

PLAN 66 GIGANTIC THEATRE CHAIN

Klaw & Erlanger Aim to Control 500 Houses in Europe and America.

WILL ABSORB VAUDEVILLE

\$100,000,000 to Be the Sum Represented in This Latest Expansion of Theatrical Magnates—Mayer Goes Abroad to Investigate.

NEW YORK, July 16.—(Special.)—A gigantic chain of theaters for vaudeville and legitimate dramatic purposes, including 500 leading theaters in this country and many scattered abroad, is the latest plan of the Klaw & Erlanger syndicate.

A. R. Erlanger confirmed the report of the plans to create the international trust, in an interview given out in Pittsburgh yesterday.

POSTAL LINE'S MANIFEST Submits Statement of Wages Earned by Employees.

NEW YORK, July 16.—The visit of Labor Commissioner Nell to San Francisco in connection with the telegraphers' strike at that point affords the Postal Telegraph Cable Company the opportunity to present to the public a statement of wages earned by its employees.

The company submits as the strongest possible refutation of the false statements of the striking employees that they have been underpaid, the following summary of its monthly payroll.

"The average wages earned and paid telegraphers who worked at the key for the month was \$112.52, or at the rate of 44 2/3 cents per hour. The highest class men are paid at the rate of \$90 per month, each.

OPERATORS MAKE REPLY Secretary Russell Answers Statement of Postal Company.

CHICAGO, July 16.—Secretary Russell, of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, tonight issued the following statement in reply to the statement issued by the Postal Telegraph Company.

EARL KNITE IS DROWNED Meets Death While Helping With Log Drive Near Salem.

SALEM, Ore., July 16.—(Special.)—Earl Knite, a log-driver employed by the Doernbecher Manufacturing Company of Portland, was drowned in the Willamette River two miles north of this city this afternoon.

had been employed by the Doernbecher Company about two months. He was helping with a log-drive to New Era, and while pushing a log out of shallow water, he stepped into a deep hole.

ABERDEEN SHORT OF WATER Sawmill Asked to Conserve Their Supply—May Force Shutdown.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 16.—(Special.)—As a result of the unusual dry weather there is likely to be shortage of water during August.

Elopement Is Frustrated. TACOMA, Wash., July 16.—(Special.)—The climax of 18 months of billing and cooling by a young Seattle couple, was spoiled tonight when Detective Smith cornered the couple and Alice Sapp, as they appeared at the parsonage.

ELKS IN CLOSE ELECTION JOHN H. K. TENER CONCEDED GRAND EXALTED RULER.

Contest Over Grand Treasurer and Secretary Hotly Contested—Dallas, Texas, Gets Next Meeting.

PHILADELPHIA, July 16.—The grand lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, after two hours' recessive today, adjourned without having made any announcement as to the result of its elections.

The new body, which is really a court and will decide all matters within the organization, came into life with the adoption of a new constitution, which went into effect today.

Grand Secretary Robinson stated after the lodge adjourned at 5 o'clock that there were 190 ballots to count, and that there would be no official announcement until tomorrow.

DEMOCRACY IS DEFINED Tammany Adopts Resolutions Covering Sentiments of Party.

NEW YORK, July 16.—District leaders and 200 members of the general committee of Tammany Hall, met at the Wisconsin tonight and adopted resolutions defining democracy as the application to political institutions a divine injunction to the first man.

Although not stated in the resolution, it was subsequently intimated that the referendum on the court delay was inspired by the slow headway made in the election contest case of William R. Hearst against Mayor McClellan.

DEATH LIST GROWS

Nine Numbered Among Victims of Georgia Disaster.

TWO MORE LIKELY TO DIE

Five Others in Serious Condition, but Hopes Are Entertained That Three of Them May Survive.

Japan Extends Sympathy.

BOSTON, July 16.—The bodies of six of the victims of the explosion on board the battleship Georgia, today have been claimed by relatives, and sent home from the United States Naval Hospital.

At the head of each cot in the Naval Hospital stands a bouquet of flowers sent today by Admiral and Mrs. Casper Goodrich.

