

HEARST MEN BEATEN

Ohio Democratic Preliminaries Show the Conservatives in Control of Matters.

CONTESTS GO IN THEIR FAVOR

New State Central Committee Also in Their Control - Two Presidential Candidates Developed.

Columbus, O., May 25.—The preliminary meetings of the Democratic state convention that convened here today demonstrated that the conservatives were in control two to one in their opposition to Hearst, but divided among themselves on presidential preference for James Kilbourne, of Columbus, and Judge Harmon, of Cincinnati, and other propositions. These



JOHN R. McLEAN.

preliminary skirmishes also demonstrated that neither the "old-guard," known as the conservatives, nor the "Hearst-Fryan-Johnson men," known as the radicals, had a leader. Mayor Johnson, of Cleveland, who has been the recognized leader in his party in Ohio for the past two years, was unable to control the votes of the two state committeemen from his own city.

John R. McLean Again the Leader.

While there was no leader on the ground there was much comment that the old following of John R. McLean, publisher of the Cincinnati Enquirer, was again in control. McLean had previously declined to allow his name used for either district delegate, or delegate-at-large, and he was said to be out of politics, but now he is expected to succeed himself as the Ohio member of the Democratic national committee and be a factor at the St. Louis convention. The McLean men not only secured a majority of the delegates, but also control of the so-called "Johnson state committee."

Conservatives Win in the Contests.

The old state central committee was in session all afternoon passing on contests by counties instead of by districts. The first contest was that of Cuyahoga county, where the vote of 13 to 8 against the Hearst delegation was considered a test vote of the state central committee in the contest between the conservatives and radicals. The round-up of the contests, is as follows: Conservatives—Clermont, 7; Hamilton, 45; Madison, 4; Montgomery, 24; Summit, 13; total, 93. Radicals—Franklin, 35; and Miami, 7; total, 42. Unknown, but supposed to be radical, Cuyahoga, 73. If the seventy-three votes of Cuyahoga county, headed by Mayor Johnson, co-operate with the radicals it means two congressional districts, which with the 12th make three districts that the radicals secured in the temporary contest, while the conservatives secured six.

Some Districts Are Mixed.

When the delegates met by congressional districts the conservatives carried thirteen of the twenty-one districts for members of the new state central committee and other committees. The radicals have representatives on these committees only from six districts, the two Cleveland districts classed as doubtful. There were mixed conditions in several districts showing that the conservatives had no leadership. In the Fifth A. P. Saunders, a radical, was made state committeeman, while Walter B. Ritchie, of Lima, one of the leading conservatives, was indorsed for delegate-at-large.

IGNORES NATIONAL ISSUES

Resolutions Committee Declines to Refrain Chicago and Kansas City.

The new state committee on account of the number of contests did not organize, but adjourned to June 6. The committee on resolutions got into a fight on indorsing the Chicago and Kansas City platforms and was in session in the "wee sun" hours, as was the committee on credentials. The latter committee considered the contests by districts and the result was to modify somewhat the situation, but not materially.

The committee on resolutions finally refused to reaffirm the Chicago and Kansas City platforms, and left the education of national principles to the St. Louis convention. The platform severely arraigns the national and state administrations. Resolutions for the preservation of the Ohio canal system and for the indorsement of James Kilbourne for president were defeated.

The temporary organization will be reported for the permanent organization, but the conservatives insist that

this report will be reversed by the convention, and they say they were caught napping on the committee on permanent organization. Thomas J. McDermott was the candidate of the conservatives, against Chairman Starr, but he received only eight votes.

HEARST MEN CLAIM OHIO

State Central Committee for Them, They Say, Which Means That They Will Get 230 Delegates.

Columbus, O., May 24.—The Hearst men claim a majority in the state central committee, which has contested to determine from the following counties: Cuyahoga, 73; Hamilton, 45; Franklin, 35; Montgomery, 24; Summit, 12; Miami, 7; Madison, 4. Total, 200.

The Bryan-Hearst men call themselves the "regulars," and the others the "re-organizers." Their opponents call themselves the conservatives and the others the "radicals." The Bryan-Hearst men's poll of the 723 delegates is: Regulars, 251; re-organizers, 172; doubtful, 200—the last named including the contested seats.

The conservatives say the contests will be decided in their favor by the committee on credentials, no matter what the state committee does; that their poll shows 323 conservatives and 200 radicals, without the 200 contested seats, and that when the convention is permanently organized any ballot will show 523 conservatives to 200 radicals.

