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COUNTY POORHOUSE GOES UP IN SMOKE

Main Building, Woman's and Hospital Wards, Are Completely Destroyed.

BAD WIRING IS THE CAUSE

The Loss, Which is Covered by Insurance, Will Closely Approximate Eighteen Thousand Dollars.

SAVING OF HELPLESS WOMEN,

Thirty Aged Inmates Carried Out of The Female Ward as the Flames Eat Their Way Into the Structure.

The county infirmary was practically destroyed by fire today, and only by the cool and heroic work of the seven employes of the institution were the aged and helpless women saved. But for their splendid efforts the death list must necessarily have been heavy. As it was they carried 30 bedridden women from the building as the flames eat into and destroyed it. Altogether the scene was a most exciting one though coolness characterized every act of the rescuers.

By 1 p. m. the large building embracing the superintendent's quarters, the women's wards, hospital, office, living apartments and storerooms was completely gutted, and the fire department was fighting the fire and keeping the embers from ignating the men's quarters.

At a rough estimate the damage done will amount to close upon $18,000, the building being valued at $10,000, and the contents $8,000.

HOW IT STARTED.

Just how the fire started will probably never be definitely determined. Those who saw it when it commenced to lick its way across the roof are inclined to believe that it originated from either a defective flue or badly insulated light wires, probably the latter.

THE BLAZE DISCOVERED.

The blaze was discovered by Mrs. Mary Stewart, the cook at the institution. When she first saw it at 11:15 a. m. flames were issuing from the roof near the kitchen in the women's department. It had made some headway then, but owing to the fact that for some time previous the attention of all had been concentrated on the removal of the body of John Dougherty, one of the inmates who died this morning, it was not until the lady cried "fire" did anybody realize that a tragedy was upon them.

No time was lost in telephoning in the alarm. Either through the excitement of someone at one of the ends of the wire or through a misunderstanding the alarm was sent into the fire department as coming from Fourth South and State street. Later it was changed to Fourteenth South, but not until the department had made the run to the place first indicated.

SAW IT WAS DOOMED.

Hose wagon No. 1 and Steamer Roosevelt then started out on the long run. By the time the scene of the fire was reached it took no expert to see that the building was doomed and nothing could save it. To add to the troubles of the department there was very little water available and the steamer had a very trying time of it trying to pump mud and water out of a neighboring ditch.

THE WORK OF RESCUE.

In the meantime the employes led by Mrs. W. R. Jones and Mrs. Stewart were working swiftly and untiringly getting the patients out. Later neighbors and volunteers swarmed to the place and carried out the furniture.

ALL CARRIED OUT.

In all about 30 old women, nearly one and all bedridden, were carried from the burning building. Alone and unaided Mrs. Stewart carried no less than six downstairs and out into the open air, where they were laid in the shade to await the time when all were saved.

TO ORPHAN'S HOME.

As soon as the lost one had been brought out the old people were moved to temporary quarters in the Orphans' Home and Day Nursery on the same block north of the infirmary. In all there are 92 inmates of the institution who had to be looked after.

VOLUNTEERS WORKED HARD.

Then the volunteers turned their attention to moving the furniture. Bedding and other articles began to shoot out of the windows in a stream. Owing to the employes keeping their heads and working systematically considerable was salvaged. Most of the good furniture including a piano, was rescued from destruction. In this connection A. F. Kendall, the steward, worked like a Trojan and stayed with his work until cracking rafters warned him to desist.

By the time the fire department arrived there was very little to do except to confine the fire to the main building and keep the crowds back out of the danger zone.

COMMISSIONERS THERE.

County Commissioners Mackay and Wilson arrived shortly after and directed the disposition of the inmates and the stuff salvaged.

W. R. Jones, Jr., the superintendent, left for Weber canyon on Saturday on a four days' leave of absence granted by the commissioners. All efforts to locate him this afternoon were unavailing.

