COMMISSION WILL HEAR COAST KICK

Interstate Board Sets Aside Day for the Transcontinental Traffic Hearing

FIGHT TO EQUALIZE RATES

Shippers Will Make Supreme Efforts to Secure Lower Pacific Rate

[Associated Press]

WASHINGTON, April 24.—A notable conference will be held by the members of the interstate commerce commission Thursday and Friday. Those days have been set apart by the commission for the consideration of the Pacific coast cases heard by the commission on its long trip last fall.

The cases involve not merely freight conditions local to the Pacific coast, but questions of rates affecting the transcontinental traffic in its entirety. The cases include the rehearing of the Spokane rate matter, the Portland and Seattle back-haul cases, the San Francisco cases involving the rate into intermountain territory and the Reno rate case.

ASK SAME RATE

The last is the most important now before the commission. Reno shippers have urged the commission to give them the same rate on class and commodity traffic from the Atlantic seaboard as now is given to Pacific coast terminals.

It was developed in the hearing of the case that the rate from Atlantic ports to Sacramento and the Pacific coast terminals was $3 on first class freight, and proportionally less on other classes and commodities.

The rate to Reno from the Atlantic points is the sum of the Pacific coast rate plus the local rate from Sacramento to Reno. The distance from Sacramento to Reno is under 130 miles, and the back-haul rate is $1.29 on first class freight. This makes the rate from the Atlantic seaboard to Reno $4.29, although the freight is unloaded at Reno on the westbound haul.

COMPETITIVE POINT

The defense of the railroads is that Sacramento is a water competitive point, a boat line being operated between San Francisco and Sacramento. They hold, therefore, that although Sacramento is a longer haul, they are obliged to make a lower rate on account of water competition.

It is understood the commission is divided on the question of the proper adjustment of these rates. It appears likely it will be determined to reduce the rates to both Sacramento and Reno, the reduction to Reno proportionately greater than to Sacramento.

This case in concrete form involves the question of the long and short haul, which is being considered at present by congress in the administration railroad bill.

WASHINGTON AWAITS MEXICAN APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The state department is waiting with much interest the appointment of a Mexican minister for foreign affairs to succeed the late Minister Ignacio Mariscal.

The submission by this government of a plan for the settlement of the celebrated Chamizal zone case, which involves the question of whether a portion of the city of El Paso belongs to Mexico, was under consideration by Minister Mariscal at the time of his death.

Officials here are not willing to discuss the suggestions made to Mexico for the settlement of this case, but inasmuch as the United States is the leading exponent among the nations of arbitration for the settlement of international differences, it is not unlikely the proposition made to Mexico may involve the references of this case to some statesman of a neutral power for definite settlement.

In any event, it is not believed the United States would consent, as the possible result of a decision of arbitration, to convey to Mexico the land in dispute.

HEINZE IS READY FOR BANKING LAW TRIAL

NEW YORK, April 24.—F. Augustus Heinze will be placed on trial tomorrow in the criminal branch of the federal circuit court. He is charged with violations of the national banking laws; specifically, with over-certification of the checks of Otto Heinze & Co., and misappropriation of the funds of the Mercantile National bank, of which he was formerly the head.

Counsel for Charles W. Morse in the fight for a new trial made capital of the fact that Morse's jury was guarded by special agents from Washington. To avoid criticism, this procedure, it is said, will not be followed in the Heinze case.

Two weeks probably will be taken up by the trial.

IDENTIFY DONOR OF $300,000 HUB BRIDGE

BOSTON, April 24.—The mystery surrounding the identity of the Harvard alumnus who had offered $300,000 to build a new bridge over the Charles river as an approach to the stadium from Cambridge, was cleared today when it was learned that Larz Anderson, '88, of Brookline, was the man.

The proposed bridge would replace the present structure, which has been found inadequate to accommodate the crowds which flock annually to the stadium for football and other games.

AUTO KILLS RANCHER

SACRAMENTO, April 24.—Thomas Elliott, aged 21, and the son of a prominent rancher of Franklin, was killed early this morning, and Newton Ehrhardt was seriously injured when their automobile crashed through a bridge railing, throwing the two men out. Elliott's neck was broken. The two men were returning home and the accident occurred on the lower Stockton road about five miles from here.

