RAILROAD RATE CASE

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION HEARD IT.

St. Louis Business Men Purpose to Get Better Rates to Pacific Coast, If Possible.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The case of the Business Men's League, of St. Louis, against the Southern Pacific and other transcontinental lines, involving issues of great importance to shippers to Pacific Coast points, was heard by the Interstate Commerce Commission today. The case has been pending in various ways for a long time, and, after a hearing that closed late this afternoon, the commission fixed October 22, in this city, for the hearing of arguments in the case.

St. Louis and Chicago shippers are trying to secure lower rates to the Pacific Coast from the Middle West, and to have the roads reduce the difference between carload rates and less than carload rates in the Pacific Coast business. Vice-President Morton and Traffic Manager Biddle represented the Santa Fe; Vice-President Herron and Chief Counsel Stubbs, the Southern Pacific; H. L. Christie, F. M. Johnston, of St. Louis, and J. F. Tompkins, of Chicago, represented the Business Men's League, and E. S. Pillsbury, the Pacific Coast jobbers.

Vice-President Morton was the principal witness today. While he knew many railroad officers differed with his views, he believed that the difference between the carload and less than carload rates should be decreased. The difernce, he said, was too great from the standpoint of both the carrier and the small shipper. He said it did not cost the railroads to handle the two quantities of goods an amount commensurate with the difference in rates. He believed the difference should be based on the cost of handling. It was right that this difference should be decreased, although he said it might be impracticable to bring it about. Custom had brought about the present difference, and the action of any individual road could not break the practice.

Mr. Morton also favored graded rates on transcontinental business as a fair and equitable measure for both the carriers and the shippers. Vice-President Stubbs, of the Southern Pacific, testified in contravention of the position taken by Mr. Morton.

Another witness was Mr. Scott, of an Oakland, Cal., hardware house, who discussed competition in the Coast business. He said that a representative of the Colorado Iron & Fuel Company once informed his house that the Colorado company should have 100 per cent of the business of his firm in the purchase of material, and at a high rate, with the alternative of the Colorado company invading the field of the hardware firm's customers. The demand he said was refused. He denounced some of the methods in use by that company.

The shippers who are pressing the case contend that the difference in carload and fractional carload rates gives Pacific Coast jobbers an advantage over the St. Louis and Chicago jobbers.

Opposed by People of Far West.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—William R. Wheeler, a wholesale hardware merchant of San Francisco, testified before the Industrial Commission today. He said that in recent years there had been a great increase in trans-Pacific trade. Most of the trade, he said, is with China, as the acquisition of the Philippines thus far has not caused any great demand from those islands. He said the Pacific Coast trade has received no benefit from the Government business, owing to the fact that there is no Government depot on the Coast. He said the recent oil developments already had done much to solve the oil problem for the Coast. Mr. Wheeler also said that the people of the far West generally were opposed to the efforts of Chicago and St. Louis to secure lower rates on the Pacific business than is given to New York, as such a change would interfere with their jobbing trade.

TO CLOSE KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

Memphis Line Will Be Operated by "'Frisco Line."

KANSAS CITY, May 21.—President B. F. Yoakum, of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, has announced that the general offices of the Memphis route in Kansas City will be closed and the line operated from the general office of the "'Frisco" in St. Louis. He said the "'Frisco" will build a line from Sherman to Fort Worth, Tex., to connect with the Fort Worth & Rio Grande, recently acquired by the "'Frisco," and from the terminus of the latter line would build to the Mexican border at Spofford, about 40 miles from Eagle Pass, where a connection would be made with the Mexican International.

"What about "'Frisco' control of the Mexican International or the Mexican Central?" President Yoakum was asked.

"We do not own the Mexican Central nor do we own any other Mexican roads," he replied.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONTROL.

James J. Hill Says He Knows of No Change in Ownership.

ST. PAUL, May 21.—J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, returned from New York tonight. When asked by a reporter as to the present status of the much-discussed Northern Pacific road he replied:

"There is no change to be reported. I do not know of any change in the ownership of the Northern Pacific. The Northern Pacific people could tell you more about this matter than I can."

With regard to the Burlington deal, Mr. Hill said: "Over 90 per cent of the stock of the road had been deposited with a trust company in New York when I left the East, but beyond that there is nothing to be said. Everything is going smoothly."

