PRESIDENT MITCHELL FEARS A SHUT-DOWN OF MINES.

Operators and Miners Fail to Agree on a Joint Wage Conference.

Indianapolis, March 16.—The national convention of the United Mine Workers of America met to-day in Tomlinson Hall to agree upon a course of action because of the failure of the operators and miners of the central competitive field to agree upon a joint wage conference to fix a scale in place of the present one, which expires April 1. The wage scales for the various bituminous fields of the United States and Canada are based upon the scale fixed in the central competitive field, consisting of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

Failure to agree upon a joint meeting to fix this scale has caused President John Mitchell to call a national meeting of the miners. Indications are that four propositions will be considered by the convention.

The first will be to adopt wage demands and then issue a call for a joint wage conference opening the door to all operators who may wish to come in, sign a scale and keep their mines in operation.

The second will be to adopt a scale and issue a call for joint wage conferences by districts.

A third will be to refuse to make any scale except by competitive districts, which would mean that Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois operators and miners would be held to be one unit, as would those of Missouri, Kanasas, Oklahoma and Arkansas be in the competitive field of the southwest.

The fourth proposition will be an extreme peace measure, a provision that the present contract be continued in effect a month longer and the mines be kept in operation during that period.

It is thought that President Mitchell will advocate the adoption of one of the first two policies, expecting by pursuing that course to induce some of the operators to sign a scale and put their mines in operation, which the miners believed would force the others to do likewise.

"There is a disposition on the part of some of the coal operators to stimulate coal market prices in this manner, or by the threat of bringing on such a strike," said Mr. Mitchell, "and it looks now as though there would be a full suspension of mining in all these great bituminous fields on April 1."

WAS IT MURDER?

Child's Death Was Due to Chloroform.

Buffalo, March 16.—The authorities are searching for a motive for the supposed murder of Farrington Cole, the 13-months-old son of Lionel M. Cole. It was definitely determined during the day that the child's death was the result of chloroform administered by means of saturated rags. A small vial which had contained the chloroform together with the rags used in administering the drug are in the keeping of the authorities.

In administering the chloroform the face of the infant was burned by the direct application of the rags. The tell-tale marks around the nose and mouth of the dead child first aroused suspicion and precluded the theory of asphaxiation by escaping gas. It is believed that the gas was turned on after the death of the child had been caused by the drug in a feeble effort to avert suspicion.

Cole, who has been held at the Erie County jail since last Wednesday, appears nonchalant and grief over the death of his son is not apparent in his talk or actions. By the advice of his lawyer, Guy B. Moore, whom he consulted before surrendering to the authorities, he declined to discuss the case. His composure is so well developed that he does not even allow his curiosity to betray him into questions. He is confined alone in the jail and is not allowed to mingle with any other prisoners.

DEPORTED HIM.

BIGAMIST JACOB SWARTSBURG SENT BACK TO UNITED STATES.

Story of His Marriage With a Cashier of a Montreal Hotel and His Arrest for Bigamy Within a Few Hours After the Ceremony.

Montreal, March 16.—Jacob Swartsburg was liberated from jail yesterday and was deported to the United States to-day. Swartsburg was arrested in February, 1907, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment for bigamy. A few months prior to his conviction Swartsburg arrived from Norwich, Conn., in the capacity of a detective for the purpose of shadowing a criminal. While in the city he fell in love with the cashier of a local hotel, who, despite her mother's advice, consented to marry Swartsburg without making any inquiry into his family history.

The wedding was a grand affair, and created a good deal of talk. On the following day, and just when the couple were about to start on their honeymoon, Chief Carpenter received a telegram from the brother of the bride, who had travelled to Norwich, stating that Swartsburg was a married man, and had a wife and four children living in that city.

Detectives Dan McLaughlin and McCall hurried to the hotel, and were just in time to arrest Swartsburg. He was convicted, but liberated yesterday and deported.

HONEYMAKERS HONEST.

Only Two Adulterated Samples Found by Government Analysts.

Ottawa, March 16.—A bulletin of the Inland Revenue Department, just issued, shows that of 141 samples of honey from various parts of the Dominion analyzed by the department, 135 were genuine, 3 were doubtful, 1 was sold as a compound, and only 2 were adulterated. The report shows that strained honey sold in Canada can nearly always be relied upon as being the genuine article.