CHINESE LOTTERY FIRM IS RAIDED ON OPENING

Sergeant Sebastian Leads Officers Against First Drawing

Detected in the act of a lottery drawing, five Chinese were arrested in a raid on the rooms of the Qwong Hing Lung company, 305 Marchessault street, last night. A chance remark overheard by Patrolman Hartnagle that the "next drawing would be at 9 o'clock" resulted in the raid led by Sergeant Sebastian and a squad of Chinatown patrolmen.

The Chinese were taken by surprise, and were under arrest and a complete lottery outfit and the books of the company were in the hands of the raiding officers before the prisoners realized what was going on.

The lottery company, according to the police, was recently organized, and the first drawing was held yesterday afternoon. At police headquarters the Chinese gave the names of Ah Sing, Tom Dock, Qwong Gunn, Sam Wah and Ah Lee.

Shortly after they were booked a number of fellow countrymen appeared with pockets full of gold and the prisoners were released under bail of $50 each.

HIGHWAY CHIEF FURNISHES DATA

Engineer Loder Supplies Figures to Uphold the Commission Against Advisory Board

Members of the highway commission, in an open letter to the public, last night, stated their position, and through Chief Engineer Loder brought figures to bear on their side of the argument. The report, which follows a communication to the board of supervisors from the advisory commission, urging the removal of the highway commission, is as follows:

In view of the fact that at the present time an erroneous impression of the work on the good roads is being derived from the figures in the report of the advisory committee, a statement of the condition and status of the good roads contracts and estimates is due the public.

The contract price or prices which work is costing by force account, together with the total cost of materials to be supplied by the company, is within the original estimate made at the time of the bond issue on ten roads, which have been contracted, or are being constructed with complete grading, bridges and paving. These ten roads on which complete work is being executed aggregate 53.9 miles in length.

These figures on macadam work are derived from a draft of a report to be submitted to the highway commission within the next few days. These ten roads are: The El Monte road, Wilshire boulevard, Long Beach boulevard, portion of Washington street, contract known as Vermont avenue and Sunset boulevard, Prospect avenue, contract covering Slauson, Compton and Florence avenues; Los Feliz road, Bassett and Pomona road, and Whittier road, aggregating 53.9 miles.

The estimate previous to the bond election on these particular pieces of work was $680,965, while the actual cost of complete construction, including contract, force account, all materials to be furnished, is $670,944, showing a net saving of $10,021.

It must be borne in mind that on a large proportion of this work the county is furnishing broken stone from Riverside, in order to supplement the stone to be produced within the county this working season. Consequently the cost is proportionately higher than will be the case on other roads on which the county is to furnish stone from its own quarries at a much lower price per ton, with considerably less freight rate. By the present arrangement for furnishing the major portion of stone for the entire system of roads from the county quarries, a margin of $115,500 will be realized inside of the bond estimate for that particular rock at the quarries. Furthermore, such rock will be placed on the roads with less average distance of railroad haul and freight rate than estimated in the original plans.

The above deductions do not include the large number of contracts which have been let on work not requiring macadam, such as heavy grading jobs like Newhall pass, Cahuenga pass, Eagle Rock road, Harbor boulevard, construction of Newhall tunnel and a number of permanent bridges which have been constructed to date, on which a much greater percentage of saving has been realized than macadam work above.

While the entire 307 miles were estimated to cost $3,500,000, it is not correct to say that the cost of each mile will be $11,400.65. That is the average cost per mile. Some of the construction will cost far below this figure. The first estimates show that the cost per mile of the roads varies largely in each section. These estimates are now on file in the office and are open to the inspection of the public.

The taxpayers of Los Angeles county will see in the completed roads every dollar of the bond issue advantageously expended. Figures regarding the exact status of the work will be forthcoming, but from the present outlook there is absolutely no evidence that the entire system of roads will not be completed.

A. E. LODER,
Chief Engineer Los Angeles County Highway Commission.

SHOOTS SELF TO DEATH

SEATTLE, April 24.—John Benson, aged 45, shot himself through the head while in bed at his home in Ballard today, because he believed the closing of the shingle mills presaged a long siege of hard times. It is said he cannot recover. All the shingle mills of western Washington were closed by the manufacturers last week in order to prevent the brokers from reducing prices and 3500 men were thrown out of work.

ORDERS OPERA FOR TEDDY

BERLIN, April 24.—The emperor has ordered that Arthur Nevins' Indian opera, "Poia," be given at the Royal opera house in honor of Theodore Roosevelt during his visit to the castle. Crown Prince Frederick William and the crown princess and Prince and Princess August Wilhelm witnessed tonight's performance of "Poia," which was more warmly received than last night.

