

KNOX CALLED TO SAGAMORE HILL

IS RETICENT AS TO OBJECT OF CONFERENCE

ANSWERS SPECIAL SUMMONS

All Arrangements Practically Completed for Presentation to the President of New Russian Ambassador

By Associated Press.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 11.—Senator Knox of Pennsylvania is an overnight guest of the president at Sagamore Hill. He arrived from New York at 5:45 o'clock this afternoon and, entering the president's carriage, which had been sent to meet him, drove at once to the president's home. The president's second son met Senator Knox at the station and Archie and Quentin, the younger sons of the president, accompanied the senator to Sagamore Hill, together with Mrs. Richardson, who had come down from New York to continue her visit with Mrs. Roosevelt.

Senator Knox said his visit, so far as he was aware, was of no special significance. He came by invitation of the president and did not know what the president desired to consider with him.

As a former member of President Roosevelt's cabinet Senator Knox sustains close personal relations with him and their conference is certain to relate to many important governmental matters.

Arrangements practically have been completed for the presentation to the president on Thursday next of Baron Rosen, the new Russian ambassador. Ambassador Rosen will be accompanied from Washington to Oyster Bay by Assistant Secretary of State Herbert D. Pierce, instead of Acting Secretary Adee, as was proposed at first. It is expected that the exchanges between the president and the ambassador, when the latter presents his credentials, will be important and significant.

POSSE ORGANIZED TO SEARCH FOR DYNAMITER

C. L. Melvin Claims He Was Ordered by God to Strike Blow at Rum Power

By Associated Press.

IOLA, Kas., July 11.—Sheriff Richardson today organized a posse to search for C. L. Melvin, who is supposed to have wrecked the three saloons here with dynamite and who is still at large. One thousand pounds of dynamite, which Melvin is believed to have taken from the magazine of a local cement works, is still unaccounted for.

Today Mrs. Melvin received a letter from her husband in which he said that twenty-three years ago he had been told in a "vision by God himself" that he was to "strike the rum power a blow from the effects of which it would never recover."

"All the intervening years," says Melvin in the letter, "I have nurtured that purpose of command. Don't expect me home, for I am in this fight to a finish."

DECLINE TO JOIN THE STRIKING TEAMSTERS

Baggage and Parcel Delivery Drivers Refuse to Obey Council's Order

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, July 11.—In spite of the edict of the teamsters' joint council the baggage and parcel delivery drivers refused to strike today, although their employers made deliveries to the boycotted houses. The defiance of the joint council will be persisted in and no strike of the employees of the city express companies will be called.

The Chicago Cartage company, which was organized by the city express companies, made the deliveries which the joint council tried to prevent. No objection was made by the union drivers to the deliveries made by the cartage company.

VANDERBILT DEFEATED BY VILLAGE GROCER

Special to The Herald.

NEW YORK, July 11.—Wm. K. Vanderbilt was put to the fore today as a candidate for chief of the Great Neck fire department, but his company could not muster enough votes to elect their candidate and a village groceryman beat him.

Two companies comprise the department, the Alert Hook and Ladder company of Great Neck and the Vigilant Engine and Hose company of Manhasset. Vanderbilt is enrolled as a member of the latter. It was mutually agreed that one company should select a chief this year and another next. The Vigilants selected Vanderbilt, but the Alerts put up Egbert L. Clus, a groceryman, who was selected.

VISITS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT BY SPECIAL INVITATION



SENATOR KNOX OF PENNSYLVANIA

CONFIRMS SALE REDONDO ROAD

GENERAL MANAGER ADMITS TRANSFER

HUNTINGTON TAKES CHARGE

Plans for Improvement Include Widening to Make It Standard Gauge and the Addition of New Equipment

Verification of The Herald's report of the purchase of the Los Angeles & Redondo railway by H. E. Huntington published a week ago, was given yesterday afternoon by its president and general manager, L. T. Garney.

Mr. Garney's confirmation came yesterday afternoon, following his arrival in Los Angeles from a business trip to San Francisco.