DIED IN AN ASYLUM.

Death of Rev. A. G. Robertson—Victim of Overwork.

A Brockville despatch: The death occurred at the Brockville Asylum during the night of Rev. A. G. Robertson, aged 55 years. Mr. Robertson was laboring on the Morewood Circuit when he became insane through a severe breakdown caused by overwork. This was one year ago and since then he has rapidly declined. He was a Methodist clergyman of brilliant attainment.

FAST LINERS.

Lusitania and Mauretania Break Records Across Atlantic.

Liverpool, March 13.—A wireless message received by the Cunard steamship company states that the Lusitania, which left here for New York on Saturday, made a record run of 627 knots from Monday noon to Tuesday noon.

The Lusitania's run of 627 knots establishes a new world's record, the best previous day westward run being 618 knots, made on Nov. 6. On that run the Lusitania also broke the record for a westward voyage, four days, 18 hours and 40 minutes.

Liverpool, March 13.—After breaking her record for the voyage across the Atlantic from New York the big Cunard Line steamer Mauretania arrived at the mouth of the river Mersey at 5 o'clock this morning, where she is held up by a dense fog which compelled the vessel to drop anchor and remain outside. Her passengers will not be able to come ashore until late to-day.

A TRANSLATING MACHINE.

Wonderful Invention of Columbia University Student.

New York, March 16.—Donald H. Miller, a Columbia student, has invented a machine to translate mysterious Chinese into English by the mere touching of keys resembling those on a typewriter. Miller also says it will translate any other language. Professors of Oriental languages at Clumbia have had scores of midnight conferences in young Miller's rooms, investigating his remarkable discovery and experimenting with it.

As a result they yesterday announced that they believed the machine practicable, and that it would eventually revolutionize trade with China. The contrivance resembles an adding machine. It has keys bearing Chinese characters. When the key is struck type on the other end leaves on the paper an impression of all the possible meanings of the character.

Miller has been a student of Chinese for two years. He was graduated from Columbia last summer, but is continuing his work in order to obtain a degree of Ph.D.

DANGEROUS PRISONERS.

Second Attempt to Break Guelph Jail Frustrated.

Guelph despatch: Although foiled at the first attempt, the prisoners in the county jail who endeavored to make their escape have not been discouraged. The jail officials are reticent to-day, and refuse to divulge the particulars of a second attempt, but it has been learned that utensils, secured by Cox in some mysterious way to aid in his escape, were found in the cell where he is now confined. It is also said that he had contrived to make a rope out of the sheet off his bed.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon three prisoners from Palmerston, McMynn, Heatherington and Daveling, appeared before the Magistrate, charged with attempting to break jail. Cox also appeared on the charge of abetting them. A Central Prison bailiff arrived here on the 2.50 train, and after the trial removed the first three named prisoners. They have three-year terms to serve, in addition to what may be imposed on the present charge. Cox has only three weeks to serve.

SALT WATER REVEALS SECRETS.

How a New Jersey Man Got Divorce Evidence From His Wife.

Trenton, N. J., March 16.—It was when Richard Tague of South Amboy was distressed by an unhappy domestic situation that he fell in with an ancient sea captain, one who had been in many strange climes and knew many curious customs of the east and other parts of the world. He listened to Tague's narrative of his marital woes and gave him some advice.

When Tague went to bed that night he took care to lie awake until his wife was sound asleep. Then he quietly arose, procured a basin of salt water and placed Mrs. Tague's hands in it. Presently Mrs. Tague began to talk in her sleep. Her recital was slow at first; then it became voluble and in a little while she had told him all he wanted to know, and more; the story of her life, single and married.

Anyway, that's what Tague said when he appeared in the court of chancery to-day and asked for a divorce. Vice-Chancellor Walker, however, was not profoundly impressed by the salt water method of obtaining evidence, and he held the case under advisement.

Mrs. Tague denies the charges and has brought counter accusations in a suit for divorce which she had begun before her husband started his action.

RESCUED CREW.

