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HEROINES OF RELIEF SOCIETY

Noble Band of Nurses Who Are Doing a Great Work for Charity.

AMID ILLNESS AND POVERTY.

Some Stories of Heartbreaking Cases of Destitution Brought To Notice of Workers.

Interview With Superintendent Reveals Quiet and Systematic Effort to Relieve Suffering in Salt Lake.

[illegible] corner of South Temple [illegible] East is a house where a [illegible] lived with serious illness [illegible] during the 24 hours of [illegible] messages are mostly [illegible]

[illegible] Superintendent Charity Work—Yes! Want to report a case of sickness. Family in dire circumstances, father out of work, [illegible] three children down with [illegible] disease. Can you send charity [illegible] need to give aid?"

[illegible] of many messages, but [illegible] them all in mind [illegible] barrel of humanity.

[illegible] to advertise our [illegible] Mrs. Emma Empey, who [illegible] of the Relief Society nurses. We do all that we do quietly, [illegible] any desire for publicity, but I [illegible] sank some times when I read [illegible] newspapers of this or that person [illegible] body of persons having subscribed [illegible] donation to a charity call, while [illegible] ks before the Relief Society has [illegible] meeting the household, food, [illegible] medicine needed in the case, and [illegible] trained nurses there for the [illegible] necessary than all.

FACTS IN THE CASE.

The fact is there are few cases indeed [illegible] which do not come under the [illegible] Charity and Relief Society's notice, the rule is rather to lend aid [illegible] worthy than to turn away the needy or afflicted. We meet many [illegible] conditions in our work, especially in the houses of the sick where [illegible] in the way of poverty and [illegible] is met. I had a call not [illegible] from a destitute family where [illegible] children were ill. A charitable [illegible] and later [illegible] the place myself for an hospital [illegible] to a tenement [illegible] referred to a reliable [illegible] I passed for, I was [illegible] all just poor white trash [illegible] south, that even the nigger [illegible] associate with." Going to the [illegible] I entered a room holding the [illegible] of three families which [illegible] as many rooms, all directly [illegible] by relatives. Within these three [illegible] I learned there had [illegible] cases of measles in the third [illegible] I found the family to [illegible] had sent my nurse. The room [illegible] very large, and in it were two [illegible] the three children being down [illegible] measles. The mother, a listless woman of about 28 years [illegible] employed watching the nurse. [illegible] look to her telling her of my errand but met no response.

"Have you been doing for the [illegible] I asked. She waited and [illegible] her mouth a great stream of [illegible] liquid, which I later knew [illegible] tobacco juice, and I gave nothing [illegible] she replied.

DIRTY AND SQUALID.

"Are you nursing?" I asked.

"I had over nursed nobody [illegible] around. Poverty and [illegible] everywhere. A large pacing stood by the wall, and in it [illegible] family utensils and kettles [illegible] and in a wall cupboard were [illegible] No clothes closet only [illegible] for the family wardrobe [illegible] The nurse I found had [illegible] clothes on the porch outside. The father came in a rough, [illegible] as close mouthed as his [illegible] year outside, was unspeakable. On the fire hung the clean [illegible] Relief Society had furnished [illegible] Think [illegible] children going well in all [illegible] Well, it shows what the [illegible] can do when she goes [illegible] with a whole heart."

PITIFUL CASE.

[illegible] pneumonia case were more [illegible] The family were Germans and [illegible] English—the father [illegible] a small command of the [illegible] had a severe affliction—a [illegible] stuttering, for which he [illegible] treatment that had [illegible] of his means. A curious [illegible] only when he paused [illegible] his head could be [illegible] so they conversed [illegible] him was always affectionate [illegible]

EXPERIENCE OF NURSE.

[illegible] had been dispatched at the first [illegible] nurse sent later, [illegible] the news that the doctor [illegible] neither child could live. [illegible] and you came," she said. [illegible] one is dying, the mother [illegible] speak English and is subject [illegible] spells, and I dreaded to be [illegible] No child's play this ex[illegible] the young nurses—meeting [illegible] poverty, disease, poverty and [illegible] unassumed form!

