THE WEATHER.

Partly cloudy; probably showers.

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SCANDAL IN INTERIOR DEPARTMENT NOW

Dawes Commission Also Involved in Ugly Charges.

KNOX INVESTIGATING CASE

High Officials Charged with Forming Companies to Loot Indians—Court Officials and District Attorneys in the Game.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 .- The smoldering scandal in the Interior Department has at last burst into flame. The report of Samuel M. Brosius, general agent of the Indian Rights Association, who has been investigating the condition of things in the Indian Territory, indicates that a scandal has been unearthed in comparison with which most of the other recently reported scandals in Government departments are paltry. Not only the Interior Department, but the Dawes Commission, an independent body appointed by the President, is involved.

Secretary Hitchcock has requested the Department of Justice to take up the matter, and that department has undertaken an investigation of its own. Reports of an outrageous condition of affairs have persisted for a year, and when Mr. Hitchcock was in the Territory two or three months ago the charges were brought to his attention, and he promised an investigation.

Mr. Brosius's report implicates a number of officials, including Tams Bixby of Minnesota, Chairman of the Dawes Commission; Thomas B. Needles, a member of the commission; Guy P. Cob, Internal Revenue Collector for the Territory; Gov. Mosely of the Chickasaw Nation: Indian Inspector George Wright, who has been the personal representative of the Secretary of the Interior in the Territory; E. Pliny Soper, United States District Attorney for the Northern District of the Territory, and minor officials.

The wrongs complained of grow out of the administration of the allotment law, under which it was the intention of Congress to cause the Indian to cultivate land and secure for himself individual property rights, leaving the surplus of land in the various reservations after the Indians have made their selections to be sold for the benefit of the tribe.

With the exception of those tribes in the Indian Territory, where white men have secured long leases of fine grazing land and have intrigued to prevent allotments, the Indians of the various tribes in the Territory have selected their allotments: many have tried to make homes and raise crops. When the individual has taken this allotment it has been the practice of the white men who infest the reservations to persuade him to lease it and live on the rent-usually after a five years' lease has been made, this being the longest term under which the Government will allow a

The whites have gone on the Indians' land and refused to pay rent. The reports of the Indian Office show that there are on an average over 2,000 complaints every year from the Five Tribes against the refusal of lessees to pay rent or to get off the Indians' land. In the Choctaw and Chickasaw agreements with the Dawes Commission the United States agrees to put each allottee in possession of his land and remove all objectionable persons from it. In practice, however, this never has been done, the authorities never going beyond a formal notice to the lessee to vacate when

he is in default. The Indian, being poor, has not been able to get into the United States Court, as he must to maintain his rights, and so from must to maintain his rights, and so from year to year a gigantic wrong has been going on under the eyes of the officials of the Indian Bureau, who seem not to have thought of a remedy. In many of the leases the white men have placed a clause giving them the option to buy at the end of the lease period, the amount per acre for which the land was to be bought being placed at a ridiculously low figure.

Another method of getting the Indian land has been to buy the allotment from the heirs of an allottee. The allotment law provides that the Indian shall not get a deed and complete title until the expiration of twenty-five years after he has made his selection. But in the case of the death of an allottee it has been the practice for the heirs to sell the land.

Although this is in violation of the Federal law, the courts of the Territory and of Arkansas have been relied on to sanction the transfer, and it has been a most profitable business to buy dead allottees' land. The method is to give a note with a small test. The Indian, in many cases, is too poor to go to law. He cannot find a bondsman or hire a lawyer, and he lets his rights go by default. Or if he sues he gets judgment, and the defendant, having made the price in the contract sufficiently low, promptly pays the judgment, and so has an equitable title.

LOOT FOR DAWES COMMISSION. Mr. Brosius charges that in these irregular practices, which are all against the law and in defiance of the position of the Indian Office as a guardian to the Indians, members of the Dawes Commission have engaged on a large scale and have defrauded thousands of Indians and made immense gains. He shows in a made immense gains. He shows in a special report, a copy of which has been furnished to Secretary Hitchcock, that Tams Lixby of Minnesota, the President of the commission, is Vice President and stockholder in the Muscogee Title and Trust Company, which has been dealing in deceased allottees' lands, and is also President of the Canadian Valley Trust Company, which is doing the same sort of business. Company, which is doing the same sort of business.

