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BURDICK INQUEST

Rev. Powers, Pastor of Messiah Church, on the Witness Stand Today.

COURT ROOM, AS USUAL, WAS FILLED WITH WOMEN.

Testimony Brings Out the Fact That Pennell Had Said Something Would Happen Unless Burdick Let Up on the Divorce Case.

Buffalo, March 26.—A big jam was around the doors of the court room where the Burdick inquest was to be resumed this morning. As early as 8:30 the police were on hand to prevent overcrowding. As in the other hearings the audience was composed mostly of women, when the seats were filled and the doors closed.

The hearing was delayed until 10:30. Rev. Powers, pastor of the Messiah church of which Mr. and Mrs. Burdick and Mrs. Hull were members, was the first witness. He said he had two talks with Burdick about his domestic troubles as it was a common report that he had family troubles. He had the impression that Burdick in the conversation told him that Pennell had said, "that unless Burdick let up on the divorce case something would happen."

He also had a talk with Mrs. Hull prior to the murder, when she said: "Allie is not without fault, yet if you knew the whole thing you would not think the fault was all on one side. Burdick will get his divorce, and I don't see why Pennell and Mrs. Burdick wish to fight it." Powers walked home with Burdick the same day when he was told the whole story.

Burdick said that Pennell was worried and had told him he would commit suicide. He said Pennell had forced Mrs. Burdick to resist the divorce. Burdick also said that if Pennell continued to fight the case he would make all of Pennell's letters public, causing ridicule.

Carroll Burdick was recalled to the stand at the conclusion of his sister's testimony. The child was questioned regarding Mrs. Hull's appearance and actions at the time the crime was discovered.

Denied Servant's Statements.

Mrs. Hull was then recalled to the stand. She flatly denied the servant's statements that the crime was discovered and information given her by a domestic before she arose in the morning. She knew about Burdick's choking his wife in order to gain access to a safety deposit box, although she didn't witness the altercation. She also knew that Pennell visited Mrs. Burdick at Atlantic City. She denied going into the basement with Dr. Marcy.

She said she didn't like Pennell and appealed to him to leave Mrs. Burdick alone. He replied coldly that he would not be driven out of Buffalo, and that there was a better way to settle matters. She met him once afterward, but refused to acknowledge his salute. Her feelings toward him are of resentment. The inquest adjourned with Maggie Murray on the stand. She contradicted much of Mrs. Hull's testimony regarding the events in the house the morning of the murder.

Pennell Inquest Monday.

It was nearly 3 o'clock when the inquest was again opened. The judge announced that he would close this afternoon and the Pennell inquest would be held Monday.

BONDS TO BE REFUNDED.

Secretary of Treasury Announces That April First He Will Receive 3 Per Cents and Give 4 Per Cents.

Washington, March 26.—The secretary of the treasury today published a circular announcing that on and after April 1, he will receive for refunding not to exceed $100,000,000 of any bonds of the 3 per cent loan of 1908 to 1918, and a 4 per cent fund loan of 1907 at prices yielding to investor 2¼ per cent per annum.

JUDGE TYNER RESIGNS.

He Was Postmaster-General Under Harrison—Ill Health Given as the Cause.

Washington, March 26.—It was officially announced this afternoon that Judge Tyner, the assistant attorney-general in the postoffice department, will resign because of ill health.

He entered the service 40 years ago and was postmaster-general under Harrison.

MORE INDICTMENTS.

Another Sensation Promised in the City of St. Louis in Connection With Girl Traffic.

St. Louis, March 26.—A number of indictments were returned by the grand jury yesterday promising another sensation. Circuit Attorney Folk refused to discuss the details. It is known to deal with the white girl slave traffic.

Sold Young Girls.

Three arrests under the grand jury indictments were made this afternoon. The men are charged with traffic in vice. One, Louis Soviner, is accused of selling two young girls to a brothel-keeper taking their clothing away from them so they could not escape.

RABBI VERY ILL.

The Leader of the Hebrews of America in a Critical Condition Today.

New York, March 26.—Rabbie Gottheil, pastor of the Temple Emanuel and leader of the Hebrew sect in America, is in a critical condition this morning. He has been ill for several days with a stomach trouble. He lapsed into unconsciousness yesterday and still continues in that state. He is of advanced age.

River at New Orleans.

