

RUSSIAN MINISTER KILLED

A Nihilist Throws a Bomb in the Streets of St. Petersburg.

THE ASSASSIN WAS CAPTURED.

Minister of Justice Stoned While on His Way to Report His Colleague's Death.

M. von Plehve, Russian Minister of the Interior, was assassinated in St. Petersburg by a bomb thrown at his carriage while he was driving to the Baltic station to take a train for the palace at Peterhof, where he was to make his weekly report to the Emperor. The minister's coachman was also killed, a number of pedestrians were wounded and the carriage in which Von Plehve was riding was reduced to kindling.

As Minister of Justice Marav'eff was driving to the Peterhof palace to report to Emperor Nicholas the assassination of Minister von Plehve, stones were thrown at him and his carriage windows were broken. The identity of the minister's assailants has not yet been discovered.

The assassination of Minister von Plehve is believed to be the outcome of a widespread plot, the existence of which had been suspected for several days. Numerous arrests have already been made, including that of the assassin, a young man who is believed to be a Finn named Legio, and who is now in a hospital severely and perhaps fatally injured by the explosion of his own bomb. An accomplice of Legio, also apparently a Finn, but whose name is unknown, has been arrested. He had in his possession a bomb which he tried to throw, but he was overpowered by the police just in time to prevent great loss of life. When throwing the bomb the assassin shouted: "Long live freedom."

The minister's death was instantaneous. When the body was undressed at his residence not a single wound was found on the trunk, but the lower part of the face was literally blown away. A heap of debris from the carriage, a portion of the coachman's uniform, mule and pitiable relics of the tragedy were scattered in the street.

The assassin wore a brown overcoat and a railroad official's cap. He stood on the sidewalk just as Minister von Plehve's carriage was about to cross the canal bridge near the station. The minister was escorted by a number of detectives on bicycles, and one of them jostled the assassin, who then rushed into the road and threw the bomb after the carriage. The missile struck the hind wheel and exploded with fearful force, killing or wounding over a score of persons. Minister von Plehve and his coachman were killed outright, and an officer of the guard was fatally injured.

One of the cyclist detectives arrested the assassin, who endeavored to escape, though wounded by splinters in the face, arm and abdomen. He made no attempt at resistance, however, when seized by the detective and confessed his crime, but refused to give his name.

The police immediately after the explosion arrested a suspicious individual who took refuge in a hotel opposite the scene of the tragedy. He carried a bomb similar to that thrown by Legio. As soon as the police saw the bomb they scattered, but an employe of the hotel rushed up behind the accomplice and pinned his arms.

M. Durnovo, who was assistant to M. von Plehve, Minister of the Interior, has been appointed to succeed to the office until a new minister is chosen.

Slocum Case Indictments.

Captain Van Schaick, Federal Steamboat Inspector Fleming and former Inspector Lundberg were indicted by the federal grand jury in New York in connection with the disaster of the General Slocum on June 15 last when nearly 1,000 lives were lost. Van Schaick was the commander of the Slocum.

WOMEN WERE ACQUITTED.

Their Accuser Arrested and Must Stand Damage Suits.

Mrs. Evaline M. Schopfer and her sister, Aurora Cupps, who were on trial at Pittsburg, were acquitted of the murder of Charles T. Schopfer, husband of one and brother-in-law of the other woman. J. Henry Jahn, who made the charge of murder against the women and was the star witness for the commonwealth, is in jail.

As soon as the women were released they entered suits against Jahn for \$20,000 damages for defamation of character and the annoyance they had been put to by the charge of murder.

CAR STRUCK AUTO.

Man and Woman Killed in Accident Near Sidney, O.

Arthur Nutt and Miss Amelia Davis were killed four miles north of Sidney, O., by their automobile being struck by a work car on the electric line. Nutt was an Ann Arbor student home for a vacation. Miss Davis was a former student at Oxford, O.

Turks Kill 50 Bulgarians.

On Sunday last a detachment of troops near Kumanouva surprised a Bulgarian band of 52 men, who were setting fire to the granaries. The band was destroyed, only two of them escaping.

New Steel Company Incorporated.

The Steel Company of America, with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000, was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., to manufacture and deal in steel and other metals. The incorporators are A. H. Henderson, A. E. Smith and E. C. Sjaard, of Jersey City.