Of the International Bank and Trust Company, which is engaged in this class of investments, Thomas B. Needles, a number of the Dawes Commission. is Vice President, Director and stockholder; Charles A. Davidson, Clerk of the United States Court at Vinita, is a Director, and Assistant United States District Attorney James A. Huckleberry is attorney for the concern.

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Guy P. Cobb, Internal Revenue Collector Guy P. Cobb, Internal Revenue Collector for the Territory, is the largest stockholder in the Tribal Development Company of Tishomingo, another concern whose principal business is in allotment lands. Gov. Mosely of the Chickasaw Nation is also a stockholder.

Indian Inspector J. George Wright, in whose field the Indian Territory lies, is one of the Directors of the Muscogee Title and Trust Company. United States District Attorney Soper is also a stockholder in one of the Directors of the Muscogee Title and Trust Company. United States District Attorney Soper is also a stockholder in this company, and concerning his position Mr. Brosius says:

"E. Pliny Soper is a large stockholder and Vice President of the company. Mr. Soper is United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Indian Terriforty, whose duty it is under the law to

prosecute persons for the excessive leasing of land and to defend the Indians in all suits of law or equity involving their titles to land."

This company was incorporated on March 25 last. The Muscogee Title and Trust Company, in which Bixby is a stockholder and Vice President and Wright a stockholder, was organized in February.

Wright's connection with the scandal is highly instructive. He has been acting as the personal representative of Secretary Hitchcock in all matters growing out of the allotment system. As the Dawes Commission is an independent body, appointed by the President and not controlled by the Secretary. Mr. Hitchcock thought it for the department's interests to have a man there to look out for things from the department's standpoint. Wright was a sort of Interior Department watchdog to see that nothing went wrong. If Brosius's report is correct, the watchdog pooled issues with the wolves.

A number of other Federal officials are mixed up in the scandal, among them the Assistant United States District Attorney and the Clerk of the United States court.

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The disclosures are so well rubstantiated that they will force an investigation both by the Indian Bureau and later by Congress. Indian Commissioner Jones, who gress. Indian Commissioner Julies, man has been advised from time to time for over a year past of what has been going on said to-day in discussing the matter:

JONES CALLS FOR INQUIRY. "I believe that the Indian Office should at once undertake a thorough investigation of the condition in the Indian Territory and prepare a report, and then if Congress considers a further investigation desirable there will be material upon which to work. The investigation will be long and tedious, and will have most extensive ramifications, but it should be begun immediately by a force of competent men, and should continue until we have reached the very bottom. Twenty million acres of land are involved and millions of dollars in money, to

voived and millions of dollars in money, to say nothing of the interests of some 400,000 Indians.

"It is impossible for any Government official connected with a land company dealing in Indian lands to be entirely impartial in his decisions when he is deciding questions which may affect his own partial in his decisions when he is deciding questions which may affect his own welfare. I do not think that any of the officials whose names appear as stockholders or Directors in the Indian Territory land companies had any intention of acting dishonestly, but I must say that I think it was extremely bad taste for them to allow themselves to be connected with companies."

Mr. Brosius, the agent of the Indian Rights Association, is a hard-headed law-yer and a most persistent investigator. He has been quietly at work for a year post ver and a most persistent investigator. He has been quietly at work for a year past on the state of things in the Indian Territory in connection with allotment frauds and has had associated with him one or two other shrewd investigators, and there can be no doubt of the truth of the charges. It is believed that if an investigation is ordered it will be shown that millions have been taken from the Indians and that the United States laws have been defiantly disregarded.

regarded.
The Chairman of the Dawes Commission, Tams Bixby, is a prominent Minnesota Republican and has often been spoken of for Governor. He was the successor, as Chairman, of the late ex-Senator Henry L. Dawes of Massachusetts, for whom the commission is named and was its first

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Themas B. Needles is one of the best-known Republican politicians in Illinois. He achieved renown many years ago as the candidate of the tin plate industry against William R. Morrison, author of the "horizontal tariff reduction bill." Morrison's testiff activities convered the protection. zonia: tariff reduction bill. Addresson's tariff activities so aroused the protectionists that the tin plate people made an open fight against him, sending John Jarrett to his district as their agent to elect Needles, who was, however, defeated. The campaign attracted National attention.