It is cause for congratulation that none was hurt during the exciting half hour preceeding the arrival of the fire department. While the fire comes as a calamity eyewitnesses aver that it might have been decidedly worse but for the coolness of the rescuers and the methodical manner in which all went to work to save the inmates and some of the furniture and effects.

NOTES OF THE FIRE.

The aged women who were burned out of house and home are being looked after by Mrs. C. J. Ballou, matron of the Orphans' home. Shortly after the fire an uptown bakery was ordered to send out 75 loaves of bread, with which to feed them.

Miss Ada Bird, assistant matron at the Orphans' home, was in an infirmary clothes closet engaged in rescue work when the ceiling fell. Fortunately, however, the young woman was not injured.

Commissioners Mackay, Wilson and Miller went down on the first car and rendered valuable assistance. They say the infirmary is insured for a goodly sum, but were not in a position to give details.

Mrs. Nancy A. Bryant, aged 88, lost her false teeth in the fire. "I've chewed on 'em for 20 years," said she to the firemen, "and I don't care what you save just so you save my teeth." The set will have to be replaced by the county commissioners.

Mrs. McCord, aged 70, was frantic over the loss of a shawl, a family heirloom.

Just after the fire and the invasion of the Orphans' home by the aged inmates, one orphan remarked to another, "Say Mickey, gee, won't we have a lot of dishes to wash tonight."

The commissioners say that the building will be reconstructed as soon as possible. Whether on the old site or not remains to be determined.

At 2 p. m. the fire was pretty well under control as it had practically burned itself out.

Credit is due Miss C. Smith, a nurse, for heroic work in removing the old folks from the burning building.

The steamer "Roosevelt" was axle deep in mud during the fire. Only one hose could be used, owing to the low water pressure.

Chief Bywater's right arm and shoulder were slightly hurt by the kitchen ceiling falling upon him.

JUDITH ANDERSON HOME.

Fair Young Singer Comes Back to Her Native State and People.

Judith Anderson, the young Salt Lake singer, who has been abroad for a little more than two years, has returned to her home and people. She came in over the Rio Grande yesterday with her mother, who has been her constant companion during her long absence and today has been the recipient of many cordial handshakes and congratulations from the friends of her girlhood.

Miss Anderson is little changed except that she has grown considerably taller. Of her voice nothing can be said at this time beyond the fact that her teachers and eminent critics speak in highest terms of it designating it as a pure contralto of wonderful power, range and quality covering from E below to E flat above, two octaves and four notes. The possession of such a voice is most remarkable and Salt Lakers will await with pleasurable anticipation an opportunity to hear it, a privilege they will await with Tabernacle in October. In the meantime Miss Anderson and her mother will go into the mountains for a much needed rest.

Madam Corelli of Berlin was Miss Anderson's principal and favorite teacher though she spent some time in London to good effect with Visetti the instructor of Nannie Tout. In addition to pursuing her musical studies Miss Anderson devoted considerable time to lingual acquirements and now speaks as well as sings Italian, French and German. The latter language she speaks like a native and with it did much missionary work while away. For 20 months she was organist for the "Mormon" branch in Berlin and for more than a year was one of the teachers in the Sunday school. It was with great reluctance the Elders said good-bye to herself and mother.

DEATH OF MRS. YOUNG.

Wife of Well Known Cafe Proprietor a Victim of Rheumatism.

Many hearts will be saddened from the news of the death of Mrs. Sophia Young, wife of "Billy" Young, proprietor of Young's cafe, which occurred at St. Mark's hospital this morning. About five weeks ago Mrs. Young was taken down with inflammatory rheumatism, which later developed into rheumatism of the heart. Immediately she was conveyed to the hospital, where every attention possible was bestowed, but without avail. The deceased was the daughter of Joseph and Mary A. Hirchbogel, and was born at Richmond, Utah, June 7, 1879. She was a woman of most lovable disposition and had endeared herself to a host of friends, who will extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved husband and family. The funeral will be announced later.

HONORED BY FRIENDS.