U. S. Revenue Cutter Saves Eleven and Will Go After Others.

Seattle, Wash., March 16.—The revenue cutter Thetis has returned here, having rescued the remaining eleven of the crew of the Satsuma Maru, a Japanese schooner, wrecked in Yakata Bay, Alaska, Nov. 5th last. The vessel was blown ashore at the base of the Malaspina glacier. Owing to the furious surf running they were unable to get away from the spot for three months, subsisting on provisions, chiefly of rice. In January Captain Fujii and four men managed to reach the outside and the Government sent the Thetis to rescue the survivors. A bar about 100 yards from shore made the undertaking hazardous, owing to the gales that have been blowing all winter.

The Thetis is under orders to return to Alaska to rescue 13 survivors of the fishing schooner John F. Miller, said to be starving on Unimak Island.

HAVANA STRIKE SETTLED.

The Cigarmakers Are Returning to Their Work.

Havana, March 16.—The strike in four cigar factories, which was begun in January in consequence of protests made by the Cigarmakers' Union against the reduction in the number of operatives employed, has been settled, and hundreds of workmen are now applying for and receiving employment. Two other factories are expected to resume to-day.

In consequence of reports of widespread distress among the field laborers in the western part of Pinar Del Rio, who are without employment at the end of the tobacco harvest, Governor Magoon has ordered the extension of road building for the purpose of affording relief. From the sugar districts throughout the island come general complaints of the scarcity of laborers, as a consequence of which, it is predicted, thousands of acres of cane will remain uncut, resulting in a great reduction in the sugar crop.

A NEW EASTWARD RECORD.

Mauretania Clips Over Two Hours Off Her Time.

A Queenstown despatch: The steamer Mauretania to-day establish a new transatlantic record by beating her own best previous eastward record by two hours and thirty-six minutes. She arrived off Daunt's Rock at 4.14 this afternoon, and this makes her time in transit five days and five minutes. She cleared Sandy Hook lightship at 11.09 a. m on March 7 She travelled over the long route, the total distance traversed being 2,932 knots The average speed made by the Mauretania during the whole trip was 24.42 knots an hour. Her best previous speed was 23.90 knots an hour.

The best eastward daily average for the Lusitania is 23.62. The best day's run was 575 knots, with an average of 24.77 an hour. This was made on Tuesday It had been equalled before, however, for on January 29 the Mauretania covered the same distance in a day while bound east

The highest average run an hour by the German transatantic liners is 23.58 This was made by the Kaiser Wilhelm II.

ALIO FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Orders Death Penalty for Murder of Denver Priest.

Denver, Col., March 16.—"Is there no appeal?" These words were the only words spoken by Guiseppe Alio when informed by Interpreter Matteo that the jury found him guilty of murder in the first degree, and fixed sentence at death.

Just eighteen days after firing the shot which brought death to Father Francis Leo Heinrichs at the altar in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church while in the act of administering the holy sacrament, this wanderer from Italy, an alleged but not proved anarchist, heard his doom.

The attorney for the defence made a motion for a new trial, and was granted five days in which to file papers.

FOUR HUNDRED SLAIN.

Battle Between Italians and Tribesmen in Somaliland.

Rome, March 16.—News has been received here from Italian Somaliland to the effect that a local tribe, helped by soldiers of the Mullah, attacked another tribe under the protection of Italy and killed thirty of their opponents. They then drove off a quantity of cattle.

Italian troops were then sent into the disturbed section to punish the raiders. In this they were successful, for in one engagement they killed four hundred of the tribesmen and sixty of the Mullah's soldiers. The Italians had one man killed and two wounded.

D. & H. DIVIDEND.

Albany, N. Y., March 16.—Application was made to the public service commission second district to-day by Ward, Mullen & Woodbridge, attorneys for Hymans & Zoon, of Amsterdam, Holland, and John T. Keegan, of Milwaukee, to investigate the Delaware & Hudson Railway with reference to the question of the impairment of the capital stock and it is further asked that the commission intervene in the suit of Hymans and others against the Delaware & Hudson and take such further proceedings as are necessary to prevent the payment of the contemplated dividend of 9 per cent.

ORANGEMEN'S CAPITA TAX

Great Fight For Reduction at Grand Lodge Meeting.

Protest Against Paying Bonuses For Immigrants.

Ministers Criticised For Action at Berlin Banquet.

A Mount Forest despatch: William Fitzgerald, of the Property Commissioners Department, Toronto, was this evening elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West, in place of William Lee, who is retiring because he has been elected secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of British North America. Mr. Cooke was afterwards elected associate secretary, beating Jas. Mayor and W. H. Sanders, both of Toronto.

