

Union and a large number of parties charged with participation in obstructing the mails on different roads last summer. In all sixty-six persons are included in the blanket indictment.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—A method has at last been found by a Chicago metal worker of soldering aluminum by heating the metal and scraping the surface so as to remove the oxidizing film until the metal is "tinned." The alloy used consists of fifty parts of tin, twenty of silver, twenty-five of aluminum and melts at 750 degrees. Almost any tin solder will do, however.

IRAPUATO, Mexico, Oct. 19.—F. G. Warner, a young civil engineer of Chemo, has arrived here more dead than alive from a journey across the Sierra Madre mountains. He started six months ago from the city of Oaxaca, and crossed the mountains to the port of Salina Cruz. He then proceeded along the coast of Colima, where he fell in with two Americans named James West and George Crenshaw, both of Philadelphia, who were making a pleasure tour of Mexico. They proposed an overland trip across the mountains to the City of Mexico. About ten days ago they were passing through a mountain gorge in the vicinity of Los Colchos, about ninety miles south of here, when the rain began to pour down in torrents. Mr. Warren was riding in advance of his companions, when without warning, a terrible landslide occurred: West and Crenshaw were caught and crushed to death and Mr. Warren narrowly escaped.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—A crank entered the Astor Place Bank this afternoon and demanded \$1,000 from Paying-Teller Hind. The teller told the crank to wait. As Hind turned away the crank fired a revolver point-blank at him, and a bullet flew by Hind's head, burying itself in adjoining wood work. The crank was seized and turned over to the police. The bank officials three days ago received a postal card from a man saying he would call in a few days for \$1,000. The man's identity is unknown.

For the past four days the cashier of the Astor Place Bank has been receiving threatening letters from a man who signed himself Charles Freeman. The letters demanded that the bank give the writer \$1,000 or the cashier would be killed.

The first of these letters was received last Tuesday. In fact the prisoner had delivered it in person. He had walked in and left it at the window without saying a word. It was as follows:

"To the Cashier of the Astor Place Bank:—This certifies that I shall call upon you, the cashier of the Astor Place Bank tomorrow and will present a note for \$1,000 and demand from you or shall be at the window of the cashier, and shall force them under penalty of being shot instantly, without a moment's notice, to hand me over the money. I hereby notify you of your danger. I do not want to kill any man without first giving him a warning, then if he does not heed the warning, then his life shall pay the cost, and if required, I would take 10,000 lives in order to fulfill the plan that God has laid out for me. For

further information, call upon the editor of the *World*. Very truly yours,

"CHARLES FREEMAN."

"God Almighty, the protector, in order not to cause any panic against the depositors, I shall only draw \$1,000 at one bank, which can easily be made good by the bank."

Inspector McLaughlin was informed and he placed Detective Freel at the bank to watch for this curious individual. On Wednesday the man did not put in an appearance, but the following postal card was sent:

"Owing to the lack of arms that I need to make good my word, I have postponed my plans until tomorrow."

"CHARLES FREEMAN."

The detective continued his wait. On Thursday this card was sent:

"My Dear Sir:—In order to give you the chance of considering, for your own good, I will call tomorrow without fail. Please have the money all counted out and ready for me. Remember your fate depends upon it, or that of the paying teller."

Very truly yours,
"CHARLES FREEMAN."

Today he presented this draft:

"Wednesday, Oct. 16, Astor Park Bank. After date promise to pay to the order of God Almighty the sum of \$1,000, when presented by Charles Freeman. Penalty, if not forfeited, death."

On the back of the draft the following inscription was written: "Notice—I am authorized by God to draw upon all banks to whatever amount I see fit, and the penalty to refuse me that I have the right to shoot the person dead that refused, and by the power of God no man can stay my hand."

PARIS, Oct. 19.—Captain Nathan Appleton, the delegate of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution of Massachusetts, at 3 o'clock this afternoon placed upon the tomb of General de Lafayette in Pichus cemetery the bronze emblem of the society which was forwarded here for that purpose. All the leading Americans in Paris and the descendants of the French who took part in the war of independence, as well as the surviving members of the Lafayette family, were present.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 20.—Advices this morning say prayers are being offered up today throughout the Russian empire for the recovery of the czar, and that great impatience is manifested at the scantiness of official news in regard to the condition of his majesty. Early this morning a dispatch from St. Petersburg announces that the latest reports received there from Livadia state that although the czar is still alive, he was rapidly weakening.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 20.—It is stated on the best authority that the czarina is very ill and that her son, Grand Duke George, is dying. It is also stated that the czar, before his illness entered upon the final stages, had a solemn interview with the czarevitz, in which he indicated the policy he desired him to pursue, and also insisted upon his marriage to Princess Alix, who was summoned to Livadia to receive the dying blessing of the czar.

The theaters will be closed six months after the death of the czar.

UPPER MARLBORO, M.D., Oct. 20.—

Stephen Williams, a negro who assaulted Mrs. Hardesty Wednesday and confessed, was taken from jail at three o'clock this morning and hanged.

TUCSON, ARIZ., Oct. 20.—A special to the *Star* from San Simon says: The report of the first act of violence committed by the Indians, resulting from the removal of the troops from Fort Bowle, was brought here by courier early this morning. Phil Hefir, of the San Simon Cattle company, while on his way to a roundup on Deer creek, in Stein's Peak mountains, some sixty-five miles from here, was attacked by a band of six or seven Apaches, who were lying in ambush behind a rock. A number of shots were fired at him, one passing through his left lung and breaking his shoulder blade into fragments. His pack animal, which he was driving before him, was killed. The attack was presumably made to get his firearms, ammunition and contents of the pack-saddle.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—The New York state Sabbath association held its third annual meeting last night in Brooklyn. Among the things that the association is trying to bring about is the abolition of all Sunday traffic, Sunday excursions and Sunday newspapers. The address on the Sunday newspapers was delivered by Dr. Theo. T. Cuyler, who announced himself a true friend of the daily press, which he held responsible for much of the good accomplished in the world, and thought that all Christians should unite in demanding the suppression of the Sunday papers.

"Why," asked he, "should the newspaper men be allowed to carry on their business when all other traders are required to suspend on Sunday? There is no need for the Sunday press. We got along very well without it in the olden days and we could again. While there is no reason why we should have the Sunday papers, there are many reasons why we should be delivered from them, for the cleanest paper issues sporting and other topics which are not subject for consideration on the Sabbath. Too many clergymen have to dig their parishioners from under the avalanche of blanket sheets which every Sabbath are launched upon the public."

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 20.—The Masons of Detroit and vicinity have decided to erect a pest house in the suburbs of the city, to be devoted exclusively to members of the order who may be stricken with smallpox. The patients will be cared for only by Masonic physicians, nurses and cooks, and the order will see that they are given the best of care. This action is the result of alleged unsatisfactory manner in which smallpox patients have been cared for in the city pest houses.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., Oct. 20.—Charles Etzler has surrendered himself to Southern Pacific Detective Breckenridge in this city, as accessory of the robbery of the express car last spring. Assured of his liberty Etzler has agreed to turn state's evidence against the two alleged criminals. One is a merchant in Los Angeles named Johnson, who at the time of the robbery and still owns a small ranch at Tejuanga, not far from Roscoe. The other is "Kid" Thompson, a criminal well known in Arizona, who served a short time in