

to read a notice to the employes them to read a notice to the employes posted the previous night. This, he said, was the attitude of the company and he did not expect to depart from it. The committee did not argue the ques-tion but bowed themselves out. Company's Statement. The company's statement, posted in the car barns last night, reads as fol-lows:

Participants' Faces Covered With

Railway, Light & Power company flatly refused to treat with the committee from the street car men's union today and tonight a mass meeting of the car

and tonight a mass meeting of the car men will be held to decide as to whether or not there will be a strike. Both parties seem to realize that a conflict is at hand and both are ex-tremely secretive in regard to their plans for battle. It is not unlikely that a strike may be declared at once and that tens of thousands of citizens will have to walk to their work tomorrow morning. The men claim to be organ-ised to the last notch. They assert that they can stop every car in teven. If they do this they will probably follow the precedent set by street car strikes in other cities and strike suddenly and all at once.

all at one When the San Francisco car men when the san Francisco car man struck four years ago they chose the noon hour. The committee took up a position on Market street and stopped the cars as they came, until the whole street for more than a mile was choked with a line of cars.

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and Is Carried Off Dead.

lows: "To the Car Men of the Portland Rail-

"To the Car Men of the Portland Rail-way Company: "For a long period of years the re-lations of the car men among themselves and with the company's officials have generally been amicable and agreeable, and this company has endeavored on its part to deal faiely with you. Many of your number have been engaged in car work for many years and are in position to judge of these facts. "During the last eight years car wages have been advanced about 50 per cent, which is as great, or a greater, increase than in most other lines of work. Work-ing conditions on the cars have also been (Journal Special Service.) Geneva, July 17.—Their faces covered with black masks, intent upon slaying or being slain, two men, neither of whom could speak nor hear, faced one another on the duelling ground near Gome this morning. Like the princi-pals, the seconds' features were scient. From the time the party met upon the scene of the duel to their departure no word was uttered, even when one of the duelligts received a mortal wound and passed away. Great secrecy surrounded the entire

than in most other lines of work. Work, Work, Ing conditions on the cars have also been sreatly improved. "The pleasant relations above referred to have during the past two months been somewhat disturbed through the working of organized outside influences. The view of such conditions, it is well perhaps at this time to state for the benefit of all concerned that there has been absolutely no change in the policy heretofore followed by this company and its predecessors, and the company in matters pertaining to relations with employes will not recognize or deal with other than individual employes or committees of same appearing as such. "The officials of the company are always glad to receive at any time any (Continued on Page Three.)

Black Masks, as Are Those of the Seconds-At Third Shot One Falls, Mortally Wounded,





Handwriting Experts Testify in Mrs. Hartje's Behalf at Divorce Trial - Letters Were Forged - Mother of Woman Testifies in Her Behalf.

(Journal Special Service.) Pittsburg, Pa., July 17.—Under the protests of Augustus Hartje's lawyers nany local bank clerks testified in court this morning for Mrs. Hartje. It was agreed that Mrs. Hartje did not write the "Susie letter," and did not write

the "Susie letter," and did not write the address on Tom Madine's letter. Judge Fraser said that he did not wish to appear as accusing the attor-neys of bad faith, but he wished to em-phasize his assertion that there had been too much talking out of court. The remarks of the judge relieved the monotony of the testimony, which was entirely by handwriting experts, and covered the ground that had already been traversed. Bank Clerk J. H. Nice-ly had a refreshingly new definition for the "Susie Wagner" missive, in that he said it "was not full of life," urging that it was not a freehand.

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case against his client. IN MURDER CASE

Defense Secures Writ of Prohibition Restraining Taking of Evidence Regarding White's Death by District Attorney or Grand Jury.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, July 17.-The defense in the Thaw-White tragedy placed the prosecution on the defensive in the supreme court this morning. Upon application of Thaw's attorneys the court granted a writ of prohibition restrain-ing District Attorney Jerome and the July grand jury from taking any evi-dence as to the killing of White or the responsibility of Thaw for his death. It also restrains Jerome and the grand jury from issuing subpoenas in connec-tion with the matter.

Justice Blanchard further ordered Dis-trict Attorney Jerome and the grand jury to show cause in the special term tomorrow why they should not be re-strained from any further proceedings regarding the killing of White as af-fecting Thaw. fecting Thaw.

Mrs. Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw visited the

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Moge Found in Bed.

that the state had failed to make out a case against his cilent. Claims Wegligance Not Shown. Tong presented several authorities in support of his motion and pointed out that the people had not shown that there are accessed in the shown that there of caution. He also maintained in his argument that the fact that the commission of an unlawful act at the time by not having his lamps lighted route a ground that if must be shown that the sci was malem in se, while made an able reply. Judge Cameron and nounced that he would decide the motion for a lighted by law. After the Deputy District Attorny had nounced that he would decide the motion for a lighted by law. Mark the first witness called for the prosecution. Sho testified that in the state are was the first witness called for the prosecution. Sho testified that in the state the promy with a Mr. Peterson and Mrr. Politi she board eff has the state dia the context and house be own and Sheridan streets for refreshinents they stated cut Hood street. Mark and hat the lights bad not bear. As the auto passed Patroinan Stuard here that the canes at Fifth and Stars for a differing the speed the streets for refreshinents they stated cut Hood street. As the auto passed Patroinan Stuard lighted because it was not yet dark. As the auto passed Patroinan Stuard (Continued on Page Three.) Action and that the groting stars (Continued on Page Three.)

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(Journal Special Service.) A July 17.-A Jeweler here has taken possession of John D. eller and uses him as an adver-

bolk the important news that a matter be american millionaire, residing not the from Paria, secaped the watchfulters of the New York newspaper men and undetected by them had mades.
Here the American ordered the jeweler took is mingled emotions.
Here the American ordered the jeweler is bring to his hotel specimens of pearl of his hotel specimens of pearl in the "richest collars worth a ings ransom." The millionaire picked p a costly collar, examined it pearl by arr, then asked inconically:
How much?"
One hundred thousand dollars," the winspared. Then isst the price is a nay in the millionaire picked is whis means to worry the old gentleman to may port of making billions.

"You see, sir, they are matchless"-"Bilance," the American answered, "I don't bargain. I asked the price only

Wreck at Salisbury, England, in Which 28 Were Killed and 12 Injured.



sathering as that assembled to do h honor. There was no general diso sion of a formal character. The lead would chat with Senstor Platt. " quietly compared notes." While the wisdom of Odell's reti-ment from the chairmanship of state committee was commended on sides, the discussion of his success was deferred by common consent. All the anti-Higgins feaders w were present confirmed the assessment dovernor M. Linn Bruce has the factor leated as the anti-Higgins conditions governor.

governor.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, July 17.-Former Governor. Odell has promised not to be a condidate for reelection to the chairmanship of the republican state committee when that body meets to reorganize at the republican state convention. This fact became known during a discussion among the republican leaders, who gathered at Manhattan Beach in answer to invitations from Sanator Platt to participate in his 73rd birthday cele-bration and incidentally to make plans for gaining control of the party ma-chinery in New York state. Benator Platt was very much pleased with the response to his invitation. He was surrounded by his political hench-men all day. It has been several years since Sen-ator Platt has presided over so large s that body meets to reorganize at the