GERMANY BEGINS BIG NAVAL PLANS

Huge Battleship Fleet Is Stationed Permanently in the North Sea

CALLED STRATEGIC MOVE

Garrison at Wilhelmshaven to Be Increased by Over 8000 Men

BERLIN, April 24.—A step of the greatest importance in the naval development of Germany was taken a few days ago, when, for the first time, a fully commissioned battleship fleet was permanently stationed in the North sea. Hitherto, although the commissioned fleet under the Double Eagle has nominally been divided between the Ostsee, or the Baltic, and the Nordsee, or North sea, Kiel has, to all intents and purposes, been the headquarters of both the squadrons into which the High Sea fleet (which the German admiralty prefers to call the Aktive Schlachtflotte, or active battle fleet) is divided.

Now this state of things has been altered. Vice Admiral Pohl, commander, under Admiral von Holtzendorff of the first squadron, has taken his ships to Wilhelmshaven, upon which port they will henceforth be permanently based. The British will not have forgotten the eclat which was raised when, in 1907, the British fleet was for the first time in recent years based on the Nore. This move on Germany's part is no less important than that, and is part of a great scheme of national naval preparation more far-reaching than anything yet attempted by Great Britain on the shores of the North sea.

Wilhelmshaven today is in the proud position of being the most fully equipped dockyard for Dreadnoughts in the world. Nearly ten thousand men are employed, and there are three docks that can take Dreadnoughts and three suitable for other ships, in addition to three floating docks for torpedo craft. In the whole of the British naval dockyards there are only four docks that can accommodate Dreadnoughts.

TO INCREASE GARRISON

It is significant to note that simultaneously with the transference of the first battle squadron the garrison of Wilhelmshaven is to be increased by no fewer than eight thousand men. It is not at Wilhelmshaven alone, however, that German activity in the North sea is being manifested. One of the most striking instances is Borkum, the island that is situated at the mouth of the River Ems, and the most westerly point of the German territory. The fortifications of this island, hitherto only moderate, are being greatly increased, and their ultimate strength will include between forty and fifty heavy and medium quick firing guns.

The reason for the increase is that it has become known in Germany that the plans of the British admiralty, in the event of a war with Germany, included the seizure of this island, to serve as a base for torpedo operations against the German coast. How Germany became possessed of such information it is impossible to say, but the fact remains that it did, and that Germany is consequently taking steps to prevent the achievement of such an object. Quite recently the garrison of the island has been increased by three battalions of artillery, while accommodation for 400 reserves has been erected at Emden.

Much of the same reasons probably account for Germany's great expenditure on the island of Heligoland. Over $15,000,000 is being spent upon the development of this mass of clay—one-half for fortifications and the other half for the construction of a torpedo harbor.

CONSTRUCTION YARD

Brunsbuttel is another point on which much energy is being concentrated. A great repairing yard is in course of construction here, and there is every likelihood of the work, which includes two Dreadnought docks, being completed by 1914, or two years before the one dock of the British at Rosyth. The Kiel canal, again, is being so enlarged that Dreadnoughts will be able to traverse it, and as this work is costing $50,000,000, or $10,000,000 more than the original cost of the canal, it will be seen that Germany is prepared to sacrifice much to secure something that may be of use to her when the time comes.

Vice Admiral Pohl's squadron will not yet, of course, stand comparison with the British home fleet. It consists of eight battleships, two armored cruisers and three scout cruisers. Of the battleships, only two, the Nassau and Westfalen, are of the Dreadnought type, but they carry twelve 11-inch and twelve 5.9-inch guns, which is a superior armament to anything yet put into a British Dreadnought.

It must be understood that the transference of this squadron to Wilhelmshaven does not mean that it comprises the whole naval force which Germany has at her disposal in the North sea. The second squadron, though continuing to be based on Kiel, will spend even more time than previously in the North sea. It comprises the same numerical strength as Vice Admiral Pohl's command. Each new Dreadnought as it is completed will be drafted into the first squadron, relieving vessels of older types, and it is the intention of the German admiralty so to arrange things that early in 1911 it shall be composed exclusively of ships of the super-Dreadnought type.

LIVES 93 MINUTES AFTER HEART CEASES TO BEAT

Man Struck by Train Continues to Breathe

GALVESTON, Tex., April 24.—That a man can live one hour and thirty minutes after his heart ceases to beat is the statement of three reputable physicians at Shepard, San Jaciate county, when Thomas P. Lewis, aged 38, was struck by a locomotive. It was thought that he had been instantly killed.

