## WIFE SOAKED IN OIL AND BURNED

Was Bound and Gagged and One Killed, Two Wounded, in Nine Square Miles of the City Train Was Running a Mile Eleven Officials Indicted By the Action Started By Roosevelt Is Then Placed on Stove.

### HUSBAND OF WOMEN IS UNDER ARREST.

Mrs. Alice Van Zandt Choked Into Unconsciousness, Bound With Strips Of Lace Curtain And Laid 'Across Gas Stove In The Kitchen Of Home In Cincinnati-Her Slayer Poured Two Jars Of Coal Oil Over Her-Burned To A Crisp As Children Played Nearby.

Cincinnati, O. (Special) .- Bound and gaged, the body of Mrs. Alice Van Zandt, burned to a crisp, was found lying on top of the gas stove in her kitchen. The woman had met her death while her three young children were playing, unconscious of the tragedy, in the adjoining

Jesse A. Van Zandt, the murdered woman's husband, is being held as a witness by the police. The man arm. admits that he quarreled with his wife all Friday night and up to the time he left the house next morning, an hour, he claims, before the discovery of the murder.

According to the coroner, Mrs. Van Zandt was first choked into unconsciousness, then bound and gagged with strips torn from a lace curtain | navyyard workmen. and placed across the stove, with her head in the flames of the burn-The horror of the crime is increased by the coroner's statement that the woman must have recovered consciousness before death. When found all the clothes had been burned off the bod and the flesh charred to cinders.

The police discovered that Van Zandt had been paying marked at tention to a young girl for sometime The father of this girl had protested strongly against his daughter's conduct, and had finally brought her before a police magistrate, who ordered her committed to the House of Refuge. On her father's recommendation, however, she was sent instead to a convent.

Burned To A Crisp.

The crime was discovered when a neighbor smelled smoke and summoned the fire department. The back. body was burned almost to a crisp only remnants of the clothing sticking to it.

had been saturated with kerosene. A proof of this was found in two empty fruit jars which had contained coal oil and in an oil-stained flat iron.

police believe that the woman was taken unawares and choked into unconsciousness with the curtain.

sufficiently for her to enter the kitch- masters of the air ready to m The front door, she said, was open When Van Zandt, who had been summoned home by his eight-yearold son, arrived, he was asked:

"When did you see your wife several times before he answered: "I saw her at 10 o'clock When

I left she was going to prepare dinner. What has happened?' He refused to answer further ques-

tions and was locked up. The Van Zandts came here from the East. One neighbor to whom Mrs. Van Zandt had confided her troubles said that Mrs. Van Zandt was preparing to leave her husband.

#### CHILDREN KILL THEMSELVES.

Boy 16 And Girl 14 Take Strychnine Because They Couldn't Marry.

marriage on account of their youth, Ammer, aged 14, killed themselves.

They were found near Monroe, clasped in each other's arms, sitting upright in young Barr's buggy, in which they were riding home from a dance. On the girl's lap rested a the man, who said he was Isidore cup partly filled with strychnine and Rothman, 20 years old, in \$3,000 water. The horse proceeded on his bail for trial, way and stopped at the gate of the girl's home.

#### AUTO WITH SIX DROPS 40 FEET. Three Occupants Killed; Three Expected To Die,

Kansas City, Kan. (Special) .-Three persons were killed and three the slipping of the crank handle of badly injured when a motorcar, ownthe chauffeur's arm it causes a fracmer minister of public works, whose ed and driven by John Mahoney, a ture which Dr. Thomas found to be and Agnes Avenue and plunged 40 dangerous fractures from being boats. feet over an embankment into what struck by a crank handle have driven is known as Cliff Drive Canyon. The their machines for miles after the machine was demolished and the oc- accident without knowing that they cupants were badly mutilated. It is were badly hurt. feared all of the injured will die.

Needle In Her Toe 15 Years.

her right foot half of a needle which the left foot.

Shoots Wife And Her Mother. Chicago (Special). - Charles Barnes, an actor, shot his wife in the mouth and through the wrist and shooting was the outcome of the separation of Barnes and his wife.

who has been living with her mother. It is said Barnes concealed himself in the women's room and opened fire

when they entered. He escaped aft-

er the shooting.

