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FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR.

## CRIMINAL LIBEL AGAINST UTAH MEN.

President Francis of the St. Louis Exposition Contem-plates It.

## HIS LAWYERS MAKE INQUIRY.

Have Sent to Salt Lake for Copies of All Records and Testimony in the Investigation.

## MATTER ASKED FOR ALL SENT.

File Legal Point Raised as to Whether State of Utah Can Be Made Defendant in the Case.

The severe denunciation of the Utah world's fair investigating committee, wired by President D. R. Francis to Governor Cutler Tuesday, is apparently not to be a final action. In his telegram President Francis termed the conclusions of the committee ridiculous and wholly false and libelous. Today it develops that President Francis and other officials of the world's fair have wired to parties in Salt Lake requesting all the facts relating to the committee's work, with copies of the resolution under which it acted, and of the journal of the house of representatives showing the acceptance of the report. The request indicates that a criminal libel suit is being planned, and that either the committee members or the state will be the defendants.

In the alleged libel of the investigators the national government is involved equally with President Francis, as to each certificate of award or medal given to an exhibitor, the signature of Thos. Carter, chairman of the national committee on awards, must be affixed with that of President Francis. If any fraud had occurred in the awards, he is conceded to be equally guilty, and the report of the committee has been forwarded to him with all other facts connected with its work.

In case legal action should follow the denunciation of President Francis, a fine legal point is raised. A legal authority of the city in discussing the matter today, gave it as his opinion that had the statements of the investigators been made upon the floor of the Legislature they would be exempt from action. However, being made in a report of purported investigations, he was not sure as to whether the law protected them. In case one state should care to prosecute another for libel, he considered that it could do so, although a private individual could not bring the state into court.

## WHITAKER TALKS.

Director General S. T. Whitaker has heretofore refrained from making any statement in regard to the investigation, and its censures upon him, even allowing such charges as that which accused him of selling the concentrator rollings to go unrefuted. Today he made a statement as to his position in which he admitted that he was subject to censure for turning in all of his records to the commission bookkeeper and not retaining evidence to protect himself in a situation as developed. His statement is as follows:

"We feel that censure is due us who, on the stand, were unable to produce records of all our transactions and accounts for such items of expended money, and I would not throw off the responsibility of accepting such censure. However we felt at the beginning that the investigation was not to be impartial and judicial in character. The committee made certain assertions when it was appointed which it claimed it was going to prove, and it bent all of its energies in that direction. They brought out only testimony tending to discredit and strengthen their position, and were inclined to suppress testimony derogatory to it. We felt that they were in the position of a judge sitting on his own case.

"Personally I felt that it was a one-sided affair with the attorney employed to strengthen their contention and substantiate their position. While it appeared to me that I should have an attorney, I did not care to create the impression that I felt the necessity of a defense, knowing that my actions in the entire matter had been perfectly honest and that every dollar had been properly accounted for.

"Yet I felt that the conditions under which the business had been transacted, the rush and the troubles that we had with the workmen early in the history of the exposition and my neglect in taking a receipt for every item, no matter how little, and the name of every laborer to whom I paid money, left an opportunity in these accounts which, in the hands of a prejudiced or biased committee, assisted by a technical attorney, could be made to appear in a detrimental light.

"The investigating committee knew too little of the problems confronting one man upon whom rested the responsibility of preparing the exhibits, erecting the buildings, and installing the materials ready for the opening day, to render an intelligent and comprehensive report. When I reached Salt Lake City I had forwarded to the secretary in registered envelopes, and these were gradually found by the secretary's bookkeeper, often with the accompanying receipts missing."

## SUBSTANTIATES TELEGRAM.

When asked as to his opinion in regard to awarding ribbons, Mr. Whitaker stated that his testimony before the investigating committee substantiated the telegram of President Francis and not the conclusions of the investigating committee, as alleged. A reference to the testimony shows that he stated that the awards to exhibitors were to come free, and that the ribbons were another matter, and were sold to make money. Today he stated further in explaining that they were a mere convenience for exhibitors, who might wish to use them for advertising purposes, before the

regular awards would be ready for delivery.

