken up. The firemen were responding to an alarm from No. 1429 South Broadway.

COMMISSION BRINGS SUIT AGAINST EIGHTEEN ROADS

Chicago, April 29.—The Interstate Commerce Commission, through United States District Attorney Morrison, brought suit to-day against the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company and seventeen other railroads in Missouri, Minnesota and Kansas.

The suit asks for an injunction restraining the railroads from discriminating in prices charged for the shipment of live cattle and hogs, as com-

WARNER'S SECRETARY SCARES POLITICIANS

Spends a Day in St. Louis Interviewing Akins, Niedringhaus and Gallenkamp.

RUMORED FIGHT ON WESTHUS.

Friends of Louis Alt Talking About Asking for the Latter's Appointment as Internal Revenue Collector.

A "social" visit of W. B. C. Brown of Kansas City, private secretary to United States Senator William Warner, and former candidate for Congress in the Fifth District, gave a scare to more than one politician yesterday. That the private secretary should appear, instead of the Senator, who had been expected, was cause enough for speculation.

Among the few knowing ones the visit of Mr. Brown caused gossip regarding the possibility of a fight being made on Internal Revenue Collector Ben Westhus. The latter was out of town, fishing, yesterday, and if he was expecting trouble he was conveniently absent. If he was not prepared for the visit of the Senator's secretary, he would have had cause for surprise and some worry.

Friends of Louis Alt of the Twelfth Ward are said to be back of the talk that Collector Westhus could well be satisfied with the $5,000 which he has drawn from the Government during the past four years, and that he could remember this fact when permitting some other Republican to step into his shoes. Mr. Alt himself said yesterday that he knew absolutely nothing about the matter. Apparently his friends are doing the talking. They want him and other supporters of the State chairman in the late senatorial fight to have a chance at a few offices, something which is not apparent to the casual view of the politicians at this stage of the game.

Several considerations are said to be back of the movement to oust Westhus at the end of his term. One of these is the fact that because of the short change programme in the city campaign, the particular faction with which the Alt-Niedringhaus crowd happens to be identified is barred from participating in any patronage at the City Hall. The "Big Eight" in the City Committee is attending to the minor offices now in the control of the party.

No one realizes better than the factions now kept from the offices that politics cannot be run on wind.

Some of the patriots who supported Niedringhaus can see little ahead for them if the present status is maintained. It is really too much to expect such desuetude to continue.

On the theory that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, Westhus has been picked out as the most available spot for the attacking forces. He was appointed by Congressman Bartholdt after one of the notable factional fights in Washington. He had not been particularly active in politics, though one of the best known business men of the South Side. He has filled the office with Bartholdt appointees, practically all of whom live in the Tenth District.

If Louis Alt of the Twelfth Ward, who is also in the Tenth District, can get the collectorship, he can put in a few of the friends of Niedringhaus in place of some of those who are accused of being lukewarm. In fact, he can do several things, especially as there is more patronage connected with this office than with any other in the Custom-house.

Private Secretary Brown became conversant with the situation yesterday. He spent the day with Surveyor of the Port Gallenkamp, National Committeeman Akins and State Chairman Niedringhaus, who returned from Chicago early in the day. All of them denied that politics was discussed, and then smiled.

Mr. Brown left for Kansas City last night. "My visit is strictly social in its nature," he said. "Senator Warner is in Eureka Springs with Mrs. Warner, who is convalescent from a long illness. He probably will get back to Kansas City in a week or so to join the Commercial Club in a tour of Kansas and the Territories. I do not know whether he will be in St. Louis before coming home or not."

MRS. SAMUEL BROADBENT FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Says Husband Did Not Properly Support Her in Her Station of Life—Thirteen Decrees Granted.

Hermine Alma Broadbent filed suit for divorce in the Circuit Court yesterday against Samuel Broadbent, charging drunkenness and failure to properly support her in the station of life in which she moves. She also alleges that her husband paid attention to other women. She asks for the custody of her son, aged 7 years.

Other divorce suits filed yesterday were: John W. Gould against Clara Gould, alleged desertion; George C. Mueller against Ada F. Mueller, alleged neglect of household duties and desertion, and Katie M. Worley against Henry S. Worley, alleged drunkenness and failure to support and other indignities.

