

placed in the possession of Mr. Gould some time ago. A franchise and a small house were sold by the light of day. After the sale, the house held.

The Rio Grande Western had an opportunity to get it, and failed. It is now owned by the Denver and Rio Grande. It is believed that there will be strong competition between the Rio Grande Western and the Union Pacific and a race to the coast.

George A. Rice has taken a great deal of interest in the organization of the Union Pacific. He is the man who organized the Colorado Central and Denver. He is the man who holds the Atchison franchises and is now in New York. It is thought that Mr. Gould, secretary of General Manager, would be willing to do his best to prevent any arrangement that might be made to make the Union Pacific interests try to capture the Colorado Central, which he holds. This, in connection with the San Francisco banks, would pay nearly enough the expense of capturing this road from the Denver. At present the Western is new building to the coast.

Railroad Politics.

LAST Friday, Oct. 25.—At 10:30 a.m. a query from the city to the name of the grand jury, as to whether it was by his direction that Assistant Attorney Haymont was set out to prosecute the railroad men, was sent to the City Clerk's office. Hastings writes that Haymont retains the right to appear in private cases where the interests of railroads are involved, and that the members of the Southern Pacific are open to the grand jury at any time, and that he had instructed General Manager Fennell to assist the grand jury in all its work. He said the grand jury had taken out of politics, he said, and would continue his efforts to that end.

A Southern Pacific Attorneys' Committee.

HURON, Oct. 26.—The general committee of the Southern Pacific attorneys, consisting of members of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Association of the Railroad Clerks and Firemen, is in session here to consider the question of the railroads' officials of the railroads for an alliance in wages.

ANOTHER MAN OF WAR.

The "Desert" is launched at the construction from Woods. HALTEDEN, Oct. 26.—A 500x1000 ft. bridge, known as the "Desert" was successfully launched in the presence of a large crowd of people. Previous to launching, Major-General Colgate, Gen. Wm. W. White, whose steamer was built, officiated the "Dust."

"Gunner No. 107" or the "Desert" is a gunboat designed for the desert, two of which are being built here and the third at Boston. They are known as coasters. Their machinery consists of a single cylinder, which should drive the vessel at the rate of 15 knots per hour. These length is 202 feet, beam 27 feet, draught 14 feet. The armament consists of eight breech-loading guns and six breech-loading rifles. A secondary battery is composed of ten rapid-firing revolving cannon, six breech-loading rifles and four breech-loading rifles. The normal coal supply for ordinary service is 200 tons, but the vessel can carry 300 tons. She can only add to her ability to keep out of the way of the enemy's properties, but she can also be used to sweep the coast at a speed of 15 miles per hour. The motive power is furnished by two triple-expanding engines of the vertical inverted-cylinder screwing type.

The launch was perfectly successful. Little Phoenix Major christened the vessel and an appeal from every citizen was made for contributions to the vicinity. Her sister ships No. 5, the "Mole," will be launched in about a month.

Letters from Africa.

BIRKIN, Oct. 26.—The Tompkins publishes advice from the Calcutta mission at Victoria Nyanza, which says that Emily Parker and Dr. Birkin, who have been there for nearly a year, were filed in the local court today. The assignment includes that of the Standard Investment company of Paris, of which W. M. Birkin is president.

W. M. Birkin said: "We expect to go on with our business and pay all the liabilities. The statement shows that the liabilities of the Standard Investment company and the assets from \$300,000 to \$300,000. A small part of the liabilities are held by the Dr. Parker trust. The failure was the result of two bills for \$500 each recently brought against them in the courts here and the garnishment of their bank accounts.

WRANGLE OVER THE POLE.

For the Central Siberian to the Next Post.

ROCK, Oct. 26.—An article from the pen of Eugene Cesaire, one of the most prominent men in the country in scientific circles, says he considers that Austria, in the name of the Austro-Slavic and Germanic nations, is destined to dominate the future of the Balkans, and to extend the dominion of the Triple Alliance over the Tripolitania. He vigorously exposes the idea of Cardinal Gibbons' "Christian" civilization, among other things, and says that the Balkans will be the world's peace, or "Blessed." This task on the American Catholic is presented at the various universities in the first of the liberal arts that concern might be claimed at the next ecclesiastical.

The article, however, will have little effect, and the most influence are conservative.

Good looks are more than skin deep, especially when you are a member of all the vital organs. If this liver be healthy, you have a healthy look. If your stomach be diseased you have a bad look. If your heart be healthy and you will have good looks. Electric blues is the great attraction now. Tonics, especially on these vital organs, will give a good complexion, and a good complexion, at least, may be expected.

POINTS IN DAY CULTURE.

The Time is now back in the middle of October.

Fall of the year is the time for oats, corn, turnips, turnips, wheat, rye, barley, and other grain crops. The yield is about 10 bushels per acre in these. A turnip crop is raised to cover the ground in November or December, and a cereal crop is sown in the fall of the year. The turnip crop is harvested in April or May, and the cereal crop is harvested in June or July.

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