

HAMILTON WILSON DEAD

PASSED AWAY AT HOT SPRINGS

One of Charlotte's Most Popular Young Men Suddenly Called to His Rest—The News of the Sad Death Cast a Gloom Over the City—Mr. Wilson Was a Thoroughgoing Business Man and a Social Favorite—The Remains Will Start Home This Afternoon—A Party of Young Men Go to Meet Them.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 24.—Hamilton W. Wilson, a visitor here from Charlotte, N. C., was found dead in his bed in his room on the second floor of the Arlington Hotel this morning at 11 o'clock.

Although it is generally believed that he committed suicide there was no evidence whatever any kind of deadly drug in his room. There were no marks of violence on the body, and when found the features were placid as though he was in a very deep sleep.

This morning at 11 o'clock, one of the friends of the deceased having an engagement with him went to his room and knocked on the door, which was locked. Receiving no reply, the friend became uneasy and summoned the authorities of the hotel, who with a pass key entered the room, and he found Wilson dead in bed, dressed in his night clothes. A close search was made, but no evidence of any drug was found in the room.

His acquaintances here can assign no cause for self-destruction, for during the whole time he has been here, he has been in the best of spirits and had not dissipated at all. His health seemingly was good.

The body has been embalmed at the undertaking establishment of Buchanan & Bentze. The remains will be shipped via the Rock Island Railroad to-morrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

On the 23rd of December Mr. Wilson left here for Chase City, Va., for treatment. He had been suffering for some time with rheumatism. After remaining in Virginia for several weeks he went to Hot Springs, Ark., where he died. Several days ago some of his Charlotte friends received from him a letter, in which he said that he had not been well for a week. It is believed that he took an overdose of some strong drug, which affected his heart.

Mr. Hamilton Witherspoon Wilson was the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wilson of this city. He was 30 years old on last Saturday and survived by his parents and two sisters, Misses Annie and Sarah White Wilson, and a brother, Mr. George E. Wilson, Jr. After graduating from Davidson College Mr. Wilson came to Charlotte, where he began his business career. He was the telling of the Merchants & Farmers National Bank, and other social and fraternal organizations. Mr. Wilson belonged to the Southern Manufacturers' Club, the Masons, the Shriners, the Kappa Alpha fraternity and the Elks. He was popular in business and social circles.

Widow John A. Tate, George P. Wadsworth, John A. Young, left here last night for Birmingham, Ala., where they will meet the remains.

The death of Mr. Wilson has cast a gloom over the city. Occupying the position which he held, he came in daily contact with all sorts and conditions of people. He was a business man to the finger-tips during working hours. After the bank closed in the afternoon he was ready for any form of innocent amusement which his whims comrades might suggest. His friends knew him only as "Ham" Wilson, a companion of genial and unassuming manners and unbounded liberality. In his treatment of his friends, he never swerved in loyalty and willingness to help at all times. Those who knew him intimately liked him best. He improved on acquaintance, a rare trait. Whoever knew and associated with "Ham" Wilson will feel a deep and sincere sorrow because of his sudden and most sad death.

SUMTER FIREMEN'S ILL LUCK

Flames Destroy Union Station While They are Attending Funeral of Chief Graham—Two More Firemen Hurt.

Sumter, S. C., Feb. 24.—While both companies of the fire department were attending the funeral of Chief Graham, who was killed by falling walls in the fire here Friday, a blaze broke out at 3 o'clock in the baggage room of the union station and gained sufficient headway before the department could respond, to destroy the building.

Firemen Eugene Stannell sealed the building and was fighting the blaze from the roof when an explosion, hurling him to the ground and severely cutting him about the face and head with particles of slate roofing. Fireman Frank Lyman was also severely cut by flying slats but not seriously. Stannell was taken to the hospital and may recover.

The loss of the station, which was a two-story structure, was \$15,000, fully covered by insurance. About 35 pouches of United States mail was destroyed or damaged by water and several pieces of baggage burned. The contents of the ticket office were destroyed. The fire broke out at 3 o'clock this afternoon and was not extinguished until four hours later. It originated in the baggage room, but the cause is a mystery, as it is said there was no fire in the stove and no one was inside the station. Passengers awaiting trains were caused much suffering, as they had to stand outdoors in a downpour of rain, with the thermometer below the freezing point.