New Orleans, March 25.—The river reported, to be of a sensational char- No levee breaks are reported.

SAYS HIS [illegible] WILL FOLLOW [illegible] OF MR. WU

Declares That China Feels Very Friendly Toward the United States for Her Mediation in Boxer Troubles.

San Francisco, March 26.—Sir Liang Cheng, the new Chinese minister, arrived on the steamer Korea this morning. He is Mr. Wu's successor and is also an envoy to Spain, Peru and Cuba. He is accompanied by Yung Kwei the secretary of the legation and a numerous suite.

Cheng says the relations of China and the United States were never more friendly, principally on account of the successful mediation of Uncle Sam in the Boxer trouble. He says the recent Boxer troubles are not serious and no more danger is likely. He declares that it is not wise that Chinese laborers be allowed to come into this country without limit.

As to his policy, he said: "I can follow no better example than that of Minister Wu Ting Fang."

A MERGER OF STEEL COMPANIES IS MADE.

Reduces the Capitalization From $250,000,000 to $63,000,000—Thus Saves Annually $7,000 in Taxes.

Trenton, N. J., March 26.—The United States Steel Corporation filed today in the secretary of state's office a merger of the three new companies acquired since the formation of the trust. The capital stock of the new merger is $63,000,000. It is called the National Steel Company. The three companies included are the National, Carnegie and American Steel & Hoop Company, whose combined capital is $250,000,000. By reducing the capitalization the company saves $7,000 annually in state taxes. Schwab is included in the directorate.

VILLAVERDE RESIGNS.

Spanish Minister of Finance Precipitates the Long-Expected Cabinet Crisis.

Madrid, March 26.—Villaverde, the minister of finance has resigned thus precipitating the long-expected cabinet crisis. His resignation is made upon the grounds that he could not agree to the large expenditure demanded by the other portfolios.

Spaniards Drowned.

Gijon, Spain, March 25.—Ten men were drowned by the sinking of a boat off here today.

STRIKE AT SEATTLE

COMPANY WILL PROBABLY APPLY FOR AN INJUNCTION.

Superintendent Attempted to Run Cars, But Failed—Mail Cars Not Molested—Union Men Ask Mayor Not to Place Policemen Without Cause.

Seattle, Wash., March 26.—At 1 o'clock this morning a vote was taken and a strike ordered by the street-car men. Eight hundred went out. The cars were all run to the barns and the men quietly dispersed.

At 6 this morning Supt. Kempster with some of the employes in the mechanical department ran out three cars, but withdrew them after the first trip. The mail cars are being run and will not be molested.

The union stationed men at prominent places to prevent overt acts of sympathizers. The men appealed to the mayor not to place policemen until some act justifies it. The company will probably apply to the federal court today for an injunction against the strikers.

Will Resist the Demands.

Jacob Furth, the president of the company says he will resist the demands of the union to the bitter end, and will import men as fast as possible to fill the places of the strikers. Recruiting orders were telegraphed to Portland, San Francisco and other places.

BELIEVED HE WAS INNOCENT.

Letters Found Among the Effects of MacDonald From Parties in Ceylon.

Paris, March 26.—Among the papers of MacDonald, who committed suicide at the Hotel Regina yesterday, were found letters from several prominent persons of Ceylon, assuring of their sympathy and support saying that they believed he was innocent. The body will be placed in a coffin tomorrow and sent to London.

PURELY ECONOMIC.

Irish Papers Acknowledge That the Proposed Land Bill is Not a Political Move.

Dublin, March 26.—The Irish papers today are going into the details of the proposed land bill. They generally criticize some of the details, but allow grudging admiration for the whole scheme. As a general acknowledgement was given that Wyndham's plan was purely economical and not political, it is believed that will not arouse the passions of either side.

Virginian Epworth Leagues.

Danville, Va., March 26.—Members of the Epworth League are gathered here from all parts of Virginia for the annual state conference, which will be in session during the rest of the week. An attractive program has been arranged, consisting, in addition to addresses by some well known speakers, of short papers on practical topics with ample time for general discussion. The officers' reports show the orgrnization to be steadily increasing in membership in all quarters of the state.

Drummer Suicides.

St. Louis, March 26.—Victor Reichenburg, whose residence is 1520 Post street, San Francisco, committed suicide by taking laudanum at Hotel Garni this morning. He was representing a San Francisco business house.