"Take one instance," he said. "I happen to know of a shoe company that secured an award. It had branch offices all over America and wanted evidence of this award to display in each window. Now each and every official certificate of award by the fair must be signed by President Francis and Thos. Carter of the national committee. There are many thousands of these awards, and they will not be sent out until all are prepared, to protect one exhibitor from securing his awards previous to others.

"To meet the demand for advertising evidence of awards, a concession was sold to a firm by the world's fair officials, the money for which was turned in as from all other concessions, to be applied to the world's fair expenses. The concession allowed its holder to sell ribbons to persons entitled to awards, and the only authority allowed it, was that restricting sales to those awarded prizes. It had no authority to issue or sell any award or ribbon to anyone not granted a prize for which the ribbon was to be an evidence.

"This particular shoe company as a commercial and advertising investment, bought a large number of these ribbons and sent them to all branches of the company. I think this instance is typical of all other cases of bartering in ribbons. If the concessionaire has sold ribbons to unauthorized parties he has violated his concession, I take it, and is properly a subject for prosecution."

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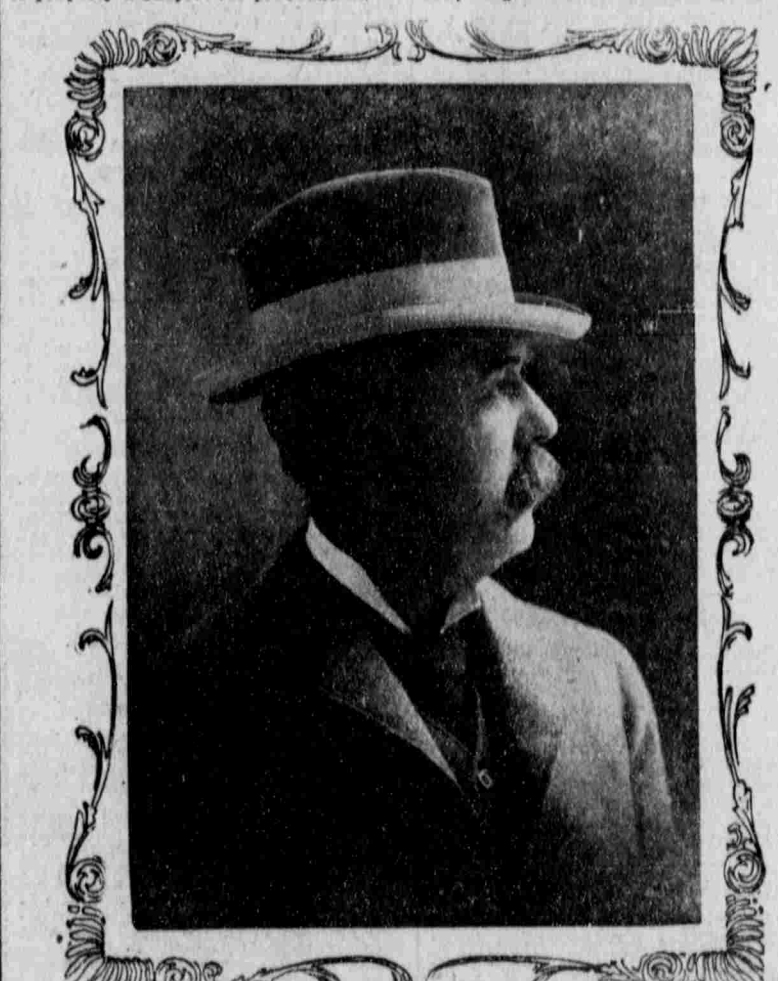
## SPENCER CLAWSON, DIRECTOR GENERAL

He Was Chosen This Afternoon to Conduct Utah's Display at Portland.

## AS TO OTHER APPOINTEES.

State Will Make Strong Display Along Educational and Mining Lines—Another Meeting Saturday.

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HON. SPENCER CLAWSON,  
Who Was This Afternoon Elected Director General for Utah at the Lewis-Clark Exposition.

