Ilinois Central Line Paid Twice for Materials, Says Voluble Witness.

NEW PARTS MADE RUSTY

Another Man. Testifying at Inquiry, Says He Told Road Officials of "Graft." but They Assured Him He Was Mistaken.

yard inspector for the Ostermann Manufacturing Company, one of the concerns harged with grafting in Hillinois Central Railroad car repairs, yesterday on the witness sland described in detail methods which he said were used to de-

fraud the rallroad company.

Barbett mid that Illinois Central cars "in strings" of from 10 to 14-were switched into the yards of the Ostermann plant at the close of the working day. Then at night, he said. Henry C. Ostermann, president of the Ostermann Company, frequently directed the dismantling of the cars. Air hose, brake shoes, bolts and various other equipment were Water was then applied to the various parts where they had been removed, so ust would form and make the equipment

Equipment Taken From Cars.

The equipment taken from the cars was

of Clyde Fitch, but no relation to the would-be suicide. The similarity of foremen for the Illinois Central Rail-toad at its Burnside shops for 15 years. He said that his position as yard inspector for the Ostermann Company was secured for him by August Districh, one of the Illinois Central foremen at the Burnside shops. Barbett said that be secured his orders direct from Ostermann.

Ostermann Gave Instructions.

"Ostermann told me to go ahead and repair the cars as far as I could," said that witness.

"As far as you could?" What

Removals Made at Night.

"Tes, sir," said Barbett, "Ostermann and myself took off air hose, angie cocks, brake shoes and other equipment from the cars before they were repaired. We did this to cars the paired. We did this to cars that me in at night when the shops were

The cars repaired were pulled out before the workmen in the shops came to work in the morning. They were checked by William Schaffer, car inspector for the railroad company. I saw one pay check for \$25 signed by Ostermann that was given to Schaffer. I was with Schaffer when he cashed the check in a saloon near the shops." Re-direct examination brought out the statement that the reason for dis-mantling cars was to hasten repair work on other cars.

Road Paid Twice.

"The only difference was," said Barbett, "that the Illinois Central paid twice for materials in the transaction. Some of these cars were not inspected and some were. But it made no difference whether the fittings were immediately needed or not, they were removed—that's all there was to that."

Did you ever do anything besides remove fittings? asked Fisher.
"Well," smiled Barbett, "we put water on the threads of the parts removed."
"Why was water placed on the threads?" questioned counsel.

Threads Made Rusty.

"To make the threads appear to be old from rust," replied Barbett, "and to prevent the parts from being noticed as missing or probably stolen. Henry kempf, one of the workmen, aid most of

he watering."
Before Barbeit testified. Theophyl Renther added to his testimony of Monmewhat sensational manner. "I was told that John M. Taylor, stock-keeper for the Illinois Central," said Reuther, "would dix my clock if I said

anything to anybody about graft."

Reuther then told about a visit he and his wife made to the offices of Taylor and of a subsequent visit to William Renshaw, ex-superintendent of transportation for the Himose Central, who is now in Europe. He said that upon both of tailen for the lilinois Central, who is now in Eugope. He said that upon both of the visits he told of alleged stealing and graft and of what was occurring at the Cistermann plant. The witness declared that both Taylor and Reushaw declared that such stealing and graft were impossible without their knowledge and that they knew nothing of it.

GALE SWEEPS TEXAS COAST

Storm Blowing in From Gulf Worse. Launch May Be Lost.

SROWNSVILLE Tex. Aug. 31.—The Gulf storm that has been sweeping in-shore along the western coast of Texas since yesterday, increased in severity yesterday afternoon and the gale shows little indication of abating.

Fears are entertained for the safety of the Government gasoline launch Florence K, containing a crew of seven men.

OAKS FEATURES ENJOYED Portland Quick to Recognize Cor-

dray's New Entertainment.

ided by Manager Cordray for their While Oaks visitors we practically all satisfied with what was effered on the grounds of the beautiful wark for their entertainment, this departin giving them a free concert and

On the list of special numbers appear the attractive and talented singers. Misses Dinsmore and Rasmussen, who sang with evidence of long training, and the "Cantors" a splendld quartet of male voices. The goat acr was a scream from start to finish, for these beasts.

from start to finish, for these beasts, ordinarily thought stupid, went through their act with a precision and agility that took the speciators by storm.

The fancy skating of "Revolving Collins" seemed to catch the house, and his evolutions on the capacious stage surprised as well as amused all. Ruzzi's concert band has been selected with much care, and the music it provides is of high order. The big band and the special acts are to appear every afternoon and evening in the Auditorium, to which the door price of admission has been suspended.

been suspended.

The park, outside the Auditorium, never appeared more attractive than now.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.-Fred C. Barbett, GIRL, DISCOURAGED, SEEKS DEATH BY BULLET.