Fire at Fort Wayne.

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 25.—The Pennsylvania railway car shops here were partially burned this morning. The loss will amount to $100,000.

MRS. JAMES O'CONNELL.

Was the Woman With Hayes in Golden Gate Park When He Was Killed.

San Francisco, March 25.—The woman who accompanied Hayes, is now supposed to be Mrs. James O'Connell, the daughter of Congressman Loud. She attempted to help Hayes, but finding him dead, she ran to the Cliff House. Reaching there exhausted, she was discovered by the bartender. It is known that Hayes called for Mrs. O'Connel with a buggy at 9 o'clock that evening. Hayes was engaged to Mrs. Messner, who was waiting for her divorce to marry him. Mrs. Messner, who is extraordinarily beautiful was completely prostrated. The diamond ring found on Hayes was to have been her engagement ring.

It Was Mrs. O'Connell.

San Francisco, March 25.—Mrs. O'Connell has acknowledged that she was with Hayes. She visited the coroner and asked to be excused from the inquest. She is with Miss Grace Loud.

THE BURDICK CASE.

Reported That Pennell Tried to Get a Beautiful Woman to Lure Burdick Into a Suspicious Situation.

Buffalo, March 25.—It is reported today that a plot has been discovered which was concerted in by Pennell with a beautiful woman as a lure to entrap Burdick into a situation which would prevent his pressing his suit for divorce. The woman and the man who brought her to Buffalo are under police surveillence and it is currently understood by the police department that the woman will be put on the stand.

Castro Again President.

Caracas, March 25.—After reading a special message to congress today, Castro withdrew his resignation to the presidency of Venezuela.

Newman Non-commital.

New York, March 25.—President Newman, of the New York Central, today refuses to either confirm or deny the reported change in the control of that company.

Opera House Destroyed.

Toronto, March 25.—The Toronto opera house was burned at a loss of $150,000. A theatrical company also lost $12,000 in scenery and costumes.

ACCIDENT AT HAINES

ONE MINER KILLED ANOTHER BADLY INJURED.

Result of a Premature Blast in Prospect on Rock Creek—Lewis Died En Route to Hospital.

Baker City, March 26.—A telephone message received by Coroner Snow yesterday from Dr. Francis, at Haines gave meager details of a fatality that occurred in a prospect hole near the Western Union mine on Rock Creek.

Two miners, James L. Lewis and G. A. Platt, had been brought down from their prospect hole, which had turned into a temporary deathbed for Lewis and which may result fatally for Platt. Just how badly he is injured the message did not state, nor in exactly what manner the men were caught, but it was ascertained that a powder explosion was responsible for the catastrophe and may be assumed that the premature explosion of a charge or blast occurred.

Lewis died while being taken to Haines and the body will be shipped to Corvallis, where his parents reside. He was a single man. Platt will be brought here to the hospital, if the nature of his injuries will allow of that.

No inquest will be held, as Dr. Francis advised Coroner Snow that such a proceeding was unnecessary.

TO STUDY ALASKA SALMON.

Commission of Experts Will Seek Method of Perpetuating Supply.

Washington, March 26.—By decision of the president, a commission of fishery experts, including President Jordon, of Leland Stanford University; Dr. Evermann, of the fish commission, and several other scientists, will spend the summer studying Alaska salmon, with a view to devising a practical means for perpetuating the salmon supply, and of promulgating adequate regulations governing fishing and the establishment of hatcheries. Especial attention will be paid to the question of propagation, as many of the hatcheries heretofore established have been successful, and efforts will also be made to find out why private attempts at propagation have failed. The operations of the present fishery laws will be gone into with a view of recommending modifications.

MOVE TO THE DALLES.

Holt Manufacturing Company Will Be Nearer Inland Empire.

The Dalles, March 26.—Within a year the Holt Manufacturing Company, of Stockton, Cal., will establish either at The Dalles or Walla Walla, a branch plant for the manufacture of combined harvesters and threshing supplies of all kinds. It is probable that the plant will be located at The Dalles, as it is the head of navigation on the Columbia River, and freight rates on raw materials are cheaper.