## EXPECT CODY TO DIE.

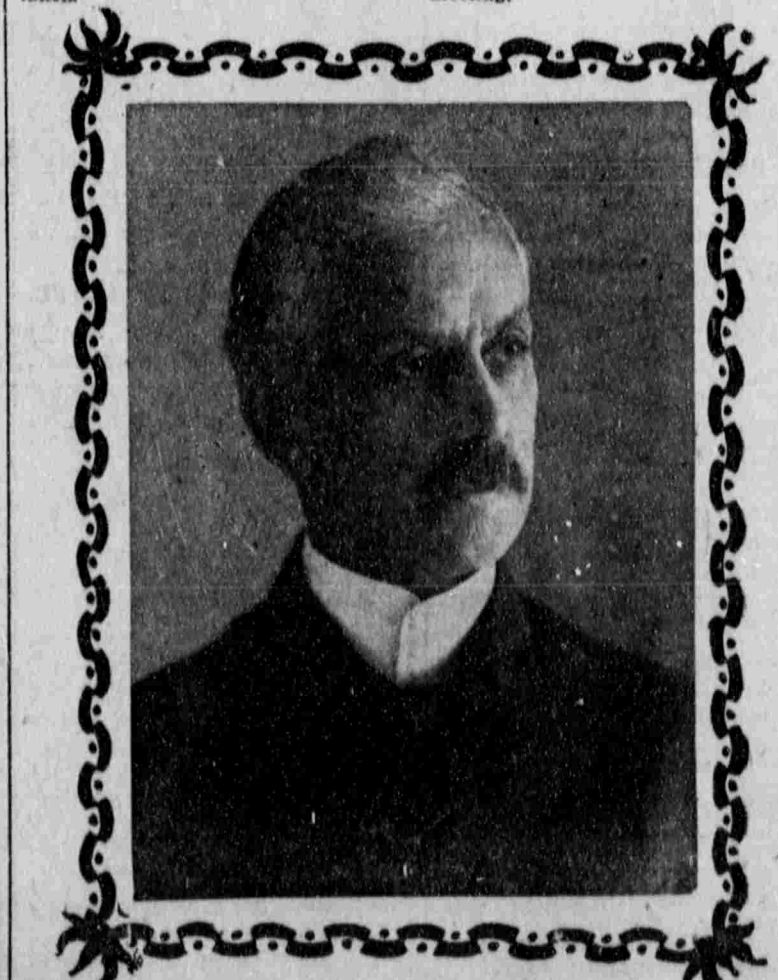
Fortune Tellers Say "Buffalo Bill" Will Expire This Month.

(Special to the "News.") Sheridan, Wyo., March 23.—The hearing in the Cody divorce case, now being completed at this place, takes on new interest from the allegations made by friends of Col. Cody, that Mrs. Louise Cody, whom he is suing for divorce, has been told by fortune tellers that "Buffalo Bill" will die before the end of this month. They also allege that Mrs. Cody has her mourning suit made up and that one of the reasons she has sought the divorce so bitterly and has asked for extensions of time, is because she expected to be the famous scout's widow.

The arguments were presented to Judge Scott, the trial judge, this morning, and a decision in the case is expected early next week.

## PEACE ADVOCATES ARE GAINING GROUND IN RUSSIA

St. Petersburg, March 23, 6:05 p. m.—The ministers and supporters of the court who advocate the submission of pacific proposals to Japan as previously set forth in these dispatches, so as to ascertain whether an honorable basis of peace is possible believe they have carried the day and the Associated Press hears on high authority that an actual step is imminent if not already taken.



M. F. CUNNINGHAM,  
The Well-Known Newspaperman Who Will Fill the Position of Portland Fair Secretary for Utah.

members were in attendance. They were Gov. Cutler, who is ex-officio chairman, State Senator Walton, Representative F. W. Fishburn and Representative Rudolph Kuchler and Webb Green.

The principal business to be transacted was the election of a director-general. Among those not prominently mentioned for the place were Hon. Spencer Clawson of Salt Lake and Representative Roberts of Logan with chances favoring the selection of the former. At the hour of going to press Mr. Clawson's appointment was announced as certain.