Circuit Judge McDonald yesterday granted divorces to Lillie Grove from Charles Grove, with custody of two children and $25 a month alimony; to Henrietta P. Gill from Charles P. Gill, with custody of child; to Emma Newnall from James Newnall, with restoration of maiden name, Propst; to Lulu Tessmer from Otto Tessmer, with restoration of maiden name, Schaefer; to Robert H. Pathlikly from Effie Pathlikly; to Lucille M. Scott from Eugene L. Scott, with restoration of maiden name, Hill; to George Harding from Rose Harding; to Belle L. Holwick from Harry H. Holwick, with custody of two children; to Maude A. Grassel from Frank N. Truxell, with restoration of maiden name, Alexander; to Pauline W. Klotz from Gustave Klotz, with restoration of maiden name, Wallson; to Sophie Klein from Frank A. Klein, with custody of child and $50 a month alimony; to Alice S. Leonard from Frank B. Leonard, and to Clara V. Selbeck from Jerome B. Selbeck, with restoration of maiden name, Harrington.

REVERTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

Receivership of St. Louis, St. Charles and Western Ended.

The St. Louis, St. Charles and Western Railway Company property will be turned over to the stockholders to-morrow, the receivership of the road having been terminated yesterday by Judge Adams in the United States Circuit Court.

Attorney Elenius Smith reported to the court that his client, the Illinois State Trust Company, had satisfactorily adjudicated its claim against the railway company, which made unnecessary the receivership.

Judge Adams ordered the receiver of the street railway company to pay all necessary expenses incurred during the receivership and a legal fee of $500 to At-

MISSOURI CLUB WOMEN PLAN BUSY CONVENTION THIS WEEK

Tenth Anniversary of Federation to Be Held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—Some Distinguished Guests to Make Talks—Legislative Measures Will Be Discussed.

MRS. PHILIP N. MOORE.
President State Federation.

MRS. SARAH PLATT DECKER.
President General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The tenth anniversary of the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in St. Louis this week. It will be a three days' session, commencing Tuesday evening and closing Friday afternoon. The meetings will be held in the large hall of the Y. M. C. A. building, and the Wednesday Club rooms in the same building, corner of Grand and Franklin avenues.

The federation is to be the guest of the Eighth District, which is composed of twenty St. Louis clubs. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the delegates will be the guests of the Eighth District at luncheon at the Colonial Cafe.

Ten years ago upon the invitation of the Wednesday Club, the largest club for women in St. Louis, the clubs throughout the State of Missouri were asked to send representatives to St. Louis for the purpose of forming a State federation. The work of the State Federation has grown to such measures that it is considered of great importance in many State matters. Thus the club women of the State had much to do with the passage of the compulsory-education bill.

Two of the Federation's favorite measures which met with defeat at the last General Assembly, the Library Commission Board bill and the pure food bill, will be considered and ways and means discussed for urging their passage at the next session.

The federation has established fifty traveling libraries of fifty volumes each, which are sent all over the State upon request of a club or school. The only thing required is that the club or school to which the library is loaned will pay the express charges and guarantee to take good care of the books. The libraries are complete and contain any subject that may be desired. The federation is willing to turn over their fifty libraries to the State as soon as measures are passed providing for such libraries to fill the demand for good books from the people of the small towns and country. Mrs. George O. Carpenter, chairman of the Library Committee, will read an interesting report of the work of this committee during the past ten years.

The work of the Federation will be a general review of the work of the past ten years. Plans will be discussed for the widening of the work.

Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker of Denver, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will be present at the meetings. While in the city she will be the guest of Mrs. Philip N. Moore, president of the State Federation. Mrs. Decker will address the organization Thursday evening.

Friday afternoon Mrs. John D. Sherman of Chicago, recording secretary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will give a parliamentary talk and drill. Mrs. Sherman holds a unique position in the Chicago Law School, being instructor in parliamentary law. She is considered one of the greatest parliamentarians of the country.

Mrs. S. S. Frackelton of Chicago will lecture on "The Potter's Wheel." Mrs. Frackelton will create a vase on the wheel as she delivers her lecture. Mrs. Frackelton makes a striking picture as she sits at her potter's wheel and tells the story of the wonderful art.

Wednesday and Friday evenings are left open to give the visiting delegates an opportunity to see Shakespearean plays by the Ben Greet players.

Wednesday afternoon the delegation under the direction of Mrs. E. W. Pattison, chairman of the Art Committee, will visit the St. Louis School and Museum of Fine Arts.

Friday afternoon, after the adjournment, upon the invitation of Mrs. William Trelease, the delegates will visit Shaw's Garden.

Professor C. M. Woodward, who assisted the Federation in the passing of the compulsory-education bill, will address the delegates and tell them how the Board of Education is going to apply the law in St. Louis.