The company will employ about 150 men the year around, but during the summer, or busy season, the number will probably reach 300. Next year's combined harvesters for the Inland Empire will be constructed at the new shop instead of being shipped to this country from California. In the past the Holt company has been forced to ship all the wood used in the machines it manufactures from the forests of Western Washington to Stockton, make it into the finished product reship it to Washington and compete with companies in this country who do not have to do that.

That and the fact that the business is increasing has induced the company to establish a branch plant in the Inland Empire.

Hotel Burns.

Cape May, March 25.—The Marine Villa Hotel was destroyed by fire this morning at a loss of $60,000.

MRS. BURDICK TELLS OF HER RELATIONS WITH PENNELL

Letters Produced in Court Showing That She Had Been in Love With Him for Several Years.

Buffalo, March 24.—Pale, but calm, Mrs. Burdick again mounted the witness stand this morning. The court was crowded, nearly all the seats being occupied by fashionably dressed women of social rank.

Mrs. Burdick, accompanied by her mother, entered the court room just after Prosecutor Coalesworth took his place. She eyed him shrinkingly as he commenced the examination, holding in his hands another bundle of letters. She admitted that there had been an altercation in the Burdick house two years ago. She emphatically denied that Burdick struck her with a chair or that he wore court plaster after the affair ended.

Mrs. Burdick was shown a letter from her husband in which he said the divorce would be pressed. Also her reply in which she begged his forgiveness. He forgave her and they returned home together.

A short time afterward, on Pennell's constant solicitation, she again met him several hours in a rooming house where they conferred about detectives hired to follow Burdick. When she reached home her husband asked her where she had been and told her she must leave the house, but not necessarily that day.

That night they went to Pennell's office, where everything was amicably arranged, Burdick being very kind even then. The next day Burdick's divorce summons was served on her after which she left the house and went to Niagara Falls, where she lived alone in a hotel. Pennell visited her there twice, but she saw none of her family or children. Then she went to New York, where she saw Pennell several times.

She was shown a letter which she recognized as one written by Mrs. Pennell to Burdick, pleading for him to drop the divorce proceedings for the sake of her children. She besought him to save the reputation of all and not cast the stigma of divorce over his children.

One letter said: "Allie, I am going to Atlantic City. What the end of that trip will be God only knows. As a final word of warning, let me tell you there is no punishment like a life of regret."

Was Stunned by News.

The first news she received of Burdick's murder was a telegram from Mrs. Hull saying: "Ed died this morning. He had just arisen after a usual night's rest." She wired both Mrs. Hull and Pennell that she would be in Buffalo that night. She was stunned and shocked and hardly knew what she was doing. She wired Pennell not as a lawyer, but as a friend.

She was met at the station by a reporter who was the first to tell her that Burdick's death was caused by murder. She learned the full circumstances only when she arrived at the house. She didn't hear from Pennell after he bade her bood-bye when returning from Buffalo. He was as much in love with her and she with him as ever when they parted.

She had another talk with Burdick at Buffalo. She couldn't then quite decide whether she wanted a divorce or not. There was no decided feeling either way. She left it all to Pennell. She finally agreed to let the divorce go by default, Burdick promising that she could have the children every alternate six months. Later she decided to make a defense to save her reputation. The witness and Pennell expected Mrs. Pennell to secure a divorce but when the latter declined, Pennell decided to defend Burdick's suit. He told her when she was divorced he would go West, procure a divorce and marry her. She didn't know whether Pennell had any private means or not, as he always was a silent, reserved man. He told her nothing of his private affairs, although intimate with her for six years.

Denied Getting Money.

Coatsworth suddenly thrust a paper forward, which proved to be a bond signed by Pennell, securing to Mrs. Burdick the payment of $25,000 before November, 1902. She denied ever seeing it before or of ever getting the money. She said the safety deposit officers had shown her an order signed by herself, giving her brother the right to open her box. She said she had no brother and so supposed Burdick had deceived her into signing it. She opened the box and there found secured the bond and letters.

Pennell paid all the expenses of the New York trip and stayed in Atlantic City a week while she was there. The last time she saw him was three days before the Burdick murder, when she signed an amended answer in the Burdick suit and bade him good-bye at the station. He seemed cheerful and confident that she would get a divorce, rather than Burdick.

On further examination Mrs. Burdick said she received no letter from Pennell dated from Niagara Falls, saying: "that he had received the telegram and was greatly shocked by the news of Burdick's death." Nobody brought her a verbal message and she did not see him after the death. The inquest then adjourned from 12:30 to 2:30.