DENIED BY PETTIGREW.

Has Not Been Offered Presidency of Northern Pacific.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 21.—In an interview in the Sioux Falls Press, which will appear tomorrow morning, ex-Senator Pettigrew denies that he has been offered the presidency of the Northern Pacific or any other railroad, and says that no such position will be offered him, and that he would not accept such an offer if made. He will devote the rest of his days to the building up of his own state, he says, and will continue to advocate the ideas upheld by him during the last session of the Senate.

Rumor of Change in Mexican Road.

MEXICO CITY, May 21.—Rumors are persistent that the new group in control of the Mexican Central Railroad has purchased the control of the Mexican Railroad, or old Vera Cruz line. Railway and business men regard this as certain, and it is sure that with the Vera Cruz in its hands, the Central will be able to dominate the railroad situation in Mexico. There is also talk of the Mexican, Cuernavaca & Pacific road passing into the hands of the same group.

William Astor Chandler, of New York, has made a second deposit binding the bargain for the purchase of the Hidalgo Railroad, which is projected to be pushed to Tuxpan.

It is generally believed that the Mexican National Railroad will shortly be made a standard-gauge railroad.

All Records Broken.

ST. LOUIS, May 21.—All records between Buffalo and St. Louis were broken by the Wabash special train having on board the officers and directors of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, who returned today from the Pan-American Exposition opening ceremonies. The trip from Buffalo, 750 miles, was made in 15 hours and 55 minutes, counting stops, and the time lost in ferrying across the Detroit River. Thus the actual running time was less than 14 hours, four hours shorter than the fastest schedule between the two cities.

Union Pacific Wants to List Bonds.

NEW YORK, May 21.—An application of the Union Pacific Railway to the Stock Exchange has been posted at the exchange to list $100,000,000 first mortgage collateral trust convertible 4 per cent bonds. This is the total amount of these bonds authorized by the company, including the $40,000,000 already sold to finance the Southern Pacific purchase. The application as posted does not mention the collateral for the bonds, or the purpose of the $60,000,000 bonds which have not yet been issued, and which, it has been rumored, were intended to finance the purchase of the Northern Pacific stocks.

Ran Into a Washout.

PUEBLO, Colo., May 21.—Passenger train Number 115 on the Rio Grande Railroad ran into a washout near San Carlos, 10 miles south of here last night and was wrecked. The engine rolled over into St. Charles Creek, but the rest of the train remained on the bank. It was thought at first that there would be a loss of life and the hospital train was sent from here, but beyond a shaking up no injury was done the passengers.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

THE PORTLAND.

H Frank, N Y
J C Einstein, N Y
F D Newberry, Phila
Ike New, Chicago
J W Argenbright, NY
Grace Brunn, Chicago
J D Fraser, San Fran
L F Thiel, Spokane
N L Walter, San Fr
J C Gair, Chicago
C H Smith, Boston
Geo H Robinson, N Y
W L Duhn, Spokane
Oscar Steiner, N Y
G F Richardson & wf, San Francisco
Oscar Boldemann, wf & chd, San Francisco
Mr & Mrs C E Dennison, Boston
Emil Pursch, San Fr
H D Pillsbury, S F
H Sternberger, S F
P Cawley, Ireland
M Herry, Ireland
L M Hermann, Chgo
J Muerer, Chicago
W J Ball, San Fran
M Kerndt, Jr, Lansing, O
Mrs M L Cunningham, Butler
Mrs M C Trenmeler, do
Mrs J E Noler
H E Coleman, Toledo
H H Mueller, San Fr
H T Sinclair, Chicago
Alex C Blair, Los Ang
H McNamara, San Fr
R M Nevin & wife, Dayton, O
R R Nevin, Dayton, O
Pete Nevin, Dayton, O
Mrs M B Stockwell, do
Ed Bussey, Omaha
N W Cromer & w, Ins
C L Hilderbrandt & wf, Wilmington, O
J S Snook & wf, Ohio
J L Brenner & wife, Dayton, O
W R Warnouk & wife, Urbana, O
J H Bromwell, Cincinn
A Lybrand, Delaware
J W Cassingham, Ohio
Emmett Tompkins & wife, Columbus, O
C S Dick & w, Akron
John Barrett, N Y
J H Southard & wife, Toledo, O
Mrs F Kaufman, N Y
T O Phillips & w, S F
Paul D Walsh, S F
C A Clark, Montreal
J H Manning
P Luce, San Francisco
Mrs M E Bayne, S F
Miss Pierce, San Fran
C G Jacobson, city
O D Graham, Chicago
G F Wentworth, Tacoma
C W Thompson, St Anthony
S Morgan, Oak Hill, O
J H Colburn, N Y
Sam Glass, N Y
M Henry, Ireland
R Noel, N Y
L B Hicks, Seattle
B H Pitts, St Louis
G J Scharlach, N Y
E J Mitchell, Chicago
H E Hutchinson, N Y
P Cawley, Ireland

