NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

A strike has been averted in the Northern Pacific shops at St. Paul.

A wreck on the Illinois Central near Milan, Tenn., resulted in four deaths.

The Georgia legislature has passed and the governor will sign a prohibition law.

The mayor and prominent citizens of a Mexican town have been arrested for smuggling.

The earnings of the steel trust for the quarter ending June 30 reached over $45,000,000.

Nebraska railroads say assessments on their property is higher than on farm lands.

Mrs. Thaw has been reported as preparing to go on the stage, but she emphatically denies it.

The cornerstone of the Carnegie peace palace was laid at The Hague with great ceremonies.

Two more women have been killed in New York and their bodies mutilated. The city is greatly excited.

An insane man has been captured near St. Charles, Me., who has been living wild for years and who eats grass like an animal.

The San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company has given 77 as the correct number of lives lost in the wrecking of the Columbia.

A revolt a few miles from Santiago, Cuba, was quickly put down.

Two jurors say they believe Haywood is guilty but yielded to the majority.

Governor Folk has removed a Kansas City police commissioner to stop grafting.

Great Britain and Germany have agreed on an international prize court at The Hague.

Heney is confident of convicting Glass on the second trial and will not depend upon Zimmer at all.

Demonstrations are being held in many places in Haywood's honor and already there is talk of running him for president.

A crazy man wrecked a Great Northern passenger train near Harve, Mont., because the Almighty told him to do it. One man was killed and several injured.

The Royal Insurance Company has saved the assets of the German Insurance Company from lawyers for San Francisco people by buying the defunct company.

Ito plans to disband the Corean army.

Railroads have surrendered to North Carolina in the rate fight.

Nine lives were lost on a burning steamer on Cayuga lake, New York.

There is a great famine of teachers due to the strike against state examination.

A Chicago mob tried to kill the assailant of a girl but were prevented by the police.

Senator Pettus, of Alabama is dead. He had recently celebrated his 86th birthday.

The farmers trust, with headquarters at Indianapolis, has decided on $1.25 wheat for 1907.

Washington lumbermen want ex-Senator Spooner to fight the proposed raise of freight on lumber products.

Venezuela has refused Root's proposals for setting the trouble existing and relations may be severed by the United States.

A scout cruiser has just been launched at Quincy, Mass. It is expected to prove the fastest boat in the American navy.

Striking coal miners in Minnesota are to return to work.

Salt Lake messenger boys have won their strike for alternate Sundays off.

Mayor Taylor, of San Francisco, has appointed a new board of supervisors.

Valuable historical papers have been stolen from their archives in Havana.

The government says there is no danger of a coal famine this winter like that of last.

North Carolina ticket agents have been indicted for violating the state railroad rate law.

The approaching election in the Philippines is arousing but little interest among the natives.

New York is terrified by the continued assaults on young girls which the police seem unable to stop.

A Chicago woman has been arrested who has for years been securing babies from so called "hospitals" and then selling them around town.

While the czar was reviewing troops near the palace one regiment of his guard mutinied and refused to take part in maneuvers unless a certain commander was removed.

Salvador has asked Mexico to act as mediator with Nicaragua.

W. J. Bryan has saved a woman from being run over by an auto.

Heat records throughout the Middle states have broken all former records for this summer.

The famine in St Elizabeth district, Jamaica, is growing worse. Ten thousand people are said to be starving.

The efforts of the Wabash railroad to establish 2-cent passenger rates all through the East has been blocked by other roads.

Japan has completed a treaty taking full control of Corea and the minister of foreign affairs says China may share the same fate.

VESSELS DISREGARD FOG.

Desire to Make Fast Time Cause of Many Wrecks.

San Francisco, July 31.—The testimony of the officers of the steam schooner San Pedro, before Captain John Bermingham today, demonstrated clearly that the habit of Coast skippers, said to be practically universal, of running their vessels at full speed regardless of the fog, was mainly responsible for the wreck of the Columbia and its terrible consequences.

Chief Mate B. Hendricksen, who was in charge of the San Pedro at the time of the collision, testified that, when he first heard the fog signals of the Columbia, he did not slow down and that, when the passenger vessel loomed out of the fog, it was too late to do anything but try to make the collision as slight as possible.