JAPS LOST HEAVILY.

Casualties at Ta Tche Kiao Reported Over 4,000.

The Japanese loss at Ta Tche Kiao is estimated at from 4,000 to 5,000, resulting chiefly from their attempts to take entrenched positions in the face of heavy artillery fire.

The Russian artillery was better disposed than in any previous fight. The batteries scientifically supported each other, all of them being in a position to deliver the most effective fire. On the last day's fight, July 24, the Russians fired 4,016 shots, and frequently smothered the Japanese fire and caused them to shift their batteries.

Colonel Paschenko, whose battery distinguished itself, had a marvelous escape. He was thrown bodily into the air by the explosion of a mine shell, but was unharmed and continued to fight.

SUICIDE OF BANK RECEIVER.

Body of W. G. Taafel Found in the Licking River.

W. G. Taafel, receiver for the Newark, O., Savings bank, general manager of the Citizens Electric Light and Power Company, Supreme Secretary of the American Protective Union, Secretary of St. Luke's Commandery, Knights Templar, and a prominent member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, committed suicide by drowning himself in the north fork of the Licking river.

A note was found on Mr. Taafel's desk, addressed to his wife, saying that he was wholly innocent of any wrongdoing at the defunct savings bank, and that every dollar he had in the world was gone. He ended by saying: "I must end this misery."

TWO KILLED IN WRECK.

Trains Running Forty Miles an Hour Meet in Cut.

In a wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Sharpville, Pa., two men were killed and five others were hurt. The dead are: James Robinson, of New Castle, engineer; Charles McWilliams, of New Castle, fireman. The injured were: John Baptist, of Erie, conductor of passenger engine, face, hand and legs cut; R. J. Jones, of Erie, 22 years old, head and hands cut and possibly internally injured; M. West, of Pittsburg, traveling salesman, back sprained body bruises. Train No. 217, hauling two passenger coaches and a baggage car, and an engine running extra, met in a cut while running over 40 miles an hour.

World's Fair Salaries Cut.

An order reducing the salaries of all those employed at the World's Fair was issued by the Board of Directors through the Executive Committee. It is to take effect on August 1 and will affect every employe who receives a salary over \$50 a month.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

W. M. Langhorne, of Virginia, has been appointed consul at Chungking, China.

American railroad accidents in the first quarter of 1904 resulted in the killing of 919 persons, while 12,444 persons were injured.

The arid-land reclamation fund in the United States Treasury has been increased to \$25,000,000.

Gas made from coccoanut oil is used for illuminating purposes in the Philippines.

English Liberals gained a Parliamentary seat in West Shropshire in a contest over the tariff.

A statement was made that the Archbishop of Canterbury would arrive in America about August 27 or 28.

The decree of foreclosure of the \$17,000,000 mortgage against the United States Shipbuilding Company in favor of several New York trust companies was signed in the United States Circuit Court by Judge Platt in Connecticut.

George Robinson, a convict, serving a three-year sentence for burglary committed in Hudson county, N. J., died in State prison hospital of tuberculosis, ten minutes after a pardon for him had reached the institution.

Fire in the Chicago stockyards damaged Swift's Tard factory, and the teamsters joined the strike.

William Pickens, the young negro who was graduated with high honors at Yale a month ago, has just been notified of his election to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Millionaire Benson is Discharged.

John A. Benson, the California millionaire, who was under indictment in Washington on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States by the acquisition of school lands known as forest reserve lands, was discharged in the United States Circuit Court at New York.

A general resumption of work has been ordered in the Joliet plant of the Illinois Steel Company. About 1,500 men will be put to work.

Secretary Hartzell Resigns.

Charles Hartzell, Secretary of Porto Rico, has announced his resignation to take effect in October. He will represent the insular government at the trial of the cases next winter involving the title to property worth \$3,000,000, claimed on one side by the Catholic Church and on the other by the island and municipalities.

Attacked by a Bear.

After being viciously attacked and mangled by an infuriated Russian bear in the presence of the Sunday crowd at the Highland Park Zoo, Pittsburg, Gerhard Muser, aged 51, a keeper, was rescued by James Neal, another attendant, who, single-handed, sprang into the cage and beat the bear into submission with a strong iron bar. But for Neal the bear certainly would have killed Muser, who was unarmed and at the mercy of the monster.

