

Details Manner in Which He Destroyed Letter Books, for Which He is Now Being Tried.

SIMPLY TORE LEAVES IN HALF.

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Unnecessary Expense.

Washington, April 4 -- Binger Hermann testified in his own behealf during the afternoon session of his trial today, the morning session being mterrupted because of the illness of a furor. Mr. Hermann detailed the circumstances of the destruction of his letter books, for which he is being tried. The destruction, he says, took place a tew days before he retired as commisslover of the general land office and was conducted during office hours, pub-

was conducted during office hours, pub-licly, in Mr. Hermann's office, "I think I indicated how to destroy them," continued Ma. Hermann, "by simply tearing the leaves in halt, after which they were taken down to the waste paper bin. When I gave the order I turned either to Mr. Hough, my stenographer, or to Mr. Dady my con-fidential clerk, and said: "I have no earthly use for these old

"I have no earthly use for these old books, and it is only an unnecessary expense to send them across the con-

expense to send them across the con-tinent. They simply contain my per-sonal correspondence." "This was done in the best of faith, and not to destroy anything I regarded as official. My motive was simply that i had no further use for them. I had no occasion to refer to them during the several years they had been accumu-ating. They had answered their pur-pose, and I considered them as belong-ng to me, as much my property as the ag to me, as much my property as the sont on my back." "I object to an argument." Interrupt-of United States Atty. Baker.

"The statement is proper so far," uled Justice Stafford. "I want to bring out that the defend-"I want to bring out that the defend-ints saw nothing wrong or criminal in nis act." suggested Atty. Worthington. "I did it as indocently as I would de-troy an old letter from my mother or ny wife." concluded Mr. Hermann. Mr. Hermann next detailled his deal-ngs with John A. Benson, who is to be ried here in connection with the Hyde-Benson-Dimond-Schneider alleged land 'rauds. Hermann said he met Benson thout a year after he became commis-tioner. Previous to this, he said, he had defeated the payment to Benson of a claim for surveying public lands, the case was the first which Mr. Her-mann encountered as being what he istened "crooked."

refore he went out of office he had a stormy interview with Benson about and surveys, the witness saying he had uscertained that Benson claimed pay or lands which had never been sur-

reyed. "I lost my balance," said Mr. Her-nann, "and though I don't usually use throng language, I indulged in severe comment and expected to be put out of affice." Some time after this, the witness said,



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"It is in my opinion my duty to join those who praise the Cuticura Reme-dies. After my granddaughter of about



those who praise the Cuticura Reme dies. After my grand aughter of about seven years had been cured of the measles, she was attacked about a fartious. Itching ind painful erup-tion all over her body, especially the upper part of it. form in g wateryand bled-ing sores, espe-cially under the surres of considerable size. She suffered in great deal and for three weeks we nursed her overy night, using all the enuedies we could think of. Nothing would help. We then remembered having heard so much about Cuticura Remedies. We sent for them and after wenty-four hours we noted considerable improvement, and, after using only one complete set of the Cuticura Remedies, in five consecutive days the little one, in five consecutive days the little one, much as been well for a long time. Mis-F. P. defender, K. F. D. 3, Bakersfield, Cal., June 25 and July 20, 1906."

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ember the occurrence. Benson again wanted pay for his surveys, but when Hermann again became indignant and explained the whole situation Senator Perkins remarked that if Benson had entered into a contract to resurvey, and had not done it, he (Perkins) would have nothing more to say. Would have nothing more to say. Previous to these statements Mr. Hermann, having various letters to In-spector Loomis and State Forester Ormsby, both of Oregon, before him, indicated that while he was commis-sioner he always considered that "offi-cial" meat was that which was meaclai" mail was that which was pre-pared in the various divisions, as dis-tinguished from "personal" mail which he wrote himself.

Court will sit tomorrow and Justice Stafford announced that hereafter the trial would continue five days a week instead of four.

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Some time after this, the witness said, while in San Francisco, he was asked to come to the office of the state su-perintendent of surveyors. He went the found there Benson, Senators Per-clas and White of California, and, he believed, Representative Loud al-though he said Mr. Loud did not re-

HAGUE CONFERENCE Delivered to Secv. Root and Says That Certain Powers Have Accepted Russia's Program.

FORMAL INVITATION SOON.

Will be Extended by Belgian Government-Acceptance Does Not Mean Absolute Acquiesence.

Washington, April 4.-Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador, today delivered to Secy. Root the Russian note relative to The Hague peace conference, to be held in June. The note is in substance a notification that certain powers have accepted the Russian program as originally published a year ago with reservations of two classes. One set of powers reserves the right to refrain from the discussion of questions that do not promise practical results, and another set reserves the right to introduce for discussion topics not now upon the program. Baron Rosen stated that

ernment within a day or two.