CHILKAT INDIANS AT WAR. VANCOUVER. B. C., Aug. 15.—The steamer Princess May, from Skagway, brings word of a tribal war among the Chilkat Indians of the Klukwan tribe. For several days a reign of terror was in progress in the valley of the Chilkat.

Witchcraft, which generally prevails among these Indians, is said to have been at the bottom of the trouble. One Indian is reported killed and many badly injured. OVER CONTINENT IN AUTO.

Ohio Man Reaches His Own State from California—His Experiences in the Western Deserts.

Special to The New York Times. SPRINGFIED, Ohio, Aug., 15.-With his machine covered with dust of many States, E. T. Fetch of the Packard Motor Car Company of Warren, Ohio, reached Ohio to-day on an automobile trip across the continent.

According to M. C. Karrup of The Automobile, a New York publication, who is accompanying Mr. Fetch, this will be, when completed, the first transcontinental run ever accomplished.

The machine used for the trip is a twelve horse-power single cylinder Packard gasoline motor car. So far only two new tires have been used, both being needed because of punctures in the original tires. Starting from San Francisco June 20, the first stage of the journey was made directly through the deserts of Nèvada and Eastern Utah. The greatest difficulty was encountered in that district. Speaking of their experiences, Mr. Karrup said:

"The desert sands are of such a nature as to give no grip to the ttres. Sometimes our machine would stand still while the wheels spun around in the sand. For such emergencies we carried two twenty-foot strips of canvas."

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BUYING UP IDAHO MINES.

Rockefellers and Goulds Said to be Back of a Big Deal.

Special to The New York Times. SPOKANE, Washington, Aug. 15 .- A. B. Campbell, a millionaire Coeur d'Alene mine owner, has received a telegram from New York informing him that the sale of the Standard mine to the Federal Mining and Standard mine to the Federal Mining and Smelting Company, a new thirty-million-dollar corporation, said to be backed by the Rockefellers and Goulds, has been completed. The price paid for the Standard is about \$3,000,000. The Federal Company will also take over the Mammoth mine and the Empire State Idaho group in the Coeur d'Alene. The issued capital of the Federal Company will be \$20,000,000, half common and half 7 per cents. The remaining \$10,000,000 will be held in the treasury. The deal also included the Everett Smelter and the Monte Cristo mine and railroad.

The deal is mostly cash and partly for stock in the new company. stock in the new company.

MR. WISE WILL STAY AWAY.

Cancels Engagement for Richmond Horse Show for Fear of Cold Reception.

Special to The New York Times. RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 15.-John S. Wise, fearful of the social coldness certain to greet his appearance here, has canceled his engagement for a box at the Richmand engagement for a box at the Richmand Horse Show. Mr. Wise belongs to one of the best families in the State, but for a long time he has not been a welcome guest in this city. By his course after the war he lost the entrée into the homes of his former associates, and his recent behavior in associating himself with the negro lawyer "Jim" Hayes in the fight on the new legislation has made him the best hated man in the country to Virginians.

Some years ago he was blackballed by the Commonwealth Club. The announcement that he will not be at the horse show, the social function of the year, has been received here with great satisfaction. received here with great satisfaction.

Baby as a Burglar Alarm.

Special to The New York Times. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Aug. 15 .-Thieves went into the house of Mrs. Grant, on Commercial Avenue, this city, last night, but when the first man got in at a second-story window he tumbled upon a bed in which the Grant baby was sleeping. The child began to cry and the burglar retreated in quick time. Several other places were visited and small thefts made,

HARBOR TUG RAMS EXCURSION STEAMER

The William Storie Has 275 Persons on Board When Struck.