"Yes, I am now able to state that Mr. Huntington is the owner of the Los Angeles & Redondo railway," he said. "Mr. Huntington's holdings now consist of all the railroad properties and all of the Redondo townsite which until a few weeks ago were owned by Almsworth & Thompson of San Francisco. The hotel was sold to other parties some time ago."

On good authority it is said that the purchases of Mr. Huntington which have been made public during the past week have been made entirely upon his own responsibility, but that if the absorption of the Redondo street railway by the Huntington company has not already taken place it will be accomplished within the next few days.

Will Improve System
Mr. Garney stated last night that under the new ownership it had been determined to make the railroad property the equal of any of the Huntington system. Orders have already been given for the construction of ten passenger coaches similar to those used on the Huntington interurban lines and other orders will follow in the near future.

At the present time the railway consists of eighteen miles of single track. As soon as it is possible to get the materials on the ground a double track of standard width will be laid the entire distance, and with the permanency that characterizes all of Mr. Huntington's roads. In Redondo, also, the railway will be extended to take in most of the principal streets of the original townsite.

"With the increased facilities for traffic," said Mr. Garney last night, "the motive power will have to be largely increased. This will mean the erection of one large or two smaller power plants at some place along the road. In this respect, arrangements have not yet been concluded, but there is no certainty and that is that in the near future the Redondo railway will in no way be inferior to any in the United States."

In the change of ownership the positions of the chief officials remain as formerly.

FIVE HUNDRED CHINESE DROWNED NEAR CANTON

By Associated Press.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 11.—News was received by the Empress of China of the drowning of over 500 Chinese as a result of the collapse of an overcrowded mat shed on the banks of the West river near Canton.

TELLS HARROWING TALE OF THIRST

LEAKING CANTEN LEADS TO AWFUL SUFFERING

MINER HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Reaches Water When in Almost Dying Condition, and He Succeeds in Saving Lives of Five Other Prospectors

Special to The Herald.
SAN BERNARDINO, July 11.—A miner, James McRea, who is well known throughout the desert country, was in town this week and tells of a harrowing experience he had recently in the Telescope mountains, west of Death valley. He was traveling with a pack horse, when the animal sickened and died. He had a keg of water, but no way to carry it, so he filled his canteen and started on foot for the nearest springs, about twenty miles distant. After going several miles, he discovered that his canteen was leaking.

Knowing the ways of the desert, though already half crazed from thirst, he crawled into the shade of a mesquite bush and lay there until the night, when the air had cooled. He then started for the springs, which he reached early in the morning, nearly beside himself with thirst.

McRea took a drink and felt so good that he let out a loud yell. He took another drink and let out another yell. Then he noticed that his shouts were being answered down the canyon, and he started to see if there were other sufferers. Suddenly he came upon a half naked man nearly insane from thirst, his tongue hanging out and being badly swollen. He gave the man some water from his canteen, and the one he had assisted then led him to a spot where four others were lying in the hot sand in an even worse condition.

The men were for some hours unable to say who they were or how long they had been there, but finally told McRea that they had been there about twenty hours without water. They had gone in search of water, but passed water hole after water hole, which had dried up, and finally lay down from exhaustion, only a few hundred yards from a flowing spring. The party was composed of Nevada mining men.

MRS. CHARLES OELRICHS' JEWELS ARE STOLEN

Discriminating Thief Leaves Paste Duplicates Which Were With Them

NEWPORT, R. I., July 11.—When Mrs. Charles Oelrichs returned to her cottage here tonight, after an absence of two hours, she discovered that jewelry valued at \$10,000 had been taken from her dressing case. The Newport police were notified of the robbery. Among the jewels lost are a diamond tiara and several pearl and diamond ornaments. It is said that entrance was gained to the cottage through a window on the south part of the house. During the period of Mrs. Oelrichs' absence three servants were the only known occupants of the house. The jewels, with their paste duplicates, lay on a dressing case in Mrs. Oelrichs' chamber. The imitation jewels were not taken.

