

"THE INTERESTS" WORKING HARD

Alleged Farmers Who Are Against the Bill

Cat Let Out of the Bag at Hearing Before Finance Committee—Monetary Commission Aply Named and "Lame Ducks" Spending the Coin Freely—Why the Sugar Trust Was Not Prosecuted.

Washington, June 9.—That the "farmers" principally interested in killing reciprocity are Wall street farmers, whose "crops" consist chiefly of lumber and paper trust dividends, was revealed in testimony taken by the Senate finance committee. It was shown that Allen & Graham, alleged attorneys for the National Grange, are really professional lobbyists for the big tariff trusts. Their argument when seeking business is that they can pull the necessary wires in Washington to defeat or bring about the passage of any legislation they may be assigned upon.

Mr. Allen was made to admit under cross-examination that the anti-reciprocity literature with which the agricultural districts have recently been flooded came direct from the lobbyist headquarters within a stone's throw of Wall street. Mr. Allen also admitted that the American Lumber Manufacturers' Association, the Pulp and Paper Association and the American Wool Manufacturers' Association (lumber trust, paper trust and wool trust, respectively) are among those who pledged themselves to finance this body crusade for the farmers. Allen & Graham have among their clients some of the West "farmers" in Wall street. The firm was shown to have represented as lobbyists the Whiskey Security Company, (whiskey trust) and the Standard Oil Company, the latter of which organizations is headed by John D. Rockefeller, whose occupation as a big oil "farmer" is beyond controversy.

Commission Aply Named.

It is known now why Senator Aldrich calls his lame duck commission a "monetary" commission. It is because it spends so much money. The Monetary commission, according to a treasury report, has expended \$207,130.48 of the people's money on European travel, meetings and members' salaries. The report also contains various insinuating entries that read "account clerical force and persons in attendance on commission." The European trip cost \$19,250.18. It was a nice summer trip and anybody who has traveled with a Cook party will tell you that a select little party of a half dozen can make a mighty fine circuit of the continent for \$19,250.80. The account is not itemized beyond this statement. Indeed, Senator Aldrich has fixed it so the commission may spend any amount of money it desires without consulting anyone, and without giving a detailed report to any one. The former Senator is not hampered by any formalities whatever. He has only to reach into the treasury, get money and sign a receipt. It is appalling to contemplate what would happen to the treasury if all commissions and departments of the government were permitted to employ similarly loose business methods while spending the people's money.

However, as a fresh-air fund to promote the recuperation of lame ducks, the commission is manifestly a big success. To this end, witness the meeting of the commission at Narragansett Pier in July, 1909. It takes monetary backing to go to Narragansett in July. The bill was \$3,493.74. And Senator Cummins, of Iowa, is sufficiently inconsiderate of the health of the lame ducks to contend that the commission is absolutely useless to the people, and that it ought to be abolished.

Cat Out of Bag. Soon after President Taft entered the White House a movement was started by members of Congress to bring about an investigation of the sugar trust. It was not a partisan movement. Senator Borah, of Idaho, Republican, introduced a sugar investigation resolution in the Senate, and Campbell, of Kansas, introduced a similar one in the House.

The President was greatly displeased. He sent a message to Congress advising against an investigation on the ground that it might give immunity to the men higher-up and otherwise embarrass the government. The message was based on an opinion of United States Attorney General Wickliffe, who was inspiring Washington dispatches at the time with the impression that he was about to prosecute the men higher-up for the \$2,000,000 sugar underweight frauds.

Now comes the Attorney General with the statement, made under oath before a House investigating committee, that he never believed that the

SMASH ITS BACKBONE

Representative Hull Upholds Wool Revision

Speaks in the House Today and Favors Free Wool, But Willing to Accept What is Practical—Wants to Break the Backbone of Republican Protection.

Washington, June 9.—The debate on the Wool Tariff Revision bill was resumed in the House today. Representative Hull, of Tennessee, declared he believed the passage of the measure would "break the backbone of the Republican protection." He said while he believed in free wool, some duty was necessary to prevent a treasury deficit.

CHOKED HERSELF TO DEATH WITH STOCKING

Greensport, N. Y., June 9.—Because her parents objected to her marrying a younger man, Miss Edith Terry, 38 years old, choked herself to death today with a long lisle stocking. Her fiancé is 29.

WOMAN STANDS FIRST.