Midland Beach Boat's Collision Bulkhead Saves Her from Sinking When the Stranahan Cut

Off Her Stem.

With about 275 persons on board, the Midland Beach sidewheel steamer William Storie yesterday when off Bay Ridge on her way to New York was in collision with the steamlighter J. S. T. Stranahan, and had a narrow escape from a most serious accident. As it was the entire stem of the William Storie for a distance of probably a foot and a half was cut off from the upper deck to a foot below the water line, necessitating the landing of the passengers at the Immigration Pier on the Battery and laying up of the injured craft in a Hoboken basin for extensive repairs.

That a serious accident was averted is due entirely to the fact that for some reason or other the builders of the Storie provided her with a collision bulkhead, rendering it impossible for the water to get in unless the hole was knocked in some distance beyond the stem. Even then the craft would probably stay afloat, it was said, as she has other bulkheads that are believed to be just as stanch as the one that kept the water out yesterday afternoon,

Elmer Sheridan, Captain of the William Storie, said after the accident that the William Storie was proceeding at good speed toward Manhattan when suddenly, just before he was off the mouth of the Gowanus Canal, the Stranahan came steaming out of that waterway. Capt. Sheridan says he immediately sounded his siren twice as a warning to the Stranahan of his approach, but that for some reason or other the Captain of that craft failed to answer, at least, he added, he did not hear any reply. The Stranahan, he says, turned up stream in the direction he was going, and was a little ahead, and about four hundred yards off to the starboard. Then he noticed, Capt. Sheridan said, that the Stranahan seemed to be drawing nearer to him. He whistled again, but there was no reply until the lighter was right off his bow, when suddenly that craft emitted a danger signal. It was then too late, and, although both vessels quickly reversed their engines in an attempt to avert the collision, it was impossible to do so, and a moment later the stem of the lighter crashed into the stem of the William Storie iam Storic.

Just like a sharp knife the steel prow of the lighter cut through the stem of the excursion boat, and when she finally came

excursion boat, and when she finally came to a stop the stemhead of the passenger vessel was iloating away.

There were several tugs in the vicinity and as soon as the accident happened every one of them dropped everything else it had to do and hustled to the injured boat and proffered assistance, either of a towing or a passenger carrying nature.

Capt. Sheridan remembered that his boat had a collision bulkhead, and a glance sufficed to show that the accident had happened lorward of it. He knew that he could still safely make the Battery without assistance and under his own steam. As a result he declined all assistance, and at once started for the Battery.

The passengers, Capt. Sheridan said, acted with great presence of mind. Just before the accident occurred about fifty

acted with great presence of mind. Just before the accident occurred about fifty of them were on the forward upper deck, while about a score occupied a similar position on the lower deck. When he saw that a collision was inevitable, the Captain shouted to those people to get back to the other end of the boat as fast as they could. They did not require to be told twice, and scampered to the point indicated at breakneck speed.

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A moment later came the collision. The impact was so clean, and the razor-like action of the Stranahan's prow so true, that, according to Capt. Sheridan, hardly any shock whatever resulted. Many of the passengers were at first much excited, but there were a lot of cool heads in the crowd, and in less than three minutes all were calm and realized that they were in no immediate danger.

As soon as the stemless William Storie was tied up at the Battery a report spread

EXCURSIONIST'S BODY FOUND.

J. H. Dolan Was Drowned While on Outing with Middlesex County Freeholders. Special to The New York Times.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Aug. 15 .- The body of James H. Dolan of South River, who was drowned on Wednesday while returning from Coney Island with the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders' annual excursion, was found this morning in the Kill yon Kull, near Elizabethport. The body was taken to West New Brighton, S. I. Dolan was accompanied by ex-Freeholder Samuel Watts of South River, and they were together all day on the Trenton, which carried the excursionists from this city. Coming home in the evening Dolan and Watts were in the rear of the boat, and Watts were in the rear of the boat, and Watts went to sleep on a coil of rope. When he awoke Dolan was not there, but nothing was thought of it until the boat landed and Watts found that his companion was not on board. Yesterday the Free-holders, who started an investigation, learned that a drowning man had been seen in the Kill shortly after the Trenton passed. Dolan was given up for lost, and this belief was confirmed to-day when news came of the finding of the body. Dolan had been married only seven months. He was proprietor of a hotel at South River, and belonged to the Ancient Order of Hibernians there.