Loyal Tributes of Respect to the Memory of Mrs. Stoker.

The funeral services over the remains of Elizabeth Browell Stoker were held yesterday at 12:30 o'clock in the Twentieth ward chapel. The services were simple, but characterized by loyal tributes of respect to the departed sister, by those of her faith.

Bishop George Romney presided, and after a number by the choir, and a solo, "O my Father," by Charles Kent, a number of short speeches were made by Elders who had known her at Newcastle, England, where she had always prepared a home for the visiting missionaries. Among the speakers were O. D. Romney, Selden I. Clawson, John Hayes, J. W. Taylor, John H. Nelson, N. Y. Scofield and Bishop Geo. Romney. A large number of relatives and friends followed the body to the grave. Interment was in the city cemetery.

WHERE IS J. PARKER?

William and Elizabeth Dix of Bristol, Eng., write Postmaster Thomas, whom, by the way, they address as "The Postmaster General of Utah," asking for more or less impossible information as to the possible location of J. Parker, supposed to dwell somewhere in this state. There are certain money matters which can hardly be cleared up until he is found.

SKULL CRUSHED IN DEPOT YARDS.

Nelson Reynolds, a Teamsters, Meets Death Through Alleged Careless Switching.

CASE IS BEING INVESTIGATED

Was Working on Car When Others Ran Into it With Terrific Force—Son Witnessed It.

It is possible that criminal prosecution may follow the death of Nelson Reynolds, a teamster, who was killed in the Rio Grande switching yards yesterday noon. Acting Coroner Dana T. Smith and Asst. Prosecuting Attorney Willard Hanson were at work on the case all this morning collecting evidence, and this afternoon have summoned a jury and many witnesses to hold a complete investigation. It is alleged that a criminally careless flying switch caused the accident, and if this view is borne out by an examination of all the facts, Mr. Hanson states that criminal proceedings may follow.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

The death of Mr. Reynolds happened in a most painful manner, in which it seems that the responsibility must rest on the train crew in charge of switching at the yards. Immediately after the accident the officers took charge and prohibited the train crew from changing the position of any of the cars or removing the body of the dead man until it could be examined. The car on which he was working when the string of cars bunted into it, was driven 75 feet by actual measurement down the track, while of the cars which were bunted into it, one and most of another one passed over and mangled the body of Mr. Reynolds. When the cars stopped the rear wheels of the second car held the body fast to the rails.

The accident was witnessed by Newton Reynolds, the 16-year-old son of Mr. Reynolds, who was helping him in his work on the car. He too was thrown to the ground, but fortunately not under the wheels of the following cars. A big stone which they were lifting into a wagon when the cars from the flying switch struck them, was knocked off the car and fell to the ground, the car itself then going on down for 75 feet.

As young Reynolds' father fell between the car and the box car standing next to it, he was hurled with him downward, but he caught on the coupling pin, and then rolled off, outside of the wheels. He sustained a scalp wound and a bruised arm but otherwise was not hurt.

When seen by the "News" today Newton felt keenly the loss of his father, and seemed to think that gross carelessness in making the flying switch was responsible for it. He stated that no warning was given him or his father of the impending danger, as six boxcars were standing next to the flat car on which they were working, and it was a string of these rock cars that was shunted into these that did the damage. The shock of impact was terrific, and drove Mr. Reynolds head foremost against a heavy timber at the end of the car on which he was working. He then, with his skull crushed, and unconscious, turned half around and fell down between the rock car and the box car next to it. He did not alight on the rails, but in his struggles rolled over them, the four wheels of the first car, and the front two of the second car passing over him.

When the car stopped he was pinned beneath the rear wheels. The right leg and the right arm were crushed, and nearly severed from the body in addition to the wound on his head, which in itself would probably have been fatal.

VIEWED BY CORONER.

