

VOYAGE CUT SHORT: FIRE IN HOLD
CARGO CONSUMED.

Steamship Noordland Takes Passengers from Burning Pretoria and Both Reach New York.

Bearing a full cargo of freight and numerous tourists bound for Bermuda, the Queen line steamship Pretoria, which sailed from New York Saturday, retraced her way to that port Sunday night with no passengers to show and a fiercely burning fire consuming the cargo stowed in her forward compartment. While struggling with the blaze, which has broken out in the forward lower hold No. 1, the Red Star liner Noordland bound out from Philadelphia for Liverpool came by, and apprehension lest the fire should spread and the lives of the passengers be still further imperiled, Captain McKenzie signalled the Noordland for assistance. Captain McKenzie asked that his passengers be received on board and Captain Doxrad, of the Noordland, as promptly agreed to receive them, and, moreover, to stand by and to escort the Pretoria back to harbor, so as to be ready to render further assistance in case such should be necessary. When all hands were put safely on board the Noordland, the Pretoria swung her bow toward New York and, followed by the Noordland, which kept her close company all the way, the two set out for New York, reaching quarantine at a quarter to eleven o'clock Sunday night.

MODIFIED THE TUNNEL BILL.

May Be Under Authority of the Rapid Transit Commission.

The Senate at Albany, N. Y., Tuesday passed a bill giving the New York City Rapid Transit Commission authority over the proposed Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel. This is designed to overcome the objections of the commission to the tunnel bill, signed by Mayor Low which empowers the aldermen to grant the necessary franchises without action by the Rapid Transit Commission.

SOAP PROVIDED BY NATURE.

Paint Mine and Soda Lakes Found in Canada.

Consul General Bittering reports from Canada on mineral discoveries in the Northwest, including a natural soap mine, a paint mine and several soda lakes, found in the foothills near Ascroft, B. C. The report says their bottoms and shores are incrustated with a natural washing compound.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Congress is being urged to enact legislation which will curb the rapacity of the beef combine.

President Roosevelt will start on his visit to Charleston Exposition on Monday, April 7, and will remain until Thursday.

President Roosevelt declared Wednesday that so long as he is in office no deserter from the army or navy would find favor with him.

A six-inch plate, representing group 2 of the side armor for the battleship Ohio, has passed a successful test at the Indian Head proving ground.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

Mr. Rhea Unseated.
In the Senate Tuesday Mr. Money, Mississippi, made a sharp attack on the anti-oleomargarine bill, which he denounced as unconstitutional, immoral and unjust. He said it was a proposition to tax out of existence one industry for the benefit of another, and was protection gone mad.

Congress Is Supreme.
The House Wednesday continued the discussion of the bill to tax colored oleomargarine 10 cents a pound. Mr. Hoar argued that the bill was proper under the fight of Congress to regulate interstate commerce. Mr. Vest inquired if Congress had the right to invade his State, where oleomargarine was manufactured under State laws, and tax the industry out of existence, when the oleomargarine made there had not entered into interstate commerce. Mr. Hoar replied that Congress was in every State of the Union as much as the State government was, and as a controlling power it was supreme. Mr. Lodge urged that the House provision regarding renovated butter ought to be restored to the bill. Mr. Proctor in charge of the measure, said that an amendment covering that point probably could be offered.

The House Wednesday adopted without debate the resolution offered by Mr. Burleson, Texas, calling upon the President for information relative to the application of General Miles to be assigned to duty in the Philippines for the purpose of executing a plan for pacification of the islands. Mr. Burleson said the conduct of Secretary Hay in regard to passports for Rev. Hiram Thomas and wife to visit the South African concentration camps and distribute relief among the Boers was an aversion. Mr. Breazelle, Louisiana, denounced the Committee on Naval Affairs for refusing to report the Schley resolution.