General Staff Dines Secretary Root. WASHINGTON Aug. 15 .- Secretary Root was the guest of honor at a dinner given to-night by the general staff of the army at the Country Club. Covers were laid for forty-eight guests, including all the Cabinet officers in the city and a number of officers of the army. Assistant Secretary Sanger presided. The table decorations were tasteful and elaborate.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Dormitory. Special to The New York Times. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 15 .- Frederick Vanderbilt names the new costly milion-dollar dormitory he recently gave Yale the Cornelius Vanderbilt Dormitory, in memory of his brother, the late Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Keeping Track of Cuban Firearms. HAVANA, Aug. 15 .- The Secretary of the Interior has ordered dealers in firearms to report to the police the sale of every rifle, and to take a receipt therefor.

Health at Richfield Springs.

Magnificent bathing establishment; excellent hotels, Through sleepers dally via Lackawanna Railroad, 8:45 P. M. Parlor cars on 10 A. M.

"LOOP'S" SECOND VICTIM.

Bicyclist Falls in Luna Park and Is Expected to Die.

Thirty thousand spectators at Luna Park last night saw "Hakem's Death-Trap Loop" claim its second victim within a week, when John M. Peters, twenty-five years old, of Clarendon Hotel, Coney Island, a daring performer on the "death loop," made a slight miscalculation in coming down the fatal incline and was precipitated to the board walk thirty feet below, where, in plain sight of the horrified spectators-among them a young woman he was engaged to marry-Peters received injuries from which the physicians who at-

tended him say he cannot possibly recover. It was just one week ago yesterday when William Gorham, the original performer of the dangerous feat, fell as did Peters, only to be carried away a bruised and bloodstained form, to a hospital, where he is now in a dying condition. Peters succeeded Gorham, and since he undertook the perilous contract no performance has passed but Elsie Mayo, his fiancée, who occupies a cottage at the seaside resort, has been there to nerve him for his task and to watch his every movement until he was safely back with her again.

The young woman was there last night and fell in a dead faint as she witnessed the tragic event. She was one of a dozen women who fainted and were picked up by physicians and carried to the manager's office. In the bustle and excitement that followed the accident, the physicians lost sight of Miss Mayo for a moment. When they looked for her again she was nowhere to be found. Fearing that her mind had given way under her anxiety and sorrow, searching party was at once organized, but its efforts to find her were futile up to a late hour.

The "Death Loop" has formed one of the greatest attractions at Luna Park, and the concourse of spectators has been im-

The "Death Loop" has formed one of the greatest attractions at Luna Park, and the concourse of spectators has been immense at every performance. The perilous feat has seemed to possess a peculiar fascination for women, and at least one-half of the 30,000 spectators that crowded about the inclosure last night were women. It was 9:40 o'clock when Peters appeared with his bicycle and mounted to the small platform at the top of the inciline, where he makes his start. A cheer went up from the spectators as they saw the performer, his costume decked with gold spangles that glittered in the electric light where he stood in midair.

A thrill ran through the crowd as the "ready" arose from the starter and Peters began to adjust his wheel for the ride. There is one narrow plank in the centre of the incline that is painted black. If he keeps to that and does not lose his nerve the rider may circle the loop and safely reach the shallow artificial lake at the bottom where his perilous zig-zag journey ends. If he deviates but slightly to one side or the other it means an accident, just as the one that occurred last night.

With bated breath the multitude saw him mount his wheel and steady himself. Several bands were playing. On the outskirts of the crowd a cheer went up as a rocket sent up in another part of the park scattered its multicolored mimic constellation on the sky. Then the starter fired his pistol. Peters shot down. In a twinkling of an eye he covered the thirty feet of the incline and shot upward on the other part of the loop. Just as he reached the top and had nearly reached the other incline which would complete the loop a cry of horror went up from the crowd below. He was seen to swerve, and a moment later there was a dull thud on the boardwalk, while the wheel fell on the other side and was wrecked.