The police were notified at once and Officers Palmer and Furster hurried to the scene with the wagon. They kept the crowd away until the arrival of Acting Coroner Dana T. Smith and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Willard Hanson. After viewing the remains and taking the names of the train crew the officers had the body removed to the undertaking parlors of Jos. E. Taylor, where it now lies.

The train crew, all of whom have been summoned as witnesses, consists of H. Anderson, engineer; Fireman Mike Daly, and Switchman Mountford. They were all relieved immediately after the accident, and a fresh crew took charge of the engine. Three other persons who happened to be near the place and saw the accident, were also summoned, with the train crew, as witnesses.

MAN OF GOOD HABITS.

Nelson Reynolds was a man of sober habits and great industry. He was married and leaves a wife and two children, fairly well provided for, as he had a $2,000 policy in the Woodmen of the World order, and owned the home in which his family is living at 331 E street. He was a brother-in-law of W. J. Willes of the Willes-Horne Drug company, he having married his present wife about a year ago. The children, Newton, aged 16, and Phyllis, aged 8, are from a former marriage.

FUNERAL TOMORROW.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of Jos. E. Taylor. The arrangements will be in charge of the family, assisted by the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of the World. J. H. Rothwell, consul of this order, has issued a notice to all Woodmen, requesting them to be present.

FOR STATE UNION.

Butchers and Grocers Will Hold Convention Here Tomorrow.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a state butchers and grocers' association will be held in this city tomorrow, beginning at 10:30 a. m. in the Jennings block. Delegates from Lehi, American Fork, Pleasant Grove, Logan, Ogden and other places are expected to be present, and addresses of welcome will be delivered by Gov. Cutler and Acting Mayor Frank J. Hewlett. After the afternoon session, which it is expected will continue till 6 o'clock, the delegates will be entertained at supper and will later attend the regular meeting of the Salt Lake association in the same building.

SOUGHT SHELTER ON PIONEER SQUARE

Hard Luck Story Told by Four Youngsters From Grand Junction.

HAD STARTED TO WALK HOME.

Found by Fireman and Brought Back To This City—Father Dead, Mother Penniless.

Pioneer square sheltered four weary pilgrims several nights last week, and the end of the nights beneath the stars and the days without food except what could be begged by four children, led them into typically a pioneer resolve which was no less daring than to attempt to walk to their home in Grand Junction, Colo.

This long journey they actually started upon, and were found traudging along near Bingham Junction yesterday afternoon by Fireman Fred Cowan. Cowan was trying out a new engine, and as the children scampered off the rails ahead of him, he became interested and stopped to ask them questions.

In answer they begged him to take them on to the next station, from which they would continue to walk. But the fireman thought it a quicker way to get them to their destination to bring them back to Salt Lake, and he accordingly took them into his cab. At the depot he called the attention of Patrolman Morris to the youngsters—two girls and two boys, and they were removed to the station.

On going to his home Cowan told the story to his wife, and she took a sudden interest, which resulted in a quick trip to the police headquarters and a request for the children. It was granted and she took them home. After giving them a good supper and a bath she put them to bed, where they slept till late this morning after their exhausting journey.

THE CHILDREN'S STORY.

The story of the children is a strange one. They are Ada aged 17, Sarah, aged 15, and Henry and Frank aged 10 and 8, all children of Mrs. Robert Lloyd. Their father, Robert Lloyd, was killed five years ago in the Scofield mine disaster, and after that the widow and his babies went to Grand Junction. There she supported them by taking in washing until the girls were big enough to secure places in a restaurant. After that all of them helped make both ends meet, but it was a difficult task.

Two weeks ago the mother left Grand Junction for Los Angeles, where she had a relative living. She promised to write to her children, and send them tickets to join her if she decided to remain there. This she did several days ago and the children started west.

WAITING FOR MOTHER.

When they reached Salt Lake they received word from their mother that their uncle was dead, back in Grand Junction, and that she was hurrying back to her home. She asked the children to wait here for her, and she would take them back with her. They had no funds except a few pennies which were soon exhausted and then they took to Pioneer square as a place of residence. After two days here without receiving word from their mother, the children started out to walk back home, and had done a pretty heavy day's march along the ties when discovered by Fireman Cowan.