Columbia River Scenery—Regulator Line steamers, Oak-St. dock. The Dalles, Hood River, Cascade Locks and return.

THE PERKINS.

Thomas Duncan, Milwaukee, Wis
G A Thayer, Kalama
C E Moulton, Tacoma
Nels Thompson, Tillamook
W Wood, Dayton, Wn
Mrs W Wood, do
John L Sharpstein, Walla Walla
C Hemden, San Fran
Mrs C Hemden, do
Frank M Sullivan, Butte, Mont
S Chapman, city
Chas F Mallith, S F
S D Wood, Delaware, Ill
Mrs S D Wood, do
C B Wood, do
Miss Rosa Turner, do
F A Megrath, St Paul, Minn
Thos Guinean, Spokn
E B Dunlap, Covington, Ind
S G Wright, do
W O Donelson, La Grd
J D McGowan, Warendale, Wash
A Bronsgeest, Dalles
F Nagel, Dalles
J H Bell, St Louis
N B Ford, Oakld, Cal
Alex Newman, San Fr
A M Burrell, Chehalis
Mrs A M Burrell, do
Geo R Eberling, Hoquiam, Wash
F D Simmons, La Grd
E Cavanaugh, do
John Barclay, Black Diamond, Wash
W C Mills, McCormick
J P Rhea, Heppner
C S Webb, Moro
S R Tompkins, Boise
Mrs S R Tompkins, do
Geo W Turey, N Y
A B Little, Houlton
G W Shaw, Hoquiam
John Burg, Hoquiam
M D Fairchild, N Y
Mrs M D Fairchild, do
C J Curtis, Astoria
Henry O'Neil, Astoria
Mrs S D Freeman, do
Lawrence Perry, Kelso
W F Broschelt, Washougal, Wash
W Wilson, Manila
O H Fithian, Chicago
Minnie Campbell, Shoshone, Idaho
Miss Thorburn, Dalles
Frank Rogers, Heppnr
W Bolton, Antelope
Edwin S Bufturin, Antelope, Or
Thos H Tongue, Hillsboro
B B Smith, Arlington
Mrs A J Paul, Aberdeen, Wash
W H Wehrung, Hillsboro
Mrs W H Wehrung, do
M Johnson, So Bend
Edwin Ross, St Helens
Chas Davis, St Helens
Miss Bertha Tongue, Hillsboro
Miss Elizabeth Tongue Hillsboro
Mrs D P Trullinger, North Yamhill, Or
Miss Grace Trullinger, North Yamhill, Or
G M Hyland, city
W J Verner, Rossland
L W Walker, Los Angl
Mrs L W Walker, do
Mrs L C Dickman, do
Minnie Evans, do
Stein Smania, do
Wm Gresnell, Nelson, B C
D B Kelley, Oakld, Cal
W W Miller, Lovelocks, Colo
E J Reid, do
C T Peterson, Seattle
John Maloney, Spokane Baseball Team
Ralph Dodd, do
Dobley Thielman, do
Shea Donahue, do
Joe Marshall, do
Spec Hurlburt, do
Alf Kurran, do
Martin Glendon, do
Robt Willner, do
Wm Batteuas, do
— McDevett, do
E D Woodberry, city
Mrs E D Woodberry, do
P J McGowan, Astoria
Jas Manlin, Helena
P E Blocker, Los Angl
Geo P Town, Missoula
Mrs Geo P Town, do
Miss Town, Missoula
Frank Roberts, Heppnr
Geo Murray, Montesano
John W Alexander, Seattle
H S McGowan, Chinook
H W Natt, Ilwaco
Thos Murray, Montesano, Wash

Columbia River Scenery—Regulator Line steamers, Oak-St. dock. The Dalles, Hood River, Cascade Locks and return.