He appears to have acted with dispatch and good judgment when he sighted the Columbia; but at that time, according to his testimony, the ships were not more than a boat's length apart, and not much was possible. There was no time to go to starboard. He therefore blew the danger signal, four short blasts, ordered the engines stopped and threw the helm hard aport. He did not order the engines reversed, he explained, because he hoped to throw the San Pedro around so as to strike a glancing blow, and in order to do this it was necessary to keep sufficient way on her. The San Pedro had been making about eight knots, and was probably making five when she struck the Columbia.

MOYER FREE ONCE MORE.

Bond for Bail Furnished After Long Wait for Cash.

Boise, Idaho, July 31.—After a delay of nearly 36 hours, Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was released from the Ada county jail at a late hour last night on a bond of 25,000 signed by Timothy Regan and Thomas J. Jones of Boise.

Moyer will leave for Salt Lake tonight in company with William D. Haywood, who on Sunday was acquitted of the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg. After a stop of a few hours in Salt Lake City, they will proceed to Denver, the headquarters of the federation.

It was proposed to file a cash bond in the sum of $25,000, but the money did not arrive in time, and rather than allow Moyer to remain another night in jail, his attorneys decided, after all, to let a personal bond suffice.

Steve Adams who was expected to be an important witness at the trial, but who was not called by either side, was taken back to Wallace to await a second trial on the charge of murder there. His first trial resulted in a disagreement.

Formal application was made in the District Court to have George A. Pettibone admitted to bail. The motion was submitted without argument, and was promptly denied by Judge Wood.

SLY OLD JOHN BULL

Steals March on Uncle Sam at The Hague Conference.

The Hague, July 31.—The British delegation is working on a proposition, which, when it is presented, will cause considerable surprise. As already cabled, the representatives of the United States have been privately discussing with other leading delegates the advisability of the United States presenting a proposition for the periodical meeting of the conference, this proposition suggesting that it should meet quinquennially June 2, beginning in 1912.

The British delegation went ahead of the Americans, having already communicated in the strictest secrecy to only a few delegates its proposition on the same subject, establishing that the conference should sit septenially, but that two years before the meeting special representatives of Great Britain, France, Germany, the United States, Russia, Italy, Austria and Japan should meet to prepare the work for the conference, pre-arranging everything connected with its organization and the matters to be taken under advisement.

Britain Builds Cruisers.

London, July 31.—During the course of a discussion of naval matters in the House of Lords today, Baron Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty had in mind a new and extended cruiser construction policy, which probably will be brought forward next year. "After all," said he, "the cruiser is the ship by means of which we keep our dominance of the seas. The battleships are the policemen of the sea. It is their business to destroy the fleet of the enemy, leaving the cruisers to guard the waters."

New Line Across Rockies.

Helena, Mont., July 31.—The Northern Pacific has let a contract to Shepard, Siems & Company for the building of a new line over the Rocky Mountains west from this city, presumably for the purpose of heading off the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, which evidently purposes tapping Helena on its line from Lombard to Garrison. The route over the mountains will be by way of McDonald Pass, and will result in the abandonment of Mullan Tunnel, the longest on the Northern Pacific system.

Get Both Conventions.

Chicago, July 31.—The effort to obtain the republican and democratic national conventions for Chicago next year has resulted in such a degree of harmony that the financial end of the enterprise for both conventions probably will be handled by the republican committee. This was practically agreed upon today at a meeting of the Hamilton Club committee on finance. Reports showed that sufficient money is in sight to finance the two conventions.

Train Robber Caught.

Butte, Mont., July 31.—George Tower was arrested today for the holdup of the North Coast Limited in March and the murder of Clow, the engineer. Towers gives no occupation. He is about 28 years of age. The landlady of a lodging house identified him as a lodger who brought into her house the night before the murder a valise in which was found the giant powder which was to have been used in blowing open the express safe.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

COUNTY SEAT FIGHT ON.

Wallowa Anxious to Contest Honors With Town of Enterprise.

Wallowa—The Wallowa Commercial Club has voted unanimously for the beginning of a county seat fight. John McDonald, S. T. Combs and Dr. G. W. Gregg were appointed a committee on finance, while C. T. McDaniel, Mayor J. P. Morelock and Councilman Edgar Marvin will arrange for the circulation of petitions to secure the vote next June. The meeting was well attended and the promise of support from Joseph was officially announced.

The county seat is now at Enterprise and much dissatisfaction has been manifest for the past year. The county owns no public buildings and is practically in the position of a new county. The vote to be taken next June will decide the location of the county seat definitely, and every effort possible will be put forth on each side.

