TWO LEOPARDS BREAK LOOSE AND STAMPEDE BIG CROWD.

One of the Beasts Claw a Boy---Policeman Saves Crowd From Being Hurt---Animals Captured.

Baltimore, Ma., May 4.—During the performance at the zoo last night two leopards jumped the barrier, landing among the audience. Louis Tong, a boy, was badly clawed about the face and neck and probably a serious stampede was avoided by the prompt action of a policeman in closing the exit door and allowing only one or two of the terrified people to descend the stairs at a time.

There were several hundred persons in the audience when seven leopards were sent into the arena which is surrounded by high steel bars, to go through their performance. Two of these were sulky and one is said to have been teased by Tong who was close to the top of the cage. This leopard jumped toward the boy and scrambled over the top of the cage and was immediately followed by another of the beasts. The first clawed the boy savagely. The people in the audience were terror-stricken. One of the leopards dashed down the stairway to the office and the policeman slammed the door. Then the crowd rushed toward him, but he had them back until they were calm enough for a few at a time to be allowed to leave the building.

The leopard's were captured one in the office of the zoo, and the other in one of the dressing rooms by trainers and returned to their cages.

THE RIOT ACT.

Brantford Police Magistrate Advises That It be Read.

Buck Stove Company Appeals Against a $50 Fine.

Brantford, Ont., despatch: Jas. Naulty, E. Robbins, R. Malcolm, W. Lake, J. Hedgwick, Wm. Lewis, Wm. Wilson, J. Boggs, F. Pase, J. Duncan, Wm. Hosburgh, Samuel Walker, appeared at the police court this morning, charged with besetting the Buck Stove Works. They elected to be tried by a jury and will make a test case of the charge against them. Crown Attorney Wilkes advised that in future the Chief of Police read the Riot Act in that vicinity and disperse the strikers from the street. That would end the matter, he thought. The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

Messrs. Stedman Bros., of this city, have acquired the stationery business of Mr. W. J. Mallagh, on Colborne street. Mr. Mallagh has purchased a large business in Kingston. The purchase price is said to have been $12,000.

Frank Mulaney, for 12 years in charge of the store of Dempster & Co., leaves to-morrow for Montreal, to accept a position with the Telegraph Tailoring Co. He was popular in local social and sporting circles.

The death occurred last night of Mrs. Johnson Jex, a very old and much respected resident of Brantford. She was born at Sussx, England, in 1824, and had resided in Brantford since 1836. A husband and family survive.

The Buck Company has filed a notice of appeal in the case in which Roxy Farrell, a strike breaker, was fined $50 yesterday by Magistrate Livingston for drawing a revolver on Geo. Battye, a union man.

1,000 ISLANDS.

High Water Does Immense Damage to Property There.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., May 4.—Damage to Thousand Island property by the present high water in the St. Lawrence River is estimated at from $200,000 to $500,000. Two architects of this city who have just returned from a trip of investigation on board a private yacht from Lake Ontario to the rapids below Ogdensburg, a distance of 65 miles, report that hardly a dock boat house or cottage built loose to the water's edge escaped damage, while many lighter structures have collapsed, being washed away or torn to pieces.

Many islands are under water, notably one belonging to G. F. Rafferty, of Pittsburg, Pa., and another owned by C. M. English, of Brooklyn. Beautiful gardens, grassy slopes and residence grounds are wiped out. The shore for miles above Ogdensburg is strewn with wreckage.

SEES STOMACH

By Looking Through Tube With Electric Bulb.

Munich, May 4.—The problem of direct observation of the interior of the human stomach during life has been solved by Dr. Rihl, according to a medical weekly. The method which is employed includes the passing of a double tube through the oesophagus to the stomach, the inner tube being fitted with a small electric bulb. Water is passed by means of a subsidiary attachment through the outer tube, filling the stomach. The light is then turned on, permitting the medical paper says, the closest observation of the movements of the organ.

The paper regards this as an important advance, which will permit of a closer study of cancer, the stomach and other internal maladies.

AETNA ACTIVE.

Sicily's Volcano, After Fifteen Years' Silence, Blows Off Steam.