ROBBERS SHOT PAYMASTER

Fatally Wound Him and Kill His Driver near Portage, Pa.

GOT \$3,000 AND ESCAPED.

One Victim Hit With 37 Buckshot and Died Half an Hour After the Attack.

Charles Hays, a driver employed by the Puritan Coal Company, is dead, and Patrick Campbell, the company's paymaster, lies perhaps fatally wounded at the Altoona, Pa., hospital, as the result of a holdup and murder in the township road leading from Portage, Cambria county, to the mining town of Purkitt.

The two were in a buggy taking a satchel containing about \$3,000 with which to pay the coal company's employees at Puritan from the Adams express office at Portage to the coal town. When at a point about three-quarters of a mile out of Portage they were suddenly fired upon by three men armed with shotguns. Hays fell to the bottom of the buggy pierced by 37 buckshot, being wounded in his neck and breast. He died about a half-hour later. Campbell was hit in the shoulder and fell from the buggy. The highwaymen came out from their place of hiding in the wood to the right of the road, secured the satchel holding the money and escaped.

STRIKERS KEEP POLICE BUSY.

One-Fourth of Chicago Force Needed About Stock Yards.

Chicago is strike ridden. There is now required one-fourth of the police force to maintain the peace where the workers refuse to work and try to prevent others from working in their places. This is no temporary condition. For three years scarcely a day has been known when less than 200 of Chicago's force of 2,700 policemen were needed to prevent labor disorder. On the occasion of the teamsters, the street car employes and the present packing trade strike this number has had to be increased almost 1,000.

Besides the strike at the stock yards there are now 91 other places in which policemen are detailed to guard non-striking men and protect the property of employes who have had disagreements with their employers. Sunday Chief O'Neil received the report that 475 patrolmen were on duty at the stock yards and 250 at other places, making a total on strike duty of 725 men.

PASSENGERS ROBBED.

Mail Cars Uncoupled from Engine and Dynamited.

Rock Island train No. 4, which left El Paso, Tex., was held up near Tucumcari, N. M., and robbed. The passengers were lined up and their valuables taken from them, after which the express and mail cars were uncoupled from the train and run about two miles up the track and there dynamited and robbed.

The robbery was reported at Logan, Tucumcari, by one of the passengers, who had escaped the robbers. At the headquarters of the El Paso and Northeastern railroad the news of the train robbery has received partial confirmation, but the officials say they can learn nothing definite, as the holdup occurred off their division.

VENEZUELA MUST PAY.

Germany Demands Prompt Settlement of Interest on Award.

It is reported that Herr Peildram, the German minister at Caracas, has delivered an ultimatum demanding the immediate payment by the Venezuelan government of the interest on the amount of the award to be paid to Germany as stipulated in the protocols signed by Herbert W. Bowen, representing Venezuela, in February, 1903. If this demand is not complied with, the report says, the minister will leave Caracas August 4.

EXILE IS NOT IMPROBABLE.

Finn Professor Taken to St. Petersburg Under a Guard.

The father of Eugen Schumann, the assassin of General Bobrikoff, Governor General of Finland, has been sent to St. Petersburg under an escort of gendarmes.

Prof. Summarus of the University of Finland has been exiled to Russia being the fourth professor from this institution to be exiled since the murder of General Bobrikoff. Nothing is known here of Legio, the alleged name of the assassin of Minister von Plehve, though rumors are afloat that he was in Helsingfors three weeks ago.

Found Dead in River.

The dead and badly decomposed body of Joseph Lamar, Jr., of Pittsburg, was found in a clump of willows near the Panhandle freight station at Wheeling, W. Va. A knife wound through the heart may have been self-inflicted, but the police incline to a murder theory. A thorough investigation is being made, and the authorities are believed to already be in possession of facts which they do not care to disclose.

WORLD'S FAIR VISITORS.

Number of Admissions Gaining Despite Extremely Hot Weather.

The statement of the recorded admissions for the week ending July 30 was given out by the World's Fair management and shows an attendance during that period of 551,842 persons, a considerable gain over the record of 512,150 of the week previous. Last week's attendance brings the grand total of admissions to the World's Fair since its opening up to 5,657,577.

JAPS OCCUPY NEW CHWANG.

Troops Enter Stronghold After Czar's Army Take Flight.