The following officers were re-elected by acclamation: E. T. Essery, London, Grand Master; H. Lovelock, Toronto, Deputy Grand Master; Fred Dane, Toronto, Junior Deputy Grand Master; Rev. R. W. Lowe, M. A., London, Grand Chaptain, with twenty-five Deputy Chaplains; John Hewitt, Toronto, Grand Treasurer; Dr. J. J. D. Banting, Cookstown, Grand Lecturer; A. A. Gray, Toronto, Deputy Grand Lecturer; W. J. Thompson, Mitchell, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and W. H. Wilson, Aurora, and A. W. Wright, Toronto, Auditors. Mr. W. J. Parkhill, of Midland, installed the new officers. It was then decided on ballot that the next place of meeting should be St. Thomas, the other places named being Brampton, Listowel and Barrie.

It was announced that the number of delegates exceeded 350, the largest in the history of the Grand Lodge, and there were also present over one hundred visitors. On motion of W. H. Sanders, a resolution was unanimously adopted protesting against any more bonuses being paid for securing immigrants and asking for the total prohibition of the immigration of Galicians, Doukhobors, Assyrians, Armenians and generally of people from southeastern Europe, many of whom are members of dangerous secret societies. The question of the reappointment of Mr. R. Birmingham as organizer for the order was placed in the hands of the executive, which at once reappointed him. Other organizers may also be appointed, and with the lecture bureau a vigorous campaign for the extension of the order will be conducted. The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor, council and citizens generally for the hospitality extended to the visitors.

The great fight at the afternoon session was over the proposal of the Wm. Johnston Lodge, Toronto, to reduce the per capita tax from 25 cents per member to 10 cents. The great argument for the reduction was that the treasurer had in hand a surplus exceeding $6,000. The answer was that the Grand Lodge had practically decided on the increased organization work. The yeas and nays were called for, and the present 25 cents per capita was retained by a majority of only seven votes.

The Grand Lodge of Ontario East appealed for aid in stemming the tide of French-Canadian migration into the Counties of Prescott, Russell and Glangarry, where, according to the eastern lodge, there are councils and school boards some of the members of which cannot speak a word of English.

The sum of $600 was, on motion of Controller Hocken, voted to the support of Protestant missions in Quebec.

The sum of $100 was voted to the True Blue Orphanage at Picton, Ontario, and $100 to the Protestant Orphans' Home, Toronto.

The action of the Hon. Dr. Reaume and the Hon. Adam Beck in attending the banquet at Jerome College, Berlin, and tacitly consenting to the toast of the Pope being given before that of the King came in for severe censure in the reports and from speakers.

SCORES SOCIALISM.

LORD ROSEBERY CONDEMNS PROTECTION AS AN EVIL.

A Source of Corruption—Preferable, Though, to Socialism—He Regrets Agitation Against Upper House—Never so Great Need for a Second Chamber as Now—Admits Need of Reform.

London, March 16.—"The active menace of Socialism" with which Great Britain is confronted was a prominent and striking feature of Lord Rosebery's Presidential address before the Liberal League this afternoon.

The former Premier was discussing the necessity of the league's unceasing support of "sane Imperialism," in which categories he included the maintenance of the policy of free trade.

"Protection," Lord Rosebery declared, "is a great evil, a great tyranny and a great source of corruption." Continuing, the speaker said that he foresaw, however, a time when the present movement in Parliament founded on ideas of social reform, might lead to such enormous pressure in the way of direct taxation as to make the nation seek relief from its intolerable burden by shifting a part of this burden to the taxation of imports.

The time might come, but Lord Rosebery said he trusted to God it never would, when the Liberals would be forced to choose between allowing the Socialists to gain the upper hand or allying themselves with the party of protection in order to defeat Socialism. Of these two conditions he, for one, without hesitation would prefer protection. This would be a great evil and a source of corruption, but Socialism would mean the end of the empire, religious faith and freedom and prosperity. From the point of view of the empire he regarded the tariffs of the self-governing colonies as an impediment to union, and only an overpowering necessity would compel them to accept the new and more universal tariff springing from the centre of the empire itself.