FIRE WORKS COST THREE LIVES

Ten Others Wounded, Two Probably Fatally—Officers of the Company Arrested—Plant Wrecked.

Camden, N. J., May 24.—Three persons were killed and ten others injured, two of them probably fatally, by an explosion in the factory of the Independent Fire Works company here. Robert T. Weser, of Philadelphia, president of the company, and Joseph Seidman, vice president, were arrested and held in \$1,500 bail to await the action of the coroner.

Warrants have been issued for other officers of the concern. Seidman's father was fatally injured. The plant consisted of a two-story brick storehouse and four frame sheds, all of which were wrecked. The explosion occurred in the mixing department, but its cause has yet to be determined.

TYNER CASE NEARS ITS END

Will Probably Go to the Jury Before the End of the Present Week—Limit to Arguments.

Washington, May 24.—The Tyner-Barrett conspiracy case will be given to the jury within two or three days. The introduction of testimony has been concluded, and an entire afternoon consumed by counsel for the prosecution and defense in argument concerning the instructions to be given to the jury.

Justice Pritchard took several of the prayers under consideration and will rule on them today. Only such prayers as were not subject to controversy were granted. The arguments to the jury by agreement of counsel probably will be limited to two days.

BANQUET OF MANUFACTURERS.

Chicago, May 24.—Five hundred members of the Illinois Manufacturers' association and their guests were present at the banquet of that organization at the Auditorium hotel. The principal speakers were William C. Brown, vice president of the New York Central Railroad company, who spoke on "Our Country and Our Railroads," and Melville E. Stone, who pleaded for neutrality as to the Russo-Japanese war.

HOTEL KEEPERS IN A COMBINE.

Indianapolis, May 24.—As the result of the visit here of Edgar A. Walz, of New York, president of the National Hotel Keepers' Protective association, there has been posted in all the leading hotels of Indiana notices stating that the proprietors after Sept. 1, will cash no paper for anybody not bring a letter of credit issued by the association.

More Trouble for South Africa.

Johannesburg, May 24.—Persistent rumors of unrest among the native tribes have been rife for some time. They have been talking a good deal, but only in a vague manner. The activity of the leaders in the Ethiopian movement, which is based on the idea of Africa for the native races, is believed to be largely the cause of the feeling.

Prohibition Leaders Confering.

Indianapolis, May 24.—Oliver W. Stewart, of Chicago, chairman of the Prohibitionist national committee, was in the city in conference with C. E. Newlin, Indiana state chairman of the party, on arrangements for the national convention, which is to be held in Indianapolis June 29 and 30.

Absorption That Will Not Absorb.

Fovda, N. Y., May 24.—The absorption of several Mohawk valley broom manufacturers by the recently organized National Broom company has not taken place and will not, according to statements received from Chicago.

Didn't Care To Be Tried.

St. Louis, May 25.—Willis Hall, who was to have been tried here this week on a charge of having killed Victor Dawson, a night clerk at a hotel, asked to plead guilty, and having done so was given ninety-nine years.

Well-Known Hotel Man Dead.

Chicago, May 25.—George A. Cobb, former proprietor of the Tremont House, and one of the best known hotel men in the west, is dead as the result of the injuries received by falling down a stairway.

REFUSES A BISHOPRIC

Dr. Day Provides a Sensation for the Methodist Episcopal General Conference.

NOT "CALLED" TO THE POSITION

Devoted to the Sphere of Education—Presbyterians Take Action on Divorce.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 24.—The Methodist general conference at the opening of its fourth and last week's labor found itself confronted with a duty almost unprecedented in the history of the Methodist church—that of acting upon the resignation of one of its bishops-elect. Rev. James R. Day, chancellor of the Syracuse university, who on last Saturday was chosen as the last of the eight bishops elected by the present conference, resigned his place in the episcopal board and was excused, at his request, from further attendance upon the conference.

Four Missionary Bishops Elected.

Beside acting upon Bishop Day's resignation the conference heard the report of the tellers on the vote taken Saturday afternoon for three missionary bishops, which showed the election of Dr. I. P. Scott as an additional missionary bishop to Africa, and Dr. William F. Oldham and Dr. John E. Robinson as additional missionary bishops in southern Asia. Dr. C. M. Harris was elected on a ballot taken yesterday for missionary bishop of Japan and Korea, a new district created by the present conference.