Special dispatches from the Far East confirm the news of the Japanese occupation of New Chwang, but do not give any further details of the fighting.

The Japanese occupied New Chwang on the 25th. It is reported that heavy fighting has occurred between Liao Lang and Mukden. Lloyd's agency at New Chwang wires that 50 Japanese cavalrymen have entered New Chwang. The French flag is flying from all the Russian buildings. The town is quiet.

It is reported that the Japanese lost 250 in killed and wounded in the fighting which has taken place outside of New Chwang during the last two days. The Russian losses during the engagements are not known. It is reported that the Japanese took the Russian position at Ta Tche Kiao at the point of bayonet.

CONDITIONS ARE GOOD.

All Crops Reported Progressing All Over the Country.

The weekly crop report of the Weather Bureau, is as follows:

While rather cool for best results in the Lake region and portions of the Central valleys, with lack of sunshine and too much rain in the Middle Atlantic and Central Gulf States, the weather conditions of the week ending July 25, as a whole, were favorable. Limited areas in the South Atlantic States, Tennessee and the Ohio and Upper Missouri valleys and North Pacific coast need rain. With the exception of portions of the Central Missouri Valley excellent weather for harvesting and thrashing prevailed in the Central valleys, where harvesting is nearly finished and thrashing has made rapid progress. Quite generous and much-needed rains occurred in the Middle and Southern Rocky Mountain districts, partially relieving the severe and protracted drought.

BIG ORDER FOR SNAKES.

Man Furnishes Many Rattles for the Smithsonian Institution.

Jacob Shilling, of Clover Creek, Blair county, Pa., has closed another contract with the Smithsonian Institution at Washington to furnish it with 100 rattlesnakes. Shilling has been engaged in capturing rattlesnakes on contracts for a number of years. Every year he supplies the Smithsonian Institution with new specimens. All the snakes are caught with a forked hickory stick. The poisonous fangs are always removed by Shilling before he ships the snakes, to guard against mishaps at the other end of the line. It is estimated that he derives an income of \$2,000 a year from snake catching.

FACES CHARGE OF MURDER.

Contractor Held for Criminal Court at Parkersburg, W. Va.

Jack Carlin, a wealthy brick contractor, was held for Criminal Court at Parkersburg, W. Va., charged with having murdered Frank McCabe, white, and with shooting with intent to kill Arch Justice, a negro. Carlin fired five shots at Justice a week ago. One went wild, killing McCabe, and another almost fatally wounding Justice, for whom it was intended.

The charge against Carlin is murder in the first degree, the killing of McCabe constituting this under the circumstances by West Virginia statutes.

Japanese Lost Eight Hundred.

In a daring night attack against a Russian force, estimated at five divisions with one hundred guns, General Oku succeeded in driving the enemy from their strong line of defense south of Tatchekiao. Advancing on Sunday General Oku found a superior force confronting him and that a heavy artillery fire from the enemy was checking his men. He thereupon decided to hold the position he then held and to attempt a night surprise. This was successful. The Japanese troops hustling the Russians into retreat to Tatchekiao. The Japanese had only 800 casualties. No estimate of the Russian losses are given.

ENGAGEMENT DENIED.

Both Ex-Senator Davis and Mrs. Reynolds Contradict Report.

Ex-Senator H. G. Davis refused flatly to be interviewed on the subject of his proposed marriage to Mrs. John Reynolds, of Shepherdstown, W. Va. But denied the story, and said that there was absolutely no truth in the report. It could be plainly seen that the ex-Senator had been very much disturbed by the reports coming from Shepherdstown.

Mrs. John Reynolds, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., made an emphatic denial of the report of her engagement to former Senator Henry G. Davis. She said there was no foundation for the report and was indignant that such a false statement was published.

Russia Arming Volunteers.

The London Times says that six German steamers which were chartered to take \$1,500,000 worth of war material from Hamburg to Constantinople. The inference is drawn, according to the Times, that this material is intended for the equipment of the Russian volunteer steamers or other Russian warships in the Black Sea.

Tramps Kill Operator.

L. W. Coxe, of Columbus, O., a telegraph operator on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, was shot and instantly killed and Police Officer Otis Riley was seriously wounded by two tramps in the railroad yards at Williamson, W. Va. A posse of railroad men caught the tramps, who gave their names as Richard Martin and Peter Donoghue, of Kentucky. Riley is in a critical condition. Threats are being made against the prisoners.