Naval Academy to Meet Harvard. Annapolis, Md., Feb. 24.—The football team of the Naval Academy will meet Harvard next season for the first time in the history of the institution, a game having been arranged to take place at Annapolis October 19. There is still hope of arranging a game with Princeton for October 13. The schedule includes a game and a swim with Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

ROAD ISSUES STATEMENT

Only Tangible Evidence Found of Cause of Accident Near Johnstown, in Which Many Persons Were Injured, the Broken Brake Hanger.

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company today issued a statement in explanation of the accident on Friday night near Johnstown, Pa., in which many passengers on the Chicago special were injured. The statement is the result of an investigation conducted by A. C. Shand, chief engineer; L. R. Zollinger, engineer maintenance of way, and Herbert M. Carson, assistant to General Manager Attorney. It is stated "that the only tangible evidence of the cause of the accident found was the broken brake hanger, as stated by the management yesterday."

The statement further says: "The investigating committee was informed by the superintendent of motive power at Altoona, that the engine on train No. 23, the Chicago special, was carefully inspected before it left the round house and was in perfect condition. The gauge of the wheels of the engine was measured by the committee after the accident in order to be exact."

"With reference to the steel ties, which form part of the track where the accident occurred, the committee informed General Manager Attorney that the three-quarters of a mile of steel tie track west of the derailment and a small stretch east of it were in perfect condition. This led the committee to believe that the entire length of track equipped with steel ties was in excellent condition before the accident occurred."

Pittsburg, Feb. 24.—Five women passengers were injured. It is said they sustained cuts and bruises, but they later continued their journey west.

WILL BE REPORTED TUESDAY

Expected That Findings of Committee Investigating Charges Against Testes Senator Will Be Submitted to the Legislature on That Date.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 24.—It is expected that the findings of the legislative committee investigating charges against United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey will be reported to the two houses of the Legislature not later than Tuesday.

Senator Bailey and his attorneys are urging upon the committee the need of haste as Senator Bailey announces he will leave Thursday in order to reach Washington by March 4, to be installed as Senator.

A discussion is now on as to whether or not the committee will have any right to report anything but the evidence. The friends of Senator Bailey are of the opinion that the committee can also make its suggestion to that there is nothing in the evidence in any way reflect upon Senator Bailey. If this procedure is followed the minority of the committee will bring in an adverse report asking that the House take full cognizance of the evidence and act upon it as they see fit. It is also stated that some of the opponents of Senator Bailey will make an effort to prolong the agitation even to the extent of taking the matter to Washington, in the way of a memorial.

FORCES NOW IN HONDURAS

Nicaragua Went to War Because Honduras Forces Attacked Small Garrison on the Frontier, Looting, Burning and Killing.

Managua, Nicaragua, Saturday, Feb. 23, 8:30 p. m. "We went to war because Honduras forces attacked our small garrison on the frontier, looting, burning and killing. We demanded satisfaction and it was denied us; we agreed to accept whatever decision the arbitration court might render, but President Bonilla, of Honduras, dissolved the court by withdrawing the Honduran arbitrator."

"Nicaragua has triumphed in four combats over the Honduras forces without suffering one defeat. Our forces are today in the territory of Honduras. (Signed) "ZELAYA," "President of Nicaragua."

HEAVY HAND OF DEATH

Two Deaths in One Family Within Twenty-Four Hours and a Third is Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, Feb. 24.—Death has laid a heavy hand upon the family of Mr. Richard Lane. Last night his wife, who had been ill of pneumonia for some time, and to-day at noon Miss Mary Lane, his daughter, 15 years old, passed away from a complication of diseases. Miss Lane, an aunt, who resides with the family, is critically ill and is not expected to survive the night. Mrs. Lane is a Roman Catholic and was married to Mr. Lane just three weeks ago. She was his second wife.