In the elections of 1907, Lord Rosebery went on, the country had seen the Liberals and Conservatives flying at each other's throats for the husks and letting Socialism slip away with the kernel, namely, seats in Parliament, and they had witnessed the tragedy of the Liberals fighting under the banner of "no second Chamber" at the very moment when a second Chamber was most necessary in order to combat Socialism.

Formerly Great Britain had a strong second Chamber, backed up by the veto of the Sovereign. The veto of the Sovereign has long since disappeared, said the former Premier, and now it is sought to do away with the second Chamber. Contrast this, Lord Rosebery continued, with the conditions in the United States.

"There you find a written constitution, not one syllable or letter of which can be altered without grave and lengthy constitutional processes. You find a Senate of overpowering authority, and you find a veto in the hands of the President. Not a veto that has fallen into desuetude, but an active and vigorous element in the constitution. Here we have nothing but the feeble barrier of the hereditary second Chamber, which it is now said ought to be entirely abolishd.

"I honstly say, considering the menace of Socialism which has reared its head in this country during the last year, and which is prepared to rear itself on every occasion again, that it strikes me as amazing that the Government, at the present time, should embark on the policy of abolishing the only barrier remaining between it and the people."

Lord Rosebery admitted that the House of Peers needed reform, but no such reform as was suggested by the present Government.

ICE BREAKING UP.

Narrow Escapes From Drowning In St. Mary's River.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., March 16.—The St. Mary's River is breaking up, the earliest of years. Several narrow escapes from drowning are reported. Geo. Blaci, a well-known business man, broke through the ice, and was rescued with difficulty. Wm. Reich, while crossing the river with a team, went through the ice. He was rescued, but the team and rig were not seen afterwards, being carried under the ice.

CHOPPED HORSE TO DEATH.

Brutal Crime Committed in a Stable at Montreal.

Montreal despatch: The police today were informed of a brutal act committed on Tuesday night in a stable owned by Mr. A. Gauthier on Voltigeurs street. Mr. Gauthier states that on going to his stable in the morning he found his horse lying dead on the floor. The animal had been hacked about the head and body in a fearful manner with an axe.

Many of the wounds were several inches in depth, and in some parts the limbs had been almost cut asunder. Mr. Gauthier is convinced that the cruel deed was the work of enemies who wreaked their vengeance upon his horse.

QUEEN WEPT FOR JOY.

Adventurous King Alfonso Welcomed Back to Madrid.

Madrid, March 16.—King Alfonso arrived here to-day from Barcelona, where he has been for two days. He was given a warm welcome by the people at the railroad station.

The two Queens, the dowager, his mother, and Queen Victoria, his wife, together with the other members of the royal family, and a large gathering of municipal officials, greeted His Majesty at the railroad station. Queen Victoria wept for joy as she embraced the King, and as the royal pair drove through the streets to the palace the crowds cheered continually.

IS OLD, BUT ACTIVE.

Regent of Bavaria Celebrates His Eighty-seventh Birthday.

Munich, March 16.—Prince Luitpold, Regent of Bavaria, celebrated the 87th anniversary of his birth to-day, amid a brilliant gathering of the Bavarian nobility.

In the morning, the Prince received telegraphic congratulations from Emperor William and the heads of the reigning houses of the empire, as well as felicitations from abroad. Later there was an immense military serenade before the palace, in which the entire garrison of Munich took part. The Regent is in splendid physical condition.

MONEY FOR OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

W. W. Astor Promises $100,000 When Fund Reaches $500,000.

London, March 16.—W. W. Astor has imparted another impetus to the Oxford University endowment fund, which was inaugurated by Lord Curzon on his election to the Chancellorship of the university. Mr. Astor originally promised to give $50,000 when the fund reached the total of $500,000. He now promises to give $100,000 when the fund reaches this amount. The present total of the fund is $375,000.

IN FAVOR OF SECESSION.

Decision by Grand Lodge of United Workmen at Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., March 16.—The A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge to-day decided in favor of secession from the American Supreme Lodge, and the formation of a purely Canadian organization.

TROOPS SHOOT DOWN STRIKERS

2,500 Men Laid Low In Fight at Chile Nitrate Beds.

