BUNKER TELLS A GRAPHIC STORY

Hostile Inspectors Are Moved to Tears.

THROWN SENSELESS ON BEACH

Wife and Child Torn From His Embrace by Waves.

CLIMBS CLIFF FOR HELP

Wretched Party of Refugees Makes Telegraph Hut With the News, but Members Are Too Worn Out to Return.

METCALF SENDS ORDERS.

Inspectors Whitney and Turner at Scattle yesterday received the follow ing instructions from Secretary Met-

"Make thorough and searching investigation of Valencia; also full investigation of conduct of officers on ers Topeka and Queen, pursuant to section 4450, Revised Statutes. Also investigate all causes of wreck, the less of life and any misconduct or neglect of duty on the part of any necied therewith.

Give public hearings and take testimony of all available survivors of Valencia and of any witness who may desire to be heard. Your investigaand your report with all evidence forwarded to the department. Also forward me immediately full preliminary reports of facts as now understood."

This is probably the hasis for an Associated Press dispatch sent out from Washington today to the effect that a thorough investigation had

seen ordered, though in a private telegram to the Commercial Club, Secreder a complete inquiry. The work of the local impectors is practically fin-

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 1.-(Special)- it The inquiry conducted by Inspectors Whitney and Turner into the causes of the Valencia wreck and the steps taken by the probably end tomorrow. Captain Cousins, of the steamship Queen, which saffed away from the wreck, will be one of the

Captain Cousins should reach Seattle tomorrow morning, and he will be subpe naed immediately. Captain Cousins has alleged that he left under orders from Assistant Manager J. E. Pharo Mr. Pharo maelf is at Bamfield, but General Manager W. E. Pearce, of the steamship Company, declares officially that after the Topeka a lighter draft boat, arrived. Cousins should have left. Pearce approves his sailing.

The first witnesses from the Queen ter ified today. Both of them, Captain Beecher, a company pilot, and Captain Wallace Langley, an old Puget Sound navigator, swore the Queen could not get close enough to the Valencia and that lifeboats could not pull out from the wreck to the waiting boats, if they succeeded in reaching the doomed vessel. Captain Langley, incidentally, declared the Queen steamed away first to notify the tugs Czar and Salvor of the wreck's ocation. He stated, too, that the Czar the beach, claimed to be under orders from the Sajvor and could not go in without specifi instructions. He said the Czar did not go as close to the wreck as the Queen and reported after one look that there was no

life aboard her. Bunker Defends His Actions.

Frank F. Bunker, the assistant superinident of the Seattle public schools, who was saved, testified this afternoon. The inspectors at first gave him a hostile hearing, but toward the close he was treated usly. Bunker made a statement in his own defense before he left the room,

I understand I have been criticised severely for not standing by the wreck. I understand it has been said that I had stated that my wife and bables were lost in the wreck and that I had no further interest in humanity. If those statements have been credited, I do not like them to stand. But I think the parties making them did not understand, and in charity I do not want to criticise them."

The inspectors assured Professor Runk he added he would not answer them in detail. Then he stated:

"If I did not care any more for human ity I do not think I should have remained on the beach trying to save the bodies of those victims who were washed ashore. and fearing every moment the bruised and proken bodies of my loved ones might

"I don't think, if I cared nothing for umaninty, that I would have taken off coat at nights to cover some poor unfortunate who needed it worse than I did.

Fought Surf for Dead Bodies.

"I do not think I would have attempted o swim across the Darling, which any one who knows that stream can underand was then a raging torrent; fought at through the surf to get over and reach Logan and his party to help them save the dead bodies washed in to the beach through the surf.

"If I cared nothing for humanity I do you think I would have risked my life

unning through the surf with Captain Kilgore's boat from the Grant trying to get the bodies off the beach."

Bunker came to Seattle today from Vicoria and asked City Superintendent F. B. Cooper to let him begin his school duties once, to try to forget his experiences on the Valencia in an active school life. He also asked to be allowed to drop out of all future Valencia agitation.