Carries Off Honors at Albany's Law School.

Albany, N. Y., June 9.—For the first time in the Albany law school's history, a woman has carried off highest honors. Hazel M. Cole, of Springfield, Mass., was awarded the prize for excellence in her class, standing first in a class numbering 54 students.

SOUTHERN GOLF EVENT NOW ON AT NASHVILLE

Nashville, June 9.—Play was started this morning in the handicap match of the Southern Golf Tournament. All players not eligible for the semi-finals of the first six flights were allowed to enter the handicap flight. New Orleans, Nashville, and Birmingham are the only cities still having representation.

Norfolk Silk Mills Closed.

Norfolk, Va., June 9.—Silk mills here have closed. Three hundred employees are affected. The mills will begin operation within a few weeks.

heads of the sugar trust could be successfully prosecuted for the underweight frauds. He also says that they would not have secured immunity from prosecution had they testified.

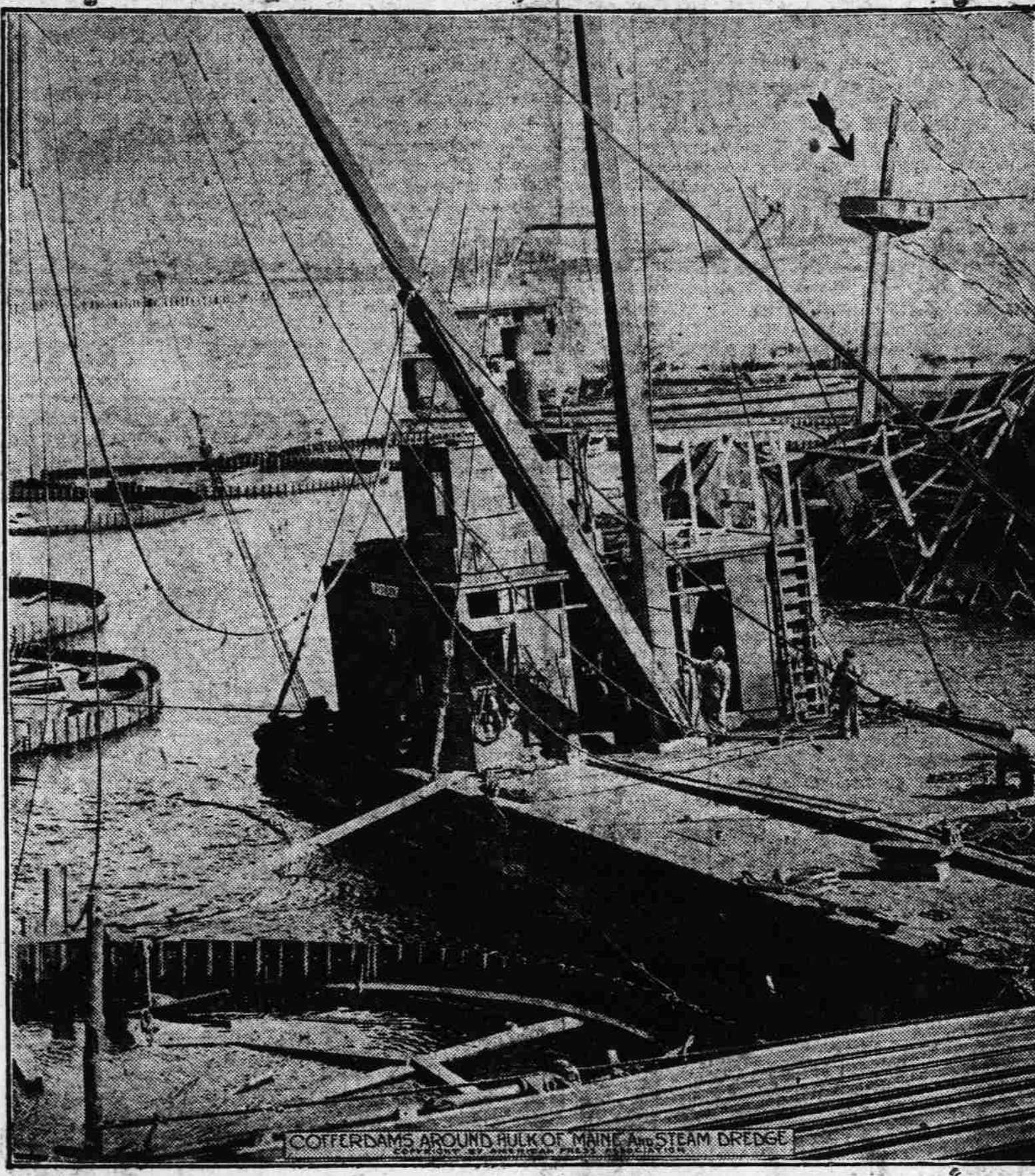
In other words the reasons given by both the President and the Attorney General as to why the sugar trust should not be investigated under a Republican House, are now admitted to have been fictitious.