THE IMPERIAL.

C. W. Knowles, Manager.

Miss Ringer, Pullman
Miss Palmerton, do
M H Sherwood, Fairfield
D M Miller, Seattle
R Burns, O R & N Co
N H Webber, Eagle Cl
Mrs Webber, do
C E Burnett, St Paul
C M Conry, Rockland
J T Smith, San Fran
S P Kimball, Salem
B E Kennedy, Pendletn
J J Ames, Honsmyson
W C Fowler, Pendltn
Miss Marie Shields, Eugene
L B Geer, Salem
Mrs Geer, Salem
Z F Moody, Dalles
E P McCormack, Salem
Thos Quinlan, Spokn
R E Stephenson, Ontougon
C Alice White, city
Wm Gorman, Stella
J Black, San Fran
Mrs M Jonhson, Dalles
Mrs A Everdeen, do
Mrs M J Ketchum, Stayton
H C Richmond, Omaha
Mrs Richmond, do
A Dougherty, Moro
Miss Mary Weist, Stella
John Larkin, N Y
T T Geer, Salem
Mrs T T Geer, Salem
I L Patterson, Salem
Mrs I L Patterson, do
Mrs H S Pernot, Corvallis
John D Daly, Corvallis
J E Sutton, Winlock
P C Hetzler, Seattle
A C Mowrey, Stella
S H Friendly, Eugene
G W Colvig, Grnt Pass
D E Smith, Denver
Mrs Smith, Denver
W L Whitmore, Chgo
Miss A Ogle, Everett
T I Van Outeren, Oakland
Ira Erb, Salem
Frank N Benson, Roseburg
Mrs Frank N Benson, do
W A Reynolds, Chehalis, Wash
T M Barr, Salem
Mrs M L McCanstland, Corvallis
B G Ingraham, St Pl
R S Bean, Salem
G W Howell, Astoria
Mrs E K Ferguson, do
J E Higgins, Astoria
Edward A Higgins, do
M DeLin, Astoria
H F Prael, Astoria
J R Justice, Seattle

THE ST. CHARLES.

C S Evans, Grnt Pass
John Kennedy, Terry
E W Cooper & w, Indp
Fred W Snyder, Spokn
Wm Darch & son, Goldendale
E Beller, Corvallis
A M White, Gervais
Mrs Missen, Gervais
D Rodegeb, Ariel, Wn
T H Mutersbaugh, do
F E Carpenter
J W Douglass & wife, Hillsboro
S H Kistner, Rainier
E D McKay, Castle Rk
Mrs J Anderson, LaCtr
Wm Belt, N Yamhill
Robt Wittenburg, do
John Barr, Astoria
L F Thompson, Centerville
W R Parker, Philomth
H C Harp, Philomath
H E Strack, Van Wert, Ohio
S M Ramsey & wife, Fossil, Or
Geo A Nielog & wife, Monkland, Or
J H Elliott, do
W J Stater, Newberg
Miss Parrell, city
H S Ganlee, Monkland
J O Thompson, do
C J Thompson, do
G P Bennett, Stayton
A Greinier, Condon
B Greinier, Condon
H Otho, Toledo, Wash
M R Epperson, Ind
C Anderson, Dawson
J C Coakley, Maygers
H T Peugh, Moro
C O White & w, Scott's Mills

Hotel Brunswick, Seattle.
European; first-class. Rates, 75c and up. One block from depot. Restaurant next door.

Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma.
American plan. Rates, $3 and up.

Donnelly Hotel, Tacoma.
European plan. Rates, 50c and up.

LIBERALS' MOTION LOST

ENGLISH BUDGET PROPOSALS WERE UPHELD.

Government's Position on Chinese Question—Unalterably Opposed to Guarantee Loan.

LONDON, May 21.—The House of Commons today, by 300 to 123 votes, rejected the motion of Sir Henry Fowler, Liberal, which was supported by the Liberal leaders, disapproving the budget proposals. Mr. Balfour, the government leader, announced that the government would regard the adoption of the motion as a vote of confidence. The Irish abstained from voting.