5,000 FAMILIES OF IMMIGRANTS

Nucleus of Gigantic Colonization Project in Mexico—3,000,000 Acres of Land Secured for the Purpose.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 24.—A special from Tampico, Mex. says: Five thousand families of European immigrants are to be brought to the northern part of the State of Nuevo Leon by the nucleus of a gigantic colonization project. Two million acres of land has been secured upon which to establish the colonies. The tract is being prepared and a line of railway to connect the Matamoros branch of the national with the principal points of the property is now under construction. A deep water port on the Gulf of Mexico is also being established.

NORTH CAROLINA PRESIDENT

Dr. V. E. Turner of Raleigh, Chosen as Chief Executive of the Jameson Dental Convention.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 24.—The following officers, for the Jamestown dental convention, have been elected by the executive committee at the convention in session at Norfolk: Dr. V. E. Turner of Raleigh, N. C., president; Dr. B. Holly Smith, of Baltimore, vice president; Dr. J. Y. Crawford, of Nashville, Tenn., honorary vice president; Dr. George Keese, of Richmond, Va., secretary general and Dr. F. M. Finley, of Washington, D. C., treasurer.

HARTRIDGE AT THE TOMBS

A RESTLESS DAY FOR THAW

Possible Interruption of Cross-Examination of Defendant's Wife by Prosecution to Hear Allegations of Defense With Apparent View of Having Commission in Lunacy Appointed Discussed at Tombs. But It is Understood That Thaw Desires to Avoid Such Draconic Action—Will Know Fact That Thaw Wishes Nothing Less Than to Undergo a Mental Examination, and Feels He Has Some Basis in Fact in Statement That Mrs. Williams Thaw Expressed to Mr. Jerome Willingness for Commission.

New York, Feb. 24.—Clifford W. Hartridge, personal counsel to Harry K. Thaw, visited the prisoner at the Tombs to-day and for an hour the two discussed various matters, among them, it was said, the possibility that the prosecution might seek to interrupt the cross-examination of the defendant's wife when Thaw's trial was resumed to-morrow morning.

It had been reported, though without apparent authority, that District Attorney Jerome would shift his attack on the defense and insist that the direct examination of Mrs. Deans and Bingham, the alienists for the defense, be concluded before the State continued its cross-examination of Mrs. Thaw. This move would be construed as in the direction of an application for lunacy commission to examine Thaw.

This report is said to have reached the prisoner and caused him no little uneasiness to-day. Mr. Hartridge, however, was able to assure him that the cross-examination would be completed before the defense called other witnesses. Stipulation to this effect had been given, the lawyer said.

Attorney John B. Gleason, associated with the defense, spent 20 minutes with Thaw earlier in the day. In the course of the conversation the prisoner was reported as having spent a restless, unhappy day. It is well known that he desires nothing less than to undergo a mental examination.

That Thaw's fears have some basis in fact was evidenced to-day by a statement credited to a court officer. According to this man, Mrs. William Thaw, mother of Harry, 10 days ago approached the district attorney through a friend and expressed her willingness that a commission in lunacy be appointed. The mother's state of mind, it was said, was the result of having read the harrowing story told on the witness stand by her daughter-in-law, and the merciless cross-examination by Jerome, combined with the natural shrinking she felt from taking the witness stand herself.

It is understood that Mr. Jerome, on his part, wishes to avoid at this time a lunacy commission, asking for a lunacy commission is declared in court, however, that if he could be convinced that the slayer of Stanford White was insane he would drop the prosecution.

THE LYRIC THEATRE BURNED

Fire at Altoona, Pa., Supposed to Have Resulted From Crossed Wires—Loss \$90,000—\$10,000 Damage Done in Law Office.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 24.—The Lyric Theatre conducted as Keith's vaudeville house was destroyed by fire to-day. The fire is supposed to have been caused by crossed electric wires on the stage. The house was opened last November. The loss is about \$90,000. Ex-Congressman J. D. Hicks and D. J. Neff, whose law offices are in the building, lost \$10,000 on their office furniture and law library. Several other occupants of the building lost heavily. The insurance is only partial.

While running to the fire, Mr. W. Redding, of Dixon Ill., a visitor to the city, was stricken with paralysis, and is in a serious condition at the Altoona Hospital.

Many Injured in Fire Scare

Chicago, Feb. 24.—More than a dozen women and children were injured, several of them seriously, in a fire scare in an Italian church to-day. Two hundred persons became frightened by escaping vapor from a radiator and rushed from the building. Most of the injured were trampled on or cut by glass from a window, which was demolished.