The opening session will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Tuesday evening at 8:15 o'clock. Invocation will be by Bishop Tuttle. The address of welcome will be delivered by Governor Joseph W. Folk and will be responded to by Mrs. Henry N. Ess of Kansas City. W. M. Forsons, accompanied by Miss Carolyn A. Allen, will render several vocal selections.

There will be a general reception following the programme, which will be the one large social affair of the meetings. The Y. M. C. A. parlors and the Wednesday Clubrooms will be beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Wednesday will be principally a business session. In the morning there will be the presentation of credentials and reports of the officers, and appointment of committees, also the roll call of new clubs.

The Wednesday afternoon session will be held at Memorial Hall, Museum of Fine Arts, Ninetenth and Locust streets. There will be reports of the Club, Educational, Library and Art committees, which will be followed by a visit through the Museum and School of Fine Arts.

Thursday morning will be devoted to business and memorial services in honor of Mrs. John A. Allen, which will be conducted by Mrs. George H. Shields.

Thursday afternoon will be devoted to reports of the committees on Home Economics, Philanthropy and the district president, Mrs. Henry N. Ess.

Thursday evening there will be a musical programme. Mrs. Franklin Knight will sing and I. I. Schoen will render several violin solos. Mrs. Sarah Decker will deliver an address.

Friday morning will be a business session and in the afternoon the delegates will be addressed by Mrs. John D. Sherman on "Parliamentary and Drill."

FIFTEEN CITY HALL EMPLOYES REMOVED

Six in Street, Five in Special Tax and Four in Water Department Dismissed—Vacancies Filled at Once.

Fifteen City Hall employes lost their positions yesterday. Six were in the Street Department, five in the Special Tax Department and four in the Water Department.

Those in the Street Department released were: Permit Clerk Anton X. Rotty and Inspectors Frank McCann, John Dalton, Edward O'Reilly, John P. Maher and Lee McDermott.

Charles A. Conner was appointed permit clerk in the department and Alexander Stewart, Daniel Ryan, Edward H. Richman, Alexander Henderson, Wiley A. Young, Henry C. Myers, John J. Cochran and Frederick J. Hildebrand as inspectors.

Andrew J. Reilly, President of the Board of Public Improvements, notified the following-named employes in the Special Tax Department that their services would not be required after May 1: Frank Sheehan, Louis McNamara, Charles E. Mulick, Howard C. Brolaski and Joseph M. Riordan.

In the Water Department Charles Melville, Henry George, Joseph Kartfield and David Halelip were notified of their removal.

Their places will be filled by E. McDonough, Peter McNulty, W. Whittaker and Henry Wash.

George R. Russell, Edward Hunt and Frederick P. Herring were slated for positions as engineers in the Water Department.

Several other changes in minor positions in the Water Department were decided on.

Knocked Off Car, Feet Crushed.

Daniel French, 8 years old, of Springfield, Mo., was knocked from the side of a box car by a pier under the viaduct over the Frisco tracks at King's highway Saturday morning, and both feet severed. He was removed to the City Hospital. He is not expected to live.

TRACES HUSBAND AFTER POLICE FAIL

Wife Causes Helpmeet's Arrest on a Charge of Cutting Her Two Years Ago.

Fred Pillingham, 24 years old, of No. 5802 Theodosia avenue, was arrested yesterday at Pattonville, St. Louis County, on a charge of cutting his wife, Mrs. Emma Pillingham, of No. 3208 Theodosia avenue, more than two years ago.

According to Mrs. Pillingham, who, it is said, has since secured a divorce, her husband attacked her April 19, 1903, as she was walking along Easton avenue, near Hamilton. The cutting, she says, followed a quarrel. She turned to leave him, when he drew a knife and slashed her on the left side of the neck.

Pillingham then ran away. Although the police were notified, they failed to find him.

Mrs. Pillingham, however, kept up the search, and a few days ago discovered that he was living at Pattonville. She notified the police, and Detectives Kiely and Cordell and Patrolman James Harrison of the Mounted District went to Pattonville yesterday and placed him under arrest.

Pillingham told Chief Desmond that he did not cut his wife, and that if she was injured it must have been through an accident.

ACTORS' CHURCH ALLIANCE.

Officers Will Be Elected by Organization To-Morrow.

The principal business to be transacted by the Actors' Church Alliance, which meets to-morrow at No. 1012 Locust street, will be the election of officers and making final arrangements for the public demonstration to be given in the Olympic or Century theater.

Ben Greet, the actor, who opens an engagement in the Odeon Tuesday, is expected to be a visitor during the meeting. Mr. Greet is one of the national vice presidents of the order, and assisted in the organization of the St. Louis chapter a year ago.