The note delivered to Secy, Root by the Russian ambassador says: "Before the second peace conference is called, the imperial government deems it an obligation to submit to the powers which have accepted its in-vitation a statement of the present sit-uation.

vitation a statement of the present sit-uation. "All the powers to which the im-perial government communicated in April, 1906, its tentative program of the labors of the new conference have de-clared their adherence thereto. "The government of the United States, however, has reserved to itself the liberty of submitting to the second conference two additional questions, viz, that of the reduction or limitation of armaments, and that of bringing about an agreement to observe certain limitations in the use of force in col-lecting ordinary public debts accruing from contracts. "The Spanish government has ex-pressed a desire to discuss the limita-tion of armaments.

The spanish government has ex-pressed a desire to discuss the limita-tion of armaments. "The British government has given notice that it attaches great import-ance to having the question of ex-penditures for armament discussed at the conference, and has reserved to it-self the right of raising it. "Japan believes certain questions not specially enumerated in the program might conveniently be included among the subjects for consideration. "The governments of Bollvia, Den-mark, Greece and The Netherlands have also reserved to themselves, in a general way, the right to submit to the consideration of the conference other subjects similar to those that are ex-plicitly mentioned in the Russian pro-gram.

which appears unlikely to end in any practical issue." The reference in the note of the Rus-sian ambassador to the original pro-gram, which it regards as the only list of subjects which may properly come before the conference at the opening of that body, was presented to the powers April 12 hast year, and received the as-sent of all of the contracting parties to the original Hague conference. The points proposed follow:

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MUST SERVE SENTENCE.

Carriage Workers' Union Officials for

Conspiracy to Commit Murder. Conspiracy to commit murder. Chicago, Auril 4.—The appellate court today affirmed the verdict of the lower tribunal declaring that Charles Gil-hooley, Henry Newman, Charles Casey, Marcus Looney, Edward Shields, John Heiden and Charles Deutsch must serve their penitentiary sentences for con-spiracy to kill C. J. Caristrom. The men were officers of the Carriage Work-ers' union and Gilhooley and several companions were employed by them to attack non-union men. Caristrom was badly beaten and later died as the re-sult.

FORGER PLEADS GUILTY.

FORGER PLEADS GUILTY. Vancouver, E. C., April 4.-F. C. Gould, who yesterday pleaded guilty in the Vancouver police court to six charges of forging checks, is believed to be a murderer wanted in Norfolk. Va. Marks and descriptions tally ex-actly with the description sent out by the Pinkertons and there appears to be no doubt but that Gould is the man wanted. He is accused of killing his roommate in February, 1906. A reward of \$400 was offered for his arrest. He admits having lived in Virginia, but de-nies the charge of the crime.

EX-BANK TELLER INDICTED.

Cincinnati. April 4.—Bartholomew Cavagna, former teller in the First Na-tional bank, was today indicted for the embezzlement of \$20,000, immediately arraigned, pleaded guilty, and was given a six-year sentence in the peni-" tentiary. Only three minutes was taken from the reporting of the indictment to the final sentence.

NEVADA STATE PRISON.

S. H. Day Appointed Warden to Succeed John L. Considine.

cccd John L. Considine. Carson, Nev., April 4.—S. H. Day has been appointed to succeed John L. Con-sidine as warden of the state prison by Gov. Sparks, Secy. of State Douglass and Atty.-Gen. Stoddard, who comprise the prison board. Considine was re-appointed for duty four years on Jan. 17, of this year, but as followed his appointment closely with his resig-nation. He will be succeeded in office on May 1. He has been in office since February, 1903. Day, who is to be the new warden, was postmaster at Carson City under President Cleveland. Considine is to enter the newspaper field in one of the new mining camps. The imperial goernment deems it its duty to declare, for its part, that it maintains its program of the month of April, 1996, as the basis for the delb-erations of the conference, and that if the conference should broach a discus-sion that would appear to it unlikely to end in any practical issue, it reserves to itself, in its turn, the right to take no part in such a discussion. "Remarks similiar to this last have been made by the German and Austro-Hungarian governments, which have likewise reserved to themselves the right to take no part in the discussion by the conference of any question

Pacific who were held responsible for the wrick on March 28, in which 25 people were killed and 15 injured. The charge is manshaughter without malice. The following are the names of the men against whom warrants were issued: I. R. Alvord, foreman of the switching charge. Warmington, engineer. The complaints charge them with causing the death of H. F. Walthers of Sac-ramento, who was among the killed.





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