The aspirations of Wallowa have long been growing and have at length taken form. The struggle was provoked by the action of residents of Enterprise a week ago in attempting to get the county court to build a courthouse. Their offer was a site and $5,000 cash bonus for a $25,000 courthouse. The county court tabled the proposal indefinitely, pending the action of the voters at the next election. The strength of the two towns is almost evenly divided with a large element in the county as yet very uncertain.

GRAIN WHERE SAGEBRUSH WAS.

Splendid Crops in Harney—Women Work in Hayfields.

Burns—Haying is now in full force throughout Harney county, and the meadows are yielding heavy crops. With few exceptions the alfalfa fields made an exceptional growth this year, while the native grasses are unusually good. Men are in strong demand for this work at good wages, and even women are making big money driving mowers, rakes and stackers.

The grain crops are also showing up well. There was a favorable rainfall during June and during the critical period there was no damaging frost, so the entire season has been encouraging for the farmer. The fall grain is well along toward ripening and the spring grain—wheat, barley, rye, etc.—has a strong growth, with a heavy head.

It is really a pleasing sight to see fields wherein the sagebrush stood at the opening of last spring that are now undulating waves of bending grain promising a rich harvest.

The fruit has all done well this year and here will be more berries, apples, pears and apricots than ever before in the valley

Two Acres Yield Him $1,250.

Eugene—Mahlon Harlow is doing fairly well with his small cherry orchard, in spite of the prophecy of some who maintained that the crop of Royal Anns would be very light this year. Mr. Harlow, who has a scant two acres in cherries, raised 12½ tons from his little orchard. He received an average of 5 cents a pound for the cherries, thus making from the two acre piece $1,250. This is a young orchard which last year yielded $900, the year before $800 and with conditions next year equal to what they were this year a more remarkable story will be chronicled. Mr. Harlow takes care of his orchard.

Railroad Not to Blame.

Salem—According to the reply of Superintendent L. R. Fields, inclosing a statement from Station Agent William Merriman, of Portland, answering the complaint of J. A. McDonald, of McMinnville, who represented to the Railroad Commission that he was unable to get a carload of sand shipped from Portland to McMinnville, the blame for the non-arrival of the car was due to the Central Sand Company, of Portland, who failed to load the car delivered them for the sand, which, at last reports, was standing empty on the siding.

Want Extra Pay.

Klamath Falls—Mason, Davis & Co., have completed their contract with the government on the Klamath Reclamation project, but there is a dispute in regard to the settlement. The contractors claim that because of mistakes in classification of dirt on the part of the reclamation engineers, they are out a little more than $100,000, and are asking the Reclamation service for an extra allowance to cover this amount. So far no satisfactory recommendations have been made by the government engineers

In the Schools of Umatilla.

Pendleton—County Superintendent Frank K. Welles has filed his annual report for the year ending June 17. The report shows that a total of 1390 pupils are enrolled in the county, and 175 teachers employed. One hundred and six teachers were examined during the year for certificates, 16 of whom failed. Four hundred and eighty-four pupils are attending private schools in the county and 1231 are not attending any school.

Tramps Infest LaGrande.

La Grande—The town is overrun with hoboes and many thefts, some of considerable magnitude, have been committed. Nineteen tramps were run out a couple of days ago, among whom was C. J. Dent, locally known as "the Portland Prince." He has often been in the city jail and boasts of having "done up" a Portland officer.

Survey Route to Lakeview.

Klamath Falls—A crew of surveyors under Chief Engineer Journey has pitched camp just east of this city and has begun work on a railroad survey to Lakeview. The engineers say the purpose of the survey is to determine a route from this city into Lake county. The men are in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company.

Dates for Clackamas Fair.

Oregon City—The first county fair to be held in Clackamas county will take place at Gladstone Park Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 9, 10 and 11.

KEEP DEPOTS WARM.

Commission Prepares Regulations for Roads Within State.

Salem—As a result of the hearing conducted during the forenoon of Tuesday, July 16, upon the subject of depot and station accommodations and facilities, the railroad commission has announced the adoption of a full set of rules and regulations governing the sanitation, heating, lighting, etc., of cars and depots and prescribing the facilities to be supplied in the transportation of passengers within the state.