Nine Business Places Burned Out

Milville, N. J., Feb. 24.—A fire which started to-day in the lively street of Jere Clark, on High street, burned out nine business places and caused a loss estimated at \$60,000.

The fire is supposed to have been started by the dropping of a match into a lot of corn husks in the stable. \$125,000 Fire at Warren, Pa.

Warren, Pa., Feb. 24.—Fire to-day destroyed the barn and carriage house of the Warren Railway Company and caused a loss of \$125,000. Its origin is unknown. Only four cars were saved.

College of Ste Marie Burned

Montreal, Que., Feb. 24.—The College of Ste Marie, at Mariville, was burned to the ground Saturday. Two hundred and twenty-five students escaped. Many of them lost their effects. The loss is \$100,000.

Big Fire at Elmira, N. Y.

Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 24.—A fire to-night in the Gerty Brox wholesale drug house at Lake and Carroll streets, caused \$75,000 damage to stock and building.

Presbyterian Chapel Destroyed

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Woodside Presbyterian chapel was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is \$53,000.

Muskogee, I. T., Has \$100,000 Fire

Muskogee, I. T., Feb. 24.—Fire to-day destroyed the Culbertson building, causing a loss of \$100,000.

Five-Story Building Damaged

St. Louis, Feb. 24.—A five-story building at Franklin avenue and Seventh street occupied by the Globe Clothing Company was damaged \$75,000 by fire this afternoon. Three firemen were slightly hurt.

Lieut. Gov. of Brunswick Dead

Fredricton, N. B., Feb. 24.—James Bunting Snowball, Lieutenant Governor of Brunswick, dropped dead to-night in Queen street on his way to attend service at the Cathedral. His death was due to heart disease. He opened the session of the Legislature on February 14, and had since been daily at his office in the Parliament building. He suffered a light attack of the grip last week. Governor Snowball was 70 years old. He was head of the Snowball Company, manufacturers and exporters of lumber in Chatham.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY

RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE THEMES

Sermon by Rev. Z. R. Dyott, of United Congregational Church, Brooklyn, Most Earnest Plea for the Dissemination of Christian Truth—Secretary Reports 89 New Publications and Two Periodicals During the Year, Including 15 Different Languages—Literature of Society Indispensable in Work of Lifting Immigrants to Plane of Good Citizenship.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The Washington meeting of the American Tract Society was held to-day in the First Congregational Church. Rev. Merrill E. Gates, D. D., honorary vice president of the society, former president of Amherst College and now secretary to the board of Indian commissioners, presided. Rev. Z. R. Dyott, pastor of the United Congregational church, of Brooklyn, N. Y., preached the sermon, and Rev. Dr. Judson Swift, the field secretary, made the report.

The subject of the sermon was "Religious Knowledge." It was a most earnest and eloquent plea for the dissemination of Christian truth, showing that a true knowledge of God is the strongest force for righteousness, both with the individual and the nation.

The secretary reported 89 new publications and two new periodicals added to the society's list during the year. The new publications include 15 different languages, and the total number of languages and dialects in which the society has published Christian truth is 173, and the grand total of all publications from the home office for 81 years is 759,843,665 copies.

The report says: "The colporters employed during the year have made 379,489 family visits and have distributed 89,516 volumes, making the total results of colportage for 65 years 16,855,858 family visits and 16,651,488 volumes distributed and 9,375,983 copies in which prayer was offered or personal conversation had on the subject of Christianity."

PROBLEM OF IMMIGRATION

"The greatest problem looming on the national horizon is that of immigration. The figures indicate that with the fiscal year ending June 30, next, more than four million immigrants will have arrived during the preceding four years. They must be lifted to the plane of good citizenship."

The Christian literature published by the American Tract Society is indispensable in this work. The society's colporters meet and welcome them at Ellis Island, the nation's gateway, and also follow them to their homes with the literature and a personal visit. The children and youth are directed to the mission stations and Sunday schools. The tract society is distributing literature among the immigrants in 34 languages and dialects.