Before the adjournment of the meeting it is likely that there will be a complete organization. It is said that Utah is to make its strongest effort along educational and mining lines. That probably William Allison, superintendent of the Ogden city schools will be in charge of the former and Dr. Bradford of the Utah State University of the latter.

For the agricultural exhibit indications point to the selection of Thomas Judd of St. George, present president of the Horticultural society of the state. There will be another meeting at 10:30 on Saturday, at which time the St. Louis commission will transfer their effects and affairs to the Lewis-Clark commission. Senator Johnson is expected from Circleville to attend the meeting.

## GEORGE MEREDITH'S POEM ENTITLED "THE CRISIS."

London, March 23.—George Meredith contributes to the Times a poem, entitled "The Crisis," and beginning:

"Spirit of Russia, now has come  
The day when thou canst not be dumb."

In which, after eloquently painting the perils surrounding the empire, the poet thus addresses the spirit of Russia:

"Those who bind  
The lines and iron-pyramid mind,  
Take thee for quaking flesh, mis-  
doubt  
That thou art of the rabble rout  
Which cries and flees with whim-  
pering lip  
From reckless gun and brutal  
whip.  
But he who has at heart the  
deeds  
Of thy heroic offspring reads  
In them a soul not given to  
shrink  
From peril on the abyss brink."  
The poem concludes:

"Give to thy sons a breathing  
breast,  
And him resembling in his sight  
Soy to thy land, 'Let there be  
light.'"

## SAD SUICIDE OF MINNIE NIELSEN.

Wronged Fourteen-Year-Old Girl  
Ends Her Career by Taking  
Strychnine.

## COULD NOT STAND PUBLICITY.

Man Responsible Is Bert W. Partridge,  
Whose Hearing Was to Have  
Begun Today.

(Special to the "News.") Provo, March 23.—A sad case of suicide occurred here this morning by which Minnie Nielsen, a 14-year-old girl, escaped troubles which were too heavy for her sensitive nature to bear up under. The girl is the daughter of N. P. R. Nielsen of Moroni, Sanpete county, and came here six months ago to find work. She became acquainted with the family of A. W. Partridge of the First ward and has made her home there part of the time, and from there has gone to work in various families. Her last place was with H. C. Burns.

On Saturday the Partridges sent a note to the girl asking her to come over, but she told Mrs. Burns she didn't want to go. Another note came with the same result. A third note was sent Sunday and Mrs. Burns told the girl she had better go over and see what they wanted. She went over and did not return Sunday night. This aroused Mr. Burns' suspicions and he related the incident to County Atty. Anderson, who immediately went to see her and learned from her that she had been persuaded, against her will, to remain there all night. She also told him that Bert W. Partridge, the 23-year-old son of the Partridges, had sustained improper relations with her, taking advantage of her lack of physical strength. Feb. 22, when they were alone, he had repeated the offense, she said, on another occasion. The result was that young Partridge was arrested for committing a felony, and the girl's father at Seinfeld was communicated with. He came to Provo Tuesday night and immediately swore to a complaint charging Partridge with the crime. Since then the girl has been living with Sheriff Harmon and the Burns, awaiting the preliminary hearing, which was set for today.

## TOOK STRYCHNINE.

This morning after breakfast Mrs. Harmon telephoned to her husband that Minnie had taken poison and was in convulsions. Doctors were quickly summoned and worked over her, but to no avail, the girl died shortly after 7. Mrs. Harmon said she had obtained at the Burns home yesterday afternoon, while making a call there. She said she took a teaspoonful of the poison which, previously, was mixed with oatmeal, in which form it was used by the Burns to kill mice. After taking the dose she sat down to breakfast, and was soon in perfect health. Before expiring the girl stated that she had taken this means of ending her career, as she could not bear the publicity occasioned by the hearing of young Partridge.

## FATHER HEARTBROKEN.

Mr. Nielsen, the girl's father, is heart-broken. His daughter was a kind and affectionate girl and has been treated with every consideration during her stay here. She was spoken of by all as an intelligent, modest and well-behaved child, although of a very sensitive nature, and great sympathy is felt for the bereaved family. The remains are at the undertaking parlors of Graham and Jones, where a post mortem examination will be held this afternoon. The body will be shipped to Moroni for interment.