The order is sweeping in effect, covering all of the railroads operating lines in the state. The regulations, violations of which are subject to a forfeiture of from $100 to $1 000, follow:

All passenger waiting rooms and passenger cars used in this state shall be clean and supplied with pure drinking water and so lighted, heated, ventilated and equipped as to render the occupants of the same reasonably comfortable.

Suitable toilet rooms or buildings shall be provided and kept clean at each regular station where an agent is maintained, a separate toilet room or building shall be kept for the use of women, which shall be marked as such, and which shall be unlocked at all times when, by these rules, the waiting room is required to be open. Toilet rooms on all cars carrying passengers shall be kept clean and supplied with toilet paper.

Waiting rooms and ticket offices having an agent shall be open for the accommodation of the traveling public at least 30 minutes before the schedule time of the arrival of all passenger trains scheduled to stop at such station, and shall be kept open after the arrival of such passenger train for such length of time as will afford passengers a reasonable opportunity to transact their business and leave the station. In the case of delayed trains, such waiting rooms shall be kept open until the actual arrival of such delayed trains.

Waiting rooms at junctions shall be kept open when necessary for the accommodation of passengers waiting to transfer from one line to the other.

Platforms shall be kept lighted at night when the waiting room is by these rules required to be open.

No Clerk Seen Yet at Burns.

Burns—The land department at Washington notified the land office here the latter part of June that a clerk and stenographer had been assigned to the office to relieve the congestion of business and that he would report for duty July 1, but he has not shown up yet, nor has the office heard anything more from him, and in the meantime a large amount of land business is hanging in the air, with settlers very anxious to make final proofs, settle contests and otherwise complete their entries.

Seek Independent Buyers.

Athena—The Inland Grain Growers' Association will make an effort again this year to have competition in marketing the holdings of its members. The plan suggested is to pool the wheat and get independent buyers into the field on the days set apart as sale days, when samples will be shown and a list of the holdings submitted, the buyer making the best offer taking the wheat. This plan was tried last year but proved unsuccessful, the buyers keeping away and ignoring the proposed sales.

Delay in Fruit Shipments.

Salem—Following closely upon the investigation of the delay in the passenger train service, on the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, comes a complaint to the Railroad Commission from H. S. Gile, a commission merchant, of this city, who asks that an investigation be made of the delay in the operation of freight trains on the Southern Pacific, which, he says, affects fruit shippers much more than the delay in the passenger train service.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 80c; bluestem, 82c; valley, 80c; red, 78c.

Oats—No. 1 white, $25; gray, nominal.

Barley—Feed, $21.50@22 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, $23.50@24.50.

Corn—Whole, $28; cracked, $29 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, $17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $21@23; clover, $9; cheat, $9@10; grain hay, $9@10; alfalfa, $13@14.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27½@30c per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 12½@13c per pound; mixed chickens, 12½c; spring chickens, 15@16c; old roosters, 8@9c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 12@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, nominal; geese, live, 8@11c; ducks, 8@14c.

Eggs—French ranch, candled, 22@23c per dozen.

Fruits—Cherries, 8@12½c a pound; apples, $1.50@2.25 per box; Spitzenbergs, $3.50 per box; cantaloupes, $2.50@3.50 per crate; peaches, 60c@$1.25 per crate; raspberries, $1.25@1.50 per crate; blackberries, 5@7c per pound; loganberries, $1 per crate; apricots, $1.50@2 per crate.

Vegetables—Turnips, $1.75 per sack; carrots, $2 per sack; beets, $2 per sack; asparagus, 10c per pound; beans, 3@5c per pound; cabbage, 2½c per pound; celery, $1.25 per dozen; corn, 25@35c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c@$1 per box; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 15@20c per dozen; peas, 4@5c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; tomatoes, $1@1.25 per crate.

Potatoes—New, 1½@2c per pound.

Veal—Dressed, 5½@8½c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 3½@4c per pound; cows, 6@6½c; country steers, 6½@7c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8@9c per pound; ordinary, 5@7c; spring lambs, 9@9½c per pound.

Pork—Dressed, 6@8½c per pound.

Hops—6@7½c per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 16@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@22c, according to fineness; mohair choice, 29@30c a pound

BAIL FOR MOYER.

President of Western Federation of Miners Out of Jail.

Boise, Idaho, July 30.—Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners and co-defendant with William D. Haywood, acquitted of the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, was ordered released on $25,000 bail yesterday by Judge Wood, who presided at the Haywood trial. The attorneys for the federation expected to have the bond ready for filing last night, but the arrangements had not been wholly completed at a late hour and Moyer resigned himself to another night in jail. He will probably be released today and will leave within 24 hours for his home in Denver.

