AUTOMOBILE RAILROAD OPERATED IN FRANCE.

Three Coaches Will Be Run From Paris to Nice at Speed of Sixty-two Miles per Hour.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A dispatch from Paris, by way of London, to the Times, describes a new system of railway travel soon to be introduced in France. A train consisting of three automobile carriages is to leave Paris for Dijon on January 18. It will travel 62 miles an hour. The carriages will take 40 passengers each, as well as luggage, and a lavatory and a bar are to be provided.

Under the system employed a small quantity of petroleum converts a small amount of water into the greatest possible propelling power, the steam acting directly on the wheels. Thus locomotives are superseded and each carriage is independent. The initial cost of the carriage complete is equal to that of one of the present corridor cars, which, however, are not convertible to the new system.

It is stated that a speed of 62 miles an hour can be maintained for the whole distance from Paris to Nice.

CABLE COMPANY ADOPTS NEW MODE OF PROCEDURE.

Will Employ Small Steamer to Play Out the Shore End at the Next Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The Pacific Commercial Cable company has signed a contract with the manager of the Gray Steamship company of this city to have the steamer Newsboy load 100 tons of cable from the Silvertown, carry it outside the harbor and perform the actual work of landing the shore end and paying out the protected part of the cable to a distance of six miles off shore. The actual transfer of the cable will require several hours and will be performed off Meiggs's wharf, where the Silvertown is anchored.

The Newsboy, taken temporarily from the southern coast especially to do this business, will use small boats in getting the cable end ashore. It is so much smaller than the ponderous Silvertown that it can approach much nearer than a mile and a quarter of the beach. After landing the end it will carefully steam out the six miles and there await the Silvertown and the splicing of the cable to the marine line.

LIBELS FRENCH SHIP.

Tugboat Company Brings Suit for Violating Contract.

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—The Puget Sound Tugboat company yesterday libeled the French ship Ernest Reyer for $612.75 for towing charges. The company claims it had a contract with the owners of the ship residing in Nantes, France, for towing the vessel in and out of Tacoma and Seattle and that the captain of the vessel refused the company's services

The suit of the company brings up the interesting question as to whether the master of a vessel has authority, upon arriving off Flattery, to disregard his owner's instructions, in the event he deems it advisable for any reason to make new arrangements.

GAMBLING TOOLS BURNED.

Gamesters Offered $3000 to Charity to Save Equipment.

DENVER, Dec. 13.—A special to the Republican from Cripple Creek, Colo., says: The sheriff of Teller county burned more than $5000 worth of confiscated gambling tools on one of the principal street corners last night. Thousands of citizens witnessed and applauded the act. The gamblers had offered to pay into the court, to be devoted to charity, $3000, if permitted to remove the property from the county, but the judge declined to consider the offer.

MRS. GRANT DYING

Widow of Ex-President Cannot Survive Her Illness.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, widow of the former president, is reported dying tonight at her home in this city. Her physicians say she cannot survive the night. She has been in ill health for a long time.

She has been suffering with a severe attack of bronchitis for some time and valvular disease of the heart with kidney complications, has developed and gravest apprehensions of the outcome are felt. A sudden change for the worse in her condition occurred late last night and she grew worse today.

PRESIDENT DOESN'T FAVOR NEW MEXICO AS STATE

Delegation From Territory Does Not Meet With Encouragement At Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Delegate Rodey of New Mexico headed a delegation of prominent men of the territory, who called upon the president today to urge him to use his influence to secure the passage through the senate of the omnibus statehood bill.

The president frankly told the delegation that he was not particularly favorable to the admission of New Mexico to statehood at this time.

ROOSEVELT ACCEPTS INVITATION TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO

President Will Attend Dedication Ceremonies Commemorating Battle of Manila.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Roosevelt today formally accepted an invitation extended by the citizens of San Francisco to attend the dedication of the navy monument to commemorate the battle of Manila.

The monument is now nearing completion.

RECORD BREAKING BUSINESS

Chicago Postoffice Handles Immense Funds in One Day.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—With the beginning of the Christmas rush the Chicago postoffice has established a new record in business transacted in one day in its money order department.

The record breaking figures were $991,922, represented by 39,982 different transactions.

DROVE THE MOTHER INSANE

Three Colored Children Are Burned to Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Three girls, aged 3, 4 and 7, children of Louis Smith, a negro, were burned to death today in a Sixteenth street tenement house. The parents were out, leaving the children in bed asleep. The mother has become insane through grief.

MUCH ARRESTED MAN

Criminal Who Has Several Times Been Charged With Murder.