Dr. W. H. Beasley found Lewis still breathing, but pulseless. Hypodermic injectioins of strychnine produced no effect. Drs. Wilbourne and Sampson were summoned. Each made a critical examination and declared positively that the heart was still, even while the man breathed.

Electricity and other heroic measures were resorted to, and after each a careful examination was made, and the man breathed for just ninety-three minutes after his heart ceased to beat.

BRITISH PRESS PRAISES ROOSEVELT'S SPEECHES

Says He Hits Mark Though Not Subtle Thinker

LONDON, April 25.—Theodore Roosevelt's Sorbonne address is printed in extenso in the British newspapers and is the subject of editorial comment.

All make reference to the triteness of the ex-president's themes, which the Standard considers better suited for a platform audience than for the flower of Parisian intellectuals. At the same time, all concede the sound and healthy gospel is doubly welcome, as the Daily Graphic remarks, "because the world is waking to the consciousness of intellectual and moral hunger which only these truths can satisfy."

In the same strain, the Chronicle discusses the source of Roosevelt's unquestioned power and influence, and says:

"He is not a subtle tinker, but knows the majority of mankind like to hear the eternal verities thrust at them through a megaphone. He knows also his preachings, if universally practiced, would mean a regenerated world, and a large part of the effect they produce comes from the knowledge that Roosevelt does practice what he preaches and that the qualities he recommends he has himself displayed before all men's eyes with astounding results."

TAGGART STRONG FOR PRIMARY INDORSEMENT

He Wants to Be Senator and Is Fighting Against Convention Plans of Rival

INDIANAPOLIS, April 24.—Open controversy over whether the Indiana Democratic convention, to be held in this city this week, shall indorse a candidate for the United States senate broke out today in the lobby of the Denison hotel, where the party leaders had assembled in great numbers.

John E. Lamb of Terre Haute, vice chairman of the Democratic national committee, a candidate for the nomination for senator and advocate of the plan that the state convention indorse a candidate, accosted Stokes Jackson, state chairman, and charged that the committee on arrangements represented by the state chairman is planning to block the plan through parliamentary tactics.

The leader of the opposition to indorsement is Thomas Taggart, former Democratic national chairman. He is a candidate for the senatorial nomination. Taggart tonight issued a statement in which he proposes that if the Democrats carry the legislature this year a primary election for the selection of a candidate for the senate be called immediately after the general election in November.

TURKISH DEFICIT IS MORE THAN ESTIMATE

Finance Minister Explains to Deputies That It Will Exceed Thirty Millions

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 24.—Explaining the budget in the chamber of deputies today, the finance minister, Djavid Bey, announced that the deficit would be £6,800,000 Turkish (a Turkish pound is equal to $4.40), instead of £4,500,000, as stated. Serious fighting has been renewed in Albania, in the Demoicza district, where incessant artillery fire is heard. The Albanians have cut nearly all the telegraph lines.

MOTHER AND 5 TOTS ARE BURNED TO DEATH

PONCA, Neb., April 24.—Mrs. Jerry Miner and five children were burned to death this morning when their cottage, three miles north of here, caught fire. Mr. Miner saved his two-year-old baby by throwing it out of the window. The father made a desperate effort to rescue the other members of the family. He was terribly burned and is not expected to live. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Miner, who operates a ferry on the Missouri river, saw the fire and hastened to the rescue. Within five minutes the house was in ruins.

COUPLE TAKE WEDDING JOURNEY IN BALLOON

Honeymoon is Spent Above the Clouds in Swaying Basket Decked with Flowers

PARIS, April 24.—A young aeronaut of Roubaix, who has just been married, successfully made his wedding trip with his bride in a balloon. He had returned only recently from Morocco, where he had served in the ballooning corps. After the ceremony in the church the whole bridal party went to the velodrome of Roubaix, where the balloon Neptune was inflated in their presence. The bride and bridegroom stepped into the basket, which was festooned with flowers, and the order to let go was given. The balloon was carried by the wind in the direction of Arras, where the couple were to land, and to be met by friends in an automobile. They landed safely at a village some nine miles from Arras, and the peasants in the neighborhood who helped in the landing carried away the flowers from the basket, which they intended to keep for good luck.

FLIES 140 MILES IN AIRSHIP

PARIS, April 24.—A dispatch from Dijon says Baron de Caters, the aviator, in a Farman biplane, today beat all cross country records, flying with a passenger with Mourmeion to nearly ten miles beyond Dijon, a total distance of nearly 140 miles. No confirmation of this has been received from any source and aviators are inclined to doubt the truth of the report.