San Francisco, March 16.—Machine guns operated by the Government forces of Chile in a great conflict with strikers at the nitrate beds and in the city of Iquique laid 2,500 men low, most of whom were killed, according to advices received yesterday by the Norwegian steamer Christian Bors, which arrived to-day direct from Chile.

Business at Iquique, which had never before been seriously disturbed by anything but earthquakes, was paralyzed when the great army of workers went on a strike. One fracas after another occurred until soldiers and strikers met in the streets of Iquique and on the outskirts and openly defied each other.

Being ordered to disperse the army of men, the soldiers opened fire. They had little opportunity to fight back, even though they had been armed, the assault was so sudden. This took place on January 1, and a week later, as though by common agreement, the strikers went back to work without the expected advance in wages. It was reported that the mine owners will voluntarily increase the pay of many of their employees.

A despatch received from Valparaiso, dated Dec. 28, said that according to an official statement, the recent encounter at Iquikue, between Nitrate strikers and the police, resulted in the killing of 210 men and the wounding of 50.

MUST KEEP OFF.

Cannot Enter Fortified Black Sea Ports at Night.

Odessa, March 16.—In consequence of the arrest near the fortresses at Kars and Batum, in trans-Caucasia, of several Turkish officers, alleged to be spies, the Minister of Marine has forbidden all vessels, without respect to nationality, from approaching or entering any fortified harbor in the Black Sea at night. If this order is disobeyed the vessels will be bombarded.

The order entails considerable delay to navigation.

FLEW A HUNDRED YARDS.

Prof. Bell's New Aerodrome Makes a Record.

Hammondsport, N. Y., March 16.—Professor Alexander Graham Bell's new aerodrame, the Redwing, to-day, in the presence of a committee of the Aerial Experiment Association and a number of other spectators, flew a distance of 318 feet 11 inches at a height of from ten to twenty feet. The machine is equipped with an eight-cylinder motor, and together with its operator weights 560 pounds. It sailed through the air at a speed of from twenty-five to thirty miles an hour.

After having covered the distance mentioned, a portion of the tail gave way, and the aerodrome was brought down for repairs. This is declared to be the first successful public flight of a heavier-than-air flying machine in America.

THREE BOYS POISONED.

They Died From Eating Skunk Cabbage Root.

Hackensack, N. J., March 16.—Three small boys are dead at Norwood and two others are desperately ill as a result of eating skunk cabbage root, according to a message received to-day by Coroner Curry. The little fellows, whose ages ranged from five to nine years, were children of Italian residents of Norwood. They dug the skunk root in a swamp near their homes yesterday and ate it and became desperately ill within a few hours.

One of the boys was dead when a physician who had been summoned reached the child's home. Two others were beyond help and lived only a short time. The other two responded to the treatment and it is believed they have a chance for recovery.

BIG CLUB HOUSE BURNED.

Chatham Sportsmen Suffer Severe Loss at Mitchell's Bay.

A Chatham, Ont., despatch: The large club house at Mitchell's Bay, known as the "Joy Club," was completely destroyed by fire last night. No one was residing in it at the time. The stockholders are all residents of this city, and the loss will be quite heavy. All of the contents of the building, including furniture, guns, ammunition, sporting goods, etc., were destroyed.

A notice issued against trespassers may, it is thought, have led to incendiarism.

NOT EQUAL TO SUBSIDY.

Postage of Mails to Canada Via C. P. R. Steamer Only £35,500.

London, March 16.—In the House of Commons Postmaster-General Buxton stated that the gross revenue collected by the British Postoffice on letter and parcel mails despatched from Britain per Canadian Pacific steamers in 1907 amounted to £35,500, to which amount £3,000 should be added for foreign colonial mails. The annual British subsidy is £45,000.

A LONG CASE.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 16.—The Capitol conspiracy case, in which John H. Sanderson, a Philadelphia furniture dealer and contractor; former Auditor-General W. P. Snyder, former State Treasurer W. L. Mathies, and James H. Shumaker, former superintendent of the board of grounds and buildings, are charged with defrauding the state in furnishing the Capitol, was given to the jury to-day. The arguments were concluded yesterday, and to-day Judge Kunkel gave final instructions to the jurors, who have patiently listened to the testimony and speeches since Jan. 27.

DEATH IN THE POLITICAL GAME.

LOUISIANA POLITICIANS QUARREL WITH FATAL RESULTS.