Lord Cranbourn proceeded to make a general statement on the China question, saying the government's chief conern at present was to moderate, as far as possible, the demands for indemnity, and see that they did not infringe on commercial interests. The government, therefore, was unalterably opposed to raising the import duties to 10 per cent, as security for the payment of the indemnity, and in reply to all suggestions had requested that Great Britain would only consent to such raise of duties in connection with commercial improvements in the Chinese fiscal system, such as the abolition of the liken taxes. As to moderating the total indemnity, there were more than one way of achieving that object, and China's burden might be perceptibly lightened by the method of payment. In regard to the proposal that the indemnity be defrayed by a loan, guaranteed by a concert of the powers, undoubtedly China's obligation to pay the indemnity was a joint obligation, and though he hoped it would not be necessary, if such a loan was guaranteed, it would have to be by the joint force of all the powers. The objection to a joint guarantee, however, was so obvious that the government would have nothing to do with it. Considering that British credit stood higher than that of any other power, while Great Britain claimed only a small portion of the indemnity, it would be nothing short of insane to agree to jointly guarantee the loan. After mentioning that three high-placed delinquents had been executed, that three had been permitted to commit suicide, that four had been banished, and that the powers had demanded the punishment of 170 provincial culprits, Lord Cranbourn concluded by saying that on the whole the affairs of China were entering on a more pacific phase, and that the government hoped to soon withdraw a large portion of the British troops from that country.

In the House of Lords.

Lord Lansdowne, the Foreign Secretary, made a statement in the House of Lords similar to the one made by Lord Cranbourn in the House of Commons. He said the government desired to avoid an arrangement for the payment of the indemnity by which China would be compelled to contract separate obligations and could not agree to a joint guarantee of the loan. The government, therefore, had suggested to the powers that China should give the powers bonds representing the amount guaranteed to each of them. The bonds might be extinguished on demand after years by the payment of the principal and interest. Certain sources of revenue should be ear-marked and the yield be paid to a board, which should distribute it. If China then made default, it would be to the powers collectively. The government hoped the powers would be content to base their demands on common principles, and satisfy them from common sources, and, in default, demand payment by common action. The proposed board would not be concerned in the imposition or collection of taxes. If, in pursuance of the suggested plan, payment was exacted from China in bonds at their face value, and if possible to arrange, as Great Britain was prepared to do for some, enforcing the full amount of the annual payment, it would greatly improve the position of China and render it far easier for her to meet her claims than if driven to the expedient of a loan. In regard to the withdrawal of troops, the Foreign Secretary said 2300 British troops would leave immediately. From the first Great Brittain had indicated an objection to be drawn into expeditions remote from Pekin. He believed the feeling was shared by the other powers, who desired the arrival of the moment when it would be possible to withdraw from China.

British Tug Incident Called Up.

LONDON, May 22.—The Government was questioned in the House of Commons today on the subject of the British tug Ewo incident at Tien Tsin, when two Chinese on board that vessel were fatally shot by Germans guarding a bridge, after the tug had fouled it. The Under Foreign Secretary, Lord Cranbourn, in reply, said Field Marshal von Waldersee had expressed his regret, and had promised to take measures to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents.

Emperor Wants Peace to Continue.

VIENNA, May 21.—The delegations were received by Emperor Francis Joseph at the Hofburg today, with the usual ceremonies. Replying to the addresses presented, the Emperor emphasized the "continuance of the unaltered cordial relationship of all the empires allied with us," and the "friendly relations of all the powers," deducing "from this gratifying political situation the just hope that peace will continue to be maintained." The remainder of his majesty's speech was without international importance.

Proposed Marriage of Alexander.

BERLIN, May 21.—Reverting to the rumor that the late King Milan was trying to arrange a marriage between King Alexander and one of the minor German Princesses, when the plan was spoiled by King Alexander wedding Mme. Maschin, the Munich Neuste Nachrichten says:

"The negotiations were begun about a year ago in Carlsbad, and the lady was a Schaumberg-Lippe Princess, whose consent had already been gained."

WAS A PIONEER OF 1854.

THE LATE REV. D. W. MINTUN.

DAMASCUS, Or., May 21.—The Rev. D. W. Mintun, a pioneer of 1854, died Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sarah H. Moffitt, near this place. Deceased was born in Athens County, Ohio, in 1816. In his youth he showed a religious heart, and began church work at an early age. In 1850 he was ordained minister. He married Miss Sally Smith in 1840. In 1852 he and his family moved to Iowa, and two years later crossed the plains to Oregon with ox teams.