[illegible] nurse looked about. On [illegible] rather say the odd could [illegible] in another street [illegible] and in it a little child [illegible] convulsions. Just then the [illegible] in—and the mother told him what the doctor had said of the children—that there was no hope. His face was pitiful; but he had no time to indulge his own grief—the strain had been too much for the mother, and she sank on the floor in a swoon.

The nurse went quietly to the child and under her deft ministrations the convulsions ceased. Two hours—and no sign of the terrible gasping. Oh the joy in that mother's face! There was a chance for the baby's life, then! But no, the little body was too frail to long resistance and a few hours [illegible] it was gone. Presently the undertaker came.

"So soon?" the nurse asked. "I have not been able to dress the baby yet."

"The doctor left word with me to get it away quickly as possible," he replied, "for the good of the other child."

FATHER ABSENT.

But the father is not home now, nor the brothers or sisters—and the mother can understand nothing. It seems cruel to take it away before——"

"Where is the baby?" he asked, and the nurse laid back the sheet from the little form. Tears started in his eyes. "A beautiful child," he said under his breath. But he could not wait, and with signs the nurse made the mother understand her need. She had only one dress for her baby, a little muslin affair, too much starched to be easily fashioned.

"Can you furnish anything better than that?" the nurse asked the man.

"Nothing nearly so good," said the undertaker, and then a bargain was made that the nurse might come up the next day and bring the little dress freshly laundered for a shroud. To this they made the mother understand that her baby was to be taken away. She nodded her head—and made no further sign, walking about in a dazed way till the father came. Then she pointed to the empty corner where the little carriage had stood, gave one scream and sank to the floor. From one swoon to another she passed, the husband vainly trying to comfort her, then the superintendent was telephoned.

BISHOP TAKES A HAND.

She gave instructions to notify the bishop of the ward, and in ten minutes he was there with his counselors. "Give the baby back," he instructed, when he had heard the pitiful tale, "we will bear all expenses."

Then were delays and delays; but finally the little body came back—to stay a while at mother's request for one caress.

A week later came to relieve and the former went on with her work in other sections of the city. A few weeks later a woman stopped her on the street and offered her hand and only when her arms were thrown above his head did she recognize the father of the baby. "Is the other little boy that was ill?" she asked.

"He is better," said the father, joyfully. "We think he will live."

[illegible] read the unassuming records of angelic charity done by the effort of unselfish hands.

FOR FIFTY-NINE DAYS.

"Some of our nurses keep a long vigil," said the superintendent, looking over her book of reports. "There are cases of 59 days—a long stretch without relief and absolutely without remuneration. We had once in our care an invalid bed-ridden—but oh, [illegible] you so long dying. She was destitute save for a army pension granted her dead soldier husband. The most of this miserable and selfish sons wheedled out of her so that her only hope was the Relief Society help. We sent nurse after nurse to stay with her in those lost lonely months, when her own hands were palsied and her kindred heedless of her condition. Many a lonely old soul is cheered by this voluntary companionship and want is kept from their poor roofs.

HOMELESS BABES.

Sometimes our nurses are called to care for young babes left motherless and I could tell you of some who have taken these little ones home and kept them years for charity's sake. One of these month-close babes has been living now for four years in a nurse's home, the idol of her two or three big brothers who like nothing so well as to buy knick-nacks "for the kid."

"Not so long ago, we sent one of our girls to a family where death claimed the mother—her life given for her ready born babe. The father was poor, they were other children, but none to take charge of the "little one." The nurse took it to her own home and there it still remains—the father making what little remittances he can for its upkeep. There was no money to pay for help for the other children, so they had to make the best of things, play in the streets and take care of themselves, somehow, till the father came home at night from his work.