Investigating Bribery Charges.
In the Senate Thursday Mr. Hawley, Connecticut, reported from the Military Committee a bill to correct the army record of Charles H. Hawley. A similar bill was vetoed by the President last week, but Mr. Hawley said it had been changed to meet the views of the President. The anti-oleomargarine bill was taken up, and Mr. Harris, Kansas, offered an amendment taxing adulterated butter 10 cents a pound and providing that it should be stamped. Mr. Quarles, Wisconsin, spoke in support of the bill, saying that 10,000,000 pounds of oleomargarine were manufactured every year, and that it was the greatest fraud of the century. The Senate adjourned to Monday.

Penion Bills.
The House alone was in session Friday. It came near breaking the record by passing 212 pension bills. Some of them involve the same objections as caused the veto of the bill removing the dismissal of Emanuel Klausner, and his imprisonment for mutiny. Mr. Mann, Illinois, declared that Congress should consider the attitude of the President toward a certain class of bills. He denied that the President had declared that he would sign no bills correcting the military records of soldiers.

Admiral Hovers Near Death—Mind Entirely Gone—Able to Walk.
Rear Admiral Sampson continues to hover between life and death at his home in Washington. The attending physicians say that if anything he is growing weaker. The Admiral is able to take short walks occasionally, but is practically confined to his room. Surgeon General Rixey and the other physicians of the Navy Department call to see the Admiral daily. The Admiral's mental condition is hopeless.

College Fund Nears Completion.
The Barnard New York College fund of \$200,000, the completion of which will win a donation of \$200,000 additional from John D. Rockefeller, has reached \$191,000. William C. Whitney gave \$1,000 and \$4,000 was given in memory of Jesse Kaufmann.

Mob Defrauds Law.
Charles Francis Woodward, the condemned murderer at Caspar, Wyo., who was respited by the State Supreme Court, was taken from the jail by citizens and hanged on the day originally set for his execution.

Iron Famine Feared.
Foundrymen of New England, as well as dealers in structural iron and tank iron and steel, are having great difficulty in securing fulfillment of their orders, and fear a famine if the rush and delay continue.

Was Convicted of Heresy.
Rev. Granville Louthar at Arkansas City, Kan., formally refused to accept the proposition to stop his teachings, and the Methodist Episcopal trial committee declared him guilty of heresy.

FIGHT FOR LIFE ENDS IN DEFEAT

JURY OUT THREE HOURS
End of Notable Trial—Lawyer A. T. Patrick Adjudged Guilty of First Degree Murder.

Lawyer Albert T. Patrick Wednesday was adjudged guilty of the murder of his former friend, William M. Rice, the Texas millionaire. The finding was rather a surprise to the prisoner. He had all along expressed himself as being sanguine of acquittal, but the jury seems to have made up its mind before leaving the jury box, as they took but three hours in which to decide upon sending Patrick to the electric chair. The issue of the trial establishes the charge that Patrick conspired with Rice's valet, Charles F. Jones, to obtain possession of the aged Texan's estate, estimated at \$7,000,000, and that Jones killed his employer by the administration of chloroform at the direct instigation of Patrick. The scene in the courtroom when the jury filed in was dramatic in the extreme. The accused lawyer when told to stand arose without a visible sign of perturbation. Calmly he stood erect, looking the foreman of the 12 men who had decided his fate square in the face. At the word "Guilty" not a sign was shown of the great struggle that was evidently going on in his mind. The prisoner's eldest sister created quite a scene. She ran about the courtroom, screaming hysterically, and required the efforts of her father and several friends to remove her. It is announced that an application for a new trial will at once be filed. The cases of Davil L. Short and Morris Meyers, the witnesses to Patrick's will, who testified for him at the preliminary hearing before Justice Jerome, and were indicted for perjury as a result of their testimony, will probably be moved for trial in about 10 days. What disposition will be made of Charles F. Jones, the former valet of Patrick, the former valet of the Millionaire Rice, who confessed on the stand that he placed a chloroformed sponge in a cone over his sleeping employer's face, no one connected with the District Attorney's office would say. Jones is not under indictment for murder, and so far as is known is not under indictment for forgery or conspiracy.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Textile unions of Lowell, Mass., have been refused an advance in wages.