They will be well cared for and either will be sent back to Grand Junction or in the event of the mother being heard from, will be placed under her charge.

Sailing Day Changed.

San Francisco, July 17.—The sailing day of the U. S. army transports has been changed and in future the vessels will depart from this port on the fifth of each month instead of the last day of each month as formerly. The change has been made by administration, of the quartermaster-general at Washington.

President's Busy Day.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 17.—President Roosevelt devoted himself practically exclusively today to the transaction of the executive business forwarded to him from Washington, and to recreation.

Instruments for Peary.

New York, July 17.—Duplicate parts of the delicate scientific instruments to be used by the Peary expedition in search of the north pole were placed aboard the steamer Roosevelt before it sailed Sunday from this port. Triple sets of nautical instruments also were taken along.

Dr. Louis J. Wolff of Silverton, Or., was chosen as surgeon of the expedition. He is 30 years old, and a graduate of the college of surgery in San Francisco of the class of 1903. Until recently Wolff was connected with the outdoor department of Bellevue hospital.

Death Follows Quarrel.

Chicago, July 17.—Shortly after a stormy interview with her husband, with whom she had not lived for several years, Mrs. Kate M. Cleary, well known in Chicago as a newspaper and magazine writer, has died suddenly of heart disease at the door of her room in a hotel. Her husband, M. T. Cleary, had called with two of their four children to see her.

Want Sunday Law Enforced.

New York, July 17.—Salesmen employed in retail stores on the lower East Side who, year in and year out, work from 14 to 16 hours a day, seven days in a week, have determined to form an organization with the object of compelling the police to enforce the Sunday closing law. They will ask that a special detail of police be assigned each Sunday to arrest their employers if they open. A majority of the employers, it is claimed, who are now forced by competition to keep open seven days a week would be glad to have the law enforced.

FOUR PASSENGER TRAINS HELD UP.

Two Thousand People Stood for Some Time in Fear of Their Lives.

ON THE COLORADO MIDLAND

A Fierce South American Jaguar Got Out of its Cage and Produced Reign of Terror.

Colorado Springs, Colo., July 17.—More than 2,000 people and four passenger trains on the Colorado Midland Railroad have been held at Tunnel No. 6, two miles west of Manitou by a fierce South American jaguar. Before he was captured the animal clawed Joseph Bennett of this city, cutting a severe gash across the right leg. Miss Delmore, a passenger on one of the trains became frightened and in endeavoring to scale a high cliff fell a distance of 20 feet, breaking her left leg.

The jaguar and a polar bear occupied two compartments in a large cage that was loaded upon a flat car of the train belonging to a circus. The cage was too high to enter the mouth of the tunnel, and as the cage struck the roof of the tunnel it was torn off. The keeper threw on the airbrakes, stopping the train. He threw rocks at the bear and fired blank cartridges at the jaguar to keep them from escaping. The animal crawled under the car and during the efforts to drive it into another cage Bennett received his injuries. The animal was finally driven into a small cage, but before the door could be closed the train started and the jaguar again leaped for liberty. It dashed through the tunnel, but upon emerging at the other end found itself in a narrow cut. After some efforts the animal was again captured and placed in his cage.

SOLDIERS GUARD JAIL.

To Prevent Lynching of Five Negroes.

Gadsden, Ga., July 17.—The soldiers are still guarding the jail to prevent lynching of the five negroes who are suspected of the murder of Mrs. S. J. Smith, a white woman.

The mob which surrounded the jail during the night had not entirely dispersed today but had been driven back and those who remained stood off at some distance in groups. No clash occurred during the night and no trouble is expected at present. The authorities regard that they have the situation fully in hand.

THE AMERICAN BOY.

Secy. Shaw Delivers an Address For His Benefit.