No application for bail was made in the case of George A. Pettibone, the third of the alleged conspirators, but a motion was made for a speedy trial and his case was ordered set down for Tuesday, October 1.

Consel intimated that they might apply for bonds for Pettibone later, but it is not believed that the state's attorneys will consent. It has been generally stated that there is more incriminating evidence against Pettibone than any of the others, while it has been generally conceded that the case against Moyer is the weakest of the three. The defense in the Haywood case admitted that there were a number of things for Pettibone to explain as to his association with Harry Orchard and the sending of money to him, but they said it would be time enough to deal with these matters when Pettibone himself was placed on trial.

HAWSE BECOMES INSANE.

Brain Suddenly Unhinged by Storm of Criticism.

San Francisco, July 30.—The brain of Robert Hawse, third officer of the lost steamer Columbia, succumbed last night to the abuse, ridicule and contempt which has been heaped upon him ever since the investigation of the disaster has been in progress. Holding the newspaper articles containing criticism of his actions subsequent to the crash in his hands, a brain fiber snapped and he was mad.

The ignominy heaped upon him was more than he could bear. After brooding for several days over the charges which had been made against him, his intellect lost that keen adjustment that nature provides between thought and act, and his mind reeled off into insanity.

Hawse had spent the evening at his rooms, 188 Fair Oaks street, Second Officer Richard Agerup was with him. Hawse had spent an hour or more reading the censures which had been printed against him. With a cry like a wild animal he clenched the clippings in his hands and leaped to his feet. Agerup looked at him and Hawse looked at his friend, but did not see him. His eyes were glazed.

The police were called and Hawse was taken to the detention ward at the Central Emergency Hospital.

HOWL IN PAIN.

Government Wounds Railroads Severely in Pocketbook.

Chicago, July 30.—Western railroads are near an open break with the Postoffice Department over the transportation of mails, owing to a number of recent orders. The latest cause of grievance is the imposition of heavy fines on nearly all the roads for delay in delivering the mails. To consider the situation railroad men held an important conference today.

One of them declared that the fines levied by the government against his road in one quarter amounted to $40,000. A similar condition on other roads was reported. The fines were assessed under a new rule which went into effect in July, 1906.

The roads are amazed to find that they are in danger of losing 15 per cent of their mail pay unless they revise schedules and place their mail trains upon running time which they know they can maintain in all seasons and in all kinds of weather.

The new rule, the roads say, is oppressive and unjust. It provides that if the mails are late ten times on any route during a period of 90 days, the road shall be assessed 15 per cent of the pay of that route for the quarter.

Wrecks Due to Owners.

San Francisco, July 30.—The responsibility of the companies which by iron-clad schedules, compel their masters of ships to go at a speed their own consciences tell them is unsafe, was the feature of the Columbia wreck testimony, taken before Captain Bermingham yesterday. Second Officer Agerup's testimony established more clearly than had been done before the fact that captains are compelled to run their ships at full speed along a dangerous coast in foggy weather in a course navigated by many vessels.

Try to Kill Czar's Cousin.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—One of the "accidents" that occur frequently while members of the Imperial family are traveling happened today while Grand Duke Peter Nicholalevitch, cousin of the Emperor and one of the leaders of the reactionary group at the court, was on the way to St. Petersburg from Peterhof. As the train was within 10 miles of St. Petersburg, a petard, which had been placed on the rail, exploded. The force of the explosion, however, was not great enough to derail the train and no one was hurt.

Alfaro Kills Off Enemies.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, July 30.—A court martial has sentenced 15 soldiers implicated in the recent political plot against the President of the Republic, General Alfaro, to death by shooting. Eight of the men were executed in this city this morning, and the remainder probably will be shot this afternoon. Several others have been sentenced to penal servitude for life on the same charges. The government has discovered a new conspiracy at Quito.

Japanese Garrison in Corea.

Seoul, July 30.—All the reinforcements of the Twelfth Brigade have landed. The regarrisoning of Corea by Japanese troops, according to the new plan of organization, will be completed by tomorrow evening.

HAYWOOD GOES FREE

Jury Deliberated 21 Hours, With Two for Conviction.

PRISONER QUIETLY DISCHARGED

Shakes Hands With Counsel, Thanks Each Juror, and Goes to See His Mother.