"Some time ago we had a call in another maternity case, a young wife in extreme poverty, her husband in the hospital with typhoid fever. On the day the baby came into the world, the father died at the hospital—died. Three children and a helpless mother, with no outlook for a livelihood for the future! Think of it—you fortunate ones, sheltered in strong houses, with the advent of your blessed little ones hailed by showers of roses and fine linen and gems! We heard afterward that the mother has gone to her people somewhere in the south, all of them probably poorer than she. Their plea comes to us—we keep them in our way as best we can, and then—they are gone—like flakes on the great river of life.

GRATITUDE AT A DISCOUNT.

"So many whom we help are hardly grateful. One case we had another of the "poor white trash" kind—conditions almost as bad and almost unbearable to people of the culture like the best of our people. She went among them taking the first wholesome breath of health she had known in years; curing a contagious disease, most trying to handle. Not one word of gratitude is vouchsafed her weeks of devotion. She was under no claim to do this work—save her own desire to be of use to be suffering and distressed. The doctor in attendance came in for his share of the general indifference. Toys, fruit and other gifts sent by him were received and used in ignorant silence. But it does not keep any of them away from the next call. "Give freely"—this nothing in return" is the great emblem of our charity—and one which in our way we are trying to live."

Three Mississippi Towns Destroyed By Tornadoes

[illegible] Miss. Feb. 15.—(Special) Mississippi towns were practically [illegible] today. Reports of the number killed range from [illegible] Meridian, Scarbro and Stoneville are reported to have carried the cold-age in its path completely off the [illegible] on which they stood. Nearby towns were covered with wreckage and the [illegible] of [illegible] little growth [illegible] school articles.

L. N. Harrison, a resident of Meridian, who came here after the storm, said he passed at Meridville are Alex. Washburn and wife, negroes. Near the town he said four white persons had been killed, a man and wife and their two children, whose names he did not learn. Those seriously injured at Meridian are [illegible] Robinson, manager of the Meridian Mercantile company; Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell and Minnie Campbell.

Near Scarbro a child of the Holloway family is reported dead and also an unknown negro.

The tornado was accompanied by a terrific rain which caused a sudden rise in the creeks and washed away several bridges.

HARDWARE FIRM IN DIFFICULTIES

Monarch Company Suspends and Goes Into Hands of a Receiver.

NO BIG LOCAL CREDITORS.

A. E. Kimball Has Been Placed in Charge—President J. G. Campbell Leaves for Spokane.

The strain of hard times has brought a large store in Salt Lake to the end of its career today, and the announcement consequently comes from creditors of the Monarch Hardware Co., on west Third South street, that it has suspended, and gone into the hands of a receiver appointed by the creditors.

A. E. Kimball, who has been placed in charge, will sell out the stock as fast as possible, turn over the proceeds to the creditors, and then the concern will cease to exist. J. G. Campbell, president of the company, and manager, left Salt Lake for Spokane as soon as the investigation of the creditors commenced. An examination showed the company to be in very bad condition, and while its business for 1907 had totaled $87,000, there were accumulated bills amounting to $38,000, which was due to big eastern dealers from whom stock had been secured. Why a business of $87,000 should turn in less than enough profits to pay for the stock handled is a mystery that none of those connected with the assignment will discuss.

ASSETS PLACED AT $38,000.

The Monarch Hardware Co., was [illegible] to Z. C. M. I. and the Salt Lake Hardware Co., the biggest dealer in the line of goods in the city. It has only on hand a stock valued at what Mr. Kimball calls a very low invoicing of $30,000, and other property, which raises its total assets to $38,000.

"According to our book values," said Mr. Kimball this morning when asked for a statement, "we have about $38,000 in property, and liabilities of nearly the same amount. We should realize at least about 75 per cent dividends to creditors, when the business finally wound up.

"Who are these creditors" was asked.

"Eastern firms largely who gave credit on stock purchases. There are no local creditors for any large amounts."

PRESSURE RESPONSIBLE.

From general appearances the assignment is a case of eastern firms demanding money on notes given for stock, and the company being unable to meet these notes, or to secure extensions. To avoid the costs of court procedure and legal talent the creditors pooled their interests and named a man to take over the business, who was satisfactory to all.

IS A YOUNG FIRM.