Peters lay motionless, while the starter shouted through his megaphone a demand for physicians. Four doctors who happeped to be in the park responded. They were Dr. John W. Pierce, Dr. John Byrne, Dr. Coopey, and

for physicians. Four doctors who happened to be in the park responded. They were Dr. John W. Pierce, Dr. John Byrne, Dr. Cooney, and Dr. Fischel.

Upon examining Peters they found that he had sustained a fractured skull, severe internal injuries, and scores of bruises and contusions. His injuries were dressed there, and when Dr. Lones from the Emergency

contusions. His injuries were dressed there, and when Dr. Jones from the Emergency Hospital at Coney Island reconded to the ambulance call there was nothing to do but hurry the injured man there.

The tragic occurrence had the effect of practically emptying the big park of its thousands of spectators. Crowds of women were seen running toward the exits and never turning until they had reached the street. Few waited at the scene of the accident long enough to see the ambulance arrive. arrive.

INCREASE OF AUTO TRUCKS.

Twenty Freight Machines Licensed in One Week for New Jersey Trade by New York Houses.

Special to The New York Times. TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 15 .- As showing how general the use is becoming of auto trucks in general business the Secretary of State's office this week reports the licensing of twenty-two belonging to New York business houses and coming to New Jersey for the delivery of goods. There has been a decrease in the number of machines licensed as pleasure vehicles and an acrease in the number of business trucks

licensed.

The first auto truck was licensed four weeks ago. Since that time these vehicles have materially increased, so that now they number nearly 200. The first licenses issued were for small runabouts. To-day very few of these machines are being licensed, the work now being for touring cars and auto trucks.

The first license from the South was received this week, a man from Jacksonville, Fla., applying for it. The number of li-censes so far issued has reached 3.568. This means that 4.000 will have been issued by means that 4,000 km have been issued by Sept. 1, or the issuing of 30% licenses per day since the Automobile act went into effect on March 23 last. Under the law there is no way of revoking a license, and in consequence is in receipt of no com-

The Jersey automobile law is the most popular of any in the States with the owners of the horseless vehicle on account of the fact that it levies but one tax on the machine instead of annually extracting a fee as in other Commonwealths. The autoists declare that inasmuch as the main object is merely to obtain a record of the machines this is accomplished by the single taxing, and that it is unfair to be continually adding to their expense, especially as the vehicles are taxed as personal property in the districts where their owners reside.

MISS BRADLEY A CIRCUS RIDER Stamford Woman Traveling with Quintard, Whose Affections

She Alienated. Special to The New York Times. STAMFORD, Conn., Aug. 15 .- It was learned here to-day that Miss Alice Bradley, whose trial on the charge of alienating

ley, whose trial on the charge of alienating the affections of Charles E. Quintard is pending, and Mr. Quintard are traveling with a circus, which has been showing in towns on Long Island the past week.

Miss Bradley is one of the performers—a rider—and is looked upon as one of the stars of the show. It does not appear that Quintard does any regular work. One report says he is a part owner of the show and another that he is a ticket seller.

When Alice Bradley was a little girl, she attracted attention about town as a clever horsewoman. In the suit of Mrs. Quintard against her for \$50,000 damages for the alienation of Quintard's affection. Miss Bradley admitted the charge, and the only matter to be decided is the pecuniary value of Quintard's affections.

Mrs. W. H. Gibson Seriously III.

Special to The New York Times, TOLEDO, Ohio, Aug. 15 .- Information is received in this city city from Tiffin telling of the serious illness and anticipated death of Mrs. W. H. Gibson, widow of Gen. Willof Mrs. W. H. Gibson, Mrs. Gibson expected to attend a family reunion in this city last Wednesday, but was taken ill Tuesday and could not be present. Her daughter, Mrs. D. P. Dildine of this city, was summoned. Mrs. Gibson is past eighty years of age.

Go to-day to New Haven on Steamer Richard Peck and see the North Atlantic Naval Fleet at anchor in Long Island Sound off Cyster Ray, See adv.—Adv.