FEARS MOB, FIRES GUN INTO CROWD

Man Thought Shot by Constable Who Holds Many at Bay

TROUBLE STARTS ON A CAR

Shooter Enrages Passengers by Pointing Out Evaders of Fares on Trolley

Fearing that he was about to be mobbed by a number of men returning from a picnic of the Garibaldi society at Schuetzen park, Martin Miklaushitz, a deputy constable, fired a shot at his pursuers at the corner of First and Main streets last night. Although witnesses stated at police headquarters that one of the party staggered and was hurried away, detectives detailed on the case were unable to locate the supposed injured person.

The witnesses agreed that one of the men was shot in the arm, and Miklaushitz admitted firing the shot, when but a few feet away from his pursuers.

According to the story told by Miklaushitz, the trouble started in the dance hall at Schuetzen park when he ejected one of the dancers for unbecoming conduct.

When the crowd boarded a car for Los Angeles there was a dispute with the conductor, who alleged several of the crowd were evading paying carfare. Miklaushitz is said to have pointed out to the conductor those who refused to pay their fares and an argument started which did not end when First and Main street was reached.

As the deputy constable left the car he was followed and turning to those in the rear said, "I will shoot the first one who approaches me." The crowd jeered him and defied him to use his revolver.

Without any warning he drew his gun and fired.

A large crowd was attracted by the shot and loud words, and a crowd of 500 followed the deputy constable to police headquarters.

As no one was able to give a clear version of the affair, all participants having evidently been drinking, Miklaushitz was not locked up. When released the deputy constable, who has figured in police courts on several occasions, expressed regret that he had not killed someone. "That's what I carry a revolver for," boasted Miklaushitz, "and the only way to frighten those persons is to kill a few of them. My intentions were good, but my aim poor."

Miklaushitz is blind in one eye and has a wooden hand, which is given as the reason for his poor aim.

4 SAVED BY WIRES AS BALLOON PLUNGES

SACRAMENTO, April 24.—Five passengers in a captive balloon narrowly escaped being dashed to death just at dusk, when the big bag ripped and the balloon rapidly descended to the ground. Grace Flower, aged 13, and Norma Riddle, 15, of Oak Park, an unknown man and woman and the operator, Earl Wayne, were the occupants.

The balloon was demolished, but the passengers were saved from death by the gas bag touching overhead wires, breaking the fall.

EARTHLY MONARCHS WATCH FLIGHTS OF KINGS OF AIR

NICE, April 24.—There was a fine display today of aeroplane flights over the sea, in presence of the kings of Denmark and Sweden. Five machines went through a series of evolutions, and Hubert Latham twice accomplished a flight to Antibes, fifteen miles southwest of Nice, and return. He started on a third trip, but dropped into the sea, and was fished out unhurt by a torpedo boat.

CHINESE TRADING BOAT IS REPORTED WRECKED

AMOY, April 24.—The British Kwei Yiang, belonging to the China Navigation Company of Trade, is reported wrecked on Ocksu island, between Amoy and Foo Chow.

The steamer Kwei Yiang is 1798 tons register. She was built in Glasgow in 1890 and was engaged in trading in the China sea.

OAKLAND FIRE DOES DAMAGE OF $125,000

OAKLAND, April 24.—An early morning fire that caused a loss of $125,000 destroyed the big warehouse of the Hall Warehouse company and nine cottages on the same block.

JAPANESE OFF FOR EAST

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—After two days spent in this city the delegation of fifty-seven business men and financiers of Japan who are touring the world on an educational trip left tonight for the east. They are traveling in a special train that will take them to New York by way of Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

A STATE OF THINGS

Naturally, as time went on, and more and more men had their noses to the grindstone, the price of grindstones went up and was at length intolerable.

Of course there was not lacking false prophets whose chief concern was to set class against class, and who quickly took advantage of so fair an opportunity. "How long will you endure this wicked forestalling of the necessities of life?" cried some of these, while others, bolder, openly accused the grasping and merciless grindstone trust.

And the worst of it was the stupidity of the government, which condemned various cheap substitutes for grindstones, on the ground that the public health was put in jeopardy.—Puck.

THE GOLDEN RULE

He—Why is it that a girl wants to kiss every baby she sees?

She—to show that she is willing to do unto others as she would have others do unto her.