## SHOT DOWN BY PRISON GUARDS

Break for Liberty.

Attempt To Escape From The Naval CHASMS IN THE MANY BOULEVARDS. Prison Made By Men Serving Short Terms For Minor Offenses-Guards Fire On Them With Riot Guns Loaded With Buckshot When They Disregard Demand For Surrender.

Portsmouth, N. H. (Special) .- One man was shot and killed and two Bursting Sewers Cause Streets To others seriously wounded in a daring break for liberty from the naval prison at the navy yard here.

The dead man is Raymond F Sperling, in Indianapolis, Ind., aged 24 years, a marine private who was serving a two-year-sentence.

The wounded men are Harry Mc-Garvey, a coal passer, serving a sentence of 2 years and 11 months, shot through the right elbow and Albert J. Montgomery, a coal passer, under a year and six months' sentence, shot through the left leg and right

The three men were in a party of five, under a marine guard, who had just left the naval prison after the dinner hour to work about the yard Sperling, Montgomery and McGarvey made a break for liberty and managed to get to a floating stage, where there were several boats used by

The sounding of the jail-break signal on the fire-alarm whistle brought every g\_ard to his post. Nevertheless, the fleeing trio, by dodging around various buildings, managed to reach the banks of the Piscataqua River and jump into a

Guards followed fast and the fugitives had gotten only a few hundred feet out into the stream when the pursuers, their demands for surrender disregarded, opened fire with riot guns, which are sawed off repeating shotguns loaded with buckshot. Sperling almost immediately fell into the bottom of the boat with a

bullet lodged over his heart. A moment later McGarvev fell shot in the breast, and another bullet went through one of Montgomery's arms. The boat drifted heplessly with its wounded crew for sometime before continued to fall. guards could put out and tow it

#### BATTLESHIPS POWERLESS.

The police claim that the clothing Their Day Has Passed, Says C. B. Harmon, Aeronaut.

Pasadena, Cal. (Special). - Clifford B. Harmon, a New York aero-Because no outcry was heard, the naut, said in a lecture before the Buildings Collapsing And Part Of Pasadena Chamber of Commerce that the day of the battleship had passed. Mrs. Clara Garner, the neighbor No nation, he said, would dare to swept Paris in years would simply who gave the alarm, told the police send a fleet of these to our shores be a repetition of what has gone that when the smoke had subsided on a hostile mission with so many before. The city presents a wierd

"It has already been demonstraballoon or aeroplane can carry or to keep out the invading floods. The question was repeated to him selves. The aeroplane has not yet reached its full stage of efficiency. but now it insures the safety of our coast against hostile invasion.

#### WOMAN BEATS BURGLAR.

Knocks Him Out And Then Takes Him To Police Station.

New York (Special) .- A bantam burglar was no match for Mrs. Clare Lindenauer, a welterweight, in a rough-and-tumble fight in her apartments, where she found him packing up the silverware.

Mrs. Lindenauer returned from a Des Moines, Iowa (Special).-Be- shopping tour, and landed a strong cause of parental opposition to their right on the little man's jaw before she took off her hat. A few more Vernon Barr, aged 16, and Lina well-directed punches, and her query, response, "You bot." With a firm hold on his coat collar she led the culprit to the nearest police station. In court the judge said she deserved a Carnegie medal, and held

"Chauffeur's Arm" Now.

liam S. Thomas, of New York, read bread, a paper on "The Chauffeur's Fracture" at the meeting of the State an occupational disease caused by points.

Women Organize.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .- A York, Pa. (Special).-Mrs. Charles | meat boycott was launched in the E. Carr, 563 West Princess Street, District of Columbia when the Womhad removed from her great toe on en's Anti-Food Trust League was organized at the home of Mrs. John entered the toe 15 years ago. B. Henderson, wife of former Sena-The needle showed no rust spots tor Henderson, of Missouri, who was whatever. Mrs. Carr says she swal- elected its president. All the womlowed the needle, and about eight en' clubs in the district, and women years ago took a piece of it out of generally, will be asked to join in the movement.

Ballain Explains His Offer.