Regarding New Developments.

The resumption of the inquest was delayed 30 minutes, while the officials held a conference regarding the new developments.

Mrs. Burdick was again called to the stand. Coatsworth produced more letters which were identified by the witness. One was from her husband in which he said: "Sometimes I think it would be better for us all if I were out of the way." At the time when he wrote this letter she admitted that she was in New York, seeing Pennell daily. One from Pennell to her said: "I love you and want you with me, but it will never be; our fate is inexorable unless we choose to break it." The witness said she believed Pennell's meaning was to get two divorces.

She was asked point blank if she would swear she had received no information as to who committed the murder, and that she did not and could not lay hands on the murderer.

Mrs. Burdick replied, emphatically: "I knew nothing whatever of it."

Coatsworth then relinquished the witness. Attorney Hartsell, her counsel, questioned her and brought out statements that Burdick was jealous and had a reputation that would be likely to combat any detrimental disclosures. That he knew his wife received a letter from Pennell.

She said there was nothing criminal or immoral in their relations and that she was never in a compromising situation with Pennell and that he never made any improper propositions. Their relations were innocent. Each honored the other and they expected to be married. Pennell always took the initiative. When she returned, he pursued her everywhere until she was forced to meet him.

The Pennells are both familiar with the Burdick house and a person could gain entrance to the den easily without attracting anyone's attention. She didn't know whether either of the Pennels visited the house the night of hte murder. She never remembered making any threats. The witness was then excused.

GREAT INTEREST MANIFESTED IN PROPOSED IRISH LAND BILL

Opens Fine Stretches of Land Now Held by Non-Residents and Makes Room for Many Small Farmers.

London, March 25.—There is enormous interest in the proposed Irish land bill, which is the government's compromise on the home rule. The house of commons was crowded to the doors this morning. Some of the most anxious claiming seats as early as midnight.

Wyndham, the chief secretary of Ireland, addressed the house this afternoon, and was received with great applause. He said the cash required for carrying out the provisions of the bill, amounting to $60,000,000, had already been provided for.

Nation of Small Farmers.

The tenants are expected to pay in easy installments. Wyndham said the sole object was to create a nation of peasant proprietors.

The entire transaction amounts to $500,000,000. The question of differences in the price between the landlords and tenants will have to be settled in convention.

Will Require 83 Years.

Wyndham said it would probably require 83 years to make all the payments. The Irish government proposes to commence reductions amounting to $1,000,000 annually, for every location or free grant, by paying a percentage of the purchase money to the vendor. The percentage will be the largest in small estates, and smallest in the largest estates. For example, 15 per cent will be paid on purchase money amounting to $25,000 and only 5 per cent on amounts of over $200,000. It is said that already 80,000 tenants have bought their holdings and the government has never lost a penny in the transactions.

Great Excitement in Ireland.

Dublin, March 25.—There is great excitement all over Ireland over the land bill which is up today in the house of commons. It is the most momentous event in Ireland's history, since the union, and is confidently expected to pass. With the throwing open of the fine stretches of land now held by non-resident owners, 1,000 families now destitute will be made independent.

Bill Differentiates.

The bill differentiates between the congested and uncongested districts The government will advance $25 to new holdings in the congested, and as high as $5,000 in the uncongested parts.

To the landlords advances will be made up to one-third the aggregate value of the estate. Should it not exceed $100,000, the government commissioners may purchase the untenanted lands up to the value of $25,000,000.

Wyndham was frequently cheered. He closed with a summary showing that the government takes no risk in advancing the money as it is secured by the farms. He concluded his speech at 4 o'clock.

John Redmond followed and said the proposed measure was far in advance of anything previously offered, but he would have to reserve his full opinion of it until he had studied its details.

KILLED BY HOBOES.

Idaho Rancher Shot Down by Desperado Because He Would Not Give Up His Money.

Pocatello, Idaho, March 25.—Joe Brown, a rancher, living at Rexburg, Idaho, was shot and killed by a couple of highwaymen at Idaho Falls, Saturday evening at 11:40.