The company started in 1904 as the Brubaker-Campbell Hardware company, at 12 west Third South. Afterwards it moved across the street to the present location. In 1905 C. E. Brubaker, one of the partners, sold his interest to the company, and retired, after a dispute with Mr. Campbell as to the methods pursued in conducting the business. After this the firm continued the same name until February 1906, when the name of "The Monarch Hardware company" was adopted. On Jan. 28 Mr. Kimball, now in charge, went into the store to make an investigation, which resulted, on his report, on his being placed in charge to close the business out.

The stock consists of all kinds of builder's materials, stoves, guns, fishing tackle, and a general hardware assortment.

MISS THEODORA SHONTS IS NOW A REAL DUCHESS.

New York, Feb. 15.—Miss Theodora Shonts daughter of Theodore P. Shonts, formerly chairman of the Isthmian canal commission, was married today at noon to Manuel Theodoric Bernard D'Albert De Luynes, Duc De Caulnes of Paris. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's father, at 123 East Fifth, the ceremony being performed by Monsignor M. J. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's cathedral. Although considerable interest has been aroused because of its international phase, it was planned to be an unostentatious home wedding without unusual display or exceptional gathering of guests. The Duc De Chaulnes is 29 years old and a member of one of the most aristocratic families of the French nobility. He has a house in Paris and an hereditary castle in one of the French provinces.

TWO SALES OF ART WORKS.

New York, Feb. 15.—The sale of the oriental art works which formed the collection of John Lafarge, the American artist, was completed yesterday, the day's sales amounting to $3,472, a total of $13,043 for the entire collection. The first part of the famous Wills' collection of old Edgewood ware was sold yesterday, $5,550 being received for 151 pieces.

TIP THAT DID NO GOOD.

New York Firm is Out $75 and the Costs of Suit in the Courts.

New York, Feb. 15.—New York's anti-tipping law was the defense in an action to recover $1,550 for goods sold, brought by a dealer against a large dry goods house in New York and decided yesterday. The court held that the bill could not be collected. It was shown that the man selling the goods made the purchasing agent who bought them a present of $75. The court held that the firm sued was not obliged to pay for the goods, nor was it compelled to return them. The law was passed at the instance of merchants to break up the system, which is said to have been more or less prevalent of dealers inducing purchasing agents to buy goods by bribes.

TWO MEN UNDER ARREST FOR MYSTERIOUS CRIMES

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Two men who gave their names as Marion Bell and William Dolan, and who said they had just arrived from Janesville, Wis., were arrested early today as suspects in connection with the mysterious deaths of three women, whose dead bodies were found there recently, two of them in the river and the other in her room with her throat cut.

RAGING TORRENTS IN OHIO VALLEY

Spring Floods Have Already Done Great Damage to Property.

RISING TO DANGER POINT.

To Add to Melting of Snow and Ice Heavy Rains Are Falling.

West Virginia is Expecting High Water—Stores and Homes Are Already Inundated.

Pittsburg, Feb. 15.—With a stage of 19 feet at 9 o'clock this morning and rapidly rising at the rate of a foot an hour, the Allegheny, Monongahela, Ohio, Youghiogheny and Kiskiminetas rivers were slowly spreading over the lowlands of Pittsburg and western Pennsylvania points today.

The danger mark of 22 feet will be reached by noon and the local United States weather bureau predicts a stage of 30 feet by nightfall. Rain continues to fall today.

The damage to river craft and property located near the rivers is already heavy. Large ice gorges in the Allegheny and Youghiogheny rivers above this city are momentarily expected to break, wrecking and demolishing craft in its path. Some alarm also is felt for a number of bridges.

At Wheeling, W. Va., and Steubenville, Ohio, a serious flood is expected to occur, but not before Sunday night. Word from Steubenville today says that a stage of 40 feet will be reached there by Monday morning or sooner.

BUILDINGS ARE FLOODED.

At points here the high water has risen to the ground floors of business houses and dwellings.

Throughout the night hundreds of people were actively engaged removing their household goods to places of safety.

