

STEAMSHIP COMBINATION

Mr. Griscum Says New Merger is Formed in the Interest of the Public.

CAPITALIZATION \$200,000,000

He States That There is No Political Significance in the Deal, but That the Object of the Combination is to Give Better Trans-Atlantic Service at a Decreased Cost—A System of Daily Departures of Steamships from New York Among the Features of the New Service.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, April 20.—Clement A. Griscum, president of the International Navigation company, one of the five trans-Atlantic steamship companies which have been merged under the direction of J. Pierpont Morgan, today talked freely concerning the consolidation, its purposes and probable effects.

Mr. Griscum said that he was unable to speak definitely regarding the financial plan, as that was a matter for the consideration of Mr. Morgan and his partners, which will, perhaps, be decided upon within the next two weeks. In any event, Mr. Griscum said, the consolidated company would probably be in operation under the new conditions within a few months.

So far as the negotiations regarding the merger are concerned, they have been completed. Agreements for a controlling interest in each of the various lines have been secured and all that now remains to be accomplished is the organization of the holding or parent company. This matter is now in the hands of J. P. Morgan & Co. and their lawyers.

It is possible, though by no means certain, that the International Navigation company, whose charters were very broad, will be made the parent company. The question now under consideration is the desirability of this plan as against the organization of an entirely new company to control the operations of the combined steamship lines.

The published statements as to the financial basis of the combine, Mr. Griscum said, were entirely speculative, as that detail had not as yet been completed.

"The capitalization of the consolidated companies," said Mr. Griscum, "will be in the neighborhood of \$200,000,000, which sum about represents the property absorbed. Working capital, of course, will be made the parent company. The question now under consideration is the desirability of this plan as against the organization of an entirely new company to control the operations of the combined steamship lines."

"The object of the combination," continued Mr. Griscum, "is to try to give better trans-Atlantic service at a decreased cost. Heretofore, the trade has been extravagantly conducted, and we propose to operate more intelligently in the future. We expect, in time, to inaugurate a system of daily departures from New York, an innovation that is a real necessity."

No Political Significance. "There is no political significance in this deal. The negotiations have covered a period of many years and I was interested in the plan as far back as 1884. The passage of the ship subsidy bill would have but one effect so far as the new enterprise is concerned. It would enable us to sail ships now building and hereafter built under the American flag on an equal footing with the ships of other countries. The published statements that the ship subsidy bill would enable us to sail our foreign vessels under the stars and stripes are not correct, as the bill specifically states that only American built ships can benefit by its provisions and, furthermore, such a course, if possible, is contrary to the whole scheme.

"We have existing only four small vessels that might benefit by the passage of this bill, and they are on the Pacific. While in the coastwise trade in which they are now engaged, the provisions of the bill would not apply to them. After our present mail contract expires the four American trans-Atlantic liners of the International Navigation company will be replaced by a new contract either under the present postal law or under any new act that might be passed by congress."

Mr. Griscum denied the published statement that Liverpool would be abandoned as a passenger port. He said that question had not been discussed.

"Every port," he said, "will be developed along the lines to which each port is best adapted. We will establish an economic and sensible management."

Mr. Griscum said it was possible the company would carry its own insurance.

"The consolidation," declared Mr. Griscum, "will result in better trans-Atlantic service, steadier and more uniform rates, a just distribution of traffic over all American and Canadian seaports, increased lines on the Pacific and services to South America as well as to be found to justify them. Having lines between Great Britain and Australia and New Zealand, and intimate connections with the Far East, American manufacturers will be able to distribute their products on through bills of lading and avoid the expense of transshipments which they now incur."

"The products of the firm will be shipped from the seaport most convenient to the point of production. In a word, it is intended to reduce transportation charges as far as possible to every one; to improve facilities, and the company expects to make its increased profits over the conditions of the past from economical management."

"To what extent these new services will be conducted by steamships built in this country and sailing under the American flag depends upon congress."