Brown was on his way to Ogden ot be present at the funeral of a sister and was compelled to wait at Idaho Falls for the midnight train. While in that town he visited some of the saloons and displayed a roll of money. This was probably seen by the desperadoes and attracted their curiosity. About 11:25 Brown, in company with ex-Constable W. G. Ellis, started for the depot and as the streets were very muddy, they used the railroad track. Before reaching the station, two men followed them and on coming closer, one of the men passed them and the other stayed behind.

The man in front wheeled around and drawing a gun, demanded Brown's money. The two men showed fight when the man in the rear caught Brown around the waist, enclosing his arms. The man in front then shot Brown, the ball entering under the ribs on the left side and lodging in the backbone. He was taken to a hotel and died in two hours and 10 minutes.

A posse was at once started out to hunt the murderers and Sheriff Steers has three men under arrest as suspects. A jury was impaneled Sunday afternoon and a verdict found that Brown came to his death at the hands of some unknown parties. The town was thrown into an intense state of excitement and it is hoped that the murderer will be caught and brought to speedy justice.—Capital News.

DENIES REPORT.

Western Union Will Not Pass Into Control of American Telegraph Company.

New York, March 24.—It was authoritatively denied by the Western Union today that it is to pass under the control of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company.

THAWING DYNAMITE.

One Man Killed and Six Badly Hurt in Stone Quarry at St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 24.—One was killed and six badly injured this afternoon at Dunn's quarry, while thawing dynamite in the engine room.

HONOR PRESIDENT

PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR RECEPTION IN PORTLAND.

Roosevelt and Party Will be in That City May 21-22—Special Committee Appointed to Take Charge of Affairs.

Portland, March 24.—In the rough, the program for the president's visit to Portland on May 21-22 will be as follows:

Salute by Battery A. O. N. G., on arrival of President Roosevelt at 2 p. m. He will be met by a troop of regulars and by companies from the O. N. G. and the G. A. R., and escorted from the train to the Park block, where he will review the school children. At this point the escort, except the regulars, will be dismissed. The regulars will accompany the president during his stay.

The president will then proceed to the City Park to la ythe corner stone of the Lewis and Clark Exposition and deliver an address. Following this a drive around the city and dinner at the Hotel Portland will close the ceremonies of the day.

Quarters will be provided for the president and his party at the Hotel Portland.

On the morning of the 22d Mr. Roosevelt will take the steamer T. J. Potter for Kalama.

The president has already accepted the invitation of the executive board of the Lewis and Clark Fair to lay the corner stone of the exposition in the following telegram to President H. W. Corbett, of the board of directors:

"Washington, D. C., March 21.—Hon. H. W. Corbett, president of the Lewsi and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair—The president will be pleased to take part in laying the corner stone of the Lewis and Clark monument or in breaking ground for the exposition. He understands that one of these ceremonies has been included in the program for the visit in Portland. He regrets very much that definite engagements at other places make it impossible to lengthen the visit at Portland.

"WILLIAM LOEB, JR.,
"Secretary to the President."

The personnel of the party will be as follows: The President, Secretary Loeb, Assistant Secretary Barnes, Surgeon-General P. M. Rixey, U. S. N.; Admiral Clark, U. S. N.; N. P. Webster, Mr. McLatta, J. L. McGrew, stenographers; three messengers, H. A. Colman, representative of the Associated Press; Lindsay Denison, of the New York Sun Press Association; G. B. Luckey, of Leslie's Weekly; P. W. Williams, of the Western Union Telegraph Company; N. Lazarnick, of Harper's Weekly; J. P. Gooch, of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company; H. A. Strohmeyer, photographer; C. R. Rosenberg, representing the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and three others.

PEARSON APPOINTED.

President Refuses to Renominate Vick, the Negro, Because of Party Perfidy.

Washington, March 24.—The president today appointed R. T. Pearson postmaster at Wilson, N. C. This is the office for which Vick, the colored man, was a candidate for reappointment, but against whom Senator Pritchard had brought charges of party perfidy to the person recommended by Pritchard.

IN FLOODED DISTRICT.

Four Drummers and Two Negro Boatmen Drowned This Morning.

Memphis, March 24.—Four commercial travelers and two negro boatmen were drowned this morning trying to reach Mound City from Garvin, Ark. They became entangled in a wire fence and were capsized.

GETS IMPORTANT PLACE.

Postoffice Official Resigns at Washington to Take Position in New York.