They settled in Lane County about 16 miles west of Eugene, where they lived eight years. They then moved to Benton County, and two years after went to The Dalles. Mrs. Mintun died in 1873. Mr. Mintun then went to McPherson County, Kansas, and took up a homestead, where he lived until 1896, when he returned to Oregon and took up his abode with his daughter, Mrs. Moffitt.

He left seven children, five sons and two daughters, as follows: A. B. Mintun, Mrs. P. Mahon, Mrs. Sarah H. Moffitt, J. H. Mintun, G. L. Mintun, E. L. Mintun and L. L. Mintun. Twenty-four grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren survive him. He was a man of high character and pleasing disposition, and left a large circle of friends.

REWARD OF MILNER.

Peerage Would Be Natural Recognition of His Services.

NEW YORK, May 21.—Dealing with rumors about the near approach of Alfred Milner to English shores, the London correspondent of the Tribune says the gossips alternately raise him to the peerage and supersede him as High Commissioner of South Africa. Some more imaginative marplots even persist in ejecting Mr. Chamberlain from the Colonial Office and substituting Sir Alfred for him.

All these rumors are idle tales. Sir Alfred Milner cannot be allowed to return to London for a conference with Mr. Chamberlain without a demonstration of royal appreciation and public approval. He is not likely to retire from Marlborough House without a decoration of some kind and the peerage will be a natural reward for services which have been more arduous than those of any predecessor. Nothing is known about the King's purposes beyond the exceptional distinction of welcoming him at Marlborough House as soon as he arrives in London.

Rumors relating to his permanent retirement from South Africa or acceptance of office in the Salisbury Cabinet are highly improbable. Some of the recent appointments in South Africa have been unfortunate, and there is an immense mass of detail respecting the reconstruction policy which Mr. Chamberlain and he will need to go over together. His visit will be well timed if it enables the two statesmen most familiar with South Africa to prevent the exploitation of the new colonies by monopolists and mine-owning millionaires.

DISPROVED BY RUSSIA.

Germany's Alleged Desire to Send New Expedition Against Boxers.

NEW YORK, May 21.—According to a Herald dispatch from St. Petersburg, Germany's reported desire to send a new expedition against the Boxers is looked upon at the Russian capital as detrimental to the prospects of peace.

The Bergesvia Viedomosti comments as follows on the Kaiser's speech regarding the confidence of the Czar and Count Waldersee:

"We do not understand, and we have no confidence in these penal piratical expeditions, and only understand peaceful methods. It has needed much confidence in the triumph of common sense, and in the triumph of political peace over a policy of adventures and vagabondages, for Russia to remain calm and cool during these long months of fruitful deliberations and criminal expeditions, complicating a situation which should long ago have ended. If the troops are being withdrawn now, the powers are merely following the first plan mapped out by Russia; but in all this, where is Russia's confidence in Count Waldersee?"

TURNED DOWN BY POLAND.

Proposed Political Police Force for Finland.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—The Senate of Poland has refused to agree to provide for the proposed political police force for Finland, in the budget of the Grand Duchy, on the ground that this branch of the administration often makes causeless accusations against innocent persons, and that this institution is in no wise Finnish and is unnecessary. The hope is expressed that the Imperial Government will not insist upon the establishment of the gendarmerie in Finland, for it is urged it would only provoke discontent and friction.

Among those arrested here as a precaution against Labor-Day disturbances, were a well-known lawyer, Roditcheff; the editors of the monthly journal Jisen (Life), Messrs. Posse, Gorushin and Yermolayeff, and the editor of the monthly journal, Mir Bogy (God's World.)

A domiciliary visitation was paid to the president of the disbanded society of Russian authors, Weinberg; the university teacher, Fengeroff, and the national economist, Vorontsoff, among many others.

REJECTED BY BELGIUM.

Resolution Declaring in Favor of the Transvaal.

BRUSSELS, May 21.—The Senate today, by a vote of 57 to 22, rejected a resolution introduced by M. La Fontaine, Socialist, declaring in favor of the Transvaal, and regretting that Belgium was powerless to do anything in the matter. The Foreign Minister, M. De Favereau, replying to the accusations made during the debate that British soldiers had massacred Boer women and children, and had otherwise ill-treated the Boers, said Great Britain had carried civilization to all the countries of the world, and had everywhere defended liberty of the person and conscience.