The real reason as to why the Republicans were unwilling to permit a Congressional investigation of the sugar trust now becomes debatable. Was it because the Attorney General had been a former sugar trust attorney and was prejudiced in favor of the innocence of the men higher up? Was it because Henry P. Taft, the brother of the president, was a sugar trust attorney? Or was it because the sugar trust has always been a friend and ally of the Republican party, and one of its star campaign contributors?

Running Down a Clue.

While investigating expenditures in the State Department, where it cost \$200 to shoe four horses for a year, the House investigating committee struck upon a clue tending to show that an artist named Rosenthal had been paid \$850 for painting a portrait of Justice W. R. Day and that the government had been charged with \$2,450. Rosenthal testified he had signed a blank voucher for \$850. It appears that subsequently someone made the voucher appear that Rosenthal had acknowledged the receipt of \$2,450.

As it is the duty of the committee under the law to investigate the expenditures in the State Department, Chairman Hamlin, of Missouri, ordered the State Department to produce its books. Instead of producing the books Secretary of State Knox appeared before the committee with a letter from the President ordering him not to comply with the committee's demands. For the present, the matter ends here. Chairman Hamlin will probably bring the matter before the House and ask that the State Department be compelled to produce its records.



Havana, June 9.—The work of pumping away the water surrounding the wreck of the United States warship Maine has been begun, and the upper works of the ill-fated craft are now visible. The illustration shows the circle of workmen working the wreck and the huge dredge that has been aiding in the work. The arrow points to the mast of the Maine.

BROKE-UP PICNIC

Temperance Advocate When Insulted Proceeded to Make Things Hum—Struck One Man With a Rock, Scratched the Face of Another and Chased a Third Into the River.

Atchison, Kansas, June 9.—With the use of a rifle, Mrs. Tillie McCowan, a temperance advocate, today broke up a picnic, where beer was being served. She was passing the picnic grounds, when one party, who knew her, scoffingly invited her to have a drink. She accepted the glass of beer, intending to use it as evidence against the merrymakers. One of the men said she would have to drink the beer. She answered by picking up a stone, striking him over the eye. The man grappled with her. In the struggle his face was scratched and his clothing torn. She then procured a rifle and chased one party into the Missouri River, firing at him. Finally she allowed the man to swim ashore and apologized. His companions fled.

CHINESE STUDENT SHOT YOUNG SCHOOL TEACHER

Orono, Maine, June 9.—Returning from a dance early this morning Miss Christine Shaw, a school teacher, was shot in the head by a revolver. A mob ran down T. S. Linn, a Chinese Government student, charged with the shooting. Linn, it is alleged, was infatuated with the girl, and became despondent over the failure of his suit.

Stocks Today.

New York, June 9.—(Wall Street) Stocks were steady at about the level of yesterday's closing. A number of gains were made, but most of the changes were small.

During the first half hour the market advanced from a half to one point above yesterday's closing. Selling orders were then distributed. Gains were cancelled. After an upward movement of small dimensions and a quick relapse, the stock market grew quiet at about the level prevailing at yesterday's close. Speculative interest was seemingly less active and the volume of trading was smaller.

Sluggishness of stocks directed the speculative interest into bonds. Trading opportunities were greater.

Well Known Virginia Architect Dead. Petersburg, Va., June 9.—Major Harrison Waite, aged 70, one of the State's foremost architects, died today.

DON'T LICK STAMPS

Case of Blood Poisoning Results From Young Woman Licking Postage Stamps—Colored Ink Got Into Blister on Her Lip.