Washington, D. C. (Special)-John A. Ballain, of Seattle, Wash., was introduced to the President by Senator her mother Mrs. M. Servoss, in the plained the proposition male by him Jones, of Washington, and briefly exin that faraway territory.

# PEOPLE OF PARIS IN DESPAIR OVER RUIN

Under Water.

Seine Has Stopped Rising and

Tributaries Going Down.

PUBLIC SERVICES BADLY CRIPPLED.

Sink And Buildings To Collapse-Broken Gas Mains Plunge Parts Of City Into Darkness-Convents And Public Buildings Converted Into Asylums And Hospitals For The Sick And Homeless-Weird Night Scenes In The French Cap-From Windows.

#### THE STRICKEN CITY.

The inundation covers about nine square miles, or one-quarter of the city

Great chasms are opening in some of the most important boulevards, caused by the bursting sewers and rushing waters underneath the city

The Palace of the Legion of Honor and other important public buildings evacuated. Residents compelled to move

from streets along which houses are in danger of collapsing. Fifty girls rescued from sec-

ond story of a flooded convent. All railway traffic in city stop-Owners of cabs and taxi autos charging fabulous prices. Thousands of homeless people from flooded districts outside Paris and prices of food rapidly advancing

All American students and tourists in Paris are reported

Paris (Special) .- It was officially stated that the River Seine here was stationary and that its tributaries

The situation greatly improved be tween 1 and 2 o'clock A. M. This, in part, is attributable to the change in the weather, which suddenly The temperature also dropcleared. ped and the wind veered to the east-

#### DESTRUCTION SPREADS.

City In Darkness.

Paris (Special) .- A story of the details of the greatest flood that has spectacle, the soldiers, sailors, firemen and police hastily constructing temporary walls by the light of ted." said Mr. Harmon, "that one campfires and torcles in an endeavenough explosives to annihilate any while pickets patrol these sections fleet in the world, while the warships of the city which are plunged in would be powerless to protect them- darkness by the bursting of the gas mains and the stoppage of the electric lighting plants

The situation in the Palace de l'Opera is grave. The entire territory has been roped off as being un-Building is in danger of collapse.

President Fallieres and Premier Briand drove in automobiles to the carries \$95,000,000 flooded suburbs where distress is greatest ,speaking words of comfort to the homeless and encouraging the soldiers and others engaged in salvage and rescue work. On their return they said that everything humanly possibly was being done to the Navy Department that the schoonaid the stricken and prevent further

ravages by the flood. Charitable organizations are cooperating with the authorities in throwing open their buildings and succoring refugees. Several convents and a number of public buildings have been equipped with miliperforming splendid service in dis- late Ambassador Nabuco, to Brazil.

tributing food and clothing. Nevertheless numerous pitiful in stances are cited of women and chil- 1910 is kept up the total for the year dren who had refused to leave their will exceed that for 1909. homes in the submerged districts Albany, N. Y. (Special) .- Dr. Wil- shricking from their windows for

The number of refugees arriving here is enormous, Chareaton alone sending in 38,000 who have come

contractor, of Kansas City, Kan., be- of a peculiar character. He told rounded, were taken out on the his views upon the subject of naval came unmanageable at Cliff Drive of several cases where chauffeurs with backs of soldiers and rescued in construction. A large number of schools are closed because of the lack of heat, and the municipality is considering fresh eggs can be told from the cold the advisability of closing all of them.

Practically all of the flooded suburban towns above and below Paris are without light and several of them without water. Their inhabitants are hastily leaving.

Editor And Dramatist Dead. Rochester, N. Y. (Special) .- Albert R. Haven, editor of the Rochest-

er Union and Advertiser, died, aged 59 years. He was a dramatist and wrote several successful plays. 1890 he was editor of the New York Times.

#### Cuban Minister Resigns.

Havana (Special) .- The State Department announced that the resignation has been received of Gen. Carlos Garcia Velez, Cuban Minister chest at a hotel here. Neither is a few days ago to the Senate Com- to the United States, who will shortly mittee on Territories to pay a royal-ty of 50 cents per ton for the coal to be taken from the government lands in Alaska. The President only com-mented that he hoped that Congress would some day make provision for getting at the immense store of coal in that faraway territory. the post at Madrid. \_

# THE 20TH CENTURY FLYER IS WRECKED

a Minute.