Chief Turret Captain William J. Thatcher, sent to his mother, Mrs. Louise Thatcher, Wilmington, Del.

Seaman James E. Thomas, who enlisted at New York, is in a most critical condition, and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thomas, are constantly near his cot.

Frank Schlapp, boatswain's mate, of North Adams, Mass., probably will recover. Schlapp has been before being a victim of an explosion while in the service, being one of three who were injured in the explosion in the six-inch turret of the Kearsarge on April 13, 1898.

NOT DUE TO CARELESSNESS Tragedy on Battleship Georgia Ascribed to Falling Soot.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—It is said at the Navy Department that it is extremely improbable that the accident aboard the battleship Georgia resulted from any carelessness on the part of the personnel of the ship.

MACCABEES IN REVIEW Supreme Tent Delegates Are in Convention at Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., July 16.—With many delegates present from all sections of the United States and Canada, representing 300,000 members, the eleventh triennial review of the supreme tent, Knights of the Maccabees of the World, opened here today.

Police Catch Fugitive. Detectives Mallet and Hill, while engaged in searching for Tom Hodges, a man wanted in Seattle on a charge of assault with intent to kill, came upon their man engaged in a fight with another man at the corner of First and Madison streets at 11 o'clock last night.

Butterick Patterns For July, 10c, 15c

Established 1850—FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS IN BUSINESS—Established 1850 Lipman, Wolfe & Co. August Delineator 15c, Pat. Counter

Clearance Sale of Summer Wash Suits The great sale opportunity of the year to obtain that dainty Summer Dress at the price of the materials alone. Better still—you have your choice of a large number of smart styles and dainty fabrics. Tailored Wash Suits, Reg. Vals. to \$27.50 for \$8.75

1200 Yards Silk Linen Madras Reg. 65c, 75c, \$1 Vals. 25c Not often are such superb, exclusive wash goods sold at such a bargain price.

WORTH REMEMBERING During July and August, Lipman, Wolfe & Co. will conduct a Series of Sales throughout the store, affording some of the Greatest Values Ever Quoted to Portland Shoppers

beneficial effect upon the nerves of the gunners of the knowledge that an avenue of escape is always open to them in case of an accident in the turret.

EMPEROR IN PANIC AT MINISTER HAYASHI'S COMING. FOUR PRETENDERS APPEAR Discovery of Sending of Delegation to Hague Causes Terror in Seoul—Japan May Put New Ruler on the Throne.

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DETOUR VIA TOKYO, July 16.—The crisis in Korean affairs and the consequent panic in court circles was heightened Saturday when the Emperor learned that Viscount Hayashi, Foreign Minister of Japan, was coming to Seoul to inaugurate the knot called by the sending of a delegation to the Hague to protest against Japan's attitude toward Korea.

SEUL, July 16.—Frank Bailey, a negro, was lynched by a mob consisting of 15 men and boys here tonight, after he had shot and mortally wounded Frank Kelly, a brakeman on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway.

MURDERER ESCAPES, BUT MOB QUICKLY LOCATES HIM AND SUSPENDS BRUTE FROM TELEGRAPH POLE. OSAGE, Okla., July 16.—Frank Bailey, a negro, was lynched by a mob consisting of 15 men and boys here tonight, after he had shot and mortally wounded Frank Kelly, a brakeman on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway.

HOOD'S PILLS Peptin Pills COFFEE Start the day right. Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best. We pay him.

A RUSSIAN GENERAL KILLED Bomb Tears to Pieces Alikhanoff and Two Companions. ALEXANDROPOL, Russia, July 16.—General Alikhanoff, former governor-general of Tiflis, Madame M. E. Gileboff, wife of General Gileboff and the coachman, who was driving their carriage, were blown to pieces by bombs thrown at their conveyance at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

RETURN FROM SEASIDE Oregon Troops Spend Profitable Outing in Instruction Camp. The Third Infantry camp of instruction at Seaside was broken yesterday and the troops returned to Portland, leaving Seaside at 11 A. M. and reaching the Army late in the afternoon.

WEDDING AND VISITING CARDS W.G. SMITH & CO. WASHINGTON BUILDING Fourth and Washington Streets

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