WOMAN HELD AS HEAD OF BAND OF FORGERS

Police Set Elaborate Trap for Youthful Mabel Parker.

She Takes Her Hat Off in Appreciation of New York Detectives-Many Bad Checks Passed.

Detectives of the Central Office last night arrested Mabel Parker of 110 West Thirtyeighth Street, young and pretty and a member of a prominent Minneapolis family, whom they declare to be an accomplished forger.

The woman, it is charged, has been working for months in this city, swindling Broadway merchants and bankers out of hundreds of dollars, using checks so skilfully forged that even the owners of the names were unable to distinguish the original from the imitation. She herself, the police say, did the forging, directing men who disposed of the worthless paper.

The arrest was the work of Detective Sergeants Peabody, McConville, and Clark of Inspector McClusky's staff. Peabody was chiefly instrumental in the woman's capture, and in a Broadway car she took off her hat and made a profound bow to him when she learned that he was a detective. 'I want to take off my hat to the New York police," she said as she made her "There's only one thing I'm sore about and don't want anybody to know, and that is how I have been taken in."

The events leading up to the woman's arrest began with the capture on Thursday afternoon of James Parker and James Reed in the store of Rogers, Peet & Co., Broadway and Thirty-second Street. They had presented a check, said to be forged, in payment for clothing.

Swindling by means of a bad check likewise had been tried at the jewelry store of Schumann Brothers, 937 Broadway, but the man seemed to have suspected the presence of detectives and failed to appear to receive a dummy package prepared by the police.

When the checks which had been presented were looked over at Police Headquarters the police came to the conclusion that it was not the work of either Parker or Reed, and they were puzzled as to who had committed the forgery. While they were in this quandary Mabel Parker called at Headquarters, saw Inspector McClusky, and asked that she might be permitted to see Parker, saying that she was his wife. She said that her husband was ill, and she wanted to leave him some medicine. When she left Headquarters Detective Sergeant Clark followed her to 110 West Thirty-eighth Street, and found she was living there under the name of Mrs. James E. Singerly.

Peabody went to see "Mrs. Singerly" yesterday morning. He introduced himself as a "second story" man who had been arrested on suspicion by the police on Thursday evening, and who had been locked up at Police Headquarters all night in the same cell with Parker. "How is Jim?" Peabody says she asked.

"Very bad," he replied. "he says he must have morphine."
"That's too bad. I'll take him some down right away," the detective says she responded. responded.
Peabody and the woman then went to
Police Headquarters, she going in to see
McClusky, while Peabody waited outside.
The Inspector was not in, and when she
came out Peabody invited her to luncheon. came out Peabody invited her to function.
Together they had a meal at the Broadway
Central Hotel, and after it was finished
the woman invited Peabody to go to her
house. Then, after some desultory conversation, he says, the woman said:
"Wouldn't you like to make some Peabody said that he would. Then, he says, she went on to propose that they get money to free her husband, and then go out West.

"Now, Saturday is a bad day to do any-"Now, Saturday is a bad day to do anything, but bright and early on Monday we will go down town to some of the big office buildings," she continued, according to the detective. "We will go into an office, asking for some one, and, watching cur opportunity, will get some of the mail that is sure to be lying around. I know how to get into letter boxes. When we've got the mail, it's more than likely there will be some checks in it. When we have the checks I can forge the names. Another way we can make money is to go to some store, buy something, and give a \$50 or a \$100 bill in payment, say we can't wait for the change, and have the goods and a check for the balance sent to us. When we have the check I can get a blank check and forge the name which is on the tradesman's check." man's check."

"Oh, I don't believe you can forge everybody's name like that," Peabody says he told her.

'Can't I? Well, look here," and then, the

'Can't 1? Well, look here," and then, the detective says, with marvelous facility she signed her name, "Mrs. James E. Singerly." in several styles.

"Now I'll show you how I signed the check the boys got caught on the other day at Rogers, Peet & Co.'s," Peabody says the woman went on. The name was Bierstass, and she wrote it, according to the detective, so that it was difficult to detect the slightest variation from he signature on the original check.