Aside from the Bunker testimony today the Valencia hearing was confined largely to a defense of the crews of the wrecked steamer and the Queen. B. P. Gill, business agent for the Sallors' Union, declared all members of the Valencia crew were union men who had passed an examina-tion in seamanship. Chief Cook Samuel Hancock declared there was order among the crew on the wreck and Max Stensier. sallor, corroborated him. Captains Beecher and Langley justified the Queen's DID SHE MARRY MIZNER?

Graphic Story of Wreck.

unker's story this afternoon was taken greater detail than that of any other witnesses. He told of being called by member of the crew who took one of his children to a lifeboat. Professor Bunker with the other child and his wife, fol-lowed. Continuing his story, Professor

"Men had hold of ropes to lower the boat and the boat was swinging out and in towards the Valencia. The lifebourcrashed against the Valencia as we en tered it and it was banged against the side of the wrecked steamer ies as we were lowered away. The lifeboat was not lowered evenly. Sometimes one end was tipped up and then the other and this, with the constant smashing against the side of the Valencia convinced me that the lifeboat would never reach

"A man with long rubber boots on had an oar with which he tried to keep the lifeboat clear of the side of the Valencia I also had an oar and shoved with all my might to keep the boat from being

dashed to pieces against the steamer. Woman Leaps Out of Lifeboat.

"As we neared the water the big waves washed into the lifeboat and we had hard work to keep her clear of the wreck. One the boat, frightened by the big waves and the constant danger of smashing against the Valencia, got up on the seat of the lifeboat just before we struck the water, and leaped to catch the rail of the Valencia. She clung for an instant, and men on board the Valencia pulled her back to the wrecked vessel. A oment later a man wearing rubber boots in our boat leaped upward and caught hold of the ropes, pulling himself back to the Valencia.

"The lifeboat was in the trough of the sea. We had only two oars, and they were used on one side of the boat. We finally pushed ourselves clear of the side of the Valencia and moved under bow, a few yards out to sea. A big comber came in, broke over us and cap-sised our bont. When I came up I could see the boat, though it was very dark, for the boat was painted white. I swam toward it, and another big wave washed it toward me. I tried to climb on top of it but could only get a finger hold.

Finds Wife After Upset.

While I was clinging there another big wave dashed over me and turned the boat The boat was Company to save the passengers will now right side up, but filled completely with water, I climbed in, and much to my surprise, I found my wife clinging to A Seat.

"Look for the children," she said. "When we entered the lifeboat I had put my 2-year-old boy under the seat, so that he would be out of the way of the oars. I felt in the water under the seat and felt his little body. I lifted him out but he seemed to be dead. I laid him face down on my knees and rolled him, trying to get the water out of his lungs. He soon began to cry, and I knew that he was allve.

"I heard the voice of a man in the darkess crying for help, saying that he could not hold out much longer. A wave brought him nearer, and I grabbed him under the arms and Gragged him into the boat. I did not know the man then, but learned

afterward that it was Mr. Richley. "My wife complained of being very cold. and said she could not hold up much longer. I glanced up for the first time and saw a big shadow against the sky, and concluded that we were near the shore. I told her to hold on, for we must be near

Slammed Up on the Beach.

"We were dashed in close to the edge of the surf by this time, and the next big roller shot us through the surf at a terrific speed. The boat was crashed into the rocks and turned partly on one side. though it did not turn over. I clung to my wife and baby boy. My little girl had been washed overboard the first time the lifeboat capsized, and I did not see her again.

"Another giant wave sent us with awful force against the rocks and something hit me on the head. The rest of what happened then is something of a blank to me. My next recollection is that of being sucked toward the sca by the undertow and struggling desperately to get a finger hold every time I was hurled upon the rocks. I finally got hold, and, only halfconscious, I held on until a big wave receded, climbing up a few inches before the next wave came in.

"When I finally got out of the reach of the waves, I tried to stand up and walk. er that the charges were not credited and but I fell down. I broke the strings of my life-preserver, for it was so heavy that it impeded my progress. I crawled on my hands and knees for quite a distance, looking for my people. It was very dark,

and I did not find them.

