HEAR NO TIDINGS FROM ALLIANCE

But Marine Men Believe Her to Be Safe.

PROBABLY ONLY DISABLED Think Captain Olson Will Bring the

Expect Steamer to Be Picked Up and Towed In.

THINK VESSEL SEAWORTHY

Being Well Provisioned, Accident to Machinery Would Not Imperil Lives of 21 Passengers and the Crew of 33 Men.

PASSENGER LIST OF THE AL-LIANCE.

- Maurice L. Asher, pawnbroker, 30 North Third street, Portland. A. H. Meyers, merchant at North Bend, wife and babe.
- Mrs. A. Moses. B. F. Pyott and wife. Herbert Prott.
- E. Lewis. Charles Rednall. Frank Layton, traveling man for Fleischner, Meyer & Co., Portland, coards 949 East Taylor street.
- Lizzie Busey. George Jackson. J. G. Stephens and wife, laborer, residence 830 Michigan avenue, Port-
- W. B. Richardson Frank Davis, wholesale grocer at North Bend. Charles Weiss.
- H. Kruger, engineer, boards at 3101 Second street, Portland. John Watt.

No tidings were received yesterday of the steamer Alliance, which is drifting somewhere off the Oregon coast north of Coos Bay. The Alliance put to sea from Coos Bay Thursday at 2 P. M., and struck on the bar going out, losing three blades of her propeller A passenger was swept overboard and drowned, according to the report of the steamer Boveric, which reached Vic toria, B. C., Saturday, having sighted the Alliance 25 miles northwest of the entrance to Coos Bay Friday at 10 A. M.

The Alliance was due to reach the mouth of the Columbia River about noon Friday, hence she is more than two days overdue. Even without assistance of her engines, she should have arrived off the mouth of the Columbia yesterday, as she is equipped with eral Guerschelmann, Governor-Genera

Bar Tug Sent Out.

The bar tug Tatoosh was sent out from Astoria at 4 o'clock yesterday morning to look for the disabled steamer, and returned shortly after noon, not having sighted her. She will try again today unless the Alliance has meanwhile been reported. F. P. Baumgartner, local agent for the steamer, has made arrangements for the tug Columbia, owned by the Simpson Lumber Company, to leave Coos Bay today in search of the Alliance. The Columbia will proceed 20 miles to sea and then run in a zigzag course to the mouth of the Columbia River.

The steamer Breakwater was due at Astoria last night from Coos Bay and failed to show up on time. Deiny of the Breakwater leads to the belief that River. The Breakwater would naturally follow exactly the same course as that taken by the Alliance.

Probably Off Yaquina.

In case the steamer is drifting a the mercy of the wind and current, she would be abreast of Yaquina, or between that point and Cape Mears.

The Alliance is recognized as an unusually seaworthy boat, and no great apprehension is felt for her. She is well provisioned and could remain at sea a month without serious inconvenience to the passengers. She carries 21 passengers and a crew of 38 all told. Captain P. W. Olson is an oldtime Coast seafaring man and is regarded as a careful navigator. J. H. Nicholas is first officer, and W. H. Skinner purser. Other officers are: Freight clerk, A. A. Courtney, Jr.; stew ard, H. C. Schubert; chief engineer, J. R. Mann,

In Path of Steamers.

The Alliance is directly in the track of steamers plying up and down the Coast, and if she has not been picked up before now she will surely be found a day or two. Captain Mason, of the steamer Costa Rica, which sailed yesterday for San Francisco, said he would keep a close lookout for the Al-

NO ALARM AT MARSHFIELD

Alliance Is Seaworthy and Provisions Are Plentiful Aboard.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 1. - (Special.) - Nothing has been heard here lifesaving station at the entrance to earning improvements.

the bay reports that the Alliance evidentiy met with some trouble while crossing the bar and that her engines were stopped. She immediately set her canvas and was last sighted late in the afternoon about 12 miles to the Northwest. The Alliance could easily have signalled for assistance to the lifesaving crew if she had needed help, but the accident evidently was regarded as trivial by the officers, as no signal was

The Alliance carried a light cargo, consisting of salmon, cedar lumber and doors. There is no apprehension whatever here for her safety, as she is a stanch boat and is well provided.