> Oakland, Cal., Authoress, Dejected Over Failure in Literary Effort, Shoots Self in Hotel Astor.

> NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The young woman who shot herself over the heart in Hotel Aster Monday night was iden-tified last night after a day of mystery

as Vera Fitch, of Oakland, Cal. Her con-dition is critical.

The name of the person who made bolts and various other equipment were stripped from the cars, Barbett testified.

Water was they applied to the various Clyde Fitch, the dramatist.

An operation was performed, but the bullet was not removed. The missile entered the lung, punctured the diaphragm, twice punctured the small in-testines and lodged in the muscles of the back. The surgeons issued the following statement;

kept by the Ostermann Company, said
Barbett, io make repairs in this way the
railroad company was payine at least
twice for much of its car equipment.
Barbett also declared that some of the
Illinois Central's car inspectors were receiving pay checks from the Ostermann
Company and that he had seen various

ceiving pay checks from the Ostermann ceiving pay checks from the Ostermann Company and that he had seen various lilinois Central officials, including Frank B. Harriman, former general manager, visit Ostermann's office in the shop yards. Fred C. Barbett, who was on the witness stand when the day's session of court closed, said that he had been a court closed, said that he had been a court closed, said that he had been a court closed. Said that he had been a court closed, said that he had been a court closed. Said that he court closed that he co

"As far as you could?" What did he mean by that?" asked Attorney Walter Fisher, of counsel for the railroad company.

"Well," the witness replied, "as far as our material went."

"What did you do then?" asked Attorney Fisher.

"Mother Dear," but from each the signature had been scratched so carefully as to be practically spelicible althouse. "What did you do then?" asked Attorney Fisher.
"We went to the Illinois Central's Burnside shops," the witness answered. "direct to Elmer E. Wilson for what we wanted. Wilson immediately sent the supplies to us."
"Were you ever in the yards?" asked Attorney Fisher, "when Ostermann or any other employe actually removed fittings or material from Illinois Central and the supplies of the wishes of men (7), cultured (7) usually moneyed, but minus morals."

A typewritten manuscript carried the

It was a very long story and dealt with the adventures of two young men

QUARANTINE NOT ENFORCED

Secretary State Health Board to Investigate Beach Cases.

Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the State Board of Health, went to Gear-hart and Seaside last night to investi-gate an epidemic of diphtheria that has spread along the beach without any apparent effort at quarantine. Seven cases are reported to Dr. C. H. Wheeler, city health officer, which originated at the beach.

One death, that of Nancy Hughes, daughter of Clarence Hughes, of Portland, occurred at the beach, but nonof the other cases has proved fatal.

Dan J. Mularkey's family was exposed to the disease and one of the

children is now very ill in Portland.
Dr. White will ascertain why no quarantine regulations were enforced and why the disease was allowed to spread and become epidemic, when it was known that a case of diphtheria had been found in one of the Summer

Many of the residents along the beach had complained of sore throat. which trouble is now diagnosed as

ASSEMBLY IS ATTACKED

McGinn and John F. Logan Denounce It at Sellwood Meeting.

Judge Henry E. ...Ginn addressed a large audience of Sellwood voters Monday night in the interest of anti-assembly candidates. Mr. McGinn attacked assembly methods, declaring that the entire assembly proceedings, from the date of their inception to the date of the state meeting, were dictated by representatives from Boston that a beautiful young woof corporations. He named the date of the first meeting as June 8 and fixed the place as the office of W. D. Penton. He as the office of W. D. Penton. He is company to ferret out secrets and said that C. H. Carey, F. T. Griffith, R. W. Wilbur and Wallace McCamant were associated with Judge Fenton in the movement.

John F. Logan told of his connection with the assembly which indorsed Mayor Simon. County Judge Thomas Cleeton was also present

AIDE TO LINCOLN IS DYING

Major Rathbone, in Insane Asylum, Near Death.

HANOVER. Germany. Aug. 31.-Major Henry Reed Rathbone, who was an aide to President Lincoln and received a stab wound in trying to save the life of his chief on the night of the assassination, is near death's door in a ward of the asylum at Hildersheim of which he has long been an inmate

Loud applains greeted the new features in the Auditorium at the Oaks last night. The hall was crowded with representative Fortland people, who were quick to

UPPER COLUMBIA

United Action by Governments Best, Says Premier to Visitors From South.

EARLY SURVEY IS ASKED

If United States Will Do Their Part We Will Do Ours," Is Official Declaration - Delegates From

Nelson Are Much Pleased.

NELSON, B. C., Aug. 21 .- Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reply to the Columbia River delegation yesterday morning was high satisfactory to the delegates, who asked that the government make the

river navigable from Robson to the international boundary.