Will Not Fill Day's Place.

Four hours of the session were devoted to special memorial service in honor of the memory of the bishops who have died during the last quadrennium and to the late President William McKinley. A motion by Dr. J. M. Buckley to proceed to ballot for a successor to Dr. J. R. Day, resigned, was defeated, and the conference voted to postpone indefinitely the further election of general superintendents. The action of the conference on last Saturday in excluding the representatives of a newspaper from press privileges was rescinded.

Not Called by the Spirit.

The resignation of Bishop-Elect Day, following closely upon his election after a long contest, furnished the sensation of the conference. When he was given the floor to explain there was instant attention. His statement was quite long. The pith of it was that "I cannot conscientiously say that I believe myself 'moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon myself the office and duties of bishop' as our law requires of those who are consecrated to that holy office and ministry, but I do feel myself deeply moved to continue in the work of Christian education."

PRESBYTERIANS AND DIVORCE

Report on the Subject Adopted After a Modification.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 24.—The subject of divorce was the principal one before the Presbyterian general assembly. It came up on a report of the special commission on that subject, which report recommended the refusal of ministers to marry divorced persons, except in cases where the divorce was obtained on Scriptural grounds; and that they also refuse to marry divorced persons whose marriage is forbidden by the laws of the church to which they belong. This second clause was stricken out and then the report was adopted.

The report also continues the commission and instructs it to endeavor to obtain ecclesiastical unity on this subject and remedial state and national legislation. A report on the proposed book of forms for religious services, advocating the same, was adopted.

Dallas, Tex., May 24.—The general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church has decided to hold the next annual assembly at Fresno, Cal. The report of the inter-church committee on divorce was submitted. It urges the necessity of action in checking the "horrible tendencies to facile and frequent divorces."

Big Sale of Fine Horses.

Readville, Mass., May 24.—Seventy-eight blooded horses, the entire complement of the famous racing stable and stock breeding farm of the late J. Malcolm Forbes, of Boston, have been sold under the hammer at the trotting park here. The horses brought \$116,450, or an average of \$1,532. The highest price of the day, \$32,000, was commanded by Bingen (2-084).

Chicago Police Raid Policy Shops.

Chicago, May 24.—Policy gaming has been hit a hard blow by the police here. Officers under the direction of Assistant Chief of Police Schuttler raided five large policy clearing houses, made 106 arrests, seized \$4,700 in cash, a number of large checks, much paraphernalia and secured evidence upon which to base several additional raids.

President Goes to Groton.

Washington, May 24.—President Roosevelt has left here for Groton, Mass., to attend the prize day exercises at the school where Theodore and Kermit Roosevelt attend. The party consisted of the president, Miss Carey (his sister-in-law) and Secretary Lusk.

TERRIBLE FIGHT AT PORT ARTHUR?

St. Petersburg Has a Report That 15,000 Japs Are Put Hors de Combat.

RUSSIAN LOSS IS PUT AT 3,000

Japs Said to Have Assaulted the Muscovite Stronghold.

St. Petersburg, May 24.—According to the latest reports the Japanese camps are infected with cholera and there is an average of 100 deaths daily. New China Thoroughly Protected. Yih-Kow, May 24.—It is now believed that there are immense supplies at New Chwang, and that the position is thoroughly protected against any incursion of the Japanese.

ROOT OF RUSSIANS REPORTED

Cossacks Said to Have Got Away with a Loss of Twenty Men.

Fusan, Korea, May 24.—A company of Japanese infantry routed a company of Cossacks at Sementsu Sunday. The Japanese did not suffer any casualties, while native reports say that the Russians lost twenty men. Their position being a semi-circle with all parts about fifty miles distant from Feng-Wang-Cheng.

PROBABLE BRITISH-AMERICAN DROWNING.

St. John, May 24.—John H. Thompson, one of the most prominent shipping men in Canada, and K. P. Foster, manager of the Royal bank of Canada, are believed to have been drowned by the capsizing of their boat in Lake Orontico.

Uruguay Whips the Rebels.

Montevideo, Uruguay, May 24.—President Ordóñez announces a victory over the revolutionists by the government troops under General Muniz. Eighty of the revolutionists were killed and 200 wounded.

His Mayor Not Yet Determined.

Canton, O., May 24.—Nothing definite as to the murderer of George H. Taylor, manager of the American Woolen Mills company, who was shot in his store early Sunday, has yet developed.