"The mission work in the island possessions is largely dependent upon the Spanish publications of the American Tract Society. Its over 300 distinct publications in Spanish prove to be the strong right arm of the missionary. One of the mission superintendents in Cuba writes, 'Your Testament, with notes in Spanish, is like manna from heaven for these people.'"

"The call for Christian literature at the foreign mission stations is unprecedented. A missionary 42 years in the foreign field, says, 'With an adequate supply of Christian literature in the native languages the power of the present force of missionaries could be multiplied tenfold.'"

CRYING NEED OF THE HOUR

"The crying need of the hour is Christian literature abundantly supplied and widely distributed. The forces that make righteousness must be both encouraged and emphasized throughout the nation. Education alone is powerless to make character or transform the individual or Commonwealth. The public schools, colleges and universities do not have as a distinctive part of their curriculum the saving of souls or the training of Christians. The gospel truth on the printed page must be proclaimed throughout the land."

"The tract society's resources are exhausted and all of its work crippled and enlargement impossible owing to the absence of funds. Not less than one million dollars is needed immediately to enable the society to greatly increase its colporters and provide the Christian literature required for world-wide evangelization."

A VATICAN COMMUNICATION

French Cabinet Has Taken Recourse to Old Strategy by Pretending Peace, But Putting Forth Conditions Already Known to be Unacceptable.

Rome, Feb. 24.—The Vatican communication issued Saturday in which it was stated that the negotiations for the peace of churches were ready to have been broken by the French government, also said that the French cabinet had taken recourse in an old strategy by pretending it wished peace, but putting forth conditions it already knew were unacceptable. The communication also remarks that Minister of Education Briand, when he presented the supposed list of conditions, admitted that the foreign clergy could participate in cultural associations because otherwise Dutch and English protestant ministers and German rabbis would have been excluded, but now that it is only a question of Catholics he does not admit foreign priests as head of parishes.

Brother of Iowa Senator Found Dead in Bed

Fort Dodge, Iowa, Feb. 24.—Victor B. Dolliver, 46 years old, a brother of Senator Dolliver of Iowa, was found dead in bed to-night. Dolliver went to bed Saturday night apparently in good health. He had apparently died while asleep. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

Dolliver was known in Iowa as a capitalist, a business man, and a benefactor of Morningside College at Sioux City.

Discharged by Coroner's Jury

Kissimmee, Fla., 24.—John Hughes, who shot and killed Irving Simpson here yesterday afternoon, was to-day discharged by the coroner's jury as justified.

WEEK'S NEWS FORECAST

SUBSIDY BILL IN THE HOUSE

The Only Measure That is Likely to Receive the Attention of That Body—The Aldrich Financial Bill in the Senate—Only Two Appropriation Bills Have Been Entirely Disposed of by Congress—Senate Will Aim to Clean up its Calendar—The Harrison Investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission Allocated—Baseball Men to Hold Series of Meetings in New York City—Another New York Tragedy to be Aired in Courts.

Aside from appropriation bills and conference reports, the ship subsidy bill is the only measure of general importance that is likely to receive the attention of the House, and the Aldrich financial bill, the only that probably will receive the attention of the Senate during this closing week of the last session of the fifty-ninth Congress. Senator Aldrich's purpose to press his bill for consideration whenever opportunity offers, and he is still hopeful of success notwithstanding the opposition, the congested condition of business and the limited time left. The House friends of ship subsidy also profess themselves as hopeful that they will admit that every day that goes by without action lessens their chances. They still ask to have two or three days set aside for the consideration of the subsidy bill when conference reports are not before the House, and the opinion of the leaders is to grant this consideration.

No other business will be permitted to interfere with appropriation bills and conference reports in either house, but there will be time when other business may be interjected and such miscellaneous legislation may be expected.

AIM OF THE SENATE

As usual, the Senate will make an effort to clean up the calendar and by the end of the week, there will be few Senate measures left to which there is not insuperable objection. All of the appropriation bills except the general deficiency have passed the House, but there are still five of these measures to receive consideration at the hands of the Senate. These are the agricultural bill, which is now under consideration; the post-office bill, the pension bill, the sundry civil bill and the general deficiency bill. It is expected that the consideration of the agricultural bill will be able to leave the institution in about 10 days. H. F. Piperbrink, Joliet, Ill., was able to go home to-day. W. H. Baker, of Chicago, who was in the Allegheny General Hospital in this city departed for home to-day, and Wood Wilson, Marion, Ind., and Thomas Baxter, of Lafayette, Ind., will, it is expected, leave the hospital in a couple of days.