Washington, March 25.—The superintendent of the division of salaries and allowances in the postoffice department, George Beavers, has tendered his resignation, and will accept a place in New York, paying double the present salary. It is one of the most important positions of the department, as it carries absolute control of the promotion of all employes in the postoffices throughout the country.

MORLING FOUND.

Royal Geographical Society of England Finds Their Explorers All Well.

London, March 26.—A dispatch today from Christ Church, New Zealand, states that the Royal Geographical Society's relief ship Morling, which went in search of the society's Antartic steamer Discovery, has arrived. She left the Discovery in Antartic waters with all aboard well. The Discovery expects to return in August. She left England in August, 1901.

POLICEMAN WENT CRAZY.

Arrested a Negro for a Trivial Offense and Shot Him Dead When He Tried to Escape.

Washington, March 25.—Policeman Sayer this morning arrested a negro for a trivial offense. The prisoner, alarmed, made a movement to escape. The policeman shot and killed him and went to the station house and reported. He was discovered to be violently insane. It took several officers to subdue him and remove him to the hospital.

WILL GIVE NEW SCHEDULE.

Directors of New York, New Haven & Hartford Answer the Demands of Their Employes.

New York, March 25.—The directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad today answered their employes' demands for higher wages by announcing a special committee to meet the committees of the men for the purpose of granting them a new schedule of wages. The motion to take such action was made by J. Pierpont Morgan and seconded by Rockefeller.

ROASTS FUNSTON

CHAS. H. PARKHURST SPEAKS OF AGUINALDO'S CAPTURE.

Says the Kansas Man Practiced Ignominious Treachery—Violated the Laws of War, Laws of Hospitality and Laws of God.

New York, March 24.—In his sermon Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst refered to the incidents of the capture of Aguinaldo by General Funston, and criticised the American people for condoning what he called the "deceit and treachery" practiced by Funston in making the celebrated capture that utterly discouraged all other belligerent Philippine leaders. "Wherefore putting away lying, speaking every man truth with his neighbor," was the text.

"A deplorable illustration of the general apathy upon the matter," he said, "was shown by the easy popular assent given to the ignominious treachery practicey upon the Filipino leader, Aguinaldo, by our army officer, Funston—a treachery ordered and approved by General MacArthur. The facts in the case were these: Funston disguised himself and some of his men in the uniform worn by Filipinos, crept in upon Aguinaldo stealthily under that guise, tricked him by a forged letter, pretending that they were hungry, made capital out of a holy right of hospitality, and then flung Aguinaldo to the ground and made him captive; violated the laws of war, the laws of hospitality, and the laws of God."

Dr. Pakhurst concluded by saying: "I have not lived to my age without knowing what internal and infernal lies I sometimes tell myself, and how desperately hard I sometimes work in the effort to fool myself. And I would stake all I am worth on the assertion that in this particular you are just like me: Insincere, evasive, knowing God, slinking off into the woods with the serpent; fascinated with the face of Jesus, daubing his face with an amalgam of lust and higher criticism; knowing duty, lying out of it; beholding God, crouching behind the tree.

"It would not seem as bad in us to crawl if it had not been God's intention for us that we should be only a little lower than the angels."

FEAR A STRIKE.

The Great Northern and Northern Pacific Will Increase Wages of Trainmen.

St. Paul, March 24.—It is reliably stated that the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific are fearful of a strike at this season and will settle with the trainmen's committees in waiting at St. Paul on the same basis as the Great Western did last week. This means a 10 to 15 per cent increase of wages all around.

A BOLD ROBBERY.

Thieves Impersonate Imperial Flunkeys and Get Jewelry for Inspection of Grand Duchess.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—Men in the uniform of the imperial coach flunkeys visited the leading jeweler's place today and asked for a collection of jewels for the selection of Grand Duchess Xenis. The jeweler afterwards learned that they were frauds. The thieves secured jewelry worth $25,000. Thy are as yet unapprehended.

REBELS IN CONTROL.

Consul-General Maxwell Reports That the San Domingo Forces Have Fled.

Washington, March 24.—Consul-General Maxwell today cables the state department that San Domingo is still in possession of the revolutionists. The government forces have fled and President Vasque is now in Mocha.

FOR HONOR OF ARMY

Sir Hector MacDonald Commits Suicide at the Hotel Regina in Paris.