Huddled Together to Keep Warm. "When I reached the foot of the bluff ! heard the voice of a man shouting. I answered, and soon the nine survivors of the two boats were gathered at the foot of the bluff. There was a strong wind, and this, with the heavy rain and some sleet, chilled us all to the bone. We climbed to a point beyond the reach of high tide and huddled together for warmth, praying for daylight.

"Before daylight, however, I crawled back to our overturned lifeboat, hoping against hope that I would find my wife and baby. I felt under the boat, but found nothing but a can lastied to the seat. I took this back to where my companions

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DEEP, DARK PLOT SAYS C.T. YERKES

Son of Dead Millionaire Discredits Marriage of Widow.

She Says No, but Mizner and Witnesses Say Yes - Quarrel Has Been Result-Another Woman Claims Mizner.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1 .- (Special.) - "There is an amazing plot at the bottom of all this The public may not understand it, but it is fairly plain to the relatives," said Charles El Yerkes, son of the late traction magnate, tonight, discussing the puzzling situation in New York, where Mrs. Yerkes persistently denies another marriage, while Wilson Migner, the bridegroom, the minister who performed

ony and two witnesses are equally positive she did become the wit of the whole affair is part of the plot of onspiracy of which Mrs. Yerkes in the alleged victim and that her millions fur-mish the strong motive for the scheme.

Dispatches received here tonight say sh now quite ill and in strict seclus Preacher Conceals Record.

Dr. Edward Sternberger, her physician, says he has not the slightest doul of her statement that she was not married to Mr. Mizner. When Dr. Sternberger was informed that Rev. Mr. Gillier who performed the ceremony, refused to permit aggione to see the record of the marriage, he said that seemed to bear out the statement of Mrs. Yerkes that she had not been married.

It is said that one of Mr. friends, in his anxiety to give a sensational paper a "scoop," gave up what wa supposed to be strictly private inform tion that the wedding was to take place but the paper secured this informatic several hours before the date for the wee ding. It is also said that on the event when the wedding is supposed to he taken place the house servants at . Yorkes mansion were all sent to a hor across the street, with orders to remain there until sent for. They were summoned back after the ceremony had taken

Publicity Causes Quarrel.

the effect that Mrs. Yerkes and Mr. Misner have had their first serious our due to the fact that the marriage was made public, this being based, of course, actually married.

Clarence Knight of this city, for years confidential attorney of the late Charles T. Yerkes, and now of his York Wednesday, defendant in a breachwidow, reiterated his declaration today that the story of her marriage to Minner was preposterous and an outrage. He intimated that Mr. Misner was an adventurer and sensation-monger, who started the story for the purpose of bringing himself into the limelight

CONGRESSMAN HITT ILL.



Illinois Member Passes Crists of Heart

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Representative R. R. Hitt of Illinois, who been ill at his home for more than a week past, is reported to be improving, having passed the crisis of the heart disease. His recovery is now

(Congressman Robert Roberts Hitt. chairman of the House committee on foreign relations, who announces his retirement from public life with the expiration of his present term, has been a member of Congress continuously since 1882 from what is now the 18th Illinois District. When elected to fill the vacancy caused by ready had been first secretary of the legation at Paris and Assistant Secretary of State under James G. Blaine. Congress his achievements have been in connection with the foreign relations committee, of which he has gress. In the Cutting case he saved Congress from a mistaken menace against Mexico and has rendered bellliant service in numerous other diplematic crises. His first work was as newspaper reporter in Chicago; then he became official reporter State of Illinois. He was born in Urbans, O., in 1835, but was reared in Mount Morris, Ill.)

The relatives, however, believe there much deeper motive. Big Game, but Bungled.

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and the people pitying it knew what they wanted, but they have bungled. A striking feature of the wedding mystery is the fact that Mrs. Yerken did not notify any of her friends of her approaching marriage. She did breathe a hint of it to her doesn dawyer or any others who might have a natural interest in such an important step. All those actively engaged in the reported marriage ceremony were satismate friends of Mr. Mixner, even

including Mrs. Goodsell. Insists They Are Married.