Before evening several railroads and street car lines will be forced to abandon service in this city on account of the water covering the tracks. All the small streams in towns surrounding Pittsburg are beyond their banks and the water is rapidly rising. Thousands of families at Sharpsburg, Aetna, Aspinwald, Charleroi, Oakdale and numerous other places have been compelled to remove their household goods to the upper stories. In some of the towns skiffs are being used as a means of transportation to many homes.

The towboat, Robert Taylor which was wrecked last night at Coraopolis is entirely submerged today and will be a total loss.

HOPE FOR FROSTS.

The rainfall is especially heavy at the headwaters of the Allegheny river. Colder weather is expected tonight and should it occur, it is thought in record of last year's great flood will not be reached. The stage at this city, however, it is predicted, will bring the water up on Penn avenue in the downtown district. This will be sufficient to cripple several theaters and cause a suspension in many stores and manufacturing plants.

Flood stakes are reported from all points above here. At Franklin, Pa., the water is several feet above the danger mark this morning and rising. A similar situation prevails at Johnstown, Freeport, Warren, Greensburg and other places.

The Allegheny river is filled with floating ice and a large gorge several miles long is slowly approaching the city from Parker, Pa., on the Allegheny river and another from West Newton, Pa., on the Youghiogheny river.

LANDSLIDES FREQUENT.

Several heavy landslides happened along the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston railroad from the rain, delaying trains and making the run dangerous. The B. & O. tracks, freight houses and station have been abandoned.

A number of pavements along Penn avenue have collapsed and cellars are rapidly filling with water.

The Saturday afternoon concert of the Pittsburg exposition, Duquesne Way, was called off and all traffic in the vicinity of the building halted.

At McKeesport the water is rising gradually and unless the cold spell predicted for tonight materializes, it will be necessary to close down the steel and iron mills of that district. Thousands of workmen will be affected and great hardship will be experienced, as the men just recently returned to work after weeks of idleness.

COAL MINES FLOODED.

Many coal mines along the river banks are flooded and thousands of coal miners compelled to abandon their work.

In Allegheny a picked squad of patrolmen are guarding the inundated districts. Many plants are partially submerged and hundreds of men are out of work. At Beaver, Pa., the Ohio river has risen 11 feet in 40 hours, and indications point to a flood stage of dangerous proportions.

WATER IN BUFFALO STREETS.

Cellars Flooded and Much Property Damaged by Overflow.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The waters of Buffalo and Scajaquada creeks in the southern and northern sections of this city respectively, overflowed their banks early today and there is three feet of water in the streets. Many cellars are flooded, fires in furnaces extinguished and thousands of dollars damage has been done to property.

FLOOD HEAVIEST IN YEARS.

Not Since 1888 Has Indiana Suffered As at Present.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 15.—While northern and central Indiana is swept by snow and wind storms today, the southern part of the state is suffering from floods. Rivers are out of banks and in several counties bridges have been carried away and buildings in the lowlands are under water.

At Bloomington the flood is perhaps the greatest since 1888. At Bedford bottom lands are overflowed. Rural mail routes were abandoned today.

KENTUCKY RIVERS RISING.

Preparing for Rush of Logs—Fences Already Washed Away.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 15.—Streams throughout Eastern Kentucky are rising rapidly as a result of the four days' rain and great damage is feared by lumber concerns along the Kentucky, the Red, Cumberland, Licking and Big Sandy rivers. River men have extra forces of men at work strengthening log booms to hold the thousands of logs which will sweep down upon them. This rush has already begun. Several towns in the lowlands along the Licking river are reported as in danger of the waters. Most of the Licking in the lowlands has already been carried away. Traffic on railroads and interurban lines running out of this city is delayed because of high water.

SHAH STILL ALIVE.

Rumors of His Assassination Are Discredited in London Circles.

Vienna, Feb. 15.—A report is in circulation here that the shah of Persia has been assassinated. No confirmation of the report is obtainable here.