DEPEW'S COURSE OUTRAGES YALE

CONNECTION WITH EQUITABLE LOUDLY CONDEMNED

DISCREDIT IS FELT KEENLY

Fellow Members of the Corporation of University Trustees Clamor for Resignation of Their Old Colleague

Special to The Herald.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 11.—The disclosures made regarding the connection of Chauncey M. Depew with the Equitable Life Insurance company have deeply shocked Yale men, Depew being a member of that sedate body, the Yale corporation of university trustees. The corporation last month swallowed a million of Rockefeller's "tainted money," but the revelations regarding Depew stick in their throats. A stout clamor went up today for Depew's resignation from the corporation. It is practically certain that if he does not resign, he will fall at re-election next year.

The prevailing Yale sentiment in the matter is voiced in the following editorial in the New Haven Evening Register: "Every Yale man feels the discredit of Depew's behavior, for repeatedly have they elected him to the corporation and cheered him when misunderstanding him. His alma mater gave him the degree of doctor of laws. When his term expires next year, unless he voluntarily retires, it will be necessary to remove him from the board of control. He should begin now to plan for an escape from that humiliation."

State aid in behalf of children debated

National Children's Home Society is Told Conditions in California Are Deplorable

By Associated Press.
ST. PAUL, Minn., July 11.—The interesting statement that there are "no really bad boys," but that "some boys are misunderstood," was made by Dr. Ames Barlow of the National Children's Home society.

State aid for the work of the society caused considerable discussion. General Superintendent Sherrard of California said: "The conditions are deplorable; they are bartering children's souls for state revenue; the state society devotes more time to state finances than to child saving. Conditions are improving, however, and at the next session of the California legislature the national society will seek legislative rectification of the existing errors."

Reports from other states show that the work is making favorable progress.

DROWNED BY FALLING INTO IRRIGATION DITCH

Five-Year-Old Boy Perishes at South Colton Within Two Hundred Yards of Home

Special to The Herald.
SAN BERNARDINO, July 11.—Five-year-old Robert Young was drowned this evening while playing with two little cousins along an irrigating ditch about 200 yards from the home of his father, Peter Young, in South Colton.

One of the children came running to the house and told Robert's mother he had fallen into the ditch. The matter was at first considered as a joke, but seeing the little fellow was in earnest they went to the ditch and found the body 250 feet from where the boy had fallen in, it having been washed down stream by the current. Life was extinct.

The father and a neighbor removed the body from the water and used every means to restore life, but without avail. The children present at the time are small and are not able to tell how the accident occurred.

CAPTAIN GOES DOWN WITH SHIP IN NICoya GULF

By Associated Press.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, July 11.—The German bark Aphrodite, 776 tons, was wrecked yesterday in the Nicoya gulf. Captain Hausten went down with the vessel, but the members of the crew were saved, and are being cared for by the authorities. The cargo was lost.

AVALON DIVER BRINGS UP LOST DIAMOND RING

Special to The Herald.

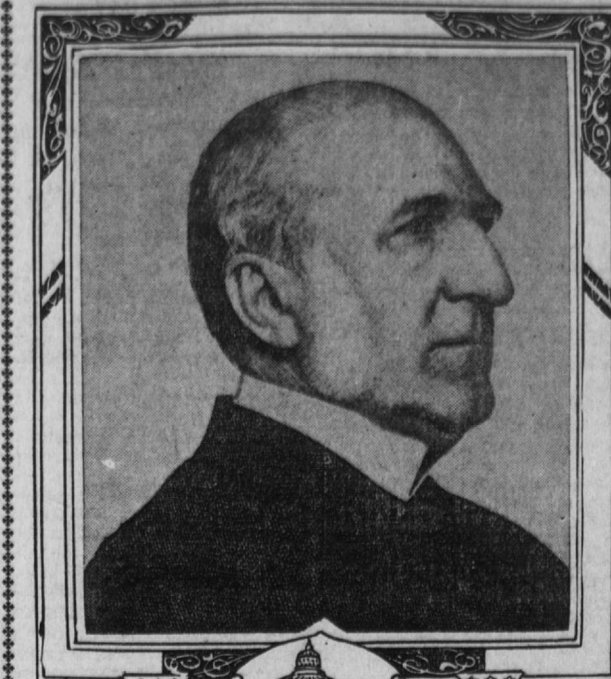
AVALON, July 11.—Diving for coins on the arrival and departure of steamers was superseded yesterday by the search for a diamond ring which had been lost in thirty feet of water by E. J. Nutting of the Catalina band. Mr. Nutting lost the treasure while bathing and was overjoyed at its recovery. Joseph Pike Moore, who recovered it, received \$5 for his trouble.