TOO BAD

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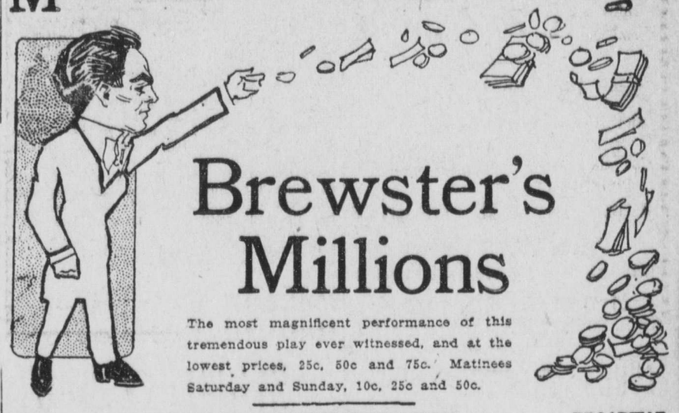

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TO PULL RUSSIAN NAVY FROM OLD WAR SLUMP

Vast Sum to Be Raised to Revive Naval Prestige

ST. PETERSBURG, April 24.—After several years of futile dissensions about shipbuilding programs, during which the Russian navy has practically remained the negligible quantity it became after the Japanese campaign, efficacious measures of reorganization have been resolved on. Thanks to the initiative of a couple of influential members of the council of the empire, the question has been moved into the forefront of practical politics, and legislation will be set to deal with a definite and clear-cut problem. It is understood that over half a million roubles ($250,000,000) will be required for the reorganization of the navy, and this sum will be distributed over ten years.

Heretofore the duma has systematically whittled away the naval estimates, on the ground that no confidence could be placed in the staff of the ministry of the navy, and there is no doubt there were several cases of gross neglect of public business there; but at present all the doubtful elements have been eliminated from the staff, and there is no reason why, if Russia is ever going to possess a navy, the ships should not be laid down at once. The navy minister, however, is so compliant to the humors of the duma that he expressed himself satisfied with a vote of 24,000,000 roubles, although 35,000,000 roubles was admittedly the smallest sum adequate to immediate needs.

Some patriotic members of the legislature amicably remonstrated with the minister for thus subordinating the pressing interests of imperial defense to the temporary interests of the cabinet, and urged upon him the necessity of standing up for the real requirements of the navy, or else resigning his official position.

A number of admirals visited the various departments censured by the duma and acquired the conviction that the abuses formerly complained of had been remedied. At last the matter was recently laid before the czar, and the result is that an impetus has been given to the movement which will shortly take the shape of a shipbuilding program for ten years and a vote of about $375,000,000 to execute it.

QUEEN ESTHER IS SUBJECT

At the First Congregational church yesterday the pastor, William Horace Day, gave an address on "The Cost of a Girl," taking the story of Esther, whom Mordeicia reared till she became queen, for his subject

CUPID'S PRESENCE SAVES MISSIONARY FROM MOB

Letter About Wedding Plans Sets at Rest Fears

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 24.—While friends and relatives here were fearing that Miss Irene Poling, a missionary in the Chang Sha district of Huname province, China, had met death or worse in the rioting of natives there, news came that Cupid had taken her from the scene of disorder in time to avoid danger.

A letter just received by a sister, Mrs. Harry Dunmire of South Fork, announces that Miss Poling was to be married to the Rev. Mr. Beck, a Reformed church missionary stationed at Shen Chow Fu. The young woman said in her letter that following the wedding she and her husband would go to Shen Chow Fu to live, and it is supposed that they have been at that place during the rioting at Chang Sha.

OFFERS TO HYPNOTIZE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

They Refuse to Take Any Chance with Proposition

ST. LOUIS, April 24.—Members of the house of delegates had an opportunity to be hypnotized free of charge.

O. E. Laroge, who says he once entertained Mayor Wells with a mesmeric seance, offers to provide "instruction and amusement" for the delegates if they will give him the use of the chamber after next Friday's meeting.

The request for the use of the chamber and the presence of the delegates at Laroge's exhibition was not granted, although it was suggested that a hypnotic spell might give some members a chance to imagine that they have abolished the arbitrary, built the bridge, passed a natural gas bill and eliminated the grade crossings.

LAFARGE, NOTED ARTIST, NEAR DEATH IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, April 24.—John Lafarge, artist and author of world-wide reputation, is critically ill, and it is said physicians hold out little hope for his recovery. He is 77 years old, and is suffering from infirmities of old age. His wife and son are at his bedside.