Catania, Sicily, May 4.— Mount Aetna is emitting huge columns of black smoke, accompanied by rumbling. Ashes have fallen in considerable quantity, damaging the crops in the surrounding country. Mount Aetna is completely covered with snow.

Prof. Ricco, director of the Mount Aetna Observator, however, contends that the eruption is a blessing in disguise. The volcano has been almost inactive for fifteen years, and if it were bottled up much longer it is likely there would be an extremely violent and destructive eruption. The present one, he expects, will be comparatively innocuous and will relieve the pressure.

DUNDEE IRISHMEN

Advised to Vote For Churchill, Who Has Arrived There.

Dundee, May 4.—Winston Spencer Churchill, President of the Board of Trade, whose recent failure to be returned to Parliament from the North-west Division of Manchester has forced him to seek a "safe" seat, arrived here this morning, to contest the vacancy caused by the elevation to the peerage of Edmund Robertson. F. Scrymge, of the United Irish League, is urging the Irish voters to give their complete support to Mr. Churchill, on the ground that Premier Asquith has adopted Mr. Churchill's pledges at Manchester regarding Home Rule for Ireland as representing the policy of the Government.

SEIZED CONSUL.

High Handed Doings by Guatemalan's Foreign Minister.

City of Mexico, May 4.—It is rumored here that Juan Barrios, Guatemalan Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the head of a body of troops, late yesterday entered the Consul-General of Uruguay's residence and seized the Honduran Consul, General Mindenze, and his son, who had taken refuge there during the day. The Uruguayan Consul-General was absent from home when the house was surrounded by troops and the seizure made. As soon as he heard of the affair he fled to the American Legation, where he asked for protection, and he is now a refugee in the Legation of the United States.

The capital of Guatemala is described as being the centre of turbulent scenes. Other rumors of an even more alarming nature are in circulation here, but none of them can be officially confirmed.

BROTHERLY LOVE.

BLIND MAN HEADS M'GILL LAW CLASS THROUGH DEVOTION.

Two Brothers, Thomas and Wm. Stewart, Graduated First and Second at McGill, and Won Scholarships— An Oculist's Error.

A Montreal despatch: An interesting story of brotherly love and courageous work under the affliction of total blindness was unveiled at McGill University to-day, when two brothers, Thos. S. and William Stewart, graduated in law, coming respectively first and second in their class, and winning two out of three scholarships. Thomas S. Stewart is totally blind, through the carelessness of an oculist. Nine years ago he injured one of his eyes with a knife, and specialists declared that to save the sight of the other the bad eye must be removed. Mr. Stewart underwent the operation, but by some extraordinary piece of carelessness the operator took out the good eye, with the result that when the patient came out of the ether he was completely blind. Undismayed by this, he undertook to pursue his studies in law at McGill, and ever since then his brother has devoted himself to him, making his studies with him and accompanying him to college sports and through all the phases of university life —practically making himself a seeing medium for his blind brother.

As a result of this unusual devotion the blind Stewart came out at the head of his class, while his brother came second, and each won the Sir William Macdonald scholarship, which entitles them to a year's residence in Paris to perfect themselves in the French language and study law at the Montpelier Law School.

Dean Walton paid a warm eulogium to the two brothers in conferring the degree, and the two were heartily cheered by the audience as they came forward.

LED DOUBLE LIFE.

Married Young Society Girl and Charged With Burglary.

San Francisco, May 4.—Dr. W. W. Goelet, graduate of Columbia College, and traveller, who was married to a young society woman of Oaklands four months ago, is in the Berkely city prison, charged with the burglary of eight residences and apartment houses in Oaklands and Berkely. His name appeared on most of the hotels and apartment house registers as D. F. Wythe, an alias he acknowledged. The Berkely police have had him under suspicion for the last two weeks, and by visiting the places robbed have obtained evidence that they believe will hold him on several charges.

Goelet's methods, according to the police, were to engage rooms in high-class hotels and apartment houses, then plunder right and left. Some time ago he travelled with Benjamin F. Mills, the lecturer, as Mills' private secretary. He had also been secretary for Dr. Biddewalfe, a noted evangelist.

