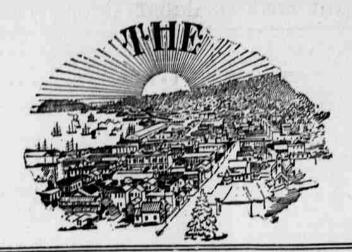
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VESSELS ARE EQUIPPED

Government Stations in the U. S. Use Wireless System Exclusively.

POSSIBILITIES ARE PREDICTED

Abraham White, of Jersey City, Back of the Consolidation, Which Will Control All Wireless Telegraph Companies in the World.

ASTORIAN BUREAU WASHING-TON, D. C., November 21.From a "postage stamp bidder" to the head of the Wireless Telegraph Trust capitalized support it! This is not bad for a young man of forty three, is it? At dinner, last Sunday in his palatial man sion, in "White Park," West End, New Jersey, Mr. Abraham White announced to his guests that arrangements had been perfected to consolidate the operating wireless telegraph panies of the English speaking countries. Among those present was a well known Washington correspondent who says "I was greatly interested in the announcement made by Mr. White for I have known for several years that he has had this project in mind. The warfare between the Marconi company of America and Canada was bitter and expensive, and did neither company any good. Advancement of wireless in this country was hampered by litigation, both pending and threatened. some time ago a modus vivendi was executed under the terms of which the companies ceased their attacks on each other. Since then the harmonious relations have led to a general desire for closer relationship. Last Sunday Mr. White announced to his guests, of whom I was one, that the negotiations had proceeded to such a point that failure was impossible, and that in a few days the United Wireless Telegraph company would come into existence.

He informed me personally the new formed me personally that the new combination had secured a controlling interest in the capital stock of America and Canada, and will acquire control of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph (Limited) of England, which is the parent company and which owns control of the American, Canadian, and all the Marconi companies of Europe. Of course Mr. White is enthusiastic over the posssibilities of United Wireless, and a critical examination of the situation reveals great possibilities. Most of the trans-Atlantic liners are equipped with the Marconi system. The English government and merchant marine uses no other, I believe. On the other hand the De Forest company has a number of shore stations on the American coast and has equipped most of the coast vessels having wireless It also equiped the government stations in this country, Cuba and Panama, as well as the United States war made it possible for President Roosevelt to visit Panama without ever being out of touch with Washington. superceding the Marconi and De Forwith an equipment on every imporfrom New York to San Francisco, via wired instructions from relatives.

Chleago and I of r, from Chicago to New Orlear O . St. Louis. Other stations will don Aless now be erec-

"Mr. White has been interested in wireless for years, almost ever since he first came into notice as the original 'Postage stamp bidder.' That was ten years ago, when he bid in \$1,000,-000 of bonds on a postage stamp and turned them over to ussell Sage at \$100,000 profit without advancing another cent. Since then he has been which he is President. I knew him when he executed a contract with the government to equip stations to send wireless messages a thousand miles over land and water from Guantonamo to Panama, saw the check which the government gave him when QUESTIONS DISCUSSED that contract was satisfactorily completed. I was also present at a dinner at the Waldorf last spring to Mr. Walter Wellman, the Arctic explorer, when Mr. White agreed to equip Mr. Wellman's expedition with wireless furnish an air ship and construct a station at Hammerfost or thereabouts, to receive the first message from the North Pole. I have just returned from a visit to "White Park," which Mr. White purchased from his profits in the recent rise in U. P. and Southern BUILDING Pacific stocks. It is a magnificent estate, created by the late John T. McCail, when president of the New York Life Insurance Company. It is said Mr. McCall spent a million dol- improved Waterways, insurance and lars on the buildings and grounds, and it looks as though the figures were not exaggerated. Mr. White is represented to have paid half a million for it and he got a bargain. He is said to have cleared from one to two millions in his recent stock deal. I do not know the exact figures, but I understand the amount remaining after the purchase of "White Park was of subjects took up the time today sufficient to enable him to carry out his long cherished plan of consolidaat \$20,000,000, in ten years; the poss- ting the wireless companies of America ersor of the most magnificent estate will be capitalized at \$20,000,000, and on the Jersey coast and a fortune to and England. The new company Mr. White will be president. other officer will be announced shortly

so I am informed."