DENVER, Dec. 13—Tom Fallon, who has served time in Oregon, California, and Colorado penitentiaries, was arrested here today.

He is charged with the murder of Charles Boyvin in this city October 6.

BAER WAXES ELOQUENT.

Desire to Regulate Affairs for Pennsylvania Not Respected.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—At the fourth annual dinner of the Pennsylvania society of New York, given at the Waldorf-Astoria last night, President Geo. F. Baer of the Reading railroad spoke on "Pennsylvania, Theories of Government." He declared that the chief theory of Pennsylvania government was liberty directly applied to the individual in his right to work unhampered by others. Mr. Baer said that recently there had been expressions of a desire in certain parts of the country on the part of certain people to undertake the power of regulating the affairs of Pennsylvania.

"But I am glad to say," continued Mr. Baer, "that their efforts will be in vain. There is a constitutional limitation which, if it is not respected by the masses, will be protected. There is a tribunal, the great, true, unbiased tribunal, the supreme court of the United tates, which will protect the citizens and state of Pennsylvania in their sovereignty during the cry for the division of lands within the state. That great tribunal will protect Pennsylvania under the protection guaranteed in the constitution."

WIND STORM IN WYOMING

Gale Does Considerable Damage, but No Lives Are Lost.

ENCAMPMENT, Wyo., Dec. 13.—Southern Carbon county has just been swept by a wind storm unequalled in years. Considerable damage was done to timber and buildings, but no loss of life is reported to have accompanied the storm.

It is estimated that the wind attained a velocity of 80 miles an hour. An idea of the fierceness of the storm may be gathered from the fact that one of the immense towers of the Aerial tramway, located ina hollow between two others on higher elevations, was shaken loose from its moorings. In half an hour the massive timbers were rent apart and scattered in every direction. No other serious damage was done.

FUGITIVE SURRENDERS

Prisoner Who Escaped on September 11, Tired of Liberty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Frank A. Kellogg, alias Frank O'Neil, who gave himself up to the Philadelphia police on Tuesday, according to a press dispatch escaped from Folsom prison on September 11. He was sent up from Fresno, Cal., on February 27, 1901, on a conviction of burglary in the second degree to serve two years and a half.

VALUABLE PAINTINGS SOLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Fifty-six painings belonging to the estate of Charles M. Reed have been sold for $29,229. The sale was held in the ball room of Delmonico's. Two canvasses by Schreyer brought the only high high prices, A. M. Brady of Albany getting the "Arabian Horseman" for $8250, and F. B. Perkins buying the "Bulgarian Provision Train in Winter" for $6600. The third example by the same painter in the collection, a small canvass, "The Stable," went for $1000. Other paintings in the collection brought prices ranging from $500 to $2000.

BOY MURDERERS

Criminals 17 and 15 Years of Age Will Hang.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 13.—Earl Whitney, aged 17 years, and Claude O'Brien, aged 15 years, the young burglars, who October 10, murdered A. B. Chinn, a merchant, in his bed, were today sentenced to be hanged February 13.

DEADLY EXPLOSION

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 13.—At Northfield, the Hamilton Powred works seperator station blew up this morning. The building is an entire wreck, and James Sloan, in charge, was blown to pieces.

OREGON REACHES YOKOHAMA

Famous Battleship Has Now Taken Her Place at Asiatic Station.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13— Atelegram was received at the navy department today announcing the arrival of the battleship Oregon at Yokohama this morning.

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Office Constructing Quartermaster, Astoria, Ore., Dec. 10, 1902.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m., January 8, 1903, and then opened for repairs to wharf at Fort Columbia, Wash. Plans and specifications may be seen and further information obtained here. Right is reserved to accept or reject any or all proposals. Envelopes should be marked "Proposals for repairs to wharf at Fort Columbia, Wash," and addressed to Geo. L. Goodale, Capt., and Quar. Mr. U. S. Army.

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PERRIN'S PILE SPECIFIC

A DOZEN DIFFERENT WAYS

When the ordinary citizen intends to go east, or send for friends or relatives to come west, the choice of routes is a question that always bothers him. He wants to know if the same route he used once, some time ago, makes the same time, same connections, if the price is the same, if it costs the same to go east as it did to come west. Possibly he has heard or read of famous points of interest in the west or middle west that he overlooked on the trip he made. Did not see them because he had not time; did not know he could for the same money; did not know he could get a stopover. There are hundreds of questions he would have asked, many things he would have liked to have seen and many accommodations he could have enjoyed, only, he did not have the time to look into the subject, and it was too much bother anyway.

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