SHIPPING MEN ARE HOPEFUL

Vessel in Safely.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 1 .- (Special.) -No further word has been received here tonight concerning the disabled steamer Alliance and the steam schooner Casco



Ralph E. Moody, Who Addressed the Elks of The Dalles in Their Annual Lodge of Sorrow.

which arrived this morning from Call fornia, saw no trace of the crippled craft. While there is, of course, some anxiety regarding the safety of the Alliance, shipping men believe with the present weather conditions, Captain Olson will be able to bring the steamer into port without assistance. Many think, however, that as the Breakwater is now overdue, she has picked up the Alliance and is towing her up the coast ...

AMERICAN PARTY IS SHOWN EVERY COURTESY.

Veteran Guard Moved to Tears When Secretary Shakes His Hand. Ranquet Tendered.

MOSCOW, Dec. 1. - Secretary Taft devoted Sunday to a visit to the ancient Kremlin, the historical center of Russia. All the palaces and churches were opened for his inspection official orders of Lieutenant-Gen-

After the round of official visits had been paid this morning, the Governor-General assigned his personal aid-de-camp to conduct the distinguished American Secretary of War and his party through the fortress. Secretary Taft showed remarkable familiarity with the historic places, of which he learned from his father, who formerly was stationed in Russia. He was greatly interested in the crown jewels, the relics of former rulers of

Russia, particularly those which be-longed to Peter the Great. Mrs. Taft sat in the state equipage which had been presented to the royal family by Queen Elizabeth of England and in the traveling steigh of Cather-

ine the Great. Secretary Taft had a conversation through an interpreter, with a veteran soldier, a member of the Palace Grena. diers, who bore stripes and medals de-noting 48 years' service. The battleshe has picked up the disabled craft scarred hero wept when Secretary Taft. and is towing her to the Columbia not contented with the military salute, insisted on shaking hands with him when he departed.
This evening the Secretary and his

party attended a banquet given in his honor by the American colony, Presi-dent Roosevelt and Emperor Nicholas were toasted. Secretary Taft respond-ed briefly to the speeches of welcome of the American Consul, Samuel Smith.

Everywhere the distinguished repreentative of the United States is recognized while sightseeing and is heartily

Tomorrow there will be an official dinner in his honor and a special ballet in the opera in the evening. Secretary Taft will leave late in the evening.

TRAIN LEAPS INTO THE BAY

Only Shallowness of Water Saves Lives of the Passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—While rounding a sharp curve near Marshall, a train of the Northwestern Pacific Rail-road was detailed, and after running over down an embankment into Tomales Bay where nothing but the shallowness of the water saved the crew and passengers from being drowned like rats in a trap.
Owing to the fact that the train
plunged into the muddy bottom of the bay and failed to overturn, no one injured in the accident. Several were painfully bruised.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. - Sweeping changes involving a remodeling of th ntire present plan of city government f Greater New York, are recommended to Governor Hughes by the charter re vision committee in its final report, made public tonight. The recommenda-The recommendaregard to city administration, regarding the steamer Alliance since and the exclusion from the city debt she sailed Thursday afternoon. The

DECLARE AGAINST SPECIAL SESSION

Business Men of State Take Action.

CONVENTION IS HELD HERE

Delegates From Commercial Organizations Attend.

CONTINUE THE HOLIDAYS

Resolution Is Passed Asking Governor to Keep Courts and Banks Closed Until East Returns to Specie Payments.