London, Feb. 15.—No credence whatever is attached here to the reports from Vienna that the shah of Persia has been assassinated. A telegram received here from Paris says the Persian minister to France received several telegrams from Teheran last night on ordinary business, and that no mention was made of any incident that could have occasioned the rumor.

RALEIGH ENTERS A GENERAL DENIAL

Just When Investigation is About To Close Up Bobs Jonathan Westerman.

WHY EMPLOYES WERE FIRED.

Certain Men Left the City's Employ For the Good of the Service, Says Accused.

The Raleigh investigation was not concluded before the city council last night, but the finale will probably come Monday evening, to which date the hearing was postponed. The latest proceeding was no less interesting than were its predecessors and a crowded house witnessed the show and seemed to enjoy it quite as much as on the two former occasions.

"Why certain men left the city's employ," was the story running through one of the chapters added by Superintendent Raleigh. The names of the men retired and the reasons therefor were given as follows:

Lawson—"Because he thought he knew more than I did."

Leonard—"Because I caught him lying under a tree."

George Jones—"Said I couldn't fire him, but I did."

Will Jones—"Was no good."

James Phillips—"Because he thought he was too big to take orders from me."

WOOD EXPLAINS.

The feature of the evening was the questioning of Councilman Wood, the man at whose instance the investigation was brought and who has conducted the prosecution side of the case from the beginning. Thursday evening it was brought out that Joe Redman, a foreman under Raleigh, had drawn $24 pay from the city during a vacation of eight days. Councilman Wood admitted last night that while drawing $75 a month from the city, he had put in 15 days "campaigning" for his party just prior to the last election. In extenuation, he pleaded that he had acted with Raleigh's consent.

The accused had an array of witnesses on hand to prove his competency and general fitness for the position. Among these were ex-Mayor Richard P. Morris, ex-Councilman Martin E. Mulvey, ex-Councilman John B. Reid, George G. Smith, who was a candidate for the city council on the Democratic ticket last fall, and others.

GENERAL DENIAL.

Raleigh went on the stand in his own behalf, and made specific denials of the charges against him. The stone found on his premises, and photographed by the Deseret News, was only stored there, he said, and was later taken to its proper place. He had kept but two horses at the city stables, and that by authority of the council; men were sent by him to prepare the coursing track, upon advice of the mayor, but were not paid by the city; men were sometimes given vacations, because they deserved them; knew nothing of "fooling," or levying assessments upon the men, etc., etc.

Other witnesses of the evening were Al Pitts, Will George and Charles Harmon, the last named endeavoring to explain the north Main street sand squabble, and the other two denying the truth of Leonard's statements as to the "fooling" process.

WESTERMAN'S CHARGE.

Just as it seemed possible that the investigation would close last night, Jonathan Westerman stepped into the arena and declared that he and his partner, Jim Hardman, had been forced to pay for sand hauled from north Main street, while teams belonging to Harmon, Raleigh & Co., secured the sand for nothing and sold it at a profit. The statement of Westerman caused the case to go over till Monday evening.

No cars were running on the city lines today, the power houses being flooded.

The main line of the Big Four road between this city and Cincinnati has been kept running, though the tracks are submerged much of the way between Springfield and Dayton.

The Sandusky division of the Big Four has no trains running.

FAMILIES LEAVE HOMES.

At Lima Two Rivers Overflow, Driving Residents to Upper Stories.

Lima, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Both the Ottawa and Auglaize rivers are out of their banks in this city, and families in the lowlands are moving to second stories. The wheat and oil fields in the western part of the county are flooded. Railroad traffic is seriously delayed.

NO OPERA IN ENGLISH.

New York Wouldn't Like It and Italians Would Not Learn the Songs.

New York, Feb. 15.—Opera in English at the Metropolitan Opera House, which has been indicated as a probable feature of next season's series of performances, has been put out of the reckoning, according to statements made at the Metropolitan last night. Fear that New York audiences would not take kindly to the experiment was the chief reason advanced for the decision.

"Besides," continued the statement, "it is almost impossible to get a Latin to learn English, and among the men we have scarcely any English speaking singers."