The Partridge hearing, which was set for this afternoon, will probably be postponed until tomorrow.

## DESCENDANTS OF THE LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL

New York, March 23.—A picturesque party of men, women and children, 83 in number, members of a religious sect who proclaim themselves descendants of the lost tribes of Israel, arrived here today on the steamer Prinzess Irene. They come from Australia, and are bound for Benton Harbor, Mich., where they say 400 members of the sect already are established. They call themselves Children of Israel, and are vegetarians. The men wear long hair and they profess to believe in the saving of the mortal body as well as the soul.

## TEN PEASANTS WERE KILLED

And Fifty Wounded as Result of  
Quelling Disturbances at  
Lamenta, Poland.

## WERE SHOT DOWN BY SOLDIERS

Eleven of the Wounded Are Dying—  
Two Volleys Were Fired at  
Rioters.

Kutno, Russian Poland, March 23.—Ten peasants were killed and 50 were wounded at Lamenta, March 21, as the result of the shooting of infantry sent to quell disturbances. A crowd of peasants from Benignowa proceeded to Lamenta to induce the farm laborers to strike and rioting occurred. The chief of police, with a company of soldiers, went to the scene and the troops fired two volleys at the peasants killing two on the spot and wounding 50. The latter were brought in carts to the hospital where seven men and one woman subsequently died. Eleven others are dying.

Kutno is situated 70 miles west of Warsaw. It has a population of about 10,000 souls.

## Russian Torpedoboot Seen.

Port Louis, Island of Mauritius, March 23, 5:30 p. m.—A steamer from Colombo, Ceylon, which arrived here today reports that during the night of March 16 she met a Russian torpedoboot which was followed by a squadron of warships some distance behind. The steamer was unable to make out the number or character of the ships.

A dispatch from Antananarivo, capital of the island of Madagascar, March 17, announced that the Russian second Pacific squadron, had left Nossebe island, off the northwest coast of Madagascar, during the afternoon of March 16, for an unknown destination.

If this dispatch was correct, the steamer, which has arrived at Port Louis from Ceylon, could not have met the Russian second Pacific squadron, (Rojestvensky's), during the night of March 16. It is possible, however, that the vessels reported by the steamer constituted a flying division of Rojestvensky's squadron.

The third division of Rojestvensky's squadron left Sunday Island and off Cape Crete, March 24, for Port Said, and has not yet been reported to have arrived there.

## WRECK ON GT. NORTHERN.

Occurred Near Katka, Ida., Engineer Being Killed.

Spokane, Wash., March 23.—Great Northern passenger train No. 1 was wrecked this morning near Katka, Ida., and an engineer killed.

## Dr. G. A. Dore Dead.

Columbus, O., March 23.—Dr. G. A. Dore, superintendent of the state institution for feeble-minded since 1891, died today, aged 67 years. He was well known all over the country.

## Cattle Thieves at Work.

Helena, Mont., March 23.—A special to the Record from Miles City, says range riders came across fresh hide and entrails of a newly killed beef steer near Fort Keogh, and found wagon tracks leading to company quarters, where they discovered evidence that the murder had been unloaded. The commanding officer of Fort Keogh is investigating, and will prosecute the right parties if found.

## HABITUAL DRUNKARDS.

Isolated Hospital Ships May be Used for Their Cure.

Chicago, March 23.—Hospital ships for habitual drunkards, to be anchored in a safe harbor, have been proposed in the scheme proposed by Dr. C. L. Mix, expert in the treatment of alcoholic patients, in a lecture before the social science class in the University of Chicago.

Dr. Mix discussed the subject of "Cure for Inebriates," calling the present system of throwing drunkards indiscriminately into the Bridewell "archaic."

He took a pessimistic view of prohibition and local option, and said that in the matter of prevention stricter legislation for the control of saloons should be advocated.

"An habitual drunkard is a diseased man," said Dr. Mix, "and he should be looked after with a medical eye."