Paul Dana, of New York, may succeed George von L. Meyer, as Ambassador to Italy.

Atlantic steamship lines have agreed on a slight increase in saloon passenger rates after April 1.

Mississippi, Alabama and other gulf States suffered incalculable damage from high rivers and heavy storms.

E. J. Armstead shot and killed Mary Hansen, colored, in Montgomery, Ala., and then committed suicide.

Lowell, Mass., mill owners closed their mills because of a threatened strike, 16,000 operatives were locked out.

James R. Garfield, a son of the late President Garfield, has accepted the position of Civil Service Commissioner.

W. H. Wallace, a sleeping car porter, was lynched at La Junta, Col., for an assault upon an aged woman passenger.

The French Chamber of Deputies voted \$100,000 for the fine arts and manufacturers exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition.

H. C. EVANS QUILTS.

Opposition of Grand Army Men Force Him Out of the Pension Department.

A letter from H. Clay Evans, resigning the Commission of Pensions, together with an appended statement, was made public at the White House Friday, in which he says: For some time I have been considering the question of resigning. It will soon be five years since I assumed the duties of this office, and I now have the honor of tendering you my resignation as Commissioner of Pensions, and will thank you to accept the same at an early date as may suit your convenience. The statement appended to the letter is as follows: "Mr. Evans some months ago verbally expressed his desire to resign, and finally put it in writing on March 15. The President, however, has told him that he will have to remain as Commissioner, in the first place, until his successor has been determined upon, and in the second place, until there is some position to tender him which the President will regard as a promotion and as a fitting reward for his excellent services in the department."

PEACE MISSION IN AFRICA.

Armistice Between the British and Boers Has Been Arranged.

Concerning the visit of Mr. Schalkburger, acting president of the Transvaal, to Lord Kitchener in Pretoria, War Secretary Brodric said in the House of Commons, England, Monday, that Schalkburger intimated to Kitchener his desire to be granted a safe conduct through the British lines and back, in order to see Mr. Steyn with reference to the possibility of peace proposals. Kitchener, with the consent of the government, had acceded to the request. The final decision as to whether serious peace overtures shall be made rests with the burghers, who will have to decide upon it at a public meeting. It is believed in Boer circles that the move of Schalkburger is the result of a communication from the Boer representatives in Europe.

AMERICA BRISTLES UP.

Gives Notice to Nations of Power to Retaliate.

A Washington correspondent says: Notice will be served during the coming week on all European nations, especially Germany, of the tremendous power in the hands of the United States government that can be used to retaliate effectively against any nation which by unjust discrimination excludes American products from its markets. This notice will be given by the publication of a list compiled by direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, showing what articles are imported into the United States from Europe, which are deleterious to health, and which can be excluded under the authority of the Dingley tariff act.

CUBANS PROMOTED.

Native Officials Given Higher Positions in Postal Service.

Action looking to the relinquishment of the United States postal regime over the island of Cuba was taken in Washington Saturday. Charles Hernandez was appointed Assistant Director General of Posts of Cuba and Jose Alvarez was appointed Postmaster of Havana. Both changes are promotions and both men are Cubans. Hernandez is at present postmaster of Havana, while Alvarez is Postmaster of Cienfuegos.

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Seized 100,000 Marks by Means of Forged Check.

In the extradition case of Heinrich Herrie, of Bavaria, Germany, charged with forgery, United States Commissioner Adler, at Cincinnati, O., declared that the accused must return to Germany and answer to the charges preferred against him by the Bavarian government. Herrie was arrested on a warrant sworn out by German Counsel Pollier, charging him with obtaining 100,000 marks on a forged check.