CUNARDER RUNS AGROUND.

New York, Feb. 15.—The Cunard Line steamer Lucania went aground on the north side of Sedgley channel, while leaving port today for Queenstown and Liverpool, but floated just before 10 o'clock and started for sea.

SUBMARINES TO CRUISE.

New York, Feb. 15.—The submarines Cuttlefish, Viper and Tarantula will today make another attempt to get out of New York harbor and begin their long cruise to Hampton Roads, the longest ever made by boats of their class. Everything was in readiness for the start yesterday morning but it was postponed on account of the dense fog around Sandy Hook.

R. R. SHOPS NOT CLOSED

Simply a Number of Boiler-Makers And Machinists Have Been Laid Off.

"The report that "every shop man on the Rio Grande system is out," is ridiculous. A large number of boiler-makers and machinists have been laid off gradually while the stringency obtained but there has been no general lay-off and according to the heads of the system, now here, there is going to be none. The local shops, however, are practically closed, but a handful of men being at work. It is expected the partial shut-down will be lifted at the end of the month. This word comes from the master mechanic's office. Lack of repair work is the explanation made by company officials, who believe enough will accumulate by the first of the month to justify the shops being re-opened and full forces gradually restored. Business is expected to strengthen materially by that time.

The issuance of announcements that the company intends abrogating agreements with shopmen March 14 and with its engine and trainmen on the first is causing no end of gossip in labor circles in this city. It is known the laborers feel the announcement means a movement to put affairs on an open-shop basis and if the union men decide such is the case a walk-out will result, or seeing that the shops are now closed down a "stay-out" would be the proper term. Leading officials of boiler-makers' and other unions refuse to discuss the situation further than to say the abrogation notices are under discussion. It is reported a family gathering among workmen occurred last evening and other meetings are to follow. Officials of the union would not say whether a meeting was planned for today or not but it is believed some sort of a convention will be held.

A meeting of railroad officials is slated to be held in Denver tomorrow and the local branches of the union affected by any shop changes are waiting to see what it is done there. As it is now the affair is simply "forming." What may happen is a matter of widespread conjecture.

SHEETS CASE ON MONDAY

Will Go to Trial and State's Witnesses Will be There to Testify.

"The Sheets case will go to trial on Monday, and the state's witnesses will be there to testify. There is nothing new or sensational in the matter, whatever."

Such is the statement of Dist. Atty. F. C. Loofbourow, when approached on the subject today. The prosecution seems not at all worried at the reports doing around to the effect that W. H. Parrott, whose confession was damaging to ex-Chief of Police Sheets, had repudiated his statements and had left the land of the country for good.

Parrott's evidence is on record, and in the shape is considered to be as good as though repeated on the stand. Still, another witness whose evidence is much relied upon by the state, is in the county jail, and will be put upon the stand during the trial of the case.

Dan and Parrott are two of the gang that burgled the McWhirter members out of more than $1,000 in September, 1905. Both were long sought after by the officers and after many months were apprehended and brought back. They made a clean breast of the entire affair, and in their confessions made statements implicating members of the police department, including the then chief of police, George Sheets. The trial of the latter for criminal conspiracy will begin in the district court Monday.

FLEET NOT GOING AS FAR AS JAPAN

Official Order Received at Mare Island Sets Fears at Rest.

MANY REPAIRS ARE NEEDED.

Several Ships Ordered to the Docks: Others to be Re-Armed.

Target Practice Plays an Important Part in Plans for Admiral Evans' Squadron of Fighting Ships.

Vallejo, Cal., Feb. 15.—The following is the substance of an official order received at Mare Island from the navy department in Washington, regarding the destination and repairing of the ships of the Pacific fleet:

The Colorado and Pennsylvania will proceed to the Bremerton navy yard immediately, for docking and extensive repairs, remaining there until May 1, when the first division of the fleet, including the Maryland and West Virginia will rendezvous in northern waters. New eight-inch guns will be installed aboard the Colorado at Bremerton. The Maryland and West Virginia will go south upon completion of repairs at Mare Island and will be docked before the rendezvousing of the fleet. The Washington and Tennessee will proceed north early in April for docking and minor repairs remaining at the yard only a short time.