Goelet is 35 years old.

His parents, it is said, live in Washington, D. C. He was in the Spanish War, serving in the hospital corps in Cuba.

DIAMONDS STOLEN.

Justice Riddell's Wife Loses $8,000 Worth of the Sparklers.

Toronto despatch: Diamonds valued at between five and eight thousand dollars were stolen from the residence of the Hon. Mr. Justice Riddell, 109 St. George street, by a sneak thief, between five and six o'clock last evening. The thief is a man about five feet eleven inches in height, dark, sallow complexion, clean shaven, with dark hair, wore a black Christy hat, no overcoat, a grey checked suit and grey gloves. He is between 25 and 30 years of age and has a smart, business-like appearance. He talks quickly, though indifferently. Ever since last Tuesday he has been seen loitering about the vicinity of the house, and on Tuesday afternoon he called at the side door of the residence and enquired for a person who did not live there.

Mrs. Riddell was out during the afternoon, and at six o'clock one of the maids went to her room for the purpose of arranging Mr. Justice Riddell's clothes, when she noticed that several of his gold studs and his watch were lying on the dresser. Thinking that he had left them there, the maid continued her work. At 6.30 Mrs. Riddell returned, and it was then that the robbery was discovered. All the jewelry which Mrs. Riddell had left on her dresser had disappeared. Hanging on a rack beside the dresser were several purses and chatelaines, one of which, of solid gold, had been broken from the chain and carried away. This chatelaine contained a quantity of money and car tickets. Mrs. Riddell at once investigated further, and found that the following articles had been stolen from her dresser:

Large "K" of diamonds.
Diamond sunburst..
Diamond necklace.
Pearl and diamond bell.
Several smaller diamond ornaments.

LOST LEFT HAND

And Lost His Hearing by Explosion of Infernal Machine.

Cincinnati, May 4.—A diabolical attempt was made shortly before midnight last night to destroy the palatial quarters of the fashionable Phoenix Club at Ninth and Race streets, by placing in the main entrance an infernal machine so constructed that it would explode at the time the door was opened.

The plot was carried out to the extent that the bomb was fired, but beyond the permanent maiming of one man no great damage was done.

Frank J. Bargett, the caretaker, was unfortunate enough to open the door and have his left hand blown off, and the report which followed completely destroyed his hearing.

HOUSE DYNAMITED.

Inmates Hurled Through the Air and Place Blown to Atoms.

Wardner, Idaho, May 4.—From their home, blown to atoms by dynamite, E. A. Carlson and wife have reached Kingston, eight miles below Wardner. The Carlsons had just completed a large house on their ranch on the Northfort River.

Last night, just after retiring, a terrible explosion took place, completely demolishing the house and furniture and throwing the inmates many feet through the air, injuring and stunning them. The hired man was found fifty feet from the house in a dazed condition. All the animals in the barn were killed or injured and the barn torn down. It is said some Finns in the woods nearby have been making threats against the settlers.

CRIMINAL IMMIGRANTS.

No Prisoners Ever Sent to Canada From Mansion House Court.

London, May 4.— Replying to Lord Strathcona, who had pointed out that Canada strongly resented the sending there of persons who had shown criminal tendencies the Lord Mayor of London said that in the case mentioned by Lord Strathcona, that of a lad discharged on probation, there had been no understanding that he was to be sent to Canada, although it had been mentioned in court that his parents to give him a fresh start would send him to the Dominion. No prisoners had ever been sent to Canada from the Mansion House Court.

RIBS BROKEN BY BULL.

Welland Farmer Badly Injured—A Plucky Rescue.

Welland, Ont., despatch: John Weallens, a well-known farmer, living three miles west of Welltnd, was yesterday afternoon attacked by a bull. While he was leading the animal along the road the beast knocked him down, breaking several ribs, and was only prevented from killing him by a man driving a wagon, who held off the bull until he could drag its victim through a wire fence.

TRAIN HELD UP.

Express Messenger on St. Luois Train Tightly Bound by Bandits.

They Stole Gold Bullion and Several Express Packages.