"Inebriates should be divided into two classes. The first is the hospital stage, and the second the convalescent. The two never should be mixed."

"The first thing to do is to withdraw the person, then take care of the reactionary symptoms. The physical damage

## \$100,000,000. Legal Battle for Weighman's Fortune to be Begun.

Philadelphia, March 23.—A legal battle over the \$100,000,000 estate left by William Weighman, the manufacturing chemist, to his daughter, Mrs. Mina A. Walker, is threatened by the widow of Weighman's son. Attorneys are engaged in drawing up papers in the suit which, it is understood, will be brought at once on behalf of six grandchildren of the manufacturer.

## MISS ANNIE NELSON.

Left a Note Telling Why She  
Committed Suicide.

Chicago, March 23.—The finding of a note declaring her intention to take her life has cleared the mystery surrounding the finding of the body of a young woman in the lake at Waukegan.

The body was identified as that of Miss Annie Nelson, a nurse girl, and a note addressed to her brother declared her life had been a failure and that she feared failing health. It is believed, however, that disappointment in a love affair was the prime cause of the suicide.

## HILLOCKS OF CORPSES.

Ground at Mukden Was Covered  
With Them.

London, March 23.—The correspondent at Tokio of the Daily Telegraph says: "An officer who has returned from Moji describes the terrible fighting which occurred at the various gates before the capture of Mukden. He says that never in the history of warfare were such formidable field defenses faced by infantry attacks as the works protecting Mukden. The ground became covered with hillocks of corpses."

"Three separate forces attacked the western, southern and eastern gates. The struggle was not decided for many hours. Line after line of Japanese infantry were mowed down. Finally, at 11 o'clock at night, the Russians broke and fled in the direction of the northern gate."

"They suffered enormous losses outside, being caught like rats in a trap. Altogether 25,000 prisoners were captured at the southern, and 5,000 at the western gate."

## F. A. MAESTRETTI INDICTED.

President of San Francisco Board  
Of Public Works.

San Francisco, March 23.—Frank A. Maestretti, president of the board of public works of this city, was today indicted by the grand jury on a felony charge. He is accused of inducing witnesses to testify falsely in the case of Charles Wyman, formerly a bookkeeper in his employ, who is now serving a sentence in the state's prison for fraudulent voting at the last primary election.

Immediately after the presentation of the indictment to Judge Lawlor, presiding judge of the superior court, a warrant was issued for Maestretti's arrest and his bail was fixed at \$5,000.

The officers sent to serve the warrant returned and reported that the indicted official could not be found. He had not been at his home last night, but it was expected that service would be made some time during the day.

## SEA URCHIN'S EGGS.

Are Best Fertilized by Use of  
Vinegar of Formic Acid.

Chicago, March 23.—A dispatch to the Tribune from San Francisco, Cal., says: Prof. Jacques Loeb has discovered in producing artificial life by fertilizing the eggs of the sea urchin that they were best fertilized by the use of acetic or vinegar of formic acid, followed by common salt.

Large numbers of sea urchin larvae normal and healthy, can be produced from eggs by purely chemical and physical means. Many students of heredity have long been looking for means for raising animals in large numbers for experiments, which should possess the hereditary characters of one parent only.

Detailed comparisons of such individuals with those which derive their characters from both parents will lead to results in the field of heredity of far-reaching importance.

## FROM LINEVITCH.

Has No News of Encounters With  
Japanese March 21.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—Gen. Linevitch telegraphed to the Russian government that he had no news of any encounters with the Japanese on March 21.

## VENEZUELA BONDHOLDERS.

Agreement for Adjustment of  
Exterior Debt Signed.

London, March 23.—The Associated Press learned today at the office of the council of foreign bondholders that the agreement between the Venezuelan government and the British and German bondholders adjusting and consolidating the exterior debt, about \$30,000,000, has already been signed by the representatives of Venezuela and the German bondholders. The agreement is now on its way to London, for the signature of the representatives of the British bondholders.

With reference to a dispatch from Washington reporting that objections are raised to the agreement, Sec. Cooper, of the council of foreign bondholders, said that the committee of the Washington protocol of 1903 absolutely justifies the agreement, and adds:

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## BROCKTON BURIES VICTIMS OF FIRE.