FOR TARGET PRACTISE.

The Albany, on duty in Central American since September 1, will proceed to Magdalena bay, and upon completion of target practice will go to a suitable port to give the crew shore liberty. The Albany will not visit the navy yard until May 1, unless repairs are urgently needed. The torpedo boat destroyers Perry and Preble will come here in the spring, the former to be given repairs and be docked, the Preble to be placed out of commission, as her boilers need retubing. Her place will be taken by the Paul Jones, now being overhauled here. The Charleston, Milwaukee and St. Louis will complete their target practise between Feb. 15 and March 14.

FOR JEFFERSON DAY.

Women's Democratic Club Preparing For Event on April 8.

Jefferson Day is to be celebrated by the Democrats of this state April 8. At least such was the announcement made by J. Letcher this morning who also says committees are being appointed to make all arrangements for a big banquet, to be held most likely in the Commercial club. An effort will be made to get some famous westerner like Gov. Toole of Montana who steps out March 1 because of poor health. It is the idea to get some prominent man, prominent throughout the west to come to this city and Gov. Toole has been mentioned as a desirable. The movement is largely in the hands of the Women's Democratic club but the women have called a large number of energetic workers to their aid in preparing for the Democrats' big day.

The Women's Democratic club met at Mrs. Letcher's home, 251 Fourth avenue, Wednesday evening, Feb. 12. There was a good attendance present. The old board of officers was re-elected except in two instances where vacancies occurred in the Second and Third precincts. Mrs. M. P. Cunningham was elected executive officer for the Second and Mrs. Lydia Dunbar in the Third. Mrs. E. Jones was elected to assist Mrs. Remy in the south part of the First precinct, Mrs. M. Jacobson to assist Mrs. Ringwood in the Fourth, Mrs. Bennett for the east part of the Third precinct and Mrs. E. D. Crouchell for the Fifth.

It was decided to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson on Wednesday, April 8. The secretary was instructed to write a letter to Mr. W. J. Bryan inviting him to visit Salt Lake.

LOOK OUT FOR P. O. ORDERS.

Business men, merchants and everybody throughout the United States are warned to watch for postoffice money orders 18,816 to 19,000, inclusive. They were stolen with a money order stamp in Chicago, during December. Names used on orders of this series passed by a man and woman in St. Joseph, were George A. Miller, Hamilton and James Miller, makes. Different names will be used in most likelihood. Anyone who comes across an order of this series should at once have the payee hold the person passing it, until the affair can be explained.

FUNERAL OF H. C. BREWSTER.

The funeral of Heber C. Brewster will be held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Twenty-seventh ward chapel. Burial will be made in the city cemetery. Friends may view the body between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock at the family residence, 455 sixth avenue. Mr. Brewster died at midnight Tuesday night at the age of 23 years. He leaves a widow and two children. Mr. Brewster was a member of the Woodmen of the World, which organization will attend the funeral, in a body.

Three Year Old Boy Scalded By Fiend Now Lodged in Jail

Chicago Feb. 15.—In Michael Dewala, 41 years of age, the Chicago police believe they have the perpetrator of the most heinous crime in the long list of horrible crimes committed in this city. He is charged with having caused the death of little Joseph Devenick, three years of age, who died last night in terrible agony in a south Chicago hospital from the effects of scalding.

Dewala boarded with Mr. and Mrs. John Devenick, 8,548 Mackinaw avenue, and last night is said to have had a disagreement with Mrs. Devenick. So angry did the man become that after the quarrel, it is charged, he picked up the little boy held him between his knees, almost choking him, and then took the tea kettle from the stove in the kitchen and poured boiling water over the child's head and down his back.

Mrs. Devenick, it is thought, left the room after quarrelling with Dewala. Leaving the little fellow wandered into the room in search of its mother and at the sight of the child Dewala became so enraged that he scalded the little lad and brought about his death.