Chicago, July 17.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Lake Geneva, Wis., says: Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, has delivered the dedicatory address at the new $50,000 Y. M. C. A. building here. Mr. Shaw's remarks were directed to and for the benefit of the American boy. He said that there were few places that the boy was wanted. He was always in the way. "Boys are shoved out and there are few open doors for them," said Mr. Shaw, "it was to provide an open door for the boys where they would be surrounded by good influences and be directed in paths of rectitude and virtue that this building had been provided. So that by means of right teaching and uplifting environments the boy will be enabled to become a good, upright, honest and influential citizen of the community. I am often asked what a boy should do and my answer is to do anything but be sure and do that thing better than it is now being done. That is the one great secret of success in this life."

REGIMENT MUTINIES.

Killed an Officer, the Mutineers Being Arrested.

Lodz, July 17.—Part of the Ekatrenburg regiment, stationed here, mutinied today and killed an officer. The mutineers were arrested.

Owing to the state of siege the citizens of Lodz are compelled to contribute $1,500 daily towards the maintenance of the troops here.

U. S. PEOPLE'S BANK.

Receivership Dissolved and the Receiver Discharged.

St. Louis, July 17.—On motion of the attorneys for the People's United States bank, capitalized at $2,500,000, Judge McElhinney of the St. Louis county circuit court, today dissolved the receivership for the institution, and discharged Receiver Selden P. Spencer, appointed by him several days ago on the request of Secy. of State Swanger of Missouri.

Judge McElhinney's action was based on the ground that Secretary of State Swanger failed to make a personal investigation of the affairs of the bank before making application for a receiver. The court stated that the receiver should be appointed on representations which it had developed were based by Secretary of State Swanger on his impression of the conditions prevailing at the bank and its method of conducting its business and not on facts secured by a thorough investigation.

A TERRORIST MURDER.

Sargeant of Detectives Shot and Killed at Moscow.

Warsaw, July 17.—A sergeant of detectives was shot and killed here today by an unknown man. A patrol of infantry while pursuing the assassin fired a volley killing a merchant.

Gunboat Dubuque Aground.

Highlands of Navsink, July 17.—The U. S. gunboat Dubuque is aground in the Horseshoe, lower New York bay, near Spermacetti cove. The wind is light and sea smooth. The warship is in no danger.

An attempt to float the vessel at high tide this forenoon was unsuccessful. Tugs will be sent to her assistance and will probably float her at the next full tide. The Dubuque came here for orders prior to her going upon the Mississippi river to Iowa.

To Refloat Russian Warships.

Tokio, July 17.—It is expected that the Russian warships Pallada, Pobieda and Poltava, sunk at Port Arthur will soon be refloated.

ing a quarrel in the latter's saloon in New York City in September, 1903.

Jackson killed Charles W. Roxbury with a club in July, 1903, in the Bronx, in an attempt at highway robbery.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Organization Formed to Oppose New Rate Schedule.

New York, July 17.—Representatives of 29 councils of the Royal Arcanum, in New Jersey, including nearly all the organizations of the order in the counties of Essex, Union, Passaic, Hudson and Bergen have formed a permanent organization with the idea of opposing the new rate schedule adopted at Atlantic City by the supreme council.

A resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote, demanding that the grand council of New Jersey petition the supreme council to reconvene before Oct. 1, the date on which the new rates go into effect and abandon that schedule. A committee of 15 will be appointed to carry on the fight.

In advocating a return to the old rate schedule it was generally agreed by the dissenters that to strengthen the finances, an additional assessment at the old rates, might be made at stated periods, such as one each quarter. Under this plan 300,000 membership, $1,200,000 would be raised the first year, with increasing amounts as the membership increases in future years.

Wind Damages Crops.

New York, July 17.—A violent wind storm accompanied by heavy hail, has visited the suburbs of St. Germain, Maisons-Laffitte, Argenteuil and Sannois, according to a Herald dispatch from Paris. Enormous damage was done but fortunately there were no fatalities. Many trees were uprooted, telegraph poles broken, and tiles and chimney pots scattered. Some of the hailstones were of record size.