MAY TRY DRAINAGE CANAL CASE SOON

Supreme Court Probably Will Take Up Missouri-Illinois Controversy Next Term.

HADLEY IS IN WASHINGTON.

Will Ask for Early Hearing—Record of the Testimony Is the Largest Ever Presented to Highest Tribunal.

Attorney General Hadley, who is in Washington, to-morrow will ask the Supreme Court to set an early date for the hearing of the case of the State of Missouri against the State of Illinois and the sanitary district of Chicago.

This is the suit which was brought by the State of Missouri about four years ago to close the Chicago Drainage Canal, on the allegation that its waters contaminate the Mississippi River. City Counselor Charles W. Bates said yesterday that the papers in the case are all ready for such preliminary action.

The case is interesting for several reasons. It is especially noteworthy because it marks an epoch in the original jurisdiction of a similar proceeding. The original action was brought by the city, but the proceeding was abandoned and the State brought suit against the State of Illinois and the Chicago Sanitary District, under the original jurisdiction clause of the Constitution in the Supreme Court of the United States, as this was the only way in which the sanitary district could be reached.

In the history of voluminous court records the testimony taken in this case since 1902, when the action was referred to F. S. Bright, as Commissioner of the court to take the testimony and return it to the court without findings of law or fact, the mass of testimony holds the record. The testimony covers 12,199 typewritten pages. In print it produces 7,905 pages of 360 words each.

The next largest court record ever presented to the court was the Myra Clark Gaines record, which covered litigation lasting more than twenty years. More than 80 articles are included in the list of exhibits offered in evidence by the respective parties to the suit. They fill a fair-sized delivery wagon.

Three hundred and thirty-eight witnesses were examined in the taking of testimony, which was heard chiefly in St. Louis and Chicago, but which also extended to New York, Philadelphia and Boston, and also in every town and village on the Illinois River. The array of witnesses included barefooted fishermen, who plied their trade in the waters down which floated the sewage of the drainage canal, eminent chemists, bacteriologists, engineers, scientists and physicians in America.

EARLY HEARING PROBABLE.

The State of Missouri has been represented by Attorney General Crow and Assistant Attorney General Jeffreys, both of whom retired on the incoming of Attorney General Hadley last January. Associated with them have been Benjamin Schnurmacher, former City Counselor of St. Louis, and Charles W. Bates, the present City Counselor, and his assistant, William P. Woerner.

The State of Illinois has been represented by former Attorney General H. J. Hamlin, who will continue his connection with the case and have as his assistants Judge Johns of Decatur and Judge Hugh Crea of Springfield. The Sanitary District has been represented by its general counsel, James Todd, with whom have been associated John Brennan and the late William Springer, who died during the taking of the testimony.

The United States Supreme Court probably will set this case for hearing some time early in the next term.

IRELAND AGAIN STIRRED BY AGRARIAN TROUBLES.

London, April 29.—It is a somewhat ominous sign that the Tory press is writing up in more or less hectic language reports of Agrarian intimidation in Ireland. The South Galway branch of the United Irish League boasts that the boycotting system has been brought to greater perfection than ever, and threatens dire penalties against tenants who shall renew their leases.

County Cork has witnessed a sensational eviction scene—a pitched battle between the entire population of Dursey Island and 200 police. Similar signs come from other parts in the South and West. The Tory press is crying out that Dublin Castle must hit hard, the Irish peasant being merely contemptuous of a weak executive.

Mr. Wyndham's successor in the Irish secretaryship will soon have his hands more than full, with an irreconcilable league on the one hand and an equally irreconcilable Ulster on the other.

WHEAT IN FINE CONDITION.

Kansas Expects Another Enormous Yield This Year.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Topeka, Kas., April 29.—Reports received by F. D. Coburn, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, from secretaries of the County Agricultural Societies indicate that the growing wheat is in unusually good condition, with prospects for continued improvement.

There are only a few reports of damage by Hessian fly and other insects. The general condition of the crop promises another enormous yield of wheat for Kansas this year.

Soil conditions for other crops are reported as practically perfect.

FAKE COLONIZATION SCHEME.

Eighty Complaints Filed at San Angelo, Alone.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., April 29.—Victims of a well-boomed Mexican colonization scheme are showing up numerously in West Texas. Upwards of eighty local complaints have been registered at San Angelo and more are coming in from the surrounding country.

The plan was to sell town lots located in Jalisco, Mexico, for $25 cash per lot, the promoters to furnish round-trip tickets to purchasers for $25. The excursion was to start on May 15, but the promoters announce that they know of no such arrangements and that it will cost $30 for a ticket to Jalisco.