Man Called a Liar—Another Refused to Retract at the Point of a Pistol—Agreed to Fight it Out—State Senator-elect Killed.

Amite, La., March 16.—The strained political situation in Louisiana Democratic circles was last night responsible for the killing of Democratic State Senator-elect D. S. Kemp, of this city. He was shot and killed by C. F. Hyde, a young politician and business leader of this section.

Yesterday the men quarrelled about the recent Democratic primary for Lieut.-Governor in which J. J. Bailey and Paul Lambremont competed with result that Bailey, the defeated candidate, filed a protest charging the Democratic State Central Committee with fraud. Hyde in discussing this controversy is alleged to have called Kemp a liar. The friends of both men thought the incident trivial and it had apparently been forgotten until last night when Senator Kemp with with a drawn revolver walked into Hyde's place of business accompanied by a friend. Hyde was unarmed. Kemp is than alleged to have slapped Hyde's face. The Senator's friends at this point interfered and separated the two men, who thereupon agreed to meet and fight it out with revolvers.

Senator Kemp then left and Hyde went into his house nearby and secured a revolver. When he came out he shouted to Kemp to wait for him which the Senator did. The two approached each other and Hyde opened fire, two shots fatally wounding the Senator, who died within 30 minutes after the shooting. Hyde was not injured and witnesses claim that Kemp did not shoot. Senator Kemp was a man of middle age and Hyde is 24 years old. Hyde had not been arrested up to an early hour to-day.

THRILLING FIGHT FOR LIFE.

Desperate Attempt to Throw Officer Over Court Railing.

New York, March 16.—Because he had just given testimony which resulted in the conviction of their brothers for larceny, two men set upon Patrolman Cahill in the corridor of the second floor of the criminal court building to-day, and attempted to throw him over the railing to the marble floor, twenty feet below.

The policeman fought desperately, but was overpowered, and was just toppling over the railing when half a dozen other policemen rushed to his rescue.

He was drawn back from his perilous position, and his assailants were placed under arrest.

The prisoners gave their names as Joseph Dungan and John Muldoon.

LABEL BABIES NOW.

Jokers Mix Infants at Party; Now Mothers Take No Chances.

Winsted, Conn., March 16.—Jokers mixed the babies by changing their clothes at a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodin a few nights ago.

Mothers as a result took home babies not their own, and the task of locating their off-spring and changing clothes was no easy work, for Chapinville farm houses are few and far between.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Griswold, of Chapinville, gave a bee last night and as usual the babies were there, but some were "tatooed," others had their undershirts sewed on and still others were labelled with leather tags fastened around the babies' necks.

SALE OF TIMES DELAYED.

Protracted Litigation Over Affairs of Company.

London, March 16.—It has been reported that in consequence of the strong opposition he has encountered Mr. C. Arthur Pearson has abandoned his effort to obtain control of The London Times.

On Mr. Pearson's own authority I am able to state that this report is incorrect. The facts are that at the court hearing yesterday a new scheme was developed by a group of shareholders, which probably will protract for months to come the litigation respecting the internal affairs of the company that owns The Times.

NOTHING TO CONCEAL.

New York Stock Exchange Courts Investigation.

New York, March 16.—The commissioner of corporations, Herbert Knox Smith, will be given every facility to investigate the New York Stock Exchange in his inquiry into alleged stock gambling, which has been ordered by President Roosevelt, according to a statement made to-day by Secretary Ely, of the exchange. "We will show Mr. Smith all we have," said Mr. Ely. "There is absolutely nothing for us to conceal in regard to the exchange or its management."

APPLES IN AUSTRALIA.

19,831 Boxes Sent From Canada Arrived in Good Condition.

Ottawa, March 16.—According to Mr. J. S. Larke, Trade Commissioner at Sydney, there were imported into Australia by the Canadian-Australian steamers 19,831 boxes of apples in three shipments, the receipts being, for October, 6,772 boxes; November, 8,163 boxes; December, 4,896 boxes. Nearly all the apples arrived in good condition. There were in addition a few boxes that came by freight steamers from San Francisco, but the shipments on these slow steamers were a complete failure.

NO, INDEED.

Mr. Dobbs—Do you believe a man can really love two pretty girls at the same time?

Miss Nobbs—Not after one of them finds it out.

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