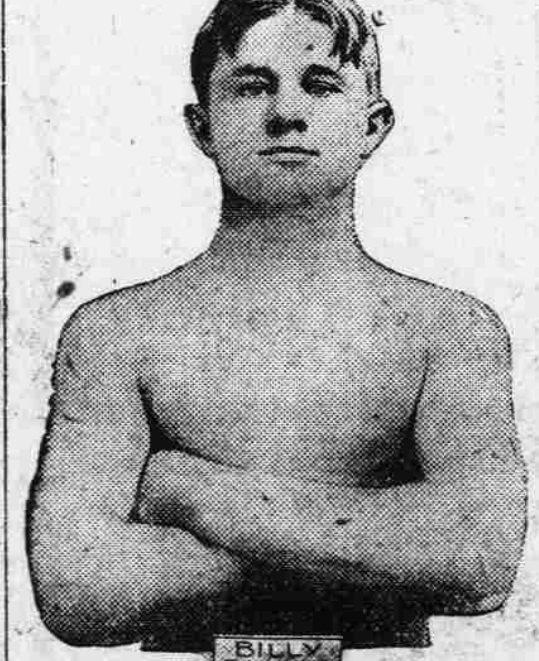
Fayette City, Penn., June 9.—Licking postage stamps is the cause of a serious case of blood poisoning of Miss Grace Hamilton, a postoffice clerk here. She had been in the habit of affixing stamps to letters for patrons. While her lip was blistered it is said it became infected from the colored ink.

HARMLESS FLIRTING CORRECT SAYS BOSTON PROFESSOR

Boston, June 9.—"A little harmless flirting with nice people, with whom you are not acquainted, will do much to rest a tired mind, after the arduous duties of the school room." This is one of the suggestions to young women school teachers made by Miss Ann Newell, on relinquishing her position as a teacher in the Boston public schools after forty nine years of service. "Be a live wire every minute and don't eat too much," is another bit of advice.

Four Pictures Today.

Grand is offering Four new pictures today.



London, June 9.—Billy Papke, the "Illinois Thunderbolt," whipped Jim Sullivan, the English middleweight star here last night.

Father's Dress Suit. Rip-roaring comedy—Grand Theatre today.

SHOT BY MAID

San Francisco Clubman and Millionaire Dangerously Wounded By French Maid—Young Woman Assigns No Reason and Prays For His Recovery.

San Francisco, June 9.—Condition of C. Frederick Kohl, capitalist and clubman, shot and dangerously wounded yesterday by Adele Verge, a French maid, was slightly improved this morning. Physicians say Kohl may recover. No effort was made to extract the bullet, which lodged in his breast. Adele Verge spent the night in a prison cell, praying for Kohl's recovery. Hysterical and unweary, she would only say, replying to questions, that she did not know why she shot Kohl, and did not want him to die.

She declared she bought the pistol many months ago as protection against a detective, who, she says, Kohl hired to watch her.

SOUTHERN BANKERS-TO BILL LADING CONFERENCE

New Orleans, June 9.—New Orleans banking interests' representatives have been invited to a conference in New York June 19th, when the perplexing bill of lading proposition, precipitated by Knight Yancey & Co.'s failure, will be discussed. The conference's aim will be to arrive at a plan whereby the integrity of the lading bills will be assured.

BOILERMAKERS STRIKE

No Developments So Far Today in Big Walk-out.

Philadelphia, June 9.—There were no developments this morning in the Baldwin Locomotive Works' boiler-makers' strike situation. Union leaders' estimates vary from five to eight thousand strikers out this morning. The laying off of twelve hundred union men caused the strike.

BOUND LAD AND THEN ROBBED POSTOFFICE SAFE

Newport, Tenn., June 9.—Interrupted while drilling the safe in the Newport postoffice by a sixteen year old son of Justice Cate, the robbers overpowered the lad, blindfolded him and compelled him to stand within a few feet of the safe, when nitro-glycerine exploded. The robbers escaped with five hundred dollars.

NEWS FROM THE STRICKEN CITY

Merchant Brings Tidings From Colima, Mexico

First to Arrive From The Town and Tells of the Disaster—Only a Few Victims at Colima—Landslides Block the Railroads.

Tuxpan Jalisco, Mexico, June 9.—Blas Ruiz, a merchant, is the first to arrive from Colima, the region that suffered the greatest shock from the earthquake. He reports that railroad was blocked by landslides. Only two or three victims were at Colima. The Cathedral roof and that of the Church of LaMerced fell. The principal damage, other than this, was to a number of small houses. The principal buildings suffered little damage.