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Baltimore, April 20.—Charles Marshall, military secretary of General Robert E. Lee during the Civil war, and for many years one of the lead-

ers of the Baltimore bar, died of apoplexy at his home here late last night. Colonel Marshall was born October 30, 1830, at Warrenton, Va. He was the only member of General Lee's staff who accompanied him to the surrender at Appomattox, and the terms of surrender were dictated by him.

FRANK R. STOCKTON DEAD. The Well Known Writer Succumbs to Paralysis.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 20.—Mr. Frank R. Stockton, the well-known novelist, died here this morning. The cause of Mr. Stockton's death was paralysis, immediately resulting from hemorrhage in the brain. He was a guest at the banquet, held Wednesday night, of the National Academy of Sciences, when he was taken suddenly and mysteriously ill. The ailment did not at that time appear to be serious, and for a while the sufferer seemed to be improving, but the change for the worse came this morning and death occurred at 11 o'clock. By his bedside when the end came were his wife, who was Miss Tuttle, of Virginia, and her sister. He was 68 years of age. The body will be taken to Philadelphia for interment. No further funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

Mr. Stockton had spent the past winter in New York, and had done very little literary work, preferring to rest. After a visit of nearly a month to Atlantic City, he came to Washington, so that he might attend the banquet of the scientists, intending then to go to his beautiful home in Charlestown, W. Va.

Mr. Stockton was a Philadelphian by birth; in early life he was an engraver and draughtsman, but soon abandoned this occupation for journalism. Many years ago, however, he retired wholly from newspaper work and devoted himself to literature. His reputation as a story writer was world wide.

PROGRAMME OF THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

Work in Prospect Before the Senate and House—Philippine Bill and Other Measures.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 20.—The early part of the coming week in the house of representatives will be devoted to routine business, with a prospect that the anti-anarchy bill of Chairman Ray, of the judiciary committee, will be considered. The measure is much more stringent than the anti-anarchist bill passed by the senate. Plans also are on foot for considering the omnibus public building bill during the latter days of the week. This measure has not yet been reported from the house committee on public buildings and grounds, but it probably will be completed early next week, so that it can be taken up later in the week. Beyond this, no exact programme has been arranged. Two appropriation bills, the agricultural and naval bills, are about ready and may be brought in at any time, and the military academy appropriation bill is on the calendar.

The senate will begin the week by taking up the river and harbor appropriation bill tomorrow, and when that measure is disposed of will resume consideration of the Philippine government bill. It is not expected that much time will be required to get the river and harbor bill through the senate, as it is generally approved by senators. Senator Frye, chairman of the committee on commerce, who has charge of the bill, today expressed the opinion that there would be no debate on the bill and that it would pass as soon as it could be read. It is now understood that Senator Rawlins, senior Democratic member of the senate committee on the Philippines, shall lead off in the speechmaking in opposition to the Philippine bill, to be followed by other members of the committee and other Democratic senators. The opinion is expressed that the bill will be before the senate for at least three weeks.

STRIKE THREATENED. Mine Workers in Vicinity of Huntington Want a Conference.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Huntington, W. Va., April 20.—The United Mine Workers of West Virginia, whose repeated efforts to bring about a conference between themselves and the coal operators of the state have been unsuccessful, will make a final effort to secure the latter's attendance for a meeting called for the present week in this city.

If no recognition or satisfaction shall be obtained at this meeting, it is said a general strike will be the result among the thousands of mine workers along the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Norfolk and Western, and the Baltimore and Ohio railways.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER. Two Negroes Accused of the Killing of McNaught.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Greenvale, Pa., April 20.—In addition to the two negroes arrested last night on suspicion that they were implicated in the murder of young McNaught and the serious wounding of McQuillan, four more negroes suspected of the crime, were arrested here this morning. All claim to be innocent but on the persons of Edgar and John Floyd, who claim to be from Johnston, two large lumps and two revolvers were found and against them a strong case can be made out against them. It is said a gold watch thought to be one taken from McQuillan was found on one of the Floyd men arrested, but it has mysteriously disappeared.

While the trial much involved over the murder, the excitement which prevailed when the first arrests were made has materially decreased and the prisoners tonight were jailed without trouble.