Public Funeral Services Held for  
More Than Two Score  
Of Persons.

## BUSINESS WAS SUSPENDED.

Flags Were at Half Mast, While  
Everywhere Were Seen Em-blems of Mourning.

## NEW ENGLAND'S GREAT CALAMITY

Only Fifteen of the Fifty-Five Bodies  
Recovered Have Yet Been  
Identified.

Brockton, Mass., March 23.—Public funeral services were held today for more than two score of persons who lost their lives last Monday in the explosion and fire which created the greatest calamity in the history of the city and one of the greatest New England ever has known.

Twenty thousand of Brockton's inhabitants work in the great shoe factories of the city and all that vast number joined today in the public manifestation of sorrow. Sixty factories closed their doors. Business so far as possible was suspended. Street cars did not run during the funeral services, and traffic on the streets was almost entirely stopped.

Everywhere flags at half mast and buildings draped with long black streamers attested to the presence of great universal bereavement. Marching bodies of silent men, accompanied by bands and drum corps playing dirges for the dead, and sent many of general sympathy with those left behind by the men and women who went to work Monday morning and never returned to their homes.

During the forenoon the bodies of the 55 victims recovered from the factory's ruins were placed in caskets. Three public funeral services were arranged, one at the city theater, another at the Porter Congregational church, and the third at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

The towns about Brockton, many of the residents of which worked in the Grover factory and some of whom met death there, joined in the general expression of sorrow and sent many of their people to participate in the services of the day. Only 15 of the 55 bodies recovered from the fire ruins had been identified, the remaining 40 being so mutilated as to be totally unrecognizable.

The city hall and many other buildings were draped in black while the meeting places of the many labor unions whose ranks had suffered from the fire and the factories of the city all bore evidence of mourning. The store windows in the principal streets were either draped in black or the shades were drawn to signify the suspension of business.

## FIRE AT HAVRE, MONT.

Store, Bakery and Photograph  
Gallery Burned.

Helena, Mont., March 23.—A special to the Record from Havre, Mont., says: Richard and Richardson's grocery store and Gourley, Brock, bakery and photograph gallery, situated on the corner of about \$15,000, insured for about \$5,000. Fortunately a high wind, which prevailed during the night, blew the flames off the town which had been wiped out a second time within a year.

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## COLLISION IN SUBWAY.

Motorman Seriously Hurt, Others  
Slightly and Traffic Stopped.

New York, March 23.—Motorman James Daly was seriously injured, several persons were slightly hurt and traffic in the subway was blocked for half an hour during the rush hours today as a result of a rear-end collision of two trains at One Hundred and Sixteenth street. The accident is said to have resulted from a misunderstanding of signals by the motorman.

Rotating scenes on the platform of the station followed the smashup. The platform was crowded with the passengers of the wrecked trains and others were being admitted from the street when the subway employees ordered everybody to leave the platform. It was stated that no fares were returned and that the injured men and women were being treated.

## TREASURE SEEKERS.

Officers and Crew that Went to  
Coos Bay Island Proceed to Panama

Lima, Peru, March 23.—The Peruvian transport Chacabuco proceeded to Panama yesterday, taking the officers and crew of the British yacht Veronicah, which was engaged in a search for the treasure of the Spanish galleon, the Veronicah, which was wrecked in 1562. The treasure, which was believed to be in the wreck, has been purchased by Peru for \$100,000, and will be used as a coast guard vessel.

## Leading Features of The Saturday News.

## Ex-Congressman Roberts On Ex-Senator Kearns.

The lime light turned on the latter's Political Record.  
Full Report of Mr. Roberts' Provo Speech.

## FRANK G. CARPENTER'S SECOND LETTER FROM PANAMA.

## WAR NEWS!

The attention of all readers of the deeply interesting news from Manchuria, Japan and Russia is directed to the fact that the full Associated Press report now comes over the wires during the day, so that the Evening News is enabled to give it first publication in Salt Lake City. It can thus be read 15 to 18 hours earlier in the News than in the morning press.