Former Falls To See Signal To Slow AMOUNT INVOLVED IS OVER \$250,000. Down And Dashes Onto A Cross-Over Between the Tracks At Full Paul Speed-Locomotive Topples Over And Slides 300 Feet-The Train "Smeared" Over Four Tracks-No Passengers Hurt.

Utica, N. Y. (Special).-The locomotive of the New York Central Twentieth Century Limited eastbound, turned completely over about quarter of a mile west of ital-Women Crying For Bread nition. The engineer, John Scanlon, Govern, were indicted by the grand Judge Hough ruled that the statute and tender and cut and crushed in a tioned in the true bill. terrible manner. None of the coaches left the track, though the came as a complete surprise, as it defendants, interpreted the decision trucks of several of them are de- was believed the alleged frauds in- as a signal victory for the freedom were thrown from their berths and called "shale rock" scandal. some were slightly injured.

quarter of a mile west of the St. secretary to McGovern; Max Land-Johnsville station, and from this the guth, former superintendent for Mctrolled. For some reason, not yet for McGovern; Ralph Bonnell, reexplained, it was necessary for the signed assistant city engineer; John operator to shift the train from track C. Parks, assistant city engineer; No. 1 to track No. 2, and he had Robert Green, a foreman for Mc-

and set the signals. cautioning Engineer Scanlon to slow down was not seen by him in time to bring his train under full control, crossover the ponderous machine city by laying only one-sixth of the bounded in to the air turned upon concrete and brick work called for It struck one of the rails, rolled upon of the Lawrence Avenue tunnel. its back and plowed ahead through 300 feet. The sudden twist wrenchengine and baggage and mail car, from the track in front, but they clay. sengers were mostly all asleep, and brought out by the commission. some of them were scarcely listurb-

the accident, as he had set the payment on the quarter-million dolneer, who apparently misjudged the nue tunnel or sewer was made by speed of his train, is dead.

All the coaches were deraile', and track I to track 4.

# BY TELEGRAPH

Capt. Joseph F. Shipp, former Tennessee sheriff and Deputies Luther tempt of the Supreme Court were re-

Miss Rachel Flora Wheeler, daughters, of Representative Wheeler, of by Redieske: safe It is stated also that the new Pennsylvania, was married to Joseph that no report of any irregularities The Army Appropriation Bill as

completed by the Senate committee The destroyer Lamson has been delivered to the government by her

contractors. An amended organic act for Porto Rico was submitted to the President The gunboat Paduch reported to

er George A. McFaddan of Bath, Me., was wrecked off Cape Hatteras Thursday President Taft has determined to press to a conclusion the suit against the merger of the Union and South-

ern Pacific Railroad Companies. The Brazilian battleship Minas tary cots and bedding and transform- Geraes will escort the cruiser North ed into hospitals. The Red Cross is Carolina, bearing the body of the If the ratio of immigration for the first six months of the fiscal year

> Representative Aiken, of South Carolina, wants the caiptal of the United States to be dry territory. Congressman Boutell made a vig-

Medical Society here. He declared it there from Calais and other afflicted which he showed that prices have the tariff was lowered. Rear Admiral Capps, chief con-

structor of the Navy, gave to the House Committee on Naval Affairs

Dr. Wiley gave the House subcommittee a demonstration to show

storage variety. The Senate received the Postal Savings Bill, which is an administra- departure.

tion measure, and referred it to committee. Plans for the new Washington City Postoffice have been approved. The structure is to cost about \$3,500 .-

The year 1909 in gold mining was marked by increased recovery from the depressed condition of the two preceding years, according to data presented in a report by the United States Geological Survey.

Former Secretary of the Interior Garfield continued his statement before the Senate Committe on Public Lands in reference to the several bills introduced at the request of Sec-

retary Ballinger. About 25 leading magazine publishers appeared before the House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads and protested against the proposed increase in the rates for sec ond-class mail matter.

The American University has juset received a cash gift of \$5,000 from Miss Sarah M. Billings, of Wellsboro, Pa. for the opening fund.

# CHICAGO HAS A BIG GRAFT SCANDAL

Grand Jury.