The Premier declared that the project appealed to him as an aid to transportation between Canada and the United States and as likely to result in better relations between people and people and in drawing together the cities on each side of the international boundary, and he promised that he would request the Minister of Public Works to have the river surveyed at the earliest possible moment from Lake Windermere to the boundary, to see what work is required undary, to see what work is required and to ascertain approximate cost.

United Action Best.

each government to act independent-If the United States will do their on their side we will do ours on our side. There is another way which would appeal much more strongly to me, if it were possible, that is for the governments of the United States and Canada to have the work properly surveyed by engineers and have approximate esti-mates of cost made and then to have united plan of action adopted by both

The delegation from the Portland Chamber of Commerce and from Oregon and Washington were United States Sen-ator G. E. Chamberlain, C. F. Adams, A. H. Devers, C. P. Swigert, of Portland; C. W. Barningan, of Marcus, Wash, and Captain W. Gray, of Pasco, Wash.

Interior Sends Delegates.

In addition there were large delega-tions from boards of trade of the inter-lor of British Columbia. The Spokane Chamber of Commerce telegraphed re-grets at being unable to attend owing to illness of members and forest fire distress.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier attended service at the Church of Mary Immaculate Mon-day, afterwards delivered an address at the parish hall. He delivered a brief address yesterday afternoon at the City Park, to which he proceeded by water escorted by a flotilla of launches.

ANNEXATION GETS BLOW

MANY NAMES ON ST. JOHNS PE-TITION SAID TO BE FALSE.

Citizens Opposed to Movement Preparing Remonstrance-Too Few Voters on Lents Petition.

On the ground that the petition presented to the Portland City Council asking that the question of annexing St. Johns be placed on the November ballot, bore fictitious signatures as well as names of unqualified voters, a remonstrance will be filed at once with the City Auditor of Portland in oppo-

altion to the movement. Those opposed to the proposed annexation circulated the remonstrance vesterday and secured the names of 150 persons. Among those who do not want to be annexed to Portland are several St. Johns business men and property-owners. Mayor Hendricks had declared himself against annexation and K. C. Kuch is also an active opponent of the plan.

Of the 215 signatures to the petition checked over yesterday by Councilm. n Eilis and Deputy Auditor Moody, it was found that 136 names were in the handwriting of one man. In addition to this it was discovered that only 15 of the emaining signatures were qualified

The petition from Lents was also found to be lacking in the required number of qualified voters to mak) it valid. In checking over the names on this petition, only 33 were found to be regular, seven too few to meet the requirement that it should have 15 per cent of the total number of voters of the district.

R. E. Beegle said last night that some mistake had been made in check-ing over the names. He declared he had circulated the petition and secured the names of 140 voters, all registered and qualified to sign the petition.

ARCHBOLD KILLS STORY

Standard Oil Has No Red-Haired Sirens, Says Magnate.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.-John P. Arch-bold, vice-president and director of the

"Standard Oil does not employ, red-haired sirens in its business," said Mr. Archbold. "These statements are a tissue of falsehoods."

DYNAMITERS WRECK CARS

Four Persons Injured in Streetcar Disorder in Columbus

COLUMBUS, O. Aug. 21.-As a development of the streetear strike here, wrecked three night and four persons were injured.

JAPAN'S ACTS ARE SCORED

Coreans Denounce Cession of Their Country.

and the eastern ports of Russis, passed resolutions last night, firmly repudiating the cession of the sovereignty of the Corean empire to Japan and demanding what they term the "tyrannical com-pulsion" in the methods employed by

the Japanese in acquiring the kingdom of Corea.

After a severe arraignment of the Japanese government for what they re-gard as utter disregard of the treaties existing between Corea and Japan, the usurpation of the rights of Coreans and the establishment by treachery and force of arms of a government universally detested and distrusted by the whole people of Corea, the resolutions conclude with the following pledge:

"We the true some of Corea do de-

"We, the true sons of Corea, do de-termine never to give up our struggle for the liberty and independence of our dear old Corea until such time as we shall regain them; and that we appeal to the justice of the nations and of Almighty God to punish this monstrous crime of a nation without hoper and crime of a nation without honor and without faith." S. Y. Whany, president of the asso-clation, presided at the meeting.

'OLD GUARD'' IS DEFIED

FACTION OPPOSED TO ROOSE-VELT CHALLENGED.

Greiner, Kracke and Griscom Agree Name Will Be Presented for Temporary Chairman.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.-A format chal-lenge to that faction of the Republican party of New York State which encompassed the defeat of ex-President Roose-velt when the latter's name was present-ed to the state committee for temporary chairman of the state convection was issued today by Lloyd C. Griscom, chair-man of the New York County committee. Mr. Griscom was in conference during the better part of the day with several state leaders.

state leaders.