Columbus, O., May 4.—The St. Louis express on the Pennsylvania Railroad, which was held up last night ten miles west of Pittsburg, arrived at the Union Station here at 2.30 a. m., forty minutes late. The crew confirmed the story of the hold-up by two men at Walker's Mill, and say that the bandits escaped with four sealed bags containing mail. The crew state that a number of express packages and a quantity of gold bullion were taken, but they do not know the value of the property. The Adams Express people here refuse to make any statment.

Noah N. Roshon, of Columbus, O., the express messenger, states that two men entered his car east of Walker's Mill, and cavered him with revolvers. Then they tied up his feet and arms with ropes and rifled the car. As the train approached Walker's Mill they pulled the car signal cord, stopped the train and made their escape. Conductor L. L. Lafferty was attracted to the express car by the signal, and found Roshon helpless.

It is learned that three bags were rifled by the men who entered the car. What they obtained is only a matter of conjecture even to the officials of the express company at this time. It is believed, however, that the booty is of great value.

Conductor Lafferty stated that he knew nothing about the robbery until he heard the signal to stop, which came from the express car. He saw no one leave the train, but hurried to the express car as soon as the slow down began.

The contents of the bags were scattered about and he found Roshon lying on the floor, bound so tightly that he was entirely helpless. The messenger was at once released and told the conductor the same story, which he repeated after his arrival here.

HAS CANCER.

Cleveland Said to be a Helpless Victim of the Disease.

New York, May 4.—The Evening World gives prominence to-day to the following: "There is a report current in financial circles, emanating from the offices of the Equitable Life Association Society, that former President Grover Cleveland is suffering from cancer of the stomach, and that his case has been pronounced hopeless by specialists called into consultation by Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, of this city, the family physician. A physician and nurses are in constant attendance, and a small staff of servants has been retained to look after the Cleveland family."

When Dr. Bryant, who has been Mr. Cleveland's physician for years, was asked whether it was correct that his patient's illness had been diagnosed as cancer of the stomach, he replied:

"Mr. Cleveland is all right. There is nothing I can tell you of any interest."

NAMED AS RESPONDENT.

W. A. Galliher, M. P., Served With a Summons.

Vancouver, May 4.—An action for divorce has been started by Ed Dupont against his wife, whom he married 16 years ago at Revelstoke. The couple have not been living together for six years. The respondent is supposed to be in Vancouver at the present time. She is the daughter of Ed. Corning, proprietor of the Climax Hotel, Revelstoke, and is said to be a woman of many personal charms.

The husband is asking for a divorce through Counsel E. F. Applebee, of Kamloops.

W. A. Galliher, M. P., for Kootenay, has been served with a summons as co-respondent.

At least two other alleged co-respondents in eastern Canada have been served likewise, but it is stated that in the case of one the action will be dropped.

STILL MOVING ON.

Doukhobors Begin Work in British Columbia.

Broadview, Man., May 4.—A hundred Doukhobor men have gone to British Columbia to start a colony on lands purchased by Peter Veregin where the strange people will ultimately locate. The lands are near the junction of the Kootenay and Columbia, twenty-eight miles southwest of Nelson, in an excellent fruit district. The colonists took with them a carload of flour, also horses and cattle, and will plant vegetables sufficient for next winter's supplies. They will then erect a sawmill, where lumber for the buildings necessary for the colony will be cut. The mill will be built in the village of Waterloo. The community paid $123,000 for the land, and eventually nearly 5,000 of the sect will settle there.

RAISE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Must Do That to Pay Mission Grants in Full.

Toronto despatch: The receipts of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, as shown by the Treasurer's report, presented yesterday morning at the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Management, held in the Synod office, amount to $102,135, almost the same as last year. As additional grants totalling $5,300 were voted after the apportionments for the year were made and no provision had been made for extra men, the amount stated has to be raised if the grants are to be paid in full.

Rev. R. M. Millman, assistant at St. Anne's Church, Toronto, has been accepted as a missionary of the society in Japan, the congregation providing his stipend in the field.