TO THE CONTEST EDITOR SCRANTON TRIBUNE.

Sir:—Please enroll my name as one of the contestants in The Tribune's Educational Contest, and send me equipment and more detailed information concerning the work as soon as issued.

NAME ADDRESS

(Cut this out and mail to "Contest Editor, Scranton Tribune, Scranton, Pa.," at once in order that you may be among the first to receive the printed matter and canvasser's outfit. See advertisement on fourth page of this issue.)

YEAR IN THE COUNTY JAIL

SENTENCE IMPOSED ON MRS. KISHPAUGH.

James Barrett, Who Made an Assault on Constable Timothy Jones Will Spend a Year and Six Months in the County Jail—Other Sentences That Were Imposed—Mrs. Caroline Wolf Worden Seeks a Divorce from E. G. Worden—Argument Court Will Begin Today.

Mrs. Ada Kishpaugh, of West Scranton, was sentenced by Judge Newcomb, Saturday, to a year in the county jail for passing worthless checks on three Scranton merchants. The checks were for \$18 each and made payable to the order of James Barrett by M. J. Kishpaugh. Barrett's name appeared in endorsement of each check, and Mrs. Kishpaugh represented herself to be Mrs. Barrett. M. J. Kishpaugh is the name of her husband, and he was indicted for her for the crime. The jury, however, believed his story that he had no knowledge whatever of the affair.

James Barrett, of West Scranton, who felled Constable Timothy Jones with a stone, when the latter was attempting to arrest him, was given one year and six months in the county jail, by Judge Newcomb.

Miles Finch, Charles Kestler and Chester Dennis were sentenced by Judge Newcomb to a fine of \$15 and six months each in the county jail, for stealing oats and feed from John Lillibridge's barn, in Blakely.

The sentence of \$1 fine and thirty days in jail, imposed on Patrick Harris, for pointing a pistol at Patrolman Finlay Ross, was recalled, and a fine of \$15 and six months in the county jail given Harris and his pal, James Kane. Harris pleaded guilty early in the week and told a story which placed the blame on Kane. When Kane pleaded guilty the day after, the story told by Harris, the greater offender, Judge Newcomb concluded that they were equally guilty and much gulltier than Harris had made it appear.

Judge Newcomb also imposed a fine of \$25 and three months' imprisonment on Joseph Cholea, who was convicted at the last sessions of assault and battery on Mary Schendy, of Dickson City, and on whom sentence was suspended.

Judge Newcomb suspended sentence in the cases of William Richards and James Long, charged with stealing brass from Carlock's store yard.

Sentence was deferred until today in the case of Charles Jacobs, of Old Forge, convicted of selling liquor on Sunday.

Matthew Urbinius was sentenced by Judge Edwards to pay a fine of \$10 and costs, for assault and battery on Mary Fennell.

A capias was issued for W. F. Smythe, the directory man, he having failed to appear for sentence in the two criminal libel cases in which the costs were placed on him as prosecutor.

Sentence was postponed for two weeks in the cases of Arthur Weeks and Josephine McNamara, convicted during the first week of the session of illegal cohabitation.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of Mrs. Bridget Lavelle, charged with the murder of her own vacant house, on Church avenue, without any reasonable motive. The jury believed the plea of the defense that she was irresponsible at the time of the deed.

In the case of John J. Myers, charged by Bridget Fallon with assault and battery, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and placed the costs on the prosecutor.

Mrs. Worden Wants Divorce. Mrs. Caroline Wolf Worden, began proceedings Saturday against her husband E. G. Worden to secure a divorce on the ground of cruel and barbarous treatment.

They were married in 1897 and lived together until a month ago, when she was forced to leave him, she says, on account of his cruelty.

Mr. Worden is an architect with offices here and in New York. Mrs. Worden was for a number of years contract soloist at Elm Park church. Mrs. Worden is now living in New York. She is represented by Attorney Lewis B. Carter.

Argument Court Week. A week's session of argument court is to begin today. There is a long list of regularly listed cases and several made specially returnable.