Boise, July 28.—Into the bright sunshine of a beautiful Sunday morning, into the stillness of a city drowsy with the lazy slumber of a summer Sunday, William D. Haywood, the defendant in one of the most noted trials involving conspiracy and murder that the country has ever known, walked yesterday a free man, acquitted of the murder of Former Governor Frank Steunenberg.

The probability of a verdict of acquittal in the case of the secretary-treasurer and acknowledged leader of the Western Federation of Miners had been freely predicted since Saturday, when Judge Fremont Wood read his charge.

It was also freely predicted that in the event of Haywood's acquittal the state would abandon the prosecution of his associates, Charles H. Moyer, the president of the Federation, and George A. Pettibone, of Denver. Statements from counsel and from Governor Gooding issued today dispel this view of the situation.

It was after being out for 21 hours that the jury, which at first had been divided eight for acquittal, two for conviction and two blank, and then seemed deadlocked at 10 for acquittal to two for conviction, finally came to an agreement shortly after the first faint streaks of the coming day showed gray above the giant hills which bound Boise to the north and east. The weary old bailiff, who had kept an all-night vigil before the door of the jury-room, was startled into action by an imperative knock from within. Events moved rapidly enough after this, and hardly at last the principal actors in the trial had been gathered into the courtroom at a few moments before 8 o'clock, when the white envelope was handed by the foreman to the judge and was torn open and the verdict read.

GLASS JURY DISAGREES.

Vote Stood Seven to Five for Conviction—New Trial Soon.

San Francisco, July 28.—After 16 ballots, in which there was small variation from the original standing of the body—seven for conviction and five for acquittal, the jury in the Louis Glass bribery case was discharged this afternoon by Judge Lawlor.

There was no disagreement as to the payment of a bribe, but it was contended by the men who voted for acquittal that the crime had not been positively fastened upon Glass.

The retrial of the case has been set for August 5.

Tomorrow morning, Theodore V. Halsey, who acted as the bribery agent of the Pacific Telephone Company, will be placed on trial. The prosecution anticipates no trouble in convicting Halsey, and has openly stated that if necessary he will be granted immunity if he will take the stand and tell the truth.

The prosecution will lose no time in placing Glass on trial again. If Zimmer, whose testimony would convict Glass in two minutes, persists in his refusal to answer questions on the witness stand, he will be punished to the extent of the California law, which allows imprisonment for six months for each such refusal. By this process Zimmer can be given a total of nearly five years in prison.

Denies He Attacked Hansen.

San Francisco, July 29.—Third Officer Hawse, of the wrecked steamer Columbia, has made a statement in which he denies the charges made against him. Referring to Captain Hansen, he says: "I never did criticize his conduct, but simply made my report to the United States inspectors of hulls and boilers, in accordance with the facts, and ventured the opinion that had the San Pedro allowed me to discharge the survivors from the boat, I would have had a chance to rescue more."

Fire At Coney Island.

New York, July 29.—Coney Island was visited by a disastrous fire yesterday and seven blocks in the amusement zone were destroyed. The loss estimated by the shows is about $1,000,000. Tilyou's Steeplechase Park and nearly a score of small hotels were wiped out, and for a time the flames threatened the destruction of Luna Park and Dreamland, great homes of summer amusement, and the scores of smaller places which fringe the water's edge for a mile. A lucky shift of the wind to seaward aided the firemen

Kill Brutal Husbands.

Chicago, Ill., July 29.—The killing of husbands who beat their wives was advocated by Judge Tuthill in the course of a divorce suit tried before him yesterday. Indignant at a woman's description of the inhuman treatment to which she had been subjected by the man who claimed to be "her master," and aroused by statements that his abuse had taken place in the presence of men who would not interfere, Judge Tuthill declared that in extreme cases violence should be met with violence, no matter what the consequences.

Reported Plot in Cuba.

Havana, July 29.—Senator Morna del Gado, a prominent Liberal, who participated in last year's revolt, has written a sensational letter, which is published in La Lucha, in which he charges that Masso Parra, once a Spanish ally, is planning to work up the Cuban people and induce them to vote against the provisional government. Del Gado, says Parra, is to show the Washington government that the Cubans wish a speedy end of American supervision

New Assassination Plot Found.

St. Petersburg, July 27.—The police today unearthed a plot to assassinate the Minister of War, General Roediger. Several members of the military organization of the Social Revolutionists were arrested.