With expressions of confidence in the financial stability of Portland and the entire state, a convention attended by delegates from the commercial organizations of Oregon, yesterday decided not to petition Governor Chamberlain to call an extra session of the Legislature at this time. After a spirited discussion of the bank situation and the need of resuming judicial business, resolutions were adopted requesting the Governor to continue the legal holidays for a period not to exceed 10 days after the banks of Chicago and New York resume specie

payments. If the necessity for the legal holidays is prolonged more than 30 days, the resolutions adopted suggest that a special session be called at the expiration of that time to relieve the courts; otherwise, it was recommended that no special session The resolutions will be pre-

sented to Governor Chamberlain today. The convention met in the rooms of the Portland Commercial Club and was attended by about 40 representative Oregon business men. In addition to the accredited delegates, there were present a number of prominent Portland citizens, the gathering being representative of the banking, commercial and manufacturing interests of the state.

Wide Range of Opinion.

In the discussion which preceded the adoption of the resolutions, a great variety of opinion was ventured as to the proper course to pursue. A few of the more optimistic delegates insisted that the holidays should be suspended immediately, believing that banks and other interests were prepared to meet the situaon without a further continuance of the holidays. Others urged that the bank holidays be continued by the Governor indefinitely, while perhaps an equal number advocated a special session of the Legislature as the only way to enable the courts to resume their work and allow ordinary business of all kinds to be transacted, through the amendment of the holiday and attachment laws.

These differences of opinion were happily reconciled and found expression in the unanimous adoption of the following resolutions which were submitted by a committee of five members, representing every section of the state, and ratified by the convention without debate: Text of the Resolution.

Be it resolved. That it is the sense of this meeting that Governor Chamberlain be requested to continue the present legal holidays for a period not to exceed 10 days after New York and Chicago resume currency pay-

New York and Chicago resume currency payments, and be it further

Resolved, That the outlook and improvement in the financial situation leads us to believe that the time has not arrived when it is necessary to call the Legislature in special session, but should the necessity for the legal holidays be prolonged beyond addays, which we regard as unlikely, then we suggest that the Governor call a special session to relieve the courts, otherwise not. And he it still further

And be it still further

Resolved, That in the judgment of this convention business conditions in the entire state and country are improving rapidly and we unhesitatingly express our confidence in the financial soundness of Portland and the entire State of Oregon. We remind the people of Oregon that the heavy crops now being moved and marketed will add \$30,000,000 in cash to the active money and resources of this state.

this state.

Respectfully submitted:
(Signed.) WILLIAM S. CROWELL, of Medford, chairman; E. A. WILD, of Portland; F. D. M'CULLY, of Joseph; LESLIE BUTLER, H. T. BOTTS of Tillamook.

C. W. Hodson Made Chairman.

The judiclary, banks, merchants and manufacturers were represented at the convention, which was called to order at 4 o'clock by C. W. Hodson, president of the Portland Commercial Club. Mr. Hodson was elected chairman and W. L Crissey, also of the Commercial Club, was chosen secretary. Circuit Judge J. B. Cleland was requested to explain the difficulties under which the judiclary of the state is laboring.

He pointed out that, under the interpretation that has been given the Oregon statutes, no judicial business can be transacted during the holidays proclaimed by the Governor. As a result, he said, the jatis were filling up, while more than 90 cases which were ready for trial in Multnomah County necessarily had to be continued indefinitely. He favored the holding of a legislative session that the law could be so amended that all ordinary business could be transacted, with a proper restriction placed on the collection of debts.

U'Ren Favors Session.

W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, said the business interests of the state required an extra session in order that the hollday and attachment laws might be amended so that disastrous results

EVENTS OF COMING WEEK.

Opening of Sixtleth Congress.

grees promises to be the most impor feature of the week. Many other events of much interest, howet, are scheduled. Perhaps the one which the widest interest is felt is the meeting of the Republican National Committee, which will be held at Washington, December 6. While the principal business will be to deon a time and place to hold the next National convention of the party. it is not unlikely that the question of a candidate for President will be dis-

Meetings of Importance.