ROOSEVELT WAS NOTIFIED

Formal Announcement of Nomination at Sagamore Hill.

PROMINENT MEN PRESENT.

Guests Were Entertained at Luncheon on the Veranda of President's House.

President Roosevelt was notified formally on the 27th of his nomination for the Presidency by the Republican National Convention. The ceremony took place at his country home at Sagamore Hill, three miles from Oyster Bay. In accordance with the wish of the President, the ceremony was made as simple as possible.

The formal notification of the action of the convention was made on behalf of a committee representing every state and territory in the United States, by Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On arrival at Sagamore Hill, the committee members were received by President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt and National Chairman George B. Cortelyou.

All of the house guests of the President were gathered on the veranda and as the occupants of each carriage alighted they were welcomed by the President and each was presented to Mrs. Roosevelt.

At the conclusion of the informal reception, the ceremony of notification began. While the members of the family, the house guests and some of the visitors were assembled on the veranda, a majority of those in attendance gathered on the lawn facing the veranda.

Following the address, President Roosevelt held an informal reception and received the congratulations of the committee on his speech.

Among the invited guests were Chairman George B. Cortelyou, Governor B. B. Odell, Senator T. C. Platt, Senator John Keam, of New Jersey, former Secretary Root, Cornelius N. Bliss and former Governor Frank S. Black.

INDEMNITY WANTED.

Formal Protest Against Russian Seizure of the Arabia.

The State Department at Washington has finally received a formal protest against the action of the Russian navy in seizing American goods, and as a result of its preliminary study of the law and precedents governing the subject it is prepared to act energetically and promptly. This protest relates to seizure of an American cargo on board the Hamburg-American steamer Arabia, bound from Portland, Ore., for Hongkong, China.

United States Senator J. H. Mitchell, of Portland, Ore., telegraphed the department a statement of the conditions under which the Arabia carried out this cargo. Mr. Mitchell stated that he represented the Portland Flour Milling Company, which had shipped on the Arabia for Hongkong 99,000 sacks of flour worth about \$100,000. He declared that this flour was in no sense contraband, and it was not destined for Japan, and it was part of the normal trade of the company, and was not a war order.

Mr. Mitchell requested the department to take the necessary steps to secure indemnity and satisfaction for the owners of the flour, and also to protect legitimate neutral trade from such serious interference as these attacks by the Vladivostok squadron.

The officials decline to say what course they intend to pursue save for a declaration that there would be no inconsiderate action, that the whole subject of interference with American trade by belligerents in the present war will be considered, and each protest that may be forwarded will be part of a uniform and consistent policy to be followed by the department.

VILLAGE DESTROYED.

Twenty-Five Killed and Women Taken Into Captivity.

The London Daily Mail publishes a dispatch from Taurus, Asia Minor, saying that on July 13 the well-known chief, Cheikh Sahn, attacked and destroyed the village of Ootchkilissa.

Twenty-five persons were killed, including a priest and servants attached to a convent. Women were taken into slavery. The dispatch says that massacres are expected in the Sandjek of Bayazid and immediate help is urgently called for.

Connellsville Coke Report.

Of the coke trade of the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions, the Courier, the official journal of the region says: There is a feeling of easiness in the coke trade. Demand has been fair for a midsummer month during the past 10 days. One of the best indications of prosperous times ahead in the Connellsville district is the action of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, representing the United States Steel Corporation, in contracting for 1,000 new ovens in this and the Lower Connellsville region.

American Ship Sunk.

The Vladivostok squadron sunk the American steamer Knight Commander, from New York, of the province of Izou, after transferring the crew of the Knight Commander to the steamer Tainan. The Vladivostok squadron also captured a German vessel, believed to be the Arabia, with 30,000 tons of flour, and an unknown British steamer. The two vessels were sent to Vladivostok in charge of prize crews.

STEEL DIVIDEND UNCHANGED.

Earnings for Second Quarter Show Increase Over the First.

The directors of the United States Steel Corporation declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent and elected Thomas Morrison, of Pittsburg, a director in place of Charles M. Schwab, resigned. No other business was transacted. Among the directors present were J. P. Morgan, H. H. Rogers, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., W. E. Corey, G. W. Perkins and John F. Dryden.