LANDLADY INSISTS ON GETTING BLOOD MONEY

By Associated Press.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 11.—J. W. Holgarth, a rancher, committed suicide today in the lodging house of Mrs. E. Newcomb. Among the dead man's effects was forty-five cents, and this the landlady has seized in payment for the gas consumed by the suicide in ending his life.

URGED TO RESIGN FROM CORPORATION OF YALE TRUSTEES



SENATOR CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW

HUNTINGTON PLANS LINE OF STEAMSHIPS TO ORIENT

GOES EAST TO CONFER WITH MAGNATES

Vessels Will Ply Between San Pedro and Japanese Ports if Plans of High Railway Officials Are Worked Out Successfully

Called to New York for a conference with E. H. Harriman and Senator W. A. Clark concerning a line of steamships to ply between San Pedro harbor and the Orient, H. E. Huntington will leave Los Angeles for the east this evening unless the business incident to his Redondo purchase keeps him here another day.

As first vice president of the Southern Pacific and the owner of the electric roads entering San Pedro from Los Angeles, Mr. Huntington's presence at the meeting which is to take place on his arrival in New York will have much to do with the quick consummation of the plan.

It is said that the name of the steamship company which will be given the contract will be made public following Mr. Harriman's trip to Japan. This is to be within the next two months.

Rumors and reports of the establishment of such a line of steamships, coming from a semi-official source, have been in circulation for the past two months, but Mr. Huntington's return to New York with the line as the question of importance is taken to mean that it will be established at an earlier date than even the three financiers first anticipated.

Tell of Proposed Line
Senator Thomas Kerns, one of the large stockholders of the Salt Lake

road, gave the first intimation of the plan in an interview early in May and three weeks later in a public address, stating that its consummation would come even sooner than many realized.

At the present time an unusual activity is apparent in the large amount of work which the Southern Pacific has been rushing to a hasty completion along the water front at San Pedro. Mr. Huntington, within the past ten days, has seen completed the new San Pedro branch of the Pacific Electric railway. It was apparent to railroad men almost from the start that the road was being built with a stability and a thoroughness that has as one of its purposes the transfer of heavy freight.

One of the chief reasons which is said to be responsible for the bringing of a portion of the trade of the Orient to the Southern California coast is that Mr. Harriman is anxious to recoup the loss of freight allotted from the Pacific Mail steamships to the Santa Fe at San Francisco.

A second reason is that the Salt Lake road (50 per cent of the stock of which is in the hands of Harriman and his associates), should the dispute with the initial lines be settled, will play a large part in the carrying of freight on this part of the coast.

By Associated Press.
CARDIFF, July 11.—An explosion of fire-damp in No. 2 pit of the United National Colliery company at Wattstown in the Rhondda valley, the center of the great Welsh coal fields, this morning is believed to have resulted in the loss of at least 120 lives. The explosion was followed by belching of clouds of smoke and dust from the pit shaft in which 150 men were working.

The force of the explosion wrecked the machinery at the mouth of the pit. All communication with the doomed men in this direction is completely cut off.

No. 1 shaft, adjoining, has ordinarily afforded communication with No. 2. The eight hundred men in No. 1 and the few who escaped from No. 2 were drawn up.

A rescue party descended, but its work was seriously impeded by the foul air and the falling masses of earth dislodged by the explosion. Heroic efforts have been made for hours to reach the entombed men but late tonight the absence of all sound from the interior told the tale of the worst disaster that has taken place in South Wales since 1884.

The news of the explosion spread rapidly and hundreds of women and children and thousands of men thronged the head of the pit seeking information. The mountain roadways were crowded all the afternoon and there are now streams of people in the neighborhood of the mine all contributing to the pitiful scenes.

Efforts at rescue were still in progress at midnight and currents of the shaft, but the rescuers are now working without hope of reducing the list of fatalities.