WAS EN ROUTE TO CEYLON TO STAND HIS TRIAL.

Charges Against Him Said to Be Similar to Those Preferred Against Herr Krupp—Was a Hero of the Rank and File Who Called Him "Fighting Mac."

London, March 25.—Sir Hector McDonald, whose trial was on charges reported, to be o fa sensational character, committed suicide by shooting in a hotel in Paris today. He was en route for Ceylon to stand his trial.

Was a Great Favorite.

It became known this afternoon that charges were made against MacDonald by parents of boys who attended the English school at Ceylon. It is alleged his fall is due to his long barrack life in Eastern countries.

A story from a prominent club is that MacDonald had an intimation before he left London that suicide would be the best course to pursue in order that the honor of the army might be maintained.

The news of the suicide created an immense sensation, particularly in all military clubs where he was a prime favorite. He has always been a hero of rank and file and was called "Fighting Mac." His most daring charge was at the battle of Omdurman, where he led the Soudanese brigade in the face of almost certain death, and saved the day.

Same as Krupp.

The charges against MacDonald are said to be the same as those against Herr Krupp. His friends here believe him innocent, but say, as in the case of the German gunmaker, he was overcome by disgrace and decided to suicide.

The war office officially announces that MacDonald committed suicide at 1:30 this afternoon.

At Hotel Regina.

Paris, March 25.—MacDonald on arriving at Paris went to the hotel Regina. Shortly after he reached his room a shot was heard. The authorities on entering the room found him dead lying on the floor. The police took charge of the body and all the papers, refusing to divulge their contents. It is believed that he made a statement before arriving at the hotel.

SUICIDE AT SUMPTER.

Night Central Girl Takes Poison and Then Shoots Herself.

Sumpter ,Ore., March 25.—Veldra McVickers committed suicide about 5 o'clock Monday morning. Miss McVickers was the night central girl at the local telephone office and was about 21 years of age. She had been in the employ of the company for about two months.

The young lady first took poison and thinking that probably the poison would not take effect, she shot herself, the bullet entering her left side just below the heart. Miss McVickers was well liked in Sumpter, her parents having resided here for the last two years. Her father is a carpenter and works at his trade in the city, and her mother is at present in a hospital in Portland. More particulars of the sad affair could not be learned, excepting that the cause of the suicide was a love affair.

SALLIE, GO 'WAY BACK.

Plymouth Rock Pullet, of La Grande, Lays Three Four-Ounce Eggs in a Week.

La Grande, March 24.—Sallie, the Portland White Leghorn-Black Spanish hen, which recently laid a three-ounce egg and did a deal of cackling over it, will have to take a back seat unless she can make a better showing. Desdemona ,a Plymouth Rock pullet, owned by Mrs. H. C. Montgomery, laid three eggs last week, each of them larger than Sallie's record production. One of them was weighed and balanced at four ounces. It was eight inches around the long way and six inches in circumference at the middle. Desdemona is being encouraged with hot bran mash and burned bones to further exertions.

HOSTILE TRIBES OF KURDS TO DESTROY EACH OTHER.

More Than 1,000 Corpses Counted on the Field of Battle—Result of an Oath.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—Word was received today of a terrific battle between Mertans and Shinans, hostile tribes of Kurds on the Turkey-Persian frontier. More than 1,000 corpses were counted on the field afterward. The battle is a result of a mutual oath by the two tribes to destroy each other.

MRS. TURNER ASSAULTED.

Negro Brute Assaults Her While in a Pullman Car in Seattle Yards.

Seattle, March 24.—Mrs. Cora Turner, of Portland, was assaulted by a colored porter in a Pullman car in the railroad yards here early this morning. She was on her way from Spokane to Portland. The negro cut her with a knife in his effort to intimidate her. Crazed with pain and fear, the woman leaped through the plate glass window of the car, and her screams brought assistance of men in the yards. The porter was arrested and later gave his name as G. W. Robinson. The woman is being held as a witness against him.

BLOW ALMOST KILLED FATHER.

C. W. Herman, of Rainier, Returns After Year's Absence to Find His Wife Divorced.

St. Helens, Or., March 24.—C. W. Herman, formerly publisher of the Rainier Gazette, returned last week, after a year's absence in the East, and discovered that he was minus a family. Mrs. Herman had given up his return and obtained a divorce at the fall term of court.