Several important gatherings include the dedication of Fraunce's Tavern, New York; the annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, at Washington, conference between Secretary Strauss, of the De-partment of Commerce and Labor, and representatives of commercial bodies from a score of the larger cities, with a view to extending the foreign trade of the United States, and a plenary council at Manila, P. I., of the Roman Catholic Church in the Philip-

Thaw Trial Will Go Over.

Harry Kendall Thaw will appear in ourt in New York on Monday, but it is likely that his second trial will be deferred until early in the coming The Druce perjury came will be

Turning Back Time's Scroll.

Governor Hughes and other dignitaries will be present at the dedication of Fraunce's Tavern on Wednes-day. Long before the days of the Revolution, Fraunce's Tavern was one of the famous places in New York, and it was there that General Washington in 1783 bade farewell to his officers. Nearly a hundred years later, in 1876, the society which now has obtained possession of the building was organized.

meeting of the various immigra-committees will be held at the Chamber of Commerce at Tokio, December 3, to discuss the Japanese emigration problem.

would not follow the resumption of judicial business.

Circuit Judge Thomas O'Day considered that the Governor should be requested to convene the Legislature in order that the attachment law might be amended so that it could be invoked only in cases where a debt had been the plea of "once in jeopardy." Judge debtor attempted to defraud his credthe complaint, or in cases of non-residents. He also proposed that the attachment law should be amended to not been allowed to visit their homes and provide that no suit should be brought have been permitted to go to their busiduring the holidays on a contract, either expressed or implied.

Speaks for the Bankers.

Speaking for the bankers, E. A. Wyld, member of the loan committee of the Portland Clearing-House Association explained that it would be impossible for the banks of the state to resume business without protection of the holldays until the banks of Chicago and New York had returned to a cash basis and had supplied the Western | pleted, the case against Patrick Calhoun banks with the money that belonged to will be called. This case will arouse them. He said it would be necessary for the banks to have the protection of calendar. It is stated on good authority the holidays for at least five days after | that Calhoun will take the stand in his the Eastern banks had resumed specie own behalf and attempt to justify be resorted to.

William M. Colvig, of the Medford business men of Southern Oregon were able to take care of themselves, but had instructed him to be governed by the wishes of the bankers. While Medford people were not desirous of having special session of the Legislature. they would approve of such action if the bankers considered it necessary to restore ordinary business conditions. Mr. Colvig proposed that the convention ask the Governor to continue the holidays as long as, in his judgment, they were necessary, and also that the Governor be petitioned to call a special ession of the Legislature for the pur pose of amending the attachment law and the law on assessments and taxation, by which some relief would be afforded the property-owner in the pay-ment of taxes if existing conditions

J. L. Stockton, a Salem merchant, (Concluded on Page 2.)

Take Stand to Tell Why

Jury in Ford Case Confined in Hotel for Six Weeks.

KEPT FROM THEIR HOMES

President of United Railroads Rehearses to Lawyers Excuse He Will Make for Paying \$200,-

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1 .- (Special.) -With the end of the legal holidays and the commencement of the special holfdays on Monday, on which by an enactment of the Legislature the courts may hold sessions, the graft cases will be taken up again. When the holidays were called, the case against Tirey L. Ford, general counsel of the United Railroads, was in its final stages. The evidence had been practically completed and the arguments were to be heard. As Judge Lawlor had ordered that the jury be locked up at the beginning of the trial, he was puzzled as to the proper disposition to be made of the case. Fearing that to dismiss the action would have the effect of freeing the defendant on fraudulently contracted, where the Lawlor has kept the jury in custody during the holidays. For six weeks the itors by disposing of his property, or by 12 men who are to prenounce upon the concealing himself to avoid service of guilt of innocence of Ford have been incommunicado at the Fairmont Hotel, guarded by a Deputy Sheriff. They have ness offices only when accompanied by a