A Herald dispatch from Naples reports also heavy damage from storms of wind and hail near Lecce. Crops were devastated over a large area and the losses are estimated at $400,000.

POLICEMEN TAKEN OFF

Of Wagons of Firms Affected by Teamsters' Strike.

Chicago, July 17.—The frequently deferred plan of Mayor Dunne to take policemen off the wagons of the firms affected by the teamsters' strike went into effect today to the business district. About 50 policemen were returned to ordinary duties. For a time the business streets and crossings will be guarded by additional policemen. Specially guarded routes to all freight stations will be taken by wagons of the strike affected firms. As a preliminary to the change today the police on wagons in the business district have for a week been in plain clothing instead of uniforms.

Now the railway express and the department store drivers having voted to continue the struggle, union leaders predicted today that the teamsters' strike would be prolonged until after the convention of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which opens in Philadelphia Aug. 7.

The department store drivers decided by an almost unanimous vote to continue the strike after they were informed that the railway express drivers had taken similar action. The railway express drivers' vote resulted in a count of 183 for war and 121 for peace. There are more than 700 members in the organization, and the light vote that was cast would, it is said, to the fact that nearly half of the members of the union have obtained employment in other lines. Others who have become indifferent remained away from the polls.

MAMMOTH FREIGHTERS.

Keels Laid for Two for American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.

San Francisco, July 17.—The keels have been laid for the two mammoth freighters of the American-Hawaiian steamship line that are to be built by the Union Iron Works to go into service between this port, Honolulu and New York. These two big vessels are to be named the Columbian and Mexican. They will both be equal in size to the Texas, the biggest of that fleet of steamships. It will be at least a year before the two new ships are ready to go into commission.

GEN. BLACKMAR'S WIDOW.

She Starts East With Remains of Her Husband.

Boise, Idaho, July 17.—The widow of Gen. Wilmon W. Blackmar, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who died here yesterday evening, and her sister, Miss Brewer, departed today for Boston, with the remains of the dead general, traveling over the Union Pacific by way of Omaha. At Chicago they will be joined by the national officers of the Grand Army.

OUTRAGED HUSBAND.

Kills Man Who Separated Him From His Wife.

Chicago, July 17.—Welcome Jerome, a bookkeeper, who claims to be a relative of Dist. Atty. Jerome of New York, has struck Charles Faure, a Frenchman, in the face, knocking him down a flight of stairs and causing injuries from which he died later at a hospital.

The reason Jerome gave for his act was that Faure caused a separation between himself and wife. Mrs. Jerome was with Faure at the time of the assault. Jerome is under arrest and Mrs. Jerome, who for the last three weeks has been known as Mrs. Faure, is held as a witness.

Professional Beggars Arraigned.

New York, July 17.—Detectives employed by the Charity Organization society have caused six alleged beggars, all property owners, to be arraigned in the Harlem court. It was asserted by the officers that the six prisoners had formed themselves into a sort of beggars' club to do the Italian Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which is being celebrated in Harlem's Little Italy. All of the prisoners were declared to have bank accounts and are landlords. When searched by the police, one beggar had $588 in bills and a quantity of small coin. Another had a bank book showing deposits of $1,400.

It is alleged the gang made elaborate plans for their operations in the neighborhood of the Italian church near which they were caught. They found the Italians quite liberal during the festival and were reaping a harvest.

The Baptist Congress.

London, July 17.—The Baptist congress at today's session approved the constitution of the new Baptist World alliance, the objects being to promote good fellowship and co-operation among the Baptists of all countries. All unions or associations of Baptist churches can join. The executive committee will consist of seven members from the United States, five from Great Britain, two from Canada and seven from the rest of the world.

RUSSIA'S POSITION ON PEACE QUESTION

She Will Only Consent to Such a Treaty as Will Not Affect Her Dignity

OR VITAL INTERESTS OF EMPIRE

For Her To Accept Any Other Would Be Fatal to Her and Threaten All Europe.