Chimney Blown on Tenement House Frightening Inmates.

BREWERY PLANT DAMAGED

Severe Rain, Snow and Wind Storm Causes Considerable Damage in Chicago, But No Lives Are Reported Lost.

CHICAGO, Nov 21.-Much damage was done in Chicago and the suburbs today by a severe rain, snow and wind storm. In the business section of the that the arguments were without city a number of signs were blown down and several pedestrians were there was no real conflict between irslightly injured. A large chimney in rigation projects and levee enter-Clark street fell through the roof near a tenement house which contained a product of entirely different geograrestaurant, causing a great panic phical conditions and had a common among the inmates, all of whom rushed into the streets Fortunately tiveness of the soil. no one was injured, although many narrow escapes were reported.

The Chicago Brewing company's plant was seriously damaged, a large sippi river and urged the enactment portion of the siding of the building be stripped off. New frame buildings in the residence part of the city were blown down and several workmen the localities should first make an far as can be ascertained tonight, no

TUMBLED FROM CAR.

Freight Brakeman Falls Off Top of Car and Is Killed.

LA GRANDE, Or., Nov. 21.-A. A. ritories lying west of the Mississippi Prosser, freight brakeman, from here river last year contributed to insurto Huntington, fell from the top of a ance companies \$164,279,000 in precar while switching at Lime Siding, | miums. near Huntington, and was instantly est companies, thus begins business killed. He was a member of the local lodge of the Brotherhood of Train due to the centralization of the insurcoast stations from Maine to Flori- Conductors, but was acting as brake- ance assets in that market more than da and from the Gulf of Mexico man. He has a mother and brother to any other one factor? The insuroverland to California, and thence up in Nebraska. An inquest was held ance reports of New York run back the crew of the Orinoco are missing the Pacific coast to Alaska. It also this morning and the body will be to 1859. At that time there were has a chain of land stations running brought here to be held awaiting fourteen leading life insurance com- drowned. Both vessels left Southamp- ment and to better the labor condi-

Trans-Mississippi gress Commences.

and Ambassadors at First Days Session.

PANAMA CANAL

Currency Reforms Discussed and Occupy Most of the Time of the Congress in Session.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 21.—Speeches and discussions covering a wide range of the three days' session of the Trans-Mississippi Congress. Improved waterways, insurance and currency reforms, the value of the Panama canal as a means of enlarging our trade with the South American republics, and the necessity of closer relations between the United States and these countries, made a very interesting day's proceedings.

The great value to the south of mproved levees and the resources and needs of Alaska, were some of the topics touched upon. The principal speakers were epresnetative Ransdell of Louisiana, Superintendent of Insurance Vandiver of Missouri; President Woods of the National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City; Minister John Barrett, Minister Calderon of Bolivia: Minister Pardon of Peru: Secretary Amaral of the Brazilian legation; Representative Shepherd of Texas and former Governor Brady of Texas.

Congressman Shepherd began by declaring the levee is one of the most important factors in the economic growth of the United States, and of many other countries.

"The question of levees," he said, "affects nearly one-half the total area of our country and involves the material welfare of 35,000,000 of the American people,"

He took the various arguments urged against levees, especially the claim that they were an interference with the laws of nature, and showed foundation. He demonstrated that prises, showing that they were the aim, the improvement of the produc-

Congressman Shepard described in detail the development of the mag nificent levee system of the Missisof effective levee laws in every state where there were lands subject to overflow. He said that the states and were imprisoned in the debris. So effort to help themselves, as the people of the Mississippi Valley had done serious injuries occurred throughout and that then they could justly ask for federal aid. He said that the construction of levees along all streams that periodically inundated their valleys would add tremendously to the nation's wealth and resources.