When the case was called Friday, Judge Lawlor, instead of postponing it as usual, ordered the evidence, which had been taken up to the present time, read to the jury so that it will have the matter fresh in its mind when the case is resumed

As soon as the Ford case has been commore interest than any other on the graft payments. He predicted a serious state action in paying \$200,000 to Abe Ruef to of affairs should the holldays be sus- assist in securing the overhead trolley pended and a vigorous application of permit. It is stated that Calhoun will the attachment law in its present form adopt this course in case of Ford's conviction and if he sees that his own posttion is desperate. From a very good Commercial Club, announced that the source it is learned that the story the president of the United Railroads will tell as a last resort will be substantially as follows:

Story He Proposes to Tell.

"Yes, it is true. I authorized the payment of \$200,000 to Abe Ruef in connection with the overhead trolley permit. This sum was pald to him by my company neither as a bribe nor as an attorney's fee. Nothing was further from our intention in paying this money to Ruef than that it should us used to bribe the Mayor or members of the Board of Supervisors. It was intended for Mr. Ruef and no one else. We paid it to him as we believed that he was the only person or thing that stood between our company and the overhead permit. We knew that should continue for any great length the people of the city, desired that we should have the permit. They made that plain. The committee of fifty which was in charge of city affairs immediately aft-

UNIQUE DEFENSE

He "Hired" Ruef.

RESUME GRAFT CASES TODAY

000 to the "Curly Boss."

BY P. A. SINSHEIMER.

representative of the Sheriff's office. regularly on Monday.

Calhoun Gets Desperate.

er the fire desired that we should have the permit and so informed us. "There was no time for delay. It was absolutely necessary for the city of San Francisco that we should run cars at ice and the only way we could run them was by means of the overhead troley. To do that, it was necessary that should have a permit. There was only one way to secure that permit. That was from the Supervisors. The urgency of the occasion and the disrupted cond

the permit, it must come from the Super-Ruef's Good Will Cost \$200,000.

tion of the city made an appeal to the

electorate impossible. If we would secure

"The individual Supervisors were in favor of the permit. This they have stated on the witness stand. Abe Ruef held the Supervisors under his thumb. A word from him was a command to them. They owed their positions to him and as we understood matters they were willing to do as he said for that reason. The only opposition to the permit could have come from Ruef. He had it in his power to



Be Called Today, Only to Be Postponed.

give us the permit or to deny us the permit. He was not an officeholder. He showed a disposition to block the permit and as we knew the good of the city (always the good of the city, you will notice) demanded an immediate car service, we decided that the only course open to us was to satisfy Mr. Ruef and get the permit.

"Mr. Ruef was willing to co-operate with us for the sum of \$200,000. Belleving as we did that millions of dollars of property owned by the people of San Francisco were at stake, our company thought \$200,000 not too great a sum to pay to save this property. We do not in it for more than a few minutes, and say that anyone had any right to stand for this reason it is not believed a between the company and the permit, but we considered the influence of Mr. Ruef worth \$200,000 and we paid the price. We paid no bribe. We paid no fee. were not held up. We simply saw that we must have the good will of Mr. Ruef in this matter and we purchased the influence of Mr. Ruef, a private citizen. It was the understanding that the mone was for Mr. Ruef and no one else. If he gave money to the Supervisors we up the mine and all around it. There know nothing of it and most positively

we did not authorize it." This in substance is the ground on which the millionaire traction magnate is prepared to risk his liberty if all others business completely the lighting and fail. Interspersed in the tale will be frequent declarations of what "this company has done for San Francisco." Calhoun is a powerful speaker and gifted with a subtle eloquence

Defense Is Flimsy.