The equity case between Spruk's Brothers and the Kay Aug Lumber company regarding an alley skirting their adjacent properties, and the proceedings to oust Rev. John Ardhan from the occupancy of the Greek Catholic church property at Olyphant are among the latter.

In Orphans' Court. In the orphans' court Saturday, Judge A. A. Vosburg heard motions in a number of estates and made several orders. In the estate of Frederick Shinn, deceased, the hearing on the motion to remove the executrix for incompetency was continued by agreement of counsel to April 23 at 10 a. m.

In the estates of Frederick Barrowman minor child of James Barrowman, Alexander Barrowman, guardian, testimony was taken to establish the fact that a settlement had been made between the minor who is now of the age of twenty-one years, and the guardian, in support of the petition of the guardian for a discharge without a formal audit of the account. M. P. Cawley appeared for the guardian, and C. R. Pitzer, for the ward. Judge Vosburg made an order granting the discharge as prayed for.

In the estate of Marjory S. Collins and Kenneth L. Collins a petition was

presented by Herman Othaus, as trustee asking leave to invest certain funds in his hands which belong to said minors for the purchase of a property in Springfield, Mass., where the mother, who is also the guardian of the children now resides. Affidavits were presented tending to show that this would be a desirable investment for the children as the money would be secured, and it would also assist in their bringing up properly by providing for a home for them. Judge Vosburg took this application under advisement and will hand down an order later.

KRAMER WINS. National Champion Cyclist Creates a New World's Record.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Newark, N. J., April 20.—The estimated number of persons at the Valley bicycle track today was 6,000. The feature today was a quarter mile flying start for professionals. It was won by the national champion, Frank Kramer, in 28.24 seconds. This creates a new world's record. The old record was made by Dr. A. I. Brown, of Decatur, Illinois, October 13, 1894.

In the five mile handicap for professionals, both the national and the five mile champions were beaten. Kramer took the lead with the bell, but in the home stretch, Fenn, the five mile champion, overhauled him and McFarland coming fast behind managed to beat them both out by a few seconds.

Summaries: Half mile (amateur)—Won by "Teddy" Hillington, Valhburg; A. A. Courter, Newark, second; Joseph Glasgow, Newark, third. Time, 1:21. Quarter mile (professional)—Won by Frank Kramer, East Orange; F. A. McFarland, San Jose, second; W. S. Fenn, Bristol, third. Time, 28.25. Old record, 28.35.

Five mile handicap (professional)—Won by F. A. McFarland, San Jose (scratch); W. S. Fenn, Bristol (scratch), second; W. A. Ruiz, New Haven (200 yards), third; Frank Kramer, East Orange, fourth. Time, 28:35.

One mile handicap (amateur)—Won by R. E. Morrison, New York (100 yards); Joseph Fegler, Brooklyn (120 yards), second; A. B. Bierman, New York (90 yards), third. Time, 2:06.25.

STREET CAR STRIKE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Only Two Lines in Operation in the City—No Attempt Made to Carry Passengers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. San Francisco, April 20.—The street railway strike became effective today. Only two lines were in operation. Business on every line of the United railroad company has stopped. During the day a few cars, under police supervision, were run over the different lines of the system, to comply with the franchise requirements, but no attempt was made to carry passengers. The day passed very quietly. There were no disturbances excepting the riotous car bombings. Both sides to the controversy held separate conferences during the day, the results of which have not yet been made public. During the day there were various rumors that the officials of the system were willing to settle on the basis of ten-hour day and twenty-four cents an hour, but in the end the question of unionism. The rumors were denied as fast as they were circulated. It was evident, however, that the railway officers were surprised at the strength developed by the strikers, who claim to have won 3,000 men enrolled. The company has \$1,000,000 in cash and its plan for breaking the strike, but it is generally anticipated that they will make an attempt tomorrow to run with the mail cars as bumpers.

The strike leaders assert that there will be no attempt to interfere with the mail cars. Mayor Schurz has entered into negotiations with the opposing sides to bring about an adjustment.