MAY RESIST EXTREME DEMANDS.

Suggested that Europe Intimate to Japan What They Will be—Nothing Definitely Settled.

St. Petersburg, July 17, 2:47 p. m.—The Novoe Vremya today prints the following statement of Russia's position which may be inspired:

"Russia can consent only to such a peace as will not affect the dignity or vital interests of the empire. To act otherwise would be fatal to Russia and would threaten all Europe. Europe no longer believes in Japan's assurances that she will not restrict European interests in the far east. Even in England and America the voices of moral instigators can be heard in favor of the indirect influence of the powers to moderate Japan's demands. Our plenipotentiaries must remember that they must defend the interests not only of Russia but also of the other Caucasian powers and they will find moral support in Berlin, Paris, Washington and perhaps even in London. Our army in the field is much stronger than it was 15 months ago.

"The Hamburger Nachrichten proposes that Europe intimate to Japan that extreme demands will be resisted by Europe in general, especially Germany. This is a valuable statement. We must ascertain the acceptable maximum of our concessions to Japan from the European point of view and act accordingly."

NEW JUDICIARY SYSTEM.

Rhode Island Inaugurated One Today.

Providence, R. I., July 17.—The new state judiciary system of Rhode Island, was inaugurated today. In place of the supreme court as it has existed for over a century, a new supreme court has been formed to carry on the work of former appellate division, while a superior court is substituted for the old common pleas division. The new system was adopted by the last legislature.

BAD AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Machine Ground to Splinters, Two Women Probably Killed.

New York, July 17.—Two young women were probably fatally hurt and their two male companions had a remarkable escape from injury today when the automobile of Frederick F. Marshall, of St. Louis, which had been borrowed by Mr. Marshall's chauffeur, was caught between an elevated railway pillar and a street car at Seventy-ninth street and Third avenue. The automobile was reduced almost to scrap iron. The 40 horse power machine attempted to race in front of a surface car bound down hill. The rear half of the automobile, in which were seated Miss Cora Michaelis and Helen Donnschauser, two of the chauffeur's friends, was demolished and the girls were so tangled in the wreckage of the car and the automobile that it took half an hour to extricate them. A male companion of the chauffeur was thrown out, but the chauffeur was uninjured. Nearly all of the occupants of the street car were thrown to the floor and the conductor was severely injured.

JAPAN HAS FAITH IN WITTE.

London, July 17.—M. Routkowski, the Russian financial agent in London, informed the Associated Press today that he had not received his appointment to the peace committee, though he expected to accompany the plenipotentiaries to Washington.

Since M. Witte's appointment as chief plenipotentiary, M. Routowski has been sounded by the government and has signified his willingness to act. Mr. Routkowski said:

"Japan has not yet intimated her terms and the reports of her alleged terms are generally speculations. Hints have been dropped to Russia from time to time through British and other sources, but nothing positive has yet been proposed and we have been informed that Japan will lay her definite propositions only before the Washington conference. The Japanese have great confidence in M. Witte and M. Witte has great admiration for them. The personnel of Russia's commission should convince the Japanese that peace depends on the reasonableness of their terms. It believes Russia's acceptance of peace proposals is a greater show of strength than a continuation of the struggle for the sake of pride. Ending the war and turning her attention to internal improvement and the development of her industries will enhance the prestige of Russia more than a continuation of the conflict until Japan is finally overcome."

M. Routkowski said he thought the arrangement for a Russian loan probably would be made in Paris prior to M. Witte's departure from that city.

WITTE SAILS JULY 26.

Washington, July 17.—Ambassador Meyer has cabled the state department that M. Witte, the Russian chief plenipotentiary to the peace conference, will sail from Cherbourg on July 26.

Korean Loan Oversubscribed.

Tokio, July 17.—The Korean loan of $1,000,000 was oversubscribed four times. It was the first foreign loan ever floated in Japan.