Dispatches tonight from New York say that Emile Brugiere, who, with J. L. Eastman, witnessed the ceremony, could not be located. His wife, however, while she did not witness the ceremony, talked freely of it.

"All this talk about a plot is ab-surd," said Mrs. Brugiere. "I do not know Mrs. Yerkes, and have never been in her house, but my husband, as a friend of Mr. Minner, certainly was one of the witnesses to the ceremony Tuesday night, when Mrs. Yerkes was mar ried to Wilson Minner. I cannot under stand why these denials are being made, but there is no plot. I know that much of the affair. The marriage did take place. You may be sure

Cnicago relatives were asked tonight if they would take steps to have the marriage annulled, but they said they would first have to be shown that a marriage had taken place and not some mock affair to further the ends of a conspiracy, with one fortune of the widow as the prize.

MIZNER KNOWN IN SPOKANE

Well Known in Tenderloin, and Made Attempt as Actor.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. I .- (Special.) Wilson Minner: groom of Charles T. Terkee' widow and erstwhile tenderioin votary in Spokane, was well-known here a decade ago under the cognomen of "Little Willie" Minner. Old timers say he was quite a character around the red light district, having dazzled that sec-tion by his actions.

At one tirm be took part in a local theatrical show in the role of an animal tamer, but, being guyed flercely, was oed to retire from the stage. Being red by sportsmen in genral and theliard by women of all classes. disguifficent to physique, a singer of no little note as well as a plano-player, he seen became a favorite, and frequenters of the Louves variety hall are not sur-

rested on a charge of vagrancy by a di patrelman. Relative, however, me to his sasistance and, on being resamed, he is reported to have gone Alaska, where it is said he prospered.

CLAIMED BY DENVER GIRL

Miner Threatened With Breach-of-

Promise Suit by Edith Crater. DENVER, Colo., Feb. 1 .- (Special.)-Edith Crater, a beautiful Denver girl now upon the presumption that they were in Brooklyn, is said to have decided to make Wilson Misner, the California mining man, whose marriage to Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes took place in New of-promise proceeding. Report has it that in marrying Mrs. Yerkes the young Callfornian jilted Miss Crater.

That Mr. Minner has been showing marked attention to Miss Crater has been snown in Denver, California and New York society for some time, Indeed, about year ago a report was current that he had married her and a relative of Miss Crater is authority for the statement that about that time several packages sent to the Denver actress in this city were addressed to "Mrs. Edith Minner."

CALLS STORY RIDICULOUS.

Son of Yerkes Receives a Message From Alleged Bride. CHICAGO, Feb. 1.-Charles T.

Yerkes, early today, in response to telegram sent to Mrs. Yerkes (Mizner) last night received the following: NEW YORK, Feb. 1.-Telegram received. Story is simply ridiculous.

"MRS, C. T. YERKES." After reading the message, Mr. Yerkes said:

That is in response to a message sent by me. We are sure now that this great publicity is being played as a game in New York by some people who are conspiring a certain end.

"What is their motive, if their story I cannot discuss motives," said Mr.

ROCKEFELLER IS FOUND

Entertains Aged Father at Home in Pocanto Hills. NEW YORK, Feb. 1.-The Herald today

John D. Rockefeller is at Boxwood, his ome in the Pocanto Hills, and has a guest who is understood to be his father, has been reported recently as in the South and at various Winter resorts, but it was learned positively last night at a reception to the Bible class of his son that he

Little has been known of the father of John D. Rockefeller for many years. He has been reported as living on a ranch in North Dakota with one of his sons. Frank Rockefeller, and also as living on a ranch in South Dakota,

Pinero's New Play a Success.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Arthur Wing Pinero's new play, "His House in Order," was produced here tonight with George Alexander and Irene VanBrugh in the principal roles. The audience was extremely enthusiastic and repeatedly recalled the principals. Mr. Pinero was called before the curtain and given an ovation. The play deals with the problems confronting the second wife of a man who roveres the memory of his first wife. The critics are unanimous in bestowing unqualified prais-

DEAL WILL SOON was a big game," they assert,

Amalgamated and Heinze Are Coming Together in Montana.