BLUE LAWS IN BOSTON.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Boston, April 20.—Never before has Boston seen a vigorous enforcement of any law on the statute books as that which is now in force. Drug stores, fruit dealers, bakeries and laundries were the objects of the police attacks. From one end of the city to the other soda fountains, candy counters, confection and fruit stores closed. On the other hand the hotels did a rushing business as liquor could be sold by them to patrons ordering food.

Wife Murderer Sentenced. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Muncie, Ind., April 20.—Charles Pitzer, a wife murderer, was last night found guilty of murder in the first degree and his punishment was fixed at the imprisonment by the jury after a deliberation of more than seven hours. Pitzer shot and instantly killed his wife in this city last January.

BASE BALL. National League.

At Cincinnati.....R.H.E. 2-7-1
Chicago.....0-0-0-1-0-0-0-1-6-4
Batteries—Phillips and Bergen; St. Vrain and Klinger. Umpire—Emstie. Attendance—13,000.

At St. Louis.....R.H.E. 2-5-6
Pittsburg.....0-2-5-0-0-1-0-0-3-10-12-3
Batteries—Wheeler and Ryan; Tammill and Zimmer. Umpire—Cantillon. Attendance—14,000.

Other Games.

At Weehawken, N. J.—Washington, 18; Jersey City, 4.
At Providence—Baltimore, 18; Providence, 5.
At Chicago—Milwaukee (American Association), 2; Chicago (American), 2.

EVERYBODY CAN SAVE.

And It Isn't Necessary to Save Millions, Either.

From Andrew Carnegie's "The Empire of Business."

As a rule, you will find that the saving man is a temperate man, a good husband and father, a peaceful, law-abiding citizen. Nor need the saving be great. It is surprising how little it takes to provide for the real necessities of life. A legitimate sum paid for and a few hundred pounds—very few—make all the difference. These are more easily acquired by frugal people than you might suppose. Great wealth is quite another and a far less desirable matter. It is not the aim of thrift, nor the duty of men to acquire millions. It is in no respect a virtue to set this before us as an end. Duty to save ends when just money enough has been put aside to provide comfortably for those dependent upon us. Hoarding millions is avarice, not thrift.

Of course, under our industrial conditions, it is inevitable that a few, a very few men, will find money coming to them far beyond their wants. The accumulation of millions is usually the result of enterprise and judgment, and some exceptional ability for organization. It does not come from savings in the ordinary sense of that word. Men who in old age strive only to increase their already great hoards, are usually slaves of the habit of hoarding formed

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SHOES We are speaking of New Spring Shoes now. The newest that fashion has dictated, and the newest and the best that makers have made. Shoes for the millionaire and mechanic; Shoes for mistress and maid; Shoes for youth and age; Shoes for indoor and out. In fact, all foot-wants are here, and at prices that allow your purse to go away a third heavier than it would from most houses hereabouts. Lewis, Ruddy, Davies & Murphy, 330 Lackawanna Avenue.

early education hope must be abandoned. For the encouragement of the spelling reformers John MacDonell, of the Western School Journal, has made a calculation by which he assures them that at the rate they are proceeding now, if the people and press would approve, the English language might be reformed in 83,333 years. But this takes no account of the constant accessions to the language which numbered 25,000 in the decade from 1890 to 1900. Verily, the road of the spelling reformer is a treadmill. Only Partly Right. A unique figure at Palm Beach is "Allegator Joe," who is well known to all visitors to that part of Florida. He is a famous hunter, and his jovial and exciting stories of adventure have made him a celebrated character. Among the guests of the Royal Poinciana there is no more enthusiastic sportsman than Joseph Jefferson, who annually flees from the rigors of our New York climate to spend the winter months in Southern Florida. It is related that one day when he was basking in the sunshine on the end of the pier extending out in the lake in front of the great hotel a newly arrived visitor from north, a woman who was evidently unfamiliar with this part of Florida and its associations, approached and began to examine the solitary fisherman with great attention. Mr. Jefferson, intent upon his fishing, paid no attention to her, and after a pause she went up to him and said: "Excuse me, but are you 'Allegator Joe'?" "It confuses the 'Joe,' ma'am," he said, "but I deny the 'Allegator.'"—Town and Country.