Count Castellane to be Heard From.

PARIS, May 21.—Count Boni de Castellane, who has barely recovered from his illness, announces his intention to raise an important question in the Chamber of Deputies. He wrote to M. Delcasse, the Foreign Minister, asking him to fix a day for an interpellation on the recent events at Metz, which immediately followed M. Delcasse's visit to St. Petersburg. Count Boni alludes to the presence of the Russian Ambassador at Emperor William's review at Metz in honor of the Czar's birthday, which has made a disagreeable impression in France.

Cabinet Crisis Continues.

YOKOHAMA, May 21.—Chopgongski, President of the Corean Privy Council, has been transferred to the Ministry of Justice. He has been the chief promoter of the French loan, and this is taken to indicate that the loan will not be concluded. The Japanese Cabinet crisis continues.

Czar Promises Reforms.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 21.—Celebrating the centennary of the Imperial Council yesterday, the Czar, in an autograph letter, promised to reorganize the Council on modern lines, so as to facilitate the transaction of business.

Member of Parliament a Bankrupt.

LONDON, May 21.—In the Bankruptcy Court today a receiving order was made against Sir Ellis Ashmeade-Bartlett, Member of Parliament, and an ex-civil lord of the admiralty. The liabilities amount to £50,000.

Partly Destroyed by an Avalanche.

MILAN, May 21.—The village of Audenza has been partly destroyed by an avalanche. The number of fatalities is not yet known, but already 15 bodies have been recovered.

Violent Earthquake Shock.

CARACAS, Venezuela, May 21.—The city of Cumana was visited by a violent earthquake shock at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. There was no loss of life, the only damage being to property.

Received by Pope.

ROME, May 21.—The pope today received in audience Mgr. O'Connell, bishop of Portland, Me., formerly of the American College here.

Queen Restored to Royal Favor.

BELGRADE, May 21.—It is officially announced that Queen Dragha today resumed her place at the royal table.

Whitman College Won.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 21.—The baseball game this afternoon between the State University and Whitman College teams resulted in victory by a narrow margin for the latter, the score being 3 to 2. By winning the game, the Whitman team also wins the intercollegiate championship of Washington and Idaho.

Will Be Kept Secret.

NEW YORK, May 21.—A meeting of the directors of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company was held at the company's offices here today. At the close of the meeting it was said nothing concerning the business would be made public.

KILLED HER OWN SON

AND COMMITTED SUICIDE WITH POISON.

Shot Her 13-Year-Old Boy Four Times in the Body—She Was Mentally Unbalanced.

TACOMA, May 21.—Mrs. Charles F. Gunsert, wife of a plumber, today shot and killed her 13-year-old son and committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. The tragedy occurred in the woods west of Lake Park Station, and was evidently premeditated, as the mother invited the boy out for a walk.

A revolver, a three-ounce bottle of carbolic acid and a bottle of strychnine were carried by the desperate womah. The revolver was used to kill her son, the two poisons for herself. The boy was shot four times in the back and side. Mrs. Gunsert's face was pressed close to that of her son, so close, in fact, that the carbolic acid, running out of her mouth, fell upon and burned the flesh of the boy's cheek.

The bodies were found shortly after the tragedy by a man wandering through the woods. Mrs. Gunsert was the daughter of John H. Anderson, proprietor of the Third-House saloon, and a prominent politician. Her physician says she has been mentally unbalanced for some time.

Tom L. Johnson After Railroads.

CLEVELAND, O., May 21.—Upon application of Mayor Tom L. Johnson, Judge Staple, of the Common Pleas Court, today issued a writ of mandamus compelling some eight or nine County Auditors, now sitting in this city as a railroad tax assessment board, to call in railroad officials to testify as to the real value of their properties. Johnson declares that the railroads have thus far been assessed at from 12 to 18 per cent of their value while the smaller property-owners in Cleveland have been taxed at the rate of 60 per cent or more. The Mayor avers that the "auditors were corruptly influenced by favors to them by the companies to influence their decision and avoid making correct appraisements." The Cleveland, Loraine & Wheeling was the railroad under consideration by the auditors today. Before the writ was served on the auditors, they had assessed the road, although the Mayor notified them of the court's action.

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