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"Can you forge my name?" Peabody asked, and he wrote down "William E. Hickey." The detective says she copied it so that he hardly knew which was the signature he had written. He says she also drew some pen-and-ink sketches, indicating her to be an artist.

After some further conversation Peabody asked the woman to go to Shanley's with him. On the way she told him that she had \$520 secreted, and that if by chance they got into any trouble she would pass it to him. When they emerged from the restaurant Detective Sergeant Clark, who had been following them, walked up to Peabody and said:

"Look here, they want you at Headquarters, Now, don't make a fuss. You'd better come along, too, 'sis."

On the car she managed to pass the money, with which she didn't care to be caught, to Peabody. When she had done so Peabody says he whispered to her:

"Kid, can you stand for a get away?"

"Sure," was the reply.

Peabody made a feint at leaping off the car and the woman is said to have thrown herself in the way of Clark, but the latter managed to keep hold of Peabody.

"Too bad, sis, but I guess it's all up with you—for I am a detective," Peabody then confessed to the woman.

At first she seemed nonplused, then she took off her hat and made a bow.

After her "pedigree" was taken at Central Office she was locked in the Mercer Street Station and this morning will be arraigned in Jefferson Market Police Court.

Peabody says the woman told him she had been arrested several times in Chicago and three times in Buffalo, the latter under the name of Mabel Wright. She told him her father's name was Priest, and that he lived in Minneapolis. James Parker is said to have his picture in the Rogues' Gallery. The specific charges against her are forging three checks of \$160, \$250 and \$230, respectively, on July 21, 25, and 30.

The persons' names used were Alice Kauser of 1,432 Broadway, R. and a check of \$1,200 forged by the Par-ker woman. Other charges will be made

Peabody says that one of the things he was to do next week, acting on the wo-man's suggestion, was to get a letter of recommendation from some prominent polirecommendation from some prominent politician on the plea of wanting a position. Then the woman was to have copied the signature on a blank check, which she would obtain from some bank.
"Those down-town banks are awfully easy," she said. "and they'll always cash a check for a woman."

The Frontenac Hotel, 1,000 Islands, St. Law-rence River, N. Y. Nature's greatest Summer re-sort. Open through September.—Adv.

ANTARCTIC VOYAGE DELAYED. Dr. Jean Charcot's Expedition Had to Turn Back to Havre Because of Killing of Sailor.

PARIS, Aug. 15 .- The antarctic expedition of Dr. Jean Charcot, son of the wellknown alienist, which sailed from Havre at 3 o'clock this afternon on the steamship Francais, through a fatal accident which occurred soon after the departure of the

vessel led to her temporary return. Before embarking the members of the expedition had been entertained at the Court House, and President Loubet had sent his congratulations and good wishes for the success of the voyage. The anchor was weighed at 3 o'clock, a crowd of over 20,000 people lining the quays to see the expecition off. The vessel moved out amid the booming of cannon and the strains of the

'Marseillaise.'' When about a mile out the hawser of the steam tug which was towing the vessel parted, an end striking a sailor named Meignas, killing him instantly. The Francais half-masted her colors and returned to her basin. The authorities boarded the ship and took off the corpse, the departure of the expedition being postponed until to-

the expedition being postponed until tomorrow.

Dr Charcot was greatly depressed by the
accident. Before leaving he had given out
a farewell letter saying that his crew, vessel, and equipment were distinctly French
and that he hoped to bring credit upon the
French flag. He said he proposed to stop
at Erest for coal and go thence to Madeira,
Buenos Ayres, and Punta Arenas, from
which latter point he would make his voyage into the antarctic. He asked the friends
and relatives of the members of the expedition to remain calm and confident, assuring them that all would return safely.

ADMIRAL TO VISIT PRESIDENT. Mr. and Mrs. George Dewey Leave Sara-

toga to Stay Until Monday at Sagamore Hill. Special to The New York Times.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Aug. 15 .-Admiral Dewey left Saratoga this afternoon for Oyster Bay, where he will remain over Sunday as the guest of President Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill. Mrs. Dewey accompanied him. They will return to Saratoga on Monday