MINISTER TO CUBA.

Diplomat and Consular Agents for the New Republic.

SAYS HE HELPED TO KILL MCKINLEY

HAD POISONED BULLETS
Convicted Burglar in Wisconsin Confesses He Placed Bandage on Hand of Czolgoz.

Sheriff Stackhouse at Harshoo, Wis., Tuesday gave out the details of the confession made by J. Steinman, a convicted burglar, that he was implicated in the McKinley assassination. The sheriff said that Steinman, whom he took to Waupun Saturday to serve a year's sentence for burglary, was one of the worst looking criminals he ever had to deal with. While on the train bound for Waupun Steinman pointed to his red necktie and said to the sheriff that it stood for blood. He then declared that he was the accomplice of Czolgoz, the assassin of President McKinley, and that he had bound the handkerchief about the murderer's hand in his preparation for the deed. Steinman further said he was near Czolgoz when the latter fired the shot and was ready with two revolvers loaded with poisoned bullets to do the work had Czolgoz failed. Steinman's home is in New Jersey, but for over a year he had been living in Philadelphia. He came west about six months ago.

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DICKINSON NON GRATA.

Due Efforts in Stone Case—Bulgaria Wants No More Dealings With Him.

As one result of his activities in the Stone case, Mr. Dickinson has lost his position as diplomatic representative to Bulgaria. When he was in Sofia last fall he addressed some very strong representations to the Bulgarian ministry for foreign affairs and apparently he has not been forgiven, for now information comes that he is persona non grata. A minister or diplomatic agent, cannot be retained at his place against the will of the country to which he is accredited and that is Mr. Dickinson's position. It is very probable, however, that this government, as a manifestation of its displeasure, will refrain from sending another diplomatic agent to Sofia, though it will not be thus prevented from making any demands upon the Bulgarian government in the matter of the Stone case, which the inquiry now in progress may seem to justify. The Bulgarian government has no representative in this country. Mr. Dickinson is consul general at Constantinople, besides being diplomatic agent to Bulgaria, and receives a lump salary of \$5,000 per annum. It is not likely that he will suffer financially by this Bulgarian action.

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THE MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH.
Grain, Flour and Feed.

Wheat—No. 2 red	73	75
Rye—No. 2	67	68
Coat—No. 2 yellow	62	64
No. 2 yellow, shelled	65	67
Mixed oat	65	66
Oats—No. 2 white	44	46
No. 3 white	41	42
Flour—Winter patent	8 70	8 80
Ohio family	12 15	12 15
Hay—No. 1 timothy	14 00	14 25
Clover No. 1	10 25	10 75
Feeds—No. 1 white mid ton	22 00	22 00
Brown middlings	20 50	21 00
Brn. hulls	19 00	19 00
Straw—Wheat	10 00	10 00
Oat	7 00	7 50

Dairy Products.
Butter—Eggs creamery 59 00
Ohio creamery 58 00
Eggs—No. 1 white 12 15
Cheese—Ohio, new 15 15
New York, new 15 18

Poultry, Etc.
Hens—per lb. 11 15
Chickens—per lb. 11 15
Eggs—Pa. and Ohio, fresh 15 16

Fruits and Vegetables.
Green Beans—per bushel 2 00
Cabbage—per bushel 1 00
Onions—per barrel 3 00

BALTIMORE.
Flour—Winter Patent \$8 00
Wheat—No. 2 red 80 00
Corn—mixed 614 616
Oats—No. 2 white 42 00
Butter—Ohio creamery 30 30

PHILADELPHIA.
Flour—Winter Patent \$8 50
Wheat—No. 2 red 80 00
Corn—No. 2 mixed 68 00
Oats—No. 2 white 42 00
Butter—Creamery, extra 24 30
Eggs—Pennsylvania urals 15 16