After carefully considering the situation the conferees reached the conclusion that they could depend upon at least \$50 of the 1015 delegates and issued a formal statement to the effect that they would not only present Colonel Rosevelt for temporary chairman of the convention, but do their utmost to have a direct nomination plank inserted in the platform.

The defiance of the old guard leaders, for which Mesers Griscom, Greiner and for which Messrs Griscom, Greiner and Kracke stood sponsors, was as follows:
"Mr. Greiner. Mr. Kracke and Mr. Griscom all agree that Mr. Roosevelt's name shall be presented to the coming state convention as a candidate for temporary challman and that they will porary chairman and that they will use their best endeavors to have included in the party platform a direct nomination

CLOTHIER KILLS HIMSELF

Solomon Hirsch, of Chicago, Cuts Throat, Leaves Queer Notes.

NEW YORK, -Aug. 21.-Solomon J. Hirsch, a wealthy clothing manufacturer of Chicago, committed suicide in the Hotel Knickerbocker yesterday by cut-ting his throat with a razor while sit-ting at a desk where he had written several letters. Ill-health was the cause so far as known. The notes left by the suicide were written on telegraph blanks. The first opened was unsigned and was as follows:

"She leaves today on the Century for A second note read: "Good luck to all.

A second note read: "Good luck to all.
All things in my trunks are to go according as I have labeled them. The calabash
pipes are for all the boys in the office
who smoke. I feel better now than I
have in a long time."

No light has been thrown on the identity
of "she" referred to in the first note.

History following the property of the control of Hirsch's friends say he was in love with a Chicago girl, but ridicule the idea that a love affair caused the suicide.

CHOLERA SCARE ABATING Berlin Doctor Says Suspects Have

Not Got Disease. BERLIN, Aug. 31.-The cholera scare was greatly abuted tonight. The Lokal Anzelger prints a state-ment from one of the physicians hav-ng the investigation of the supposed pestllence in charge to the effect that none of the suspects detained in the suburb of the Spandau has cholera and that inquiry into the case of the house servant who died in this city last night, shows almost to a certainty that he was was not suffering with

cholera. NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—The first trans-Atlantic liner to meet with in-spection because of the cholera scare abroad, the Cunarder Caronia, into port late tonight only after thor-ough work on the part of health of-ficers at quarantine. The vessel was given a clean bill of health. The vessel was

OLD FAILURE IS RECALLED

Sensational Fall of Fidelity Bank 23 Years Ago May Be Probed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 .- Another fort to revive an investigation of the failure of the Fidelity National Bank in Cincinnati 23 years ago is about to be make by Chicago men headed by A. W.

Green, a broker in that city.

The Fidelity failure, the most gigantic of its time, was related to a speculation in Chicago wheat in which the bank was ruined and Vice-President E. T. Harper sentenced to ten years in a penitentiary. Just before the bank closed, banks al over the country received mysterious cir-culars advising the withdrawal of all funds from the Fidelity National. A run on the bank followed and after \$200,000 overdrafts had been protested a National bank examiter took charge. The Chicago men say they have infor-mation that the circulars were put out by a rival brokerage house.

DOLLIVER FOR ROOSEVELT

Insurgent Hints Colonel Will Be Elected President in 1912.

MANITOWOC, Wir., Aug. 31.—That ex-President Roosevelt would be the insurgents' candidate for President in 1912 was intimated by Senator J. P. Dolliver, of Iowa, in the course of an address here last night when he spoke in behalf of the renomination of Sen-ator La Follette next Thursday. The reference to the ex-President was

a very brief one, when, with a smile, Senator Dolliver said that Mr. Roose-velt will again be writing messages to Congress after the 1912 election.

"SWELL" WOMEN FIGHT

Encounter Attracts Wide Attention in New York Theater District.

SAN FRANCISCO. Aug. 31.—Eighty Coreans, gathered in the general offices of the Corean National Association and representing 10,000 country-



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the hats and coiffures of both combatants had been demolished and their lace dresses rendered much lacier than they were when the fight began. What start-

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ed the fight was not learned. A policeman saw the pair clawing in-dustriously at each other and stopped the fight. Both were weeping profusely and neither seemed to have an advantage when he placed them under arest. Both said they were actresses playing in the same company.

The bodices of their gowns were so

hadly torn that the police provided tack ets for them to wear to the Night Court. Men of former ages, unless they lived near the sea or a river, had great diffi-colles in gratifying their taste for fish the great houses had their fish pends of stews, but sea fish, such as cod, bream sturgeon, herring and sprais, were salled and the excessive consumption of highly salled fish in the Middle Ages is said to have produced leprosy.

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