ROADS FACE CAR FAMINE.

Thousands Will Be Needed to Market Present Crop.

Chicago, July 30.—The western railroads are facing the problem of assembling thousands of cars at various points during the next 30 days for the purpose of transporting the crops to market. Nearly every big railway system has received detailed reports from its agents in every part of the west, northwest and southwest regarding crop conditions, probable yield and the prospect for future business. From these statements estimates are made of the number of cars which will be needed to take care of the various crop movements along the line of each road. The agents are required to give some estimate of the time when the different crops will begin to move and how great the early movement will be. This is done so that the railroads may avoid, if possible, taking cars out of other service and rushing them to the west, there to remain idle for days awaiting loads.

It is believed from the reports received thus far that the early crop movement this year will be heavy and therefore an unusually large number of cars will have to be assembled. Some idea of the task that confronts the railroads can be gathered from the Northwestern's report of the situation. On a new line of that company in the west there will be needed 100 boxcars alone to transport a potato crop which will be shipped from three new towns.

Officials of the Northwestern insist that their road will be in better shape to handle this year's crop than it was last year's. A great amount of new equipment has been added and business in other directions promises to be less imperative than last year. The company is also making an effort to have a larger percentage of its own cars upon its rails this year. With this purpose in view, fewer Northwestern cars will be loaded to go off their own rails.

Burlington officials stated that they have just now a surplus of boxcars and are accordingly assembling many cars to take care of their share of the Nebraska crop. They expect the wheat to begin to move between July 25 and August 1, and declare that before the first date arrives they will be in good shape to handle all that will be offered.

It is probable that a conference of traffic officials will be held soon to talk over the crop movement and to make plans for co-operation of Western roads with respect to prompt handling of foreign cars and their prompt return to the home lines.

The railroads desire to make this a record year for prompt and expeditious handling of the western crop.

FOURTEEN BURNED ALIVE.

Mysterious Explosion Shatters New York Tenement House.

New York, July 30.—An explosion accompanied by fire, shattered an East Side tenement late Sunday night, and within the crumbling walls 14 persons went down to death, while twise as many were probably fatally injured.

The wrecked building was at 222 Christie street, where a six-story tenement rose above the grocery store basement. The explosion is as yet unaccounted for and tore out the front of the building, and the fire that followed caught the 20 families, numbering 100 persons, while most of them were sound asleep.

Fourteen dead bodies have been recovered. Of the injured, many jumped from the windows, others were caught by falling timbers, many, half suffocated by smoke, were dragged from the hallways, while others received their wounds during the panic and mad fight among each other for an exit.

The tenement was occupied chiefly by Italians. A passerby was attracted by the explosion which apparently occurred in the basement. As he turned toward the building the whole front with its flimsy fire escapes fell into the street, and from the sagging floors a score of the half awakened persons dropped into the street. Many of these were badly hurt, but they proved to be the more fortunate of the tenants for another moment and the building was wrapped in flames, and the cries of persons burning to death rent the air. In the wild excitement that followed many were injured.

All Will Resign.

San Francisco, July 30.—It is believed that by tomorrow night the 16 supervisors appointed by Mayor Taylor will be formally seated. The present plan is to have one member of the boodling board resign at a time in order that there may be a majority to pass the resolution of formal recognition of each of the new members as he takes his seat. In this manner it is planned to proceed until each of the 16 resignations have been formally accepted and Mayor Taylor's list has been formally appointed, and recognized.

Renew Hostilities.

San Francisco, July 30.—A renewal of hostilities is threatened between the telegraphers and their employers. The local union served notice today on the Western Union that in its belief the spirit of the agreement which settled the strike was not being observed by the corporation. Resolutions were passed expressing the intention of the union to take the matter up with the higher officials of the Western Union. It is claimed the operators who went on strike are being discriminated against.

Mexico Will Conduct Horse Races.

Mexico City, July 30.—Backed by the federal government the Mexican derby will be run each year for ten years, beginning in 1910. The sum of $100,000 will be given by the government for the purpose of raising the breed of horses bred in Mexico. A purse of $20,000 will be hung at the running of the race. The first race will be run over the new track which is to be built in Condesa on the present grounds of the Polo Club.

Again Enlisting Negroes.

Houston, Texas, July 30.—The army recruiting station here today received instructions to enlist for the colored cavalry especially desirable negroes, the first enlistment of negroes since the Brownsville affair.