CLARK ALSO INTERESTED

Great Contest of Litigation Which Has Torn Montana for Years to Be Ended by Deal Involving Smelter Trust.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 1 .- (Special.)-The reports emanating from New York, ston and other financial centers that the famed copper war is at an end are



as a result of the war, has been the scene of what might with propriety be termed of any state in the Union. Practically every industry, society, Judges, courts, commerce, Legislatures, and, in fact, the very life of the state, have been involved in the quarrel, and even lives have been sacrificed.

Litigation Is Suspended.

basis for this belief is found principally in the fact that, while there are pending in the lower courts recovery suits to the amount of nearly \$40,000,000, and the value of the property amounts to quite \$300,000,-000, yet for nearly a year not a step has been taken to prosecute a single one of the numerous suits. Because of the litigation between the elements to the quarrel-F. Augustus Heinze and the Amalgamated Copper Company-the Supreme Court calendar dropped two years behind, but today there is not a single suit be

tween them pending in that court, War of Words and Bludgeons.

Both principals to the quarrel have for years maintained daily newspapers in the principal cities to exploit their respective sides, and, while these are still published. no charges of any kind are now given utterance, whereas before dictionaries were unable to supply adjectives impressive enough to convey the desired condemna The elections became miniature

RENOWNED ACTOR WHO HAS WON A \$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT.



Tommaso Salvini, who recently wor a verdict of \$20,000 in the Supreme Court against Liebler & Co., theatrical agents, for breach of contract, is me of the most famous living actors. He was born at Milan, Italy, in 1830, bruted Italian actor, Gustavo Modena, By earnest study and application he rose rapidly in his profession, and within comparatively a young man won distinction in his native country. He has traveled all over the world and has been decorated by the Caar and by the monarchs of Italy, Roumania and Portugal, When Dom Pedro ruled in Brazil he also conferred an order on Salvint. He lives in Florence, and has not appeared in public for some .The burning of the Iroquots Theater in Chicago was in part the tract and of the damage suit just

wars, especially when the judiciary and legislature were at stake. Underground battles were fought in the Butte mines. and not a few lives sacrificed. But all this has ceased, and everything is as calm or the surface as a billiard table. Again, in none of the official organs of

the parties do there appear denials of the reports. Clark Also in Deal. The name of Senator W. A. Clark is also nnected with the "settlement," it being alleged that, as part of the deal, he is to be returned to the Senate next year, while

Heinze is to become general manager of the Amalgamated properties. Heinze came to Montana practically penniless 15 years ago, found employment as an engineer in the Amalgamated mines. and later went to his New York home. organized a company which has become ossessed of valuable properties, and which has proved a veritable thorn in the side of the Amalgamated. Montana produces nearly one-fourth of the world's copper supply, and this is practically all mined at Butte.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEAL NEAR

Amalgamated, Guggenheim, Ameri-

can Smelting and Heinze Involved. NEW YORK, Feb. 1 .- (Special.) -- Amai gamated Copper today was very active over 250,000 shares changing hands. Holders of copper shares were somewhat dis appointed over the fact that the muchtalked-of favorable announcement affecting the Amalgamated and Heinze companies was not forthcoming.

In excellent circles a big combination deal covering the properties affected, and American Smelting, to be financed through the National City Bank, is expected to develop shortly. It was authoritatively admitted tonight that the Guggenheim interest at least had bee much interested in United Copper. While Amalgamated shares dropped % today, United Copper common rose 2 points more on the curb to 75. At the very least, a settlement will be reached, according to a Guggenhelm authority, by which Amalgamated and United Copper wil cease their fighting.