EXTORTED MONEY FROM THE '400'

NEW YORK MAN CHARGED WITH BLACKMAIL

"TOWN TOPICS" IS ACCUSED

C. H. Ahle, Who is Sent to Jail, Declares the Paper Makes Most of Its Income This Way

Special to The Herald.

NEW YORK, July 11.—The names of the most prominent society people in the United States have been brought into what appears to be a gigantic blackmailing scheme involving the well known society weekly "Town Topics." Just to what extent the members of the four hundred were victimized has not been entirely ascertained by the district attorney's office. One arrest was made today in the case. The prisoner is Charles H. Ahle, having the appearance of a fashionable clubman. Little is known of him by the police. He was taken into custody on the charge of attempting to extort \$500 from Edwin M. Post, a member of the stock exchange, and formerly of Thomas and Post, stock brokers. Ahle was arrested by a detective in a room in the stock exchange just after the market had closed. A moment before, after a short talk, Post had handed Ahle \$500 in marked money.

In the complaint which Post made he charges that Ahle had come to him and asked him to subscribe \$500 for an edition de luxe of the book called "The Smart Set," which the Society Editors' association was getting out, but he had practically demanded the money for the suppression of an article which Ahle said "Town Topics" was going to print about Post.

Signatures by Prominent Persons

After the arrest Ahle protested that he was not guilty of any wrongdoing and exhibited as a guarantee that he was a genuine solicitor a dozen or more subscription blanks, showing well-known persons, men and women, had subscribed for the book which he wanted to sell to Post. Here are some of the persons whose names he had on the blanks:

Reginald Vanderbilt, W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., J. J. Astor, H. McKay Twombly, A. G. Vanderbilt, A. W. Van Rensselaer of Philadelphia, Lloyd Phoenix, C. A. Postley, Eugene Higgins, Mrs. Alexander T. Van Nest, W. P. Thompson, Henry Barton Jacobs of Baltimore, Mrs. George Westinghouse.

(Continued on Page Two.)

THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST

Southern California: Fair on Wednesday, with fog in the morning; light west wind. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 76 degrees; minimum, 63 degrees.

PART I.

- 1.—Knox visits president.
- 2.—Russian chief of police shot.
- 3.—Fights to recover child.
- 4.—Editorial.
- 5.—City news.
- 6.—Classified advertisements.
- 7.—Sports.
- 8.—Club women at Venice.

PART II.

- 1.—To break another record.
- 2.—Southern California news.
- 3.—Raise money for playground.
- 4, 5, 6.—Public advertising.
- 7.—Markets.

EASTERN

Chauncey M. Depew may be called on to resign from Yale corporation owing to Equitable stock tracks threatened by blackmailing "400," accuses editor of Town Topics.

Sensor Knox summoned by president to conference at Sagamore Hill.

FOREIGN

Moscow chief of police shot down by assassin.

Japanese loan eagerly applied for both here and in England.

One hundred and twenty men killed in Welsh mining accident.

COAST

Miner arrives at San Bernardino with harrowing tale of thirst on desert.

Southern Pacific tracks threatened by waters of Salton sea.

Prominent citizens arrested in Salem, Oregon, charged with land frauds.

LOCAL

Fight between Initial lines and Clark road hinges on division of freight rates.

Club women begin three days' session at Venice.

H. E. Huntington going east, presumably to confer with Harriman and Clark regarding Oriental steamship line.

Santa Fe officials pleased with record of Scott special train.

Children give entertainment for benefit of playground fund.

Three women assert they are married to C. E. DeSautelle, a prisoner on the charge of forgery.

Board of equalization organized and great volume of business transacted.

Mayor McAleer again asks Council to aid him in untangling library quarrel.

Council passes Spring street lighting ordinance over mayor's veto.

Municipal ownership committee to recommend that street be employed to make plans and furnish estimates for plant.

President of Redondo Railway condemns Herald's account of its sale to H. E. Huntington.

Mother and father fight for custody of baby, engage in encounter on South Hill street.

Defense proves strong in second day of Barbs Hook trial.

Mrs. Hart found after nine months' search and arrested by Deputy Franklin on charge of perjury.

Coachman for President Roosevelt during his 200 visit to Los Angeles is missing.