TWO PORK BILLS GONE

The only two appropriation bills that have been completely disposed of by Congress are the legislative and diplomatic bills. All the others that have been passed by both houses are still to be acted upon by Congress and as the Senate has not allowed any of them to get through with material additions, much spirited debate may be expected upon these reports. Both houses will materially prolong their sittings. They will begin at an earlier hour in the morning, and will assemble with the rule rather than the exception. In addition to the appropriation bills the 16-hour railroad employes bill and the criminal appeals bill as well as many other matters comparatively of minor importance are in conference and will call for attention from both houses. It will be a very busy week and Congress will do well to conclude its business within the time prescribed. Senator Dewey will make a formal address in the Senate on the deposit of the public moneys on Monday and Senator Patterson another on Wednesday on the question of the government ownership of water.

There will also be an effort during the week to secure the ratification of the Dominican treaty.

HARRIMAN INVESTIGATION

Of the many general events scheduled for the week, interest is expected to centre chiefly in the proceedings before the inter-State commerce commission, which will meet in New York City on Monday to continue its investigation of the Harriman railroad. Many notable financiers and railroad men have been subpoenaed and are expected to appear for examination at this sitting of the commission. Notable among them all is E. H. Harriman, the controlling factor in the vast transportation system of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific lines. It is planned to call Mr. Harriman to the witness stand immediately upon the opening of the hearing and it is believed that fully two days will be consumed in taking his testimony. Among the other men who are expected to appear before the commission this time are William G. Rockefeller, Jacob H. Schiff, head of the great New York banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., which has financed many of the Harriman deals, Otto H. Kahn, also a member of the banking firm; C. W. Hilliard, comptroller of the Chicago & Alton Railroad; William Mahal, comptroller of the Union Pacific; Alexander Miller, secretary of the Union Pacific, and others.

Baseball men representing both the major and minor leagues, will hold a series of meetings in New York City. The annual schedule meetings of the National and American Leagues will begin Monday and probably continue until Wednesday. On Wednesday the national baseball commission will begin a session which is expected to consume the remainder of the week. The commission will pass upon many disputed points affecting the various leagues of the country.

NATIONAL SEATERS TO MEET

On Tuesday the National Seating Association will hold a meeting in New York when an effort will be made to straighten the tangle which has grown out of a conflict of authority between the association and the Amateur Athletic Union.

The trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White entered upon its sixth week, with little prospect of an early termination. A case which gives promise of developing sensational features will come up in New York Thursday when Mrs. Lottie Wallau will be formally arraigned for a hearing on a charge of having murdered her mother, Mrs. Blinge, by administering mercury in champagne while Mrs. Blinge was desperately ill. Mrs. Wallau is now at Liberty under \$50,000 bail.

King Frederick Augustus of Saxony will leave Dresden Monday on a visit to King Alphonso of Spain, and King Carlos of Portugal.

TRAIN ENTERS OPEN SWITCH

One Coach of Pennsylvania Express Telescoped and Two Others Derailed—New York Express Narrowly Escapes Running Into Wreck.

Pittsburg, Feb. 24.—The Philadelphia express on the Pennsylvania Railroad, due to arrive here at 8:35 to-night, ran into an open switch in the yards at 16th street above Erie to-night.

The ambulances from the Western Pennsylvania and Allegheny General Hospitals were hurriedly summoned to the union station, but according to the railroad officials and hospital physicians, no one was injured.

The New York express, due here at 7 o'clock, narrowly escaped running into the Philadelphia train and caused a panic among the already frightened passengers.

One coach on the Philadelphia train was telescoped and two others derailed. The train was late and was running faster than usual through the yards.

Although the accident occurred almost in the heart of the city, it was some time before it became known. The first report and a number of passengers had been seriously injured, and many newspaper reporters were rushed to the 16th street yards. Aside from stating that no person had been injured, all information was refused.

