

old stock, or sold for cash requirements and to protect and maintain the present plant and property of the company. The new company will own all the assets of the present company, and will have in the treasury stock of the Maritime Canal company to the amount of \$14,876,750, and obligations for the first mortgage bonds of the Maritime Canal company amounting to \$5,559,950 and \$66,000,000 of its own stock.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The United States postoffice authorities are determined to suppress the bond and investment companies which are operating all over the country. Postoffice Inspector Stuart received from Washington today a list of over fifty concerns operating in much the same manner as the Guarantee Investment company of Chicago. Those companies have been pronounced by the assistant attorney for the postoffice department as not entitled to the privileges of the United States mail. In the list of blacklisted concerns are the Utah Guarantee Investment company, Seattle Investment company of Seattle, four companies in Omaha, one in Denver, and one in Pueblo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Ned McGowan, an old-time politician, died at St. Mary's hospital this morning, aged 80. McGowan was prominently identified with the early political history of San Francisco. He came here in the early fifties from Philadelphia, where he had been a prominent figure in local politics. After he came to California he held numerous public offices, and later on got into trouble with the vigilantes.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Royal Geographical society has received news of the expedition headed by the American explorer W. Astor Chandler, who started out to ascend Mount Kenya, the great mountain of equatorial Africa. The expedition was stranded near the equator, waiting for porters, donkeys and goods to arrive from the coast. His messenger had been gone four months, and it was doubtful if they would ever reach him. His animals died of the plague, including 150 donkeys and fifteen camels.

HONOLULU, Nov. 19th, via schooner Transit to San Francisco, Dec. 8.—[Copyrighted by the Associated Press.]—During the afternoon the Alameda sailed. Minister Willis made a statement that nothing definite would be done here until he had received a reply to dispatches sent to Washington by the Alameda.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—A dynamite bomb has been exploded in the chamber of deputies. Deputies Lemyre, Wilers and one of the socialist deputies, and one attendant are reported killed. Later reports say one or more additional deputies were killed or injured.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The explosion occurred this afternoon when the chamber was in session, but, as the proceedings were very uninteresting, the galleries were not crowded. Suddenly from the right gallery, some sort of a bomb was thrown, exploding in the midst of the deputies, causing a scene of the greatest confusion and panic. It is impossible to get the exact details at present as the police at once closed all the doors to the chamber, and refused to allow any one to pass in or out, until the investigation was concluded. Still

it is said that Deputy Lemyre and one of the attendants were killed and a number wounded. One report is that the deputy killed was not Lemyre De Viliers, but a socialist deputy of a similar name. The utmost excitement prevails throughout the city.

It was 4 p. m. when the bomb was thrown. The ladies fled shrieking from the gallery. Burton Tralben, a newspaper man, was badly wounded in the head.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A steamer from Teneriffe reports that the island is greatly alarmed over the cholera epidemic there; all visitors are leaving.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 10.—An attempt to rob the express car on an Erie train was made last night. At the moment the train stopped the glass door of the express car was smashed and a robber entered. Messenger Weekly was unarmed, and in the struggle worsted the robber and flung him from the car just as the train moved on.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Honolulu, Nov. 22, per barkentine V. G. Irwin.—Since the advices by the schooner Transit, which sailed three days ago, the ex-queen has applied to the provisional government for protection, claiming that she fears violence from the foreign residents. The government at once granted her request, and a detail of six police was at once ordered by the marshal.

BARCELONA, Dec. 10.—A special police corps has been formed to combat anarchism. The outrage at Paris has revived the discussion in Spanish political circles. Spain, it is said, will propose to the other countries anti-anarchist measures.

ANTWERP, Dec. 10.—Last night there was an immense fire in this city. A grain warehouse called the Hanseatic House block, covering 80,000 square metres of ground, was completely destroyed. The ships in the docks in the vicinity were removed before the flames reached them. The damage in grain destroyed is 3,500,000 francs, and the loss on the building is estimated at 1,000,000 francs.

The Hanseatic House, destroyed by fire this morning, was one of the historical landmarks of the city. The building was begun in 1564 and was completed in 1568 from plans by Cornelius Vriendt.

ALGIERS, Dec. 9.—Two hundred Moorish Jews, expelled from Melilla recently by order of the Spanish general, have arrived at Nemours, Province Oran, in a destitute condition. As a result an order was issued today, forbidding Moorish Jews landing in Algeria.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The Majority report of the civil service commission for the present year is a document of about 15,000 words. It condemns the salary limits to the service in the custom houses, and recommends classification by grade. In support of this view the satisfactory results of classification in the railway mail service are cited.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A better international face is in prospect. Not one of yachts this time, but of railroad locomotives. The engineer is Fred Charles Liuby of England, who arrived here on the steamer New York yesterday. He is the inventor of the mammoth locomotive "James Tole-

man," which was exhibited at the World's Fair, and which he is now willing to back for a considerable amount against No. 999 of the New York Central, or any other American locomotive.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 10.—At noon today the last rail of the first division of the Midland Terminal railway was laid. The line is a Santa Fe feeder from the old mines of Cripple Creek district, reaching the main line of the Santa Fe at the divide. With only half the line built it will be possible to operate many mines at Cripple Creek now closed on account of the high tariff rates.

TOPEKA, Dec. 10.—Governor Lewelling's recent plea in behalf of tramps is bearing unpleasant fruit. During the past two days hundreds of tramps have flocked into Kansas, and the people in many towns and cities are demanding that the sheriffs and other peace officers not subject to the governor's orders afford them protection against the idle and begging hordes.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Henry Southern & Co., London booksellers, have sold to the General Theological Seminary in New York, the valuable collection of Bibles belonging to Dr. Copenher, professor of law in Victoria University. This collection is the largest in the world and consists of 543 Bibles published at various times, beginning with the fifteenth century and extending down to the present time.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The police force in Trafalgar Square today was larger than usual, in view of the rumor that the anarchists intended to hold another meeting, but whether frightened by the police demonstration or owing to the excitement created by the Paris dynamite bomb-throwing, only a few persons appeared.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 11.—The steamer F. & P. of the Flint and Pere Marquette line went ashore in a terrible easterly gale and snow storm six miles north of here this morning. The seas were so high that the surf boat could not be towed to the scene, and the life-saving apparatus is being taken overland. The steamer is in a perilous position. There are eighteen passengers and a crew of fifteen on board.

It was finally decided to try to get out in the surf boat. After a stiff pull of fifteen minutes it reached the side of the vessel and two women on board, Mrs. Augusta Peterson and Miss Flora Gunderman, both of Ludington, were let down into the boat. After consultation with the captain, who said the vessel was in no immediate danger of going to pieces, as the weather seemed to be moderating, it was thought best to defer the rescue of the others. So the crew rowed back and landed the two women.

Late this afternoon the rest of the passengers on the steamer were brought ashore.

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 11.—John McFarlane, superintendent of the street railway, was mysteriously assaulted last night. He was found in a doorway with a fractured skull and a deep cut in the neck. He is still unconscious and cannot live. James McFeeley and Abe Williams, rough characters, were seen in his company. They are under arrest.