We Have Charge of Their Health.

Panama, May 24.—Dr. Claude Pierce, in behalf of the United States, has taken charge of the supervision of the quarantine regulations of Panama.

Really Great Battle Expected.

London, May 25.—The Daily Telegraph's New Chwang correspondent

THRILLS OF THE WAR

"Wipe-Outs" Reported from Both Russian and Japanese Sources of Information.

JAPS LEAVE FENG-WANG-CHENG

Muscovites Said to Have Captured Two Transport Trains.

Leaves One Army of the Mikado Without Supplies—Port Arthur Said to Be Japan's Chief Object Now.

Chefoo, May 25, 12:20 p. m.—Four Japanese cruisers and a fleet of torpedo boats and torpeda boat destroyers passed midway between Port Arthur and the Miao Tso islands at 4 o'clock this morning, but no sounds of firing have yet been heard.

Liao-Yang, May 25.—A report has been received from New Chwang saying that on May 18 five battalions of Japanese troops recommitted to the south almost as far as Kin-Chow, and ran into Major General Fock's artillery, which was strongly posted on the heights in a narrow section of the Liao-Tung peninsula, and that the Japanese were entirely wiped out. The report lacks confirmation.

Japanese Supplies Captured.

London, May 25.—The correspondent of The Morning Post at Mukden, under date of May 24, says it is reported there that General Renpenkampff's Cossacks captured two Japanese transport columns, thus leaving the Japanese army without supplies in a difficult country.

Feng-Wang-Cheng Evacuated.

Liao-Yang, May 25.—It is reported from a Chinese source that the Japanese have evacuated Feng-Wang-Cheng and are occupying villages in the surrounding territory. There is no explanation of this move, but it is thought that it may be connected with the prevailing cholera epidemic.

Some Stories from Tokio.

London, May 25.—The latest war news from Tokio reports two engagements, in which the Japanese were victorious. One of these is reported by General Kuroki. It tells of a fight in which "one section of our infantry encountered the enemy's cavalry, 200 strong, at a point about eight miles northeast of Kuangtuen. The enemy fled in a northwesterly direction leaving twenty dead. No casualties on our side." Another report, origin not stated, gives details of the fight at Wang-Chia-Tun, near Takushan, stating that a squadron of Cossacks was almost wiped out by Japanese infantry.

Jap to First Tackle Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—The prevailing opinion at the headquarters of the general staff is that the army has decided to devote himself primarily to operations against Port Arthur and that the purpose of General Kuroki, with the first army, supported by General Nadya, with the third army, now landing near Takushan, is to watch General Kuropatkin and prevent a move southward, which would take General Oku and the second army on the Liao-Tung peninsula in the rear.

KUROPATKIN'S DAILY TELEGRAM

Tells of a Brush in Which the Japanese Force Was "Stood Off."

St. Petersburg, May 25.—The following dispatch from General Kuropatkin to the emperor, dated May 23, is received: "Our cavalry outposts on May 22 and 23 observed a movement of a portion of the Japanese forces westwardly along the Hsi-Cheng road, near a village six miles from Feng-Wang-Cheng. On May 21 a force of six companies of Japanese infantry and three squadrons of cavalry attacked some sotnia of Cossacks on the heights on the right bank of Seda river near the village of Pootteika. "When the engagement began the Japanese cavalry remained under cover, and the infantry, which declined to cross the valley, maintained a distant and almost harmless fire without sparing ammunition. A small party unsupported tried to cross the river for the purpose of turning our left flank, but was driven back by the charge of half a sotnia of Cossacks, and the fire of the sotnia occupying the heights. Towards evening the Japanese retired. Our losses were ten Cossacks wounded."

Liao Yang, May 25.—There is continual skirmishing between the Russian cavalry and the Japanese. Cossacks are pressing the Japanese into the hills and beyond generally driving them back. The general plan of the Japanese has not been divulged. They are apparently making time, awaiting the arrival of reserves from Korea who have been delayed by the impassability of the roads.

Shanghai Telegram Still with Us.

London, May 25.—Included in a score of war rumors is one sent by the Shanghai correspondent of The Morning Post to the effect that the Russians have been defeated near Yin Kau, abandoning fifty guns, and that General Kuropatkin has been advised by Viceroy Aleksei to retreat to Harbin.

Really Great Battle Expected.

