

Matheny, accused of the murder of Policeman Cashin, was acquitted by the jury today after a protracted trial. The case was a remarkable one. Matheny and a companion named Tonhill were surprised in the act of burglarizing a store in Oakland over a year ago by Cashin and a fellow policeman. A pitched battle ensued, in which Cashin and Tonhill were killed. It seemed to be settled that Cashin had been killed by Matheny, but a short time since the dead policeman's body was exhumed, the bullet extracted, and it was clearly shown the ball could not have come from the burglar's revolver. He was accordingly acquitted of murder, but is held for burglary.

PHENIX, Ariz., June 9.—It is reported here that the business portion of Globe, Ariz., is in ashes from a fire which started in the Old Dominion store. The total loss will not be less than \$20,000.

DUBUQUE, Ia., June 9.—The most destructive fire that ever visited Dubuque was started about 5 o'clock by an engine spark in the Lesur lumber yards. The fire burned from Sixth street to Eleventh street, a width of three square miles. Immense piles of lumber went down and mills, factories, warehouses and barns were reduced to ashes, leaving fully twelve acres of ruins.

CHICAGO, June 9.—The bronze statue, "Signal of Peace," the gift of Judge Lambert Tree to Lincoln Park, was unveiled this afternoon with simple ceremonies. The statue is the work of Cyrus Erwin Dallin, and represents an Indian seated on a pony, holding aloft upon a spear the emblem of peace.

WAGGONER, I. T., June 9.—This afternoon there was a robbery and sensational tragedy enacted on the road between Fort Gibson and Tahlequah, where the big Cherokee payment is in progress. A stage load of passengers was some miles out from Tahlequah en route to Fort Gibson, the railway station, when Levi Sanders, a desperate Cherokee character who was on the front seat with the driver, shot him in the side with his pistol, and ordered him to hold up. He then made the passengers get out and relieved them of \$70 and some jewelry.

One man, who declined to give his name, was shot through the breast by the Indian.

The robber then left, walking through the woods in the direction of Tahlequah. He found a man and an Indian boy herding some cattle and began shooting at the boy and killed him. He then mounted the horse the boy was riding and again emerged into the road, where he came upon two wagons containing some men and women. He shot into one of them and killed Mrs. Duncan, a lady connected with one of the best families of the Cherokee nation. Her son, Levi Duncan, was with her. He began shooting at Sanders, as did the man in the other wagon, but he was getting away on his horse when young Duncan got a Winchester and shot the horse.

Sanders was then afoot and could not escape. He was literally shot to pieces.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 11.—The steamer Arawa, from Australian ports, brought a number of notable passen-

gers in the persons of the delegates from the south sea colonies to the inter-colonial trade conference to be held in Ottawa the latter part of this month. They are all anxious for closer relationship with Canada, and the conference will be one of the most notable in Colonial history. The British cable from Canada to Australia and the annexation of Samoa or the future of that country at least, besides the commercial feature of inter-colonial trade development and legislation necessary in that direction will form the conference program. The Samoan trouble is still very much unsettled and a source of grave anxiety to the nations interested in the south seas.

The Arawa left Honolulu on the second of June, when the new constitution of Hawaii was the all-absorbing topic of conversation and debate. It had just been promulgated and published. It contains many features peculiar to itself. Its first section, dealing with the rights of persons and property, recognizes God as the Supreme ruler and declares for universal equity and liberty of the press and Hawaiian subjects. Any newspaper, however, which advocates restoration of the monarchical government, or any speaker taking the platform in the queen's cause, or suggesting force to accomplish a change of government, shall be considered a traitor and treated accordingly.

CHICAGO, June 11.—Prof. R. L. Garner, who recently returned from Africa in pursuit of his investigation of the habits of the Gorillas and Chimpanzees is in Chicago. Speaking of his investigations, he said:

From childhood I have believed that the lower animals were able to converse together to the extent of making known to each other their needs and conditions. In pursuit of knowledge in confirmation of this belief, I went to Africa, after a number of years' study of the monkeys in captivity. I firmly believe as I have written since my return, that the monkey tribe is able to communicate one with the other to a remarkable degree of intelligence. I am now at work on the development and finishing of an alphabet which I have invented, as a result of my years of study and elaborate by my African experiences. I propose to return to Africa next spring and resume my investigation in the Gambia country.

TANGIER, June 11.—News from the interior confirms the report of the death of Sultan Muley Hassan, while traveling between the capital and Rabat. It is rumored that the Sultan's son, Mula Abdah Aziz, has been proclaimed sultan.

LONDON, June 11.—A prominent banker has received a dispatch from Tangier this afternoon, saying the belief prevails that the late sultan was foully murdered.

CHICAGO, June 11.—An additional complication may arise in the case of Assassin Prendergast. Judge Chetlain is not sitting in the criminal court and the case came up today before Judge Payne. When the continuance agreed on was submitted to him, he refused to enter the order, saying he knew no reason why the continuance should be granted. The matter went over temporarily.

Prendergast insisted on making a speech. "I am the defendant here,"

he said, "and I want no continuance. The question to be determined is my guilt or innocence, not insanity. Murder is the malicious taking of human life. That crime I have not committed." The prisoner was thrust into a chair by the bailiffs.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—A question has arisen as to the effect of the Pacific roads bill on the individual liability of Stanford and other stockholders for the government debt. Some lawyers in Congress, including Maguire, Rep., of San Francisco, say the new funding act will be in the nature of a settlement of the account between the government and the roads, and this settlement will be absolute and final and discharge all the stockholders from individual liability. The present move of the attorney general against the Stanford estate is based on the fact that the Pacific railroad debt is about to mature.

IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich., June 11.—Forest fires are raging in the vicinity. Across the river in Wisconsin the flames are doing great damage. At Sagola, Mich., McCormack's hotel, saloon, boarding house, several dwellings and the warehouses of the Samola Lumber company are burned.

MADRID, June 11.—Don Frederico Madrago, the distinguished Spanish painter, is dead.

ST. LOUIS, June 11.—The conference of national officers of the labor organizations assembled here today with a view of bringing about unity of work among the labor organizations. The conference organized with Garnd Master Workman Sovereign, of the Knights of Labor, as chairman; P. J. McGuire, head of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, secretary.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 11.—Assured of the success of the big tunnel on the American side, the same interests which control it have made arrangements for the construction of a similar plant on the opposite side of the river. A meeting held at the falls where all the necessary papers were signed by which the Cataract Construction company, under the name of the Canadian Niagara Falls Powder company, secures the right to construct hydraulic canals for a great powder grading plant. The papers were signed by the trustees of Queen Victoria Park and the officials of the powder company and the plans were described by the company and accepted by the commissioners.

In many details the plans are similar to those put in operation on the American side. The powder house and the pits will be of the same dimensions. Three mammoth tribunes will be put in and the arrangements will be so the pit can be extended 1,200 feet when necessary.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., June 11.—The City of Topeka has arrived from Alaska. The rumor from San Francisco that the revenue cutter Bear was wrecked near Sitka is false.

Settlers along the Alaska coast north of Prince William's sound, have reported to the government authorities that there is imminent danger of an Indian uprising. Near Shakan harbor last month the Indians killed an unknown white man while coming down the coast and mutilated the corpse horribly. Another murder is reported in that vicinity, the particulars of which are unknown.