It scarcely need be pointed out how flimsy this plea really is. It may be positively stated that Calhoun has gone over it time and again with his attorneys. Even privately with his attorneys he takes the stand that it was not a bribe But the fatal weakness of the plea appears when it is learned that the company had already purchased Ruef's in fluence and was paying him \$1000 a month for his "co-operation." Ruef was on the payroll of the company, first for \$500 a onth and later when he came into complete control of the Supervisors \$1000 a month. A thousand details combine to set at naught this plea-the secrecy of paid, and above all the proof that the deal was arranged with Ruef before the

The trial of Calhoun is being eagerly awaited throughout the country. It will

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AFTER EXPLOSION

No Hope for at Least Twenty-five.

MAN WITH AN OPEN LAMP

Comes in Contact With Fire-Damp in Shaft.

LARGEST MINE IN REGION

Ordinarily 300 Employed, but This Night Only a Few Work-Scenes of Desolation-Women and Children Utterly Hopeless.

FAYETTE CITY, Pa., Dec. 1 .- Beween 25 and 30 miners, possibly more, are entombed in the Naomi mine of the United Coal Company, located three miles west of this city, and there is practically no hope that any of them are alive. The imprisonment is due to an explosion of black damp about 3 o'clock tonight, soon after the night force went to work.

It is said a miner entering an old working with an open lamp caused the explosion. Had the disaster occurred on any other night except Sunday, the number of victims would have been twice as large. The mine employed from 275 to 300 regularly, about onefourth of them making entry at night, but on Sunday nights only about one half the night force goes to work. The mine is of the shaft type and the concrete sides of the entry were broken down so as to close the passage back a considerable distance. About 160 feet from the entrance is located the first air shaft and from this deadly gas is pouring in great volume. The gas found in mines in this territory is so poisonous that no human being can live for this reason it is not believed a single one of the entombed men is still

One Man Escapes, but Falls Back. One man, an unidentified foreigner, managed to climb to the top of the first air shaft, but dropped dead there, No

sign of life has come from the others. Just after the night force entered the shaft there was a flash which lighted was a roar as tons of coal and slate crashed down the entries crowded with workmen. Then utter darkness followed, the explosion putting out of air facilities in the mine. The mine immediately filled with gases and several not hurt by the explosion perished while running to get into the

fresh alr. The report of the explosion shook buildings in Fayette City and could be heard for miles. In the homes of the miners the explosion fell like a death signal and emptied every miner's cot-

tage in the vicinity. Largest Mine in Region.

The occupants of these, men, women and children, form the saddest picture in the scenes about the mine this morning. The women and children are crying continuously and stare with hope at the seemingly fruitless' work of rescue. Naomi mine is one of one of the oldest operated by the United Coal Company, the payment, the use of currency, the departure of Calhoun from the city on the very day on which the money was the coal region and gave work to 30 men all the year round. The property loss will be enormous, as the mine was equipped at a cost of thousands of dollars with all the up-to-date mine apparatus, mark an epoch in the fight against cor- such as electric lights, electric coal cars and air ventilating system. The explo-sion completely wrecked the air system and that in itself means that no human being can live very long in the mine as it now is. Thousands are flocking to the mine mouth, where every means known to mine operation is being exerted to reach the men. Aid has been secured from Monongahela City, Bellverton and other

neighboring towns. ONE BODY ALREADY TAKEN OUT

State Mine Inspector Present-Rescuers Work in Relays.

FAYETTE CITY, Pa., Dec. 1. — One dead body has been removed from the Naomi Mine of the United Coal Company, in which an explosion of black damp occurred tonight. mated that between 30 and 60 men are

still entombed and it is feared most of them are dead. State Mine Inspector Lonititt is on the seene and pronounces the explosion a very serious one. He says the mine was well conducted and always was considered safe. A large force of rescuers is working in relays, but feared it will be fore the inner workings, where it is thought most of the men are, will be

Small Force Sunday Night.

reached.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 1.—The general office of the United Coal Company is located in this city. Superintendent James D. O'Neill, of the local office force, said tonight that there cannot be more than 25 or 30 men in the mine, as that is as large a force as ever works on Sunday night. From reports received on the condition it is feared that the inner workings will not be reached for some hours, and it is there that the men will be found.