London, May 25.—The Daily Telegraph's New Chwang correspondent

states that General Kuropatkin is determined to check the Japanese at Liao Yang, where probably the greatest battle of the war will be fought.

MEETING OF CHURCH MEN

Methodists Elect Editors—Baptists Go on Record Regarding Divorce—Presbyterian Proceedings.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 25.—The Methodist general conference held two long sessions. The most important action was the election of editors for ten church publications. The Epworth Herald being omitted from the list. The result of the ballot was: W. V. Kelly, editor of The Methodist Review; J. M. Buckley, Christian Advocate; D. D. Thompson, Northwestern Christian Advocate; C. B. Spencer, Central Christian Advocate; C. W. Smith, Pittsburg Christian Advocate; H. E. Jones, Southwestern Christian Advocate; D. L. Rader, Pacific Christian Advocate; A. J. Nast, Christian Apologist; Frederick Munz, Haus and Herd; Levi Gilbert, Western Christian Advocate.

The standing committee on the state of the church decided to recommend that adultery be the only reason for divorce recognized by the church. A resolution denouncing Mormonism was also agreed to.

Mobile, Ala., May 25.—The Presbyterian assembly (south) listened to a report recommending a committee to confer with committees from other Presbyterian churches on church union.

Cleveland, May 25.—The Baptists put themselves in line with the other great Protestant denominations by taking action on the divorce question in the form of a resolution declaring against divorce on any other than Scriptural grounds. They also adopted resolutions denouncing Mormonism.

Washington, May 25.—The Methodist Protestant conference unanimously indorsed the inter-church movement for uniform laws of marriage and divorce.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 25.—The Presbyterian general assembly committee on that subject resolved to raise \$12,000,000 with which to endow colleges.

Dallas, Tex., May 25.—The Cumberland Presbyterian assembly put in the day discussing the proposed movement to unite with the old school body, and much opposition was developed. The color line was sharply urged against the movement.

PRESIDENT AT GROTON

Greeted by the Boys with Great Enthusiasm—Makes Them a "Homey Heart-to-Heart Talk."

Groton, Mass., May 25.—When President Roosevelt arrived here he was greeted by the boys of the school attended by his two sons, Theodore and Kermit, with great enthusiasm. The president lost no time, first going to the residence of Dr. Peabody, principal of the school, and shortly thereafter going to the assembly hall, where he made a short address, raising a laugh when he said: "I deeply sympathize with the two unfortunate among you who have a presidential father."

Returning to Dr. Peabody's residence he remained there until 11:30 and then went to the prize day exercises where he was introduced by Dr. Peabody, who said: "We like him as a parent, we admire him as a president and we love him as a man." The audience rose to receive President Roosevelt. In addressing the students, the president gave what he called a "homey heart-to-heart talk with the boys." At 5:25 p. m. the president left on his return to Washington.

BRAZIL TAKES THE CAKE

Has the Most Imposing Building at the World's Fair, and It Has Been Formally Opened.

St. Louis, May 25.—The beautiful pavilion erected by Brazil at the World's fair has been formally opened. May 24 was chosen as the date of the opening ceremonies, as it marks the anniversary of the greatest battle in South America's history, on May 24, 1865, Brazil and Paraguay fought at Tuyuti, in Paraguay.

The pavilion has been declared by critics of high authority to be the most imposing building on the grounds. The site is just below Administration Terrace, and the pavilion attracts attention on all sides.

Professor Killed by a Car.

Berkeley, Cal., May 25.—While attempting to board an electric train en route from Berkeley station to San Francisco Professor Marcus J. Spiniolo, instructor of French and Italian at the University of California, was thrown under the wheels of a moving car and received injuries from which he died soon afterward. Professor Spiniolo was graduated at Yale in 1896.

SCORES ON THE BALL FIELDS.

Chicago, May 25.—Following are the base ball scores: League: At Pittsburg—Boston 0, Pittsburg 7. American: At Washington—Cleveland 10, Washington 6; at Boston—Chicago 2, Boston 6; at New York—St. Louis 0, New York 3; at Philadelphia—Detroit 6, Philadelphia 4.

Association: At Toledo—Indianapolis 8, Toledo 4; at Louisville—Columbus 5, Louisville 8; at St. Paul and Minneapolis—Weather.

Western: At St. Joseph—Des Moines 1, St. Joseph 11; at Omaha—Colorado Springs 3, Omaha 7; at Sioux City—Denver 0, Sioux City 0—six innings, rain.

DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Celebrated Cases at Rising Sun and Bedford Nearly Ready for the Juries.

GILLESPIE DEFENSE IS DENIAL

McDonald Depends on an Alibi—Pu Lun Has a Stronous Start for Lafayette—State Items.

Rising Sun, Ind., May 25.—The fate of James S. Gillespie, Myron Barbour and Mrs. Carrie Barbour, his wife, and Mrs. Belle Seward, charged with the murder of Elizabeth Gillespie, will soon hang upon the deliberations of the jury. The direct examination of James Gillespie has been concluded, the cross-examination not being protracted. Mrs. Belle Seward was the last witness called by the defense, and like the other defendants she denied all connection with the crime.

Has One More Question.

The state gave notice that it would call Myron Barbour to answer one question to which objection had been made, provided the court admits it. It was the question which sought to bring out the cause of the witness' unfriendliness to Elizabeth Gillespie. When the case will reach the jury depends on whether the court limits the arguments. Both Shay, for the defense, and Spann, for the state, have said they intend an entree to present their views. Harry McMillen, for the state, and Griffiths, for the defense, will also address the jury.

Mostly Straight Contradictions.

Gillespie's testimony, as well as that of the other defendants, was mostly straight contradiction of what had been testified to by the state witnesses. To direct question he said he did not kill his sister and did not know who did. He admitted knocking his sister Elizabeth down, but said it was an accident, she being struck by a slat in a bedtick he was carrying. He said said that two of the women who had testified against him were crazy. Mrs. Belle Seward followed Gillespie and in the main corroborated his testimony. The state called two witnesses who contradicted statements made by Myron Barbour. Court then adjourned for the day.

Alibi for McDonald.

Bedford, Ind., May 25.—Mrs. I. B. Griggsby, in the McDonald murder trial, testified that the defendant entered her grocery store seven squares from the scene of the murder twenty minutes after it is admitted to have occurred. He was not excited and made some purchases. William McGriff testified that McDonald passed his house going home at 7:20 and spoke pleasantly.

Defense Rests Its Case.

Sherman Fisher testified that McDonald and his wife were visitors at the Fisher home on the night of the murder. Mrs. Hannah Fisher, mother of Mrs. McDonald corroborated the testimony of Sherman Fisher regarding the visit of McDonald and his wife at her home on the night of the murder. L. E. Griggsby testified that he was not in his grocery store from 4:25 until 7:30 on the night of Jan. 21, and then the defense rested, and court adjourned.

PU LUN VISITS PURDUE

Goes to the University by Automobile and Sees a Military Drill—Has a Stronous Start.

Lafayette, Ind., May 25.—Prince Pu Lun, heir to the Chinese throne, accompanied by his suite and members of the Commercial club of Indianapolis, arrived here on an automobile excursion to Purdue university. The party was met at Frankfort by members of the reception committee, and escorted into the city, which was generously decorated with flags and banners. The excursionists at once crossing the river to Purdue, where the prince was received by President Stone and faculty and witnessed a drill by the Purdue cadet corps, the battery firing a salute of twenty-one guns in honor of the visitor. At night a reception was held at the Lafayette club. Today the prince is visiting the various departments at Purdue.

Indianapolis, May 25.—Prince Pu Lun and party were taken to Lafayette in automobiles. Thirty machines started. Before starting the "auto" which was to carry Prince Pu Lun took fire and there was great excitement. Cans of milk were taken from a passing wagon and the fire was put out.

Ex-Banker Wood Bound Over.

Indianapolis, May 25.—A dispatch from Cleveland, O., says: "John H. Wood, ex-president of the First National bank, of Matthews, Ind., was given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Starek here upon the charge of embezzling the funds and falsifying the accounts of the bank, and as a result was bound over to the grand jury of \$10,000 to appear before the United States court at Indianapolis. He says he will easily prove his innocence."

Case of a 7-Year-Old Girl.

Indianapolis, May 25.—Taken from her father's home in Los Angeles, Cal., Mary Catherine Sanders, the 7-year-old daughter of J. M. Sanders, a telegraph operator, arrived in this city with her aunt, Miss Henrietta Meeky. Both the aunt and niece were taken into custody by detectives, and the child was forced to leave her aunt and go to Mrs. J. Weinland, another aunt. The child's mother is dead.