A financial statement placed the net earnings for the quarter ended June 30 at \$19,490,725, a decrease of \$17,151,583, as compared with the same quarter last year and with the same quarter of 1903, as compared with the quarter ended March 31, 1904.

After appropriating \$469,425 for sinking funds on bonds of subsidiary companies, \$3,059,062 for depreciation and reserve funds, \$5,867,175 for interest on United States Steel Corporation bonds for the quarter, \$1,012,500 for sinking funds on United States Steel Corporation bonds for the quarter, and \$6,304,919 for the preferred quarterly dividend, there remained a surplus for the quarter of \$2,777,644. This surplus compares with a deficit for the first quarter this year of \$1,857,120, leaving a surplus for the six months ended June 30 of \$920,524.

SPORTSMAN ARRESTED.

Charged With Getting \$800,000 by Get-Rich-Quick Scheme.

John J. Ryan, a race horse owner, whose horses Reliable and Monster won the first and third race at Brighton Beach was arrested at the Brighton Beach track on a warrant charging him with larceny by means of an alleged "get-rich-quick" scheme of which it is said he was the head. The amount involved is said to be \$800,000. The warrant for Ryan's arrest was made in St. Louis and the arrest was made by a New York central office detective, who was accompanied by a St. Louis detective and George Fickenson, assistant to Circuit Attorney Folk, at St. Louis.

ROBBERS SHOOT VICTIM.

Restaurant Proprietor Attacked by Four Men in an Alley.

William Offman, a restaurant proprietor of Frostburg, Md., was gassed, shot and robbed of \$160. He was passing through an alley making a short cut home when four men, two masked, pounced upon him. In the struggle he was shot through the hip, the bullet entering the groin. It cannot be located. Four negroes are suspected. At Pugh's saloon the quartet inquired about Offman and the amount of money he usually carried. Offman will recover.

NEWS NOTES.

B. F. Keith, the New York vaudeville magnate, purchased the Prospect Theatre at Cleveland.

Edward Ritter, a 10-year-old boy, was drowned while swimming in a shallow pond at Johnstown, Pa.

The Krupp Company has received such large orders from Russia for war material that the shops are working overtime.

Miss Emma Hanna, of New Castle, Pa., has been elected to the chair of mathematics in Caldwell college, at Danville, Ky.

The skeleton of the only man ever hanged in Potter county, Pa., is to be exhibited during the centennial celebration of that county.

According to the schedules of the estate of the late William C. Whitney, which were filed, the estate is estimated at \$21,334,101.

While bathing in Duck Creek, 13 miles north of Marietta, O., Miles and Walter Coon, 12 and 14 years old respectively, were drowned.

Judge Parker has fixed August 10 as the date for the ceremonies notifying him of his nomination by the Democratic national convention as a candidate for the Presidency.

The body of a dead infant was found at Monongahela, Pa. The mother of the child has been arrested and will be held pending the result of the coroner's inquest.

Cyrus P. Walbridge, of St. Louis, was nominated for Governor of Missouri on the first ballot by the State Republican convention.

Rear Admiral H. G. Taylor, of the United States navy, who commanded the Indiana at the battle of Santiago, died at Cooper's Chief General Hospital, Sudbury, Ontario.

M. Marshall Langhorne, of Lynchburg, Va., has been appointed consul at Chungking, China, and Frank S. Hannah, of Evanston, Ind., as consul at Magdeburg, Germany.

Rev. J. L. Goodnight, D. D., of Lincoln, Ill., has been offered the presidency of Waynesburg College, a Cumberland Presbyterian institution at Waynesburg, Pa.

Two persons were killed by bolts of lightning, many fires broke out and a number of houses were struck during a hail and rain storm that swept across the city of Chicago on the 27th.

Rear Admiral Converse, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, awarded contracts for about \$1,000,000 worth of gun forgings, dividing the award equally between the Bethlehem and Midvale Companies.

Louis Banks, colored, 35 years old, committed suicide at Johnstown, Pa.

Two Killed in Collision.

Two persons were killed and several injured in a collision between a Big Four passenger train and an electric car, at Washington and Missouri streets, Indianapolis. The dead are Mrs. William J. Harris, colored, and an unidentified man. The locomotive struck the front of the electric car, throwing the car 20 feet.

Thomas Taggart of Indianapolis was chosen chairman of the National Democratic committee.