Redieske, Resigned Deputy Commissioner Of Public Works; Michael McGovern, A Wealthy Contractor, And Nine City Officials Charged With Conspiracy To Defraud City In Connection With Tunnel Construction.

Chicago (Special) .- Paul Redieske. resigned deputy commissioner of Company, publishers of the New St. Johnsville. It slid 300 feet be- public works; Michael H. McGovern, York World, charging Joseph Pulitzfore it stopped. Under the engine a wealthy contractor, who has had er and others with criminal libel fore it stopped. Under the engine many big city contracts, and nine against Theodore Roosevelt, Presi-Syracuse, was crushed beyond recog- city officials and employes of Mc- in the United States District Court. of Fort Hunter, attempted to leap jury. The men are charged with upon which the indictment rested when the engine left the rails, but conspiracy to defraud the city of was not sufficient in authority, or, he was caught between the engine \$254,000, according to the sum men- it other words, that the court had no jurisdiction

The indictment on this charge Most of the passengers volved only about \$45,000 in the so- of the press.

The men indicted besides Redies-There is a signal tower about a ke and McGovern are: Otto Niehoff, witches and crossovers are con- Govern; George Moore, a foreman thrown the switch for the crossover Govern; Richard Burke, John Mc-Nichols and Joseph Maher, city in-The supposition is that the signal spectors in the engineer's department. Did Not Fill Contract.

The indicted men are superficially and when the locomotive struck the accused of conspiring to defraud the its side in a twinkling and then, as in the contract for the construction

The Merriam Commission, which the rails, ties and ballast at least has been investigating municipal expenditures, brought out the fact that ed loose the coupling between the the city had been charged about \$45,-000 for the cutting out of shale rock and this saved the train from the in section D, of the tunnel. The ditch. The heavy coaches bounded "shale rock" proved to be only hard Evidence concerning the alfell back right side up and remained leged \$250,000 fraud upon which in an upright position. The pas- the indictment was based were not

In the indictment the men are No blame appears to be attached warrants for payment of \$254,000 to the tower man, Joseph Battle, for by the city of Chicago. The last the city on July 19, 1909.

berg, commissioner of public works; Miller, voucher clerk in the city con- Dossible blackmail. troller's office, and five employes of

Redieske Unemotional.

Redieske displayed little emotion when he was told he had been indicted, and shortly after furnished the \$20,000 bail required of him. Mc-Govern was also held in \$20,000 Williams and Nick Nolan, who have bonds, while the others were placed been in the District Jail for coned that he would furnish the bonds

The following statement was made

of shortage of material in the construction of the sewer was ever made to me. I had reports that the work was progressing very favorably; in fact. the city engineer reported to me that the job was one of the fin- cision said, in part: est pieces of sewer-building he had ever seen."

Mayor Busse refused to make any

#### TRAIN WRECK KILLS FOUR.

Three Others Injured When Freight Engine Jumps Track.

Titusville, Pa. (Special) .-- Four men were killed and three others were seriously injured when a freight train on the Chautauqua Branch of territory ceded to the government the Pennsylvania Railroad jumped and, therefore, the action comes up the track about a mile north of this in this court

had been coupled together, with one cognizable by the State and the maengine ahead, one in the middle of the train and the other near the confine the punishment of the ofrear. The train was traveling very fast, when the leading engine left which has been invoked here is, orous tariff speech in the House, in the rails and plunged across the take it, simply a territorial convenitrack. The cars behind piled upon ence, and, therefore, in this case, if gone up on commodities on which the engine. All the victims were any crime has been committed, it in the cab of the buried engine. The is to be regarded rather as an ofroad was blocked for many hours.

Zelaya Going To Belgium.

tos Zelaya, formerly President of der the statute. Nicaragua, announced that he intended to leave Mexico City this week

Working For Morse's Pardon, Washington, D. C. (Special) .- Act-

ing for some unknown person or persons a number of agents began a ouse to house canvas in this city lightning struck the ground on the seeking subscriptions to a monster petition to be presented to President Taft for the pardon of Banker Morse who has just begun to serve a 15year sentence in the Atlanta peni-

Des Moines, Iowa (Speci: 1) .- Because of parental opposition to their marriage on account of their youth

Children End Lives For Love.

