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The reports are the Atholston, Topoka & Santa Fe, the Wabash and the Chesapeake & Ohio.

President Edward P. Ripley of the Atholston says of the legislation:

"It is hoped and believed that the public will soon realize that its recent attitude towards railroad companies in general has not been just to their stockholders and bondholders and also that unless the confidence of investors in the securities and stability of railroad investments is restored, it will be impossible to obtain the additional railway facilities which are necessary to the development of the country."

President Ripley adds that the Atholston directors have suspended various economic projects which were originally planned and will limit the company's capital expenditures to the completion of improvements to which the company is already committed.

President Frederick A. Delano of the Wabash, speaks of enactment of 2-cent passenger laws by Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Iowa, says:

"While these laws have not been effective, they are a serious menace to the future of the industry, and it is quite clear that if they are not repealed, the industry will be ruined."

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL GAMES BEGUN.

Chicago, Oct. 8.—The first game of the series to determine the world's championship in baseball, began this afternoon between the Chicago National league team, the champions of that organization and the Detroit, champions of the American league.

The weather was bright, sunny and with a light breeze. The spectators perhaps could have endured a temperature somewhat higher, but as for the players, conditions could not have been better.

The gates of the National League park were opened at 11:30 and although the game was not scheduled for three o'clock, the fans began to arrive at the first chance to buy tickets. The crowd increased rapidly and long before the game commenced, there was not a vacant seat in the grandstand.

The umpire, Fred McMullin, was in the field. The Detroit team was represented by large contingents. Two men were present who came from Cuba, especially to witness the championship series.

The umpire of both teams expressed confidence before the commencement of the game. Capt. Chance of Chicago said that he believed his team to be the best in the world and Detroit in several other ways. He declared that in his opinion, Chicago would take the series without much trouble.

Manager Jennings of Detroit merely said that his team had been good enough to win the American league pennant and he considered that equivalent to meaning that they have a most excellent chance to win in the National league.

"We have six Irish men on our team, and that means that we will fight to the last, and I cannot say any more than that."

The teams that appeared in the opening game today were as follows: Chicago—Slagle, c.f.; Sheppard, l.f.; Blyskal, c.; Steinfield, 3.b.; King, c.f.; Evers, l.f.; Schulte, r.f.; Tinker, s.b.; Overall, p.

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Umpire—Sheridan and O'Day.

VIOLATED POSTAL LAWS.

Two Boys Arrested for Using the Mails to Defraud.

New York, Oct. 8.—Lucien Mamm, an elderly importer here and Ogden V. Coffin, a schoolboy, are under arrest here on charges of using the mails to defraud.

The boys were charged with using the mails to defraud by sending letters to different parts of Ontario asking them to remit \$100 for the purchase of bonds and that Coffin presented himself to Leonard B. Drummond, a lawyer, who was acting as the business connected with the bonds.

It is said to have made a confession. It is stated that the boys' scheme was to receive \$100,000 from the sale of the bonds, because he wanted to make \$25,000 of which he wanted to pay a present for his wife.

A DENVER TRAGEDY.

E. T. Osburn Shot and Killed by E. L. Pierce, a D. & R. G. Accountant.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 8.—E. T. Osburn, a bookkeeper of the Green Canyon Coal Co., was shot and killed yesterday afternoon by E. L. Pierce, a claim accountant for the Denver & Rio Grande railroad. They were in a room at the Hotel Denver when the shooting occurred.

Pierce and Osburn were both attorneys. Osburn was a partner in the firm of Osburn, Pierce and Osburn, which was a law firm.

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