The statement that, as a result of the present deal, the united company will on July 1 be able to show \$20,000,000 cash on hand is believed. A large part of this money will, it is supposed, come from the Amalgamated company, part in payment for Heinze mining claims and part in payment for a legally defined division of territory. This settlement having been reached, it is stated a general combina tion of the sort above referred to may develop.

Eleap or Robson in New Play.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 1.-Before rge and fashionable audience tonight at he Euclid Avenue Opera-House, Miss Eleanor Robson appeared in the new comtitled "The Girl Who Has Everything." Miss Robson assumes the part of Sylvia Lang in the new play, which presents a pretty love story with many unique and humorous situations.

Explosion Kills Several Miners.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Feb. 1.—One niner was killed and three others seriously injured by an explosion in the Bald Knob mine No. 2, today, and it is feared that other victims still underground have CONTENTS TODAY'S PAPER

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EXTRA SESSION IS RESULT

Reported Decision on Such Course Rouses Dignity of Noble Lords. Roosevelt, With Laugh, Denies Threatening.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. - (Special.) -Grave rumors are current tonight that the Senate has fully made up its mind to balk against what it declares to be unbearable coercion on the part of the President in connection with railway rate legislation. There are modified whispers that the lead-ers of the majority have decided to put this legislation last on the Senate programme, and then, if the opposing forces cannot agree upon a measure, adjourn without action, as It did last Congress.

Threat of Extra Session. The Senate has become really deflant over the publication of a report that the President has decided upon an extra session of Congress, if legislation giving to

the Interstate Commerce Commission the

power to fix a contested rate is not en-

acted. Some of the Senators affirm that the President inspired the announcement. They declare that it is a reflection upon their well-known characteristics of wise deliberation to prejudge action by an uncalled-for threat. They say there are months of time ahead for action and insist that it would be more becoming to the dignity of the Senate for the Executive to wait until it was demonstrated that the

upper body of Congress had failed in its

Makes Roosevelt Laugh. Friends of the President laugh at the charge. They declare that the President has not made any threats, but explain have no doubt an extra session will be called, if the Senate attempts to thwart

the people's wishes. It is significant that the Senate is doing very little now. All the time is occupied in discussing the ship subsidy bill, which will not pass the House. It will soon be time for the appropriation bills. There are 11 great supply bills. One has passed

the lower branch NO COMPROMISE HIS WAR-CRY

Roosevelt Confers With Senators Who Favor Rate Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 .- Senators Dolliver and Clapp, authors of one of the several bills for the regulation of railroad rates which are pending in the Senate, toconferred with President Roc on the general subject of rate legislation and the prospects for favorable action on an Administration measure.

The President took the position that there should be no compromise with the

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THREE LUMBER BARONS WILL FIGHT FOR SENATORSHIP.

Alger Has Hill and McMillan for Rivals in Michigan, and Moneybags Are Trumps.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 1 .- (Special.) --The Michigan sensionial campaign leading up to the election by the next Legislature of a Senator to succeed General Russell A. Alger, the present incumbant presents. bent, promises to be a battle of the millionaires which will rival the famous struggle in which A. T. Bliss, D. M. Ferry and Justus S. Stearns fougat it out for the governorship in 1936. General Alger has formally an-nounced that he is in the field and has been campaigning at Washington for several weeks. Arthur Hill, a lum-ber baron of Saginaw, declares that he has gone too far to turn back, although he entered the race when it was thought that Alger would not be a candidate for re-election. The latest aspirant is W. C. McMillan, oldest son of the late Senator James McMillan and the head of the vast McMillan interests in Mich His formal declaration was

During his father's campaigns
Millan bere an important part in the
direction of political machinery, and
in spite of the fact that many of the
researt Federal officials owe their of-During his father's campaigns Mpresent Federal officials owe their of-fices to Alger, it is believed that the remnants of the old McMillan apparatus would more than offset this in-

To a great extent the campaign will undoubtedly be fought in the Repub-lican primaries throughout the State when State Representatives and Senators are chosen

Disapproves Shaw's Plan.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. Secretary Shaw's plan for the relief of the occasional stringency of the money market was disapproved by a committee of the of Commerce which made its report to-