A committee was appointed to consider the work of the Eskimo mission also to advise and co-operate with Rev. John Antle in the interests of the Columbia coast mission among four thousand loggers in the Gulf of Geogia.

The committee on the policy of the Church recommended that a distinction be maintained between the work among the white settlers in the Dominion and that among the Indians, and regarding the latter that the secular education of their children should be undertaken by the Government, and the Church should continue to care for the religious side of it.

G. T. R. SHOPS.

Shareholders' Deputation From England Inspect Them.

Port Huron, Mich., May 4.— A committee of five Englishmen, who represent a number of the English stockholders of the Grand Trunk Railway system, spent several hours in Port Huron on Thursday. A member of the committee said that the policy of the president and general manager in building the expensive shops at Battle Creek and closing them up at the other locations does not meet with the approval of the English investors, and the result of this trip will decide the action of the stockholders in relation to the officers' policy. One of the committee said that if all the shops along the company's lines are as well equipped for the manufacture and repair of cars as those already inspected they will report in favor of maintaining those now in existence rather than in centring all of the work at Battle Creek.

SMALLPOX IN GUELPH

Religious Census Shows That Methodists Lead, Presbyterians Next.

Guelph, Ont., despatch: A case of smallpox has developed in the city, the victim being a clerk in the Dominion Bank named Shrieber. He has been taken to the Isolation Hospital and every precaution taken by the authorities. The young man has recently returned from a holiday. The case is not a serious one and does not interfere in any way with the bank's business.

A religious census of the city has just been completed by the Sabbath School Association under the direction of Mr. Yellowlees, of Toronto. The figures for the population are below thirteen thousand, somewhat less than those of the assessor. The Methodists have the largest number of adherents, with the Presbyterians a close second and Catholics third.

ASQUITH'S POLICY.

British Premier's Platform Includes Home Rule.

London, May 4.—In the House of Commons in the afternoon, Premier Asquith gave a somewhat roundabout, although practically complete, adhesion to the home rule pledges given by Winston Spencer Churchill during the recent electoral campaign at Manchester.

The subject was brought up by Walter Long, Conservative, who asked the Premier if Mr. Churchill's pledges had his sanction and authority, and, if so, whether he would give the House an opportunity of discussing this change in the Government's policy.

Mr. Asquith replied: "There has been no change in the policy of the Government, which was fully explained by the Chief Secretary for Ireland and myself in this House on March 30. I did not authorize Mr. Churchill to make, and I am satisfied that he has not made, any statements inconsistent with previous declarations of the Government. He did not say anything which I have not said expressly or by plain implication in my speech, and therefore his statements represent what I said."

MAHMOUDS WANT PEACE.

Have Sent Delegates to Confer With British.

Peshawur, India, May 4.—The Mahmoud tribes, who have been quiescent since their defeat six days ago by a British force, under the command of Sir James Willcocks, are sending in delegates to confer with the British authorities. If the tribesmen accept the terms offered by the British officers the necessity of sending a strong expedition against the Mahmouds will be avoided.

In obedience to orders issued by the Ameer of Afghanistan many of the Afghans who joined the Mahmouds are returning to their own country.

APPLE DEALERS' OFFENCE.

Two of Them Fined for Not Packing According to Marking.

Toronto despatch: A. A. Clark, Brighton, was charged with having packed apples not in accordance with the marking on the barrels before Magistrate Kingsford yesterday afternoon. He admitted his liability, and was fined $3.25 that being the limit of the revised code. The old code placed the fine for such cases at 25c a barrel to $1. There were 13 barrels.

Clark had sold the apples to H. Peters, Toronto, who in turn placed them on sale here. Knowing they were wrongly marked, Peters claimed he had already lost $1,800 on such apples and that they were not sold yet. Having admitted the selling however, he got the same fine, $3.25, without costs.

TO PUNISH THE KURDS.

Persia Organizing Force of Ten Thousand Troops.

St. Petersburg May 4.—A despatch received here from Tabriz states that orders have been received from Teheran to organize a force of 10,000 troops to punish the Kurds. Recently Kurdish tribes have been pillaging the villages around Urumiah, in Persian Armenia, and, according to reports, have massacred several hundred persons.