NEW YORK.
Flour—Patents \$3 90
Wheat—No. 2 red 84 16
Corn—No. 2 white 67 00
Oats—No. 2 white 42 00
Butter—Creamery 23 25
Eggs—State of Pennsylvania 15 16

LIVE STOCK.
Central Stock Yards, East Liberty, Pa.
Cattle.
Prime heavy, 1600 to 2000 lbs. \$ 6 50
Prime, 1200 to 1600 lbs. 6 25
Medium, 1000 to 1300 lbs. 6 00
Fat heifers 5 75
Butcher, 800 to 1000 lbs. 5 50
Common to fair 5 25
Oxen, common to fair 5 00
Common to fair fat bulls and cows 4 50
Milk cows, each 18 00
Extra milk cows, each 17 00

Hogs.
Prime medium weights \$ 6 85
Best heavy Yorkers and mediums 6 80
Good to choice packers 6 65
Pigs, common to fair 6 25
Prime heavy hogs 6 15
Common to fair 5 80
Hogs, extra 4 80
Stags 4 50

Sheep.
Extra, medium wethers \$ 3 70
Good to choice 3 50
Medium 3 25
Common to fair 2 50

Lambs.
Lambs, clipped 6 65
Lambs, good to choice, clipped 6 50
Lambs, common to fair, clipped 6 25
Spring lambs 7 00

Calves.
Veal, extra 6 00
Veal, good to choice 4 00
Veal, common to fair 3 50
Veal, common to fair 2 50

BUSINESS WAS BRISK.

Easter Trade Facilitated by Good Weather—Volume of Transactions Exceptionally Large.

R. G. Dun's Weekly Review of Trade says: Favorable weather greatly facilitated Easter retail trade, the volume of transactions in all lines of wearing apparel being of exceptional magnitude. Activity was by no means restricted to the specialties, however, the general distribution of merchandise exceeding that of previous seasons, with prices well maintained. A distinct evidence of the vigor of legitimate trade is found in the decline of only 2 1/4 per cent. in bank exchanges at New York, notwithstanding the fact that transactions at the Stock Exchange were not more than a third of those in the corresponding week last year, while at other leading cities clearings exhibited a gain of 9 3/8 per cent. over last year's total of \$1.5 billion after May 1 by the blast furnace men was the most disturbing feature of the iron and steel industry and this is not causing much alarm as an agreement will probably be reached during the intervening month. Production is now beyond all previous records and the movement of coke is ample, although the early opening of the navigation may withdraw some of the transporting facilities which cannot well be spared. Buying has been notably active in bars for implement makers, and producers have sold their entire output so far ahead that new business is not sought. Many plans for immediate structural work have been abandoned, owing to the insufficient supply of available material. A gain from the advance in bar iron at Pittsburg to \$18.50 and foundry iron at Chicago to \$18.50, there is no important changes, southern furnaces having decided to postpone contemplated advance. A slight recovery in coffee from the bottom price must be attributed to aggressive option buying, as the statistical position is not improved. Brazil receipts exceeding last year's high record to date by over a third. Meats again advanced in the face of earlier gains, a helpful influence being the grain, single order ever placed for the British army. Wheat exports materially declined from the satisfactory record of 4,088,625 bushels last week, to only 3,088,642 bushels this week which compared with 3,936,822 bushels in the same week last year. There was a decrease in western receipts to 2,747,094 bushels, against 4,052,508 bushels a year ago. Atlantic shipments of the minor cereals were only 138,244 bushels, compared with 3,946,161 in 1901. According to an analysis of the official returns by a Liverpool authority there will be only 13,000,000 bushels of wheat in this country at the close of the crop year, but the statement is based on exports for the last four months of half as much as the record-breaking shipments of the preceding eight months. Fall crops for the week numbered 205 in the United States, against 206 last year, and 22 in Canada, against 29 last year.

Continuation of market reports and other news from various sections of the page, including additional data for the Pittsburgh and Baltimore markets, and further details on business conditions and trade volume.