PASSENGERS FAST IMPROVING

Condition of Those Injured in Wreck of Pennsylvania Wreck Reported From Hospitals as Excellent.

Pittsburg, Feb. 24.—The condition of the passengers injured in the wreck of the Pennsylvania special near South Fork, six miles from Johnstown, Pa., shortly after midnight Saturday, is reported to-night from the Altoona Hospital and the Allegheny General Hospital, in this city, as being excellent. John F. Kline, postmaster of Joliet, Ill., who is the most seriously injured, passed a favorable day. In addition to many cuts and bruises, Mr. Kline sustained a puncture of the lung. It is said at the Altoona Hospital to-night that he will recover, however, unless complications set in.

Frederick A. Buse, postmaster of Chicago; Samuel F. Nixon, Philadelphia; Felix Isman, Philadelphia; Frank P. Rodgers, Chicago; E. J. Joliet, Ill., and C. W. Winkler, Chicago, who are also in the Altoona Hospital, are resting easily and will be able to leave the institution in about 10 days. H. F. Piperbrink, Joliet, Ill., was able to go home to-day. W. H. Baker, of Chicago, who was in the Allegheny General Hospital in this city departed for home to-day, and Wood Wilson, Marion, Ind., and Thomas Baxter, of Lafayette, Ind., will, it is expected, leave the hospital in a couple of days.

40 OF SHIP'S CREW PERISHED

All passengers aboard ill-fated Imperatrix Were Saved—Survivors Brought to Port on Foreign Warships.

Canea, Island of Crete, Feb. 24.—All the passengers on board the Austrian Lloyd steamer Imperatrix, which ran on a rock Friday evening near Cape Elephanti, were saved, but 40 members of the crew, of whom 32 were Austrians and eight were Indians, perished.

Among those rescued are the captain, the doctor and the first engineer of the Imperatrix.

Foreign warships brought 62 survivors to this port and others were transferred to the Austrian Lloyd steamer Castore, which was sent from Trieste to assist in the work of rescue. Several persons who were injured at the time of the disaster, are being attended here.

It has been learned that the first boat launched for the Imperatrix was swamped immediately.

STREAMERS MAY BE FOUND

Soundings Being Made in Vicinity Where Larchmont Went Down—Hope Given Up of Recovering Anything.

New London, Conn., Feb. 24.—It is now thought that the sunken steamer Larchmont may never be found. The T. A. Scott Company, with representatives of the Joy Line spent today making soundings to ascertain the depth of water in the vicinity where the steamer is supposed to be. There is it is stated, no possibility of the Larchmont being raised even if she is found, on account of the great depth of water, making it impossible for a diver to work. Soundings showed in some cases a depth of 25 fathoms. The wrecking company has given up all hope of recovering anything from the steamer.

FREAK FATALLY BURNED

"Wild Rose, Monkey Girl From Yucatan," Meets With Fatal Accident at Columbia.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 24.—"Wild Rose, the monkey girl from Yucatan," a freak which has been on exhibition here for a carnival company, was burned so badly last night that she died early this morning. She was 45 years old, ignorant and idiotic, making her wants known by inarticulate sounds. She was left alone, locked up in a room. A dog's frantic yells attracted attention to the fire.

House Pays Tribute to Its Dead

Washington, Feb. 24.—Eulogies on the lives of the late Senator Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, and the late Representative Henry Cullen Adams, of Wisconsin, William H. Flack, of New York, and J. H. Ketcham, of New York, were pronounced to-day in the House, which convened to pay tribute to these statesmen. Many of the members delivered eulogies. Mr. Lever, of South Carolina, was among those who spoke in eulogy of Mr. Adams and Messrs. Hay and Lamb, of Virginia, among those who paid tribute to Mr. Ketcham.

Success in "Tying In" Broke Ends of Leves

New Orleans, Feb. 24.—Control was secured to-day over the dangerous crevasses near Jessatts Bend, the State engineers succeeding in "tying in" the ends of the broken levee so that the breach did not widen. It was announced that should the situation become threatening the crevasses can be closed, although at great cost. It was decided to let the break flood the surrounding country at least for a few days.

The Summer Back From Cuba

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