> Mr. Vandiver advocated building up western insurance companies, saying: "The twenty-three states and ter-

'Does anyone doubt that the commercial supremacy of New York is panies doing business there, and their ton early in the day.

total assets amounted in round numbers to \$35,000,000, with a total insurance of \$140,000,000.

"On the first of last January fortytwo companies doing business there reported assets of more than \$2,000,-000,000, and total insurance in force of more than twelve billions of dol-

"This stupendous increase of nearly 6,000 per cent is more than five times the per cent of increase in assets of all the railroad companies in the United States. It is no wonder that the greatest financiers of the world are now battling for the control of these stupendous assets and no wonder that great railroad magnates find the great insurance presidents their necessary ailles in business.

"More money is handled by the insurance companies than by all the transportation companies in the country and it is the centralization these immense accumulations in one locality that makes the locality the Speeches Made By Congressmen seat of the financial empire of Amer-

> "Wall Street could not control the banks of the United States if its hand did not reach up the full length of Broadway and keep its fingers in the vaults which hold the premium reserves of nearly twenty millions of insurance policies I feel, therefore, that the most important matter which can be brought to the consideration of this great body is the development of the insurance business in this great field, which the Transmississippi Congress represents."

> > GUILTY AS CHARGED.

DENVER, Nov. 21.-The Missouri Pacific Railroad company was fined in the United States district court today for a violation of the safety appliance law. The happened at Pueblo, where one of the company's trainmen was compelled to go between two freight cars to pull a coupling pin which had become bent and failed to work when the safety appliance was operated. The suit was prosecuted at the instance of the Interstate Commerce commission.

Battleship Louisiana Arrives at Ponce.

TOWN 'PROFUSELY DEMOCRAT

Addresse of Welcome Were Delivered by Governor and Mayor and a Trip Taken Over Famous Military Road.

PONCE, Nov. 21.-President Roosevelt arrived here today on the battle-Mayor Oppenheimer and a delegation honor and was crowded with people the place was crowded with an exthe coming of the Louislana.

As the President stepped ashore he was received with shouts of "Viva el President was taken to San Juan over seen from the surrounding country. the famous military road. Eleven bands of music accompanied the party Short stops were made at smaller places and lunch was served at Cayea, At Ponce, the President received a hearty welcome from the people of San Juan, which was also elaborately decorated in his honor.

STEAMERS COLLIDE.

Several Lives Lost in a Collision at Sea Yesterday.

CHERBOURG, Nov. 21.-Dispatches received here today, report that the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser William der Grosse had been in a collision with the Royal Mail steamer Orinoco. Both were severely damaged. It is declared that four of the crew of the Kaiser William were

Dynamite Placed on Mt. Hood Railroad Track.

CARS PASS OVER IT

Superientendant of Road Offers Reward of Five Hundred **Dollars for Conviction.**

AVERTED DISASTER

Had Not Dynamite Been Frozen, Train with Twenty-five Passengers Would Have Been Blown Up and All Killed.

HOOD RIVER, Nov 21 .- A big sensation was produced here today when Charles T. Early, superintendent of the Mount Hood Railroad, offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who attempted to dynamite its train Saturday night. The only reason the attempt was unsuccessful was the fact not explode.

In all 20 sticks of powder were were laid across the rail and the rest in bunches on each side. At present there is said to be no clew.

The discovery was made by a carpenter Sunday morning on his way to work, and he found the pile of dynamite in a deep cut near what is known as Paasch's bridge. As soon as possible he communicated with Mr Early, who cautioned him to keep quiet and in company with an officer visited the spot and afterward made an investigation in the neighborhood to ascertain if anyone had been sens in the vicinity of the place during the day. The powder used is what is known as No. 1 and has a much higher explosive quality than that usually employed by ranchers in blowing out stumps and is used mostly in railroad construction. It is said that no dealer at Hood River kept this variety of explosive and that enough of it was on the track to have blown the train to atoms.