WILL REPORT FAVORABLY THE HONDURAN TREATY

Washington, D. C., June 9.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has decided to report favorably the treaty between Honduras and the United States, providing for a loan of ten million dollars from the banking interests of the United States to meet the Honduran debt. Seven and a half millions will be forthcoming immediately. The Nicaraguan treaty, similar in import, has not yet been acted upon.

CONFER WITH OFFICIALS.

Mediators Now Confering With Southern Railway Officials. Washington, June 9.—After in session continuously for three days with the firemen, the mediators seeking to adjust the difference between the Southern Railway and its firemen began a conference with railway officials today.

FUNERAL OF AN INFANT.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thompson will have the tender sympathy of many friends in the death of their infant daughter, Mary E. Thompson, aged 18 months, which occurred last evening at the family residence, No. 708 Castle street. The funeral will be held from the home this afternoon and the service will be conducted by Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector of the church of the Good Shepherd. The interment will be made in Bellevue cemetery.

NAT. BANKS' STATEMENTS WANTED BY COMPTROLLER

Washington, June 9.—The Comptroller of the Currency today issued a call for the statement of the condition of all National Banks at the close of business Wednesday June 7th.

Bicycles at Police Station.

Chief of Police John J. Fowler stated today that there are two bicycles at the police station, awaiting owners. It is believed that the Machines were stolen several nights ago. One of the wheels is a Johnson, No. 129,773 and the other a Cleveland No. 24,169. Owners may secure the wheel by calling at the police station and identifying their property.

Father's Dress Suit.

Rip-roaring comedy—Grand Theatre today.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN CHOPPED TO DEATH

Portland, Oregon, June 9.—The bodies of a man named Hill, his wife and two children were found in the Hill home at Ardenwald, a suburb, today. The woman and children had been chopped to death with an axe.

A \$100,000 Blaze.

Pittsburg, June 9.—Fire in the Penn Hall Building at Wilkingsburg, destroyed a dozen business concerns today. The loss is \$100,000.

Carnegie Gives Holland a Hero Fund. The Hague, June 9.—Andrew Carnegie has donated 400,000 florins (\$250,000) for establishment of a hero fund in Holland.

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CARNEGIE NOT THE VILLAIN

Steel Magnate Makes Denial for Andy

Vice President of the Steel Corporation Before the House Committee Today—Declares Carnegie Didn't Hold-Up the Steel Concerns, as John W. Gates Alleges—Told of Understanding With Railroads.

Washington, June 9.—Denial that Andrew Carnegie, by threats, compelled the formation of the United States Steel Corporation, and acknowledgment that the steel companies, before that organization counselled with the railroads as to the price of steel, marked the testimony of James Gayley, vice president of the Steel Corporation and an officer of the Carnegie concern for many years, before the House "Steel Trust" investigating committee today. Gayley said such understandings with the railroads were necessary to prevent a monopoly in the steel business and denied that Carnegie, as charged, by John W. Gates, "held-up" J. Pierpont Morgan and in so doing forced the steel manufacturers to combine.

PRISONER JUMPED FROM TRAIN TO LIBERTY

Utica, N. Y., June 9.—Fridge Ralith, of Union Hill, N. J., who was being brought here from Augusta, Ga., to answer a charge of obtaining \$2,200 on a bogus check, jumped from the train, between Albany and Schenectady, while the train was running slow on the upgrade. He has not yet been recaptured.

To Draw Juries.

Three juries will be drawn tomorrow morning in Recorder's court to hear the evidence in three alleged "blind tiger" cases to be tried Monday. The names will be given tomorrow and the jury men will be summoned during the day for service Monday. The defendants are Ralph Kennedy and John Bradshaw, white and Thomas Mask Jones, colored. Jones was tried by jury several days ago and a mistrial resulted.

LONDON EXCHANGE NOT AFFECTED BY THE FAILURE

London, June 9.—The stock exchange was practically unaffected by yesterday's suspension of the Birkbeck Bank, in High Holborn, with total liabilities exceeding forty three million dollars. Hundreds of depositors, many of their elderly men and women, swarmed about the bank's closed doors today, behind which were their whole life's savings.



New York, June 9.—Annie S. Peck, the well known woman mountain climber, has sailed for South America to accomplish new exploits. She will climb Mount Aconcagua, in the Andes, and other lofty and precipitous peaks.