FOUND BABY'S BODY

Little Child Strangled to Death With Umbrella Cover.

Was Murdered Before It Was Thrown Into the River.

Lockport, May 4.—A fiendish murder was brought to light this morning when the body of a baby boy was found in the 18-Mile Creek near the Clinton street bridge, death having been caused by strangulation, an umbrella cover being pulled tightly around its little throat.

Janitor Warren Welsh, of the Court House, was passing along Clinton street shortly after 8 o'clock when he happened to see an object caught among the weeds in the creek. At the time the water was low. Close investigation showed it to be the nude body of a boy with a piece of black cloth around the throat. It had apparently been in the water but a short time, for the flesh was pink and fresh.

Coroner Kittinger, on a hurried examination, stated that he believed the child had been strangled to death by the piece of cloth around its neck, as its head was black, due to the probable fact that circulation had been cut off. He stated that the child could not have been over twenty-four hours old. It weighed about eight pounds, although it looked to be much heavier. It was apparently of American birth. Drs. McNamara and Baker held an autopsy at noon. They found no water in the lungs, and evidence to show that death was produced by strangling. The umbrella case was tied so tightly about the child's throat that it was imbedded under the folds of the flesh. The police will prosecute the matter to the end. A thorough search through lower town failed to produce anything tangible for the police.

PERJURY CASE.

Charged Man With Shooting at Them, But Proved Alibi.

Sandwich, Ont., despatch: Roy McGregor, Aylesworth Calder and Arthur McKee, of Tilbury West, principals in a fight that has been in the courts for two years, were acquitted on a charge of perjury brought against them in connection with a suit in which they were prosecutors at a former court. They charged Oscar McCracken, a neighbor, with shooting at them one night as they were driving past his house, but McCracken proved an alibi, showing that he was away getting married that day, and Justice Riddell, before whom the case was heard, felt it his duty to order the three indicted on a perjury charge. In dismissing the charge Justice Anglin said the jury did right to bring in a verdict of not guilty.

SETS TYPE BY WIRELESS.

The Wonderful Invention of a Danish Scientist.

London, May 4.—That he has already perfected an invention by which he can set type on an ordinary linotype machine in Paris by wireless waves thrown from London was the surprising statement made at the Hotel Cecil by Hans Knudsen, the Danish inventor, famous for his achievements with liquid air, after giving the first public demonstration of long-distance wireless photography.

"I shall publicly demonstrate my new wireless typesetting invention within a few weeks," said Mr. Knudsen. "I have already had the first machine constructed, and it proved successful, setting 3,000 words an hour at a distance, just as if the operator were working the machine.

"The time is not far distant when, with my invention, the London correspondents of the New York newspapers will be able to send their news straight to the printing press through the Marconi operator."

In the course of his demonstration of long-distance wireless photography Mr. Knudsen to-night sent photographs of the King, Queen and Kaiser from one room in the hotel, through the wall into another, without wires, the pictures proving recognizable.

"I claim I can send pictures wherever Marconi can send messages," said Mr. Knudsen. "Within a short time I shall be sending pictures of criminals and finger prints from England to New York."

THREE HURT IN TUNNEL.

Foreman and Men Crushed Beneath Falling Clay.

A Toronto despatch: Injured yesterday afternoon by the falling in of portions of the roof of the new water tunnel under the bay which Messrs. Haney & Miller are constructing for the city, three men are lying in the accident ward of St. Michael's Hospital.

The most seriously injured is "Capt." Peter MacMahon, a foreman of several years' standing with the contracting firm. His injuries are all internal, and at a late hour last night Dr. Scott, who had him under his care, is still unable to determine their extent. The other two men, one a

PETITION SEVEN MILES LONG.

650,000 Signatures on Protest Against Licensing Bill.

London, May 4.—A mammoth London petition against the Licensing Bill, several miles long, and three-quarters of a ton in weight, with 650,000 signatures, will be presented on Monday to the House of Commons. The Wesleyan temperance petition, with 500,000 signatures, will not reach the House before the second reading of the bill. The Protestant Alliance petition, with 700,000 signatures, asking for a Commission of Enquiry into the condition of conventual and monastic institutions, will be presented next week.