Lina Ammer, aged 14 years, killed association will be:

drunk of this.

# NEW YORK WORLD WINS LIBEL SUIT

Thrown Ont of Court.

Indictment Against Joseph Pulitzer For Attacks On Former President Roosevelt And President Taft Quashed By Judge House On The Ground That Federal Statute Applied Is Not Sufficient In Authority And That The United States Court Lacks Jurisdiction.

New York (Special) .- The indietment against the Press Publishing

Delancey Nicoll, counsel for the of the press. "The curious and in-genious mind," he said, "that brought to life, for the first time in 85 years, the law under which this prosecution was begun has retired te private life, but has left this legacy behind it.

'The statute under which this suit was brought was drafted to punish offenses not covered by the laws of the section in which they were committed. In constrping the statute it is not for us to consider what fair-minded attorney general might do under it; it is for us to consider what can be done with it. We had better have the sedition law, or even the star chamber, again than such a monstrous practice as the government advocated in this pro-

ceeding. Roosevelt's Scathing Words. President Roosevelt, in his message of December 15, 1998, to Congress, thus characterized the publi-

cations of which he complained: "It is idle to say that the known character of Mr. Pulitzer and his newspaper are such that the statements in that paper will be believed by nobody; unfortunately, thousands of persons are ill-informed in this respect and believe the statements charged with trying to obtain nine they see in print, even though they appear in a newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer.

"These statements are false in evsignals in proper time. The engi- lar contract for the Lawrence Ave- ery particular from beginning to end. The wickedness of the slanders is only surpassed by their fatuity. Se The witnesses upon whose testi- utterly baseless are the stories that, they stood at an angle, reaching from mony the men are believed to have apparently, they represent, in part. been indicted were: John J Han- merely material collected for campaign purposes, and, in part, stories John Ericson, city engineer; E. J. originally concreted with a view of

"I do not believe we should con particula individuals who wrote the lying and libelious articles. The real offender is Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, editor and proprietor of the World. It should not be left to a private citizen to sue Mr Pulitzer for libel. He should be prosecuted for libel by the governmental authorities. There is nothing to choose between a public servant who betrays his trust, a publil servant who is guilty of blackmail, or theft. or financial dishonesty of any kind. and a man guilty as Mr. Joseph Puli r has been guilty in this instance. It is, therefore, a high national duty to bring to justice this

Belongs In State Courts. Judge Hough in rendering his de

vilifier of the American people."

"It is charged here that the crime of sending libelous matter through the mails is punishable at the place statement when he was told of the of destination of the libelous matter, indictments having been returned. If it is so held that the offense of If it is so held that the offense of libel on federal territory is a crime cognizable in the federal courts, the question is a broad one. In this case we have an alleged libel that was published in New York City and sent out into Orange County. we find that in the distribution made in Orange County it happened to be disseminated at West Point, a

"It cannot be denied that by the Three southbound freight trains same act a crime may be committed tion, but this affords no reason to fender to one jurisdiction. The law fense against the State of New York, which happened to be committed on government land, 'han an Mexico City (Special) .- Jose San- offense against the government un-

"The burden of proof rests upon the prosecution to show that it was for Vera Cruz, whence he will sail the intent of Congress to intrust to for Belgium. Zelaya will call on the courts of the United States the President Diaz before he takes his ponishment of offenses other than the te primarily committed on United States territory

Lightning Brings Wealth,

Dalhart, Texas (Special). - Mrs. Josie Pettis declared that a boit of mountainside near her farmhouse recently and uncovered a spring of crude oil, which is now producing 200 barrels daily. The land, before the uncovering of the spring, had barely yielded enough to support her

For A National Cotton Association. Atlanta, Ga. (Special) .-- A meeting to organize the National Cotton Products Association has been called Vernon Barr, aged 16 years, and call says the purpose of the new for Atlanta for February 10. The "To concentrate themselves. They were found near the heretofore scattered efforts of Monroe, clasped in each other's helping the government to improve agriculture by means of states, press. arms, sitting upright in young Barr's buggy, in which they were riding home from a dance. On the girl's lap rested a cup partly filled with strychnine and water. Both had achieve the highest results and secure