After an unsuccessful attempt to discover any evidence that would lead audience of 600 in the Yorkville poship Louisiana. He was welcomed to to arrest, Superintendent Early decided lice court today and denied positively the island by Governor Winthrop, to publicly offer a reward. He will that he had made indecent advances not say that he has no suspicion, but to a woman in the monkey house in of prominent citizens. The town was says he will not implicate anyone un- Central Park last Friday. He deprofusely decorated in the President's tile he is more fully satisfied of guilt. clares his arrest is due to pique on from the surrounding country. In bunch of dynamite it was dark and herself as Hannah Graham, because spite of the early hour of landing, the trainmen knew nothing about the he failed to respond to advances made affair until yesterday, when they were by her to him. pectant throng, many of whom had told of their narrow escape. The train been in their places all night awaiting consisted of a mixed one, with a passenger coach on the rear in which there were 20 or 30 passengers.

The point where the powder was Presidente." After the reception the placed is a lonely one, and cannot be Park Policeman Cane was in court,

GENERAL WOUNDED.

TIFLIS, Nov. 21.-General Golochtkapoff, ex-governor of Elizabeth, Poland, was mortally wounded today by an unknown man, who escaped. The crime is attributed to a desire for revenge on the part of the Mussul-

WANTS INVESTIGATION.

Federation of Labor Demands Investigation of Porto Rico Labor.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 21.-President Gompers of the American Federation in the monkey house. He said his of Labor, was today instructed to attention had been called to Caruso by send a cablegram in the name of the Federation to President Roosevelt at placed what amounted to a flat denial killed and twelve injured, and five of Porto Rico, asking him to investigate of the whole case of prosecution. He conditions on the island, with a view declared his inability to speak Engand are supposed to have been to giving the islanders self-govern- lish and therefore it would be impostions on the island. Mr Gompers dic-

tated the cablegram and sent it forth-

The text of the message follows: "President Roosevelt, San Juan, Porto Rico-American Federation of Labor convention urges you to give consideration, however briefly, while in Porto Rico to her workers' aspirations for improved conditions, local self-government and American citi-"SAMUEL GOMPERS."

HOT FOR ICE MAN.

Five Dealers Enter Plea and Ask the Mercy of Court.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21 .- Five of the 14 ice dealers who were placed on trial yesterday on the charge of conspiracy to raise the price of ice, today pleaded nonvult contendere and threw themselves upon the mercy of the court. They were fined \$75 and costs each.

Before entering the plea counsel for the icemen announced to the court that the Philadelphia Ice Exchange through which it was alleged the price of ice was fixed, had been dissolved. Following the entering of the pleas, District Attorney Bell asked the court to enter a verdict of not guilty in the case of seven of the other defendants. Two of the dealers refused to enter the plea of nonvult and decided to stand trial. A jury was then completed.

DIVIDEND DECLARED.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.-Details of the long looked for Great Northern dividend, resulting from the leasing of ore lands, wa smade public today. For each share of Great Northern stock the stockholders will receive a share of stock in the Lake Superior Company This company, however, is to transfer its ore properties to Louis W and James N. and Walter J. Hill, sons of J. J. Hill, who will act as trustees. The net profit derived from the ore properties will be distributed that the dynamite was frozen and did at least once annually by the trustees.

New York's Great Singer Faces Audience in Court.

DENIES EVERY ALLEGATION

Declares He Did Not Insult Hannah Graham and the Police Are Unable to Find Hannah After Dilligent Search.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 .- Enrico Caruso, the great Italian tenor, faced an When the train passed over the big the part of the woman who described

> Mrs. Graham was not present to press the charges which she lodged against the singer, and the police officers have exerted every effort to find the woman but without avail. however, and told the circumstances of the story of the alleged events which led up to the arrest of the singer, being corroborated in part by several other witnesses,

> Several other policemen, including the desk sergeant and the captain of Cane's precinct corroborated the officer's statement as to the happenings in the police station at the time of the arrest. They declared Caruso dpleaded with the woman not to prefer charges against him and that with outstretched hands and in an imploring voice declared: "It's all a mistake, madam, I meant no harm." A young man who gave his name as Jeremiah McCarthy, corroborated Cranes testimony as to Caruso's alleged actions an officer. Against all this the singer

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