CANADA'S WEAKNESS.

Is Lack of Men, Says Rudyard Kipling.

London, May 4.—Mr. Redyard Kipling in his final article in the Morning Post says there is no mistaking the spirit of sane realized nationality which fills Canada. There is little danger that it will go astray amongst the boundless wealth and luxury awaiting it. Dealing with the question of defence, he declares the question before Canada is not what she thinks or pays, but what the enemy may think it necessary to make her pay. "When England stumbles the empire shakes. Canada's weakness is lack of men. England's weakness is excess of voters who propose to live at the expease of the State." Mr. Kipling concludes with an eloquent peroration in favor of inducing the working classes who are alarmed at this state of affairs to emigrate to the Dominion.

GOLDEN TOUCH.

Chicago Man to Manufacture Gold Out of Baser Metals.

He Will Turn Out 24-Carat Gold by the Million.

Chicago, May 4.—The Record-Herald to-day says: Eighteen months hence Rudolph M. Hunter says he will be manufacturing 24-carat gold at the rate of $100,000,000 annually. Transmutation of silver and baser metals into gold is his secret and he declares he can produce the finer metal in quality to defy the Government experts as to its origin and in quantity to keep the Philadelphia mint busy the year round.

Mr. Hunter is in Chicago attending to the final details of getting a huge plant at Philadelphia into operation. Behind rock walls, without windows and with a single door to the turreted and feudal-like castle, which is to house a half million dollars worth of delicately tuned machinery, this modern wizard promises to revolutionize the gold crop of the world.

"We are now at the point of putting into commercial execution the result of years of toil, thought and experimenting," said Mr. Hunter last night. "The last demonstration has been given that is necessary to prove that my invention is scientifically and commercially correct and the completion of the plant which is to begin at once will mark the beginning of a new epoch in the commercal history of the world."

Mr. Hunter is an inventor and engineer of standing in the scientific world. His patents cover the trolley, conduit and electric accumulator system of traction now in use. The inventor came to Chicago, he said, to submit his building plans to a select coterie of Chicago business men, two of whom are bank presidents who, with New York and Philadelphia financiers are furnishing the money for the erection of the building and apparatus which is to turn a flood of gold into the Government mint at an original cost of ten cents on the dollar.

GOT $8,000.

The Young Lady Was Injured In Essex Dynamite Explosion.

A Sandwich, Ont., despatch: Miss May Cockburn, formerly telephone operator at Essex, has been awarded $8,000 damages from the M. C. R. for injuries sustained in the Essex dynamite explosion by the jury at the assizes. The original claim was for $5,000 damages, but after hearing evidence by medical experts, Judge Anglin granted a motion by Attorney Rodd to increase the claim to $10,000, and the jury was out only a short time before deciding on the $8,000 award. It was announced last night that a settlement had practically been agreed on in all the other cases except one.

DULL TIMES.

Great Drop In the Volume of Railroad Traffic.

Chicago, May 4.—A startling decline in railroad traffic in April is shown in the bi-weekly statement of car surpluses and shortages, issued yesterday by the car efficiency committee of the American Railway Association.

The statement which is regarded as an excellent business barometer portrays conditions up to April 15 on 153 railroads, of the United States and Canada.

During the fortnight following April 1st, the number of idle cars suddenly mounted from 307,507 to 375,770, the greatest total in the history of American railroads.

PORTUGUESE CORTES.

Youthful King Manuel Opens His First Parliament.

Lisbon, May 4.— The Portuguese Cortes reassembled to-day on the eighty-second anniversary of the establishment of a constitutional government in Portugal.

King Manuel recommended a revision of the constitution, the re-establishment of individual rights, a new electoral law fixing the rights of suffrage, revision of the decrees promulgated by ex-Premier Franco, and more rigid and careful methods of finance whereby the country could be placed on a more economical footing.

At the conclusion of the King's speech the members of the Cortes broke out into cries of "Long live the King!" which were taken up and re-echoed by the others present as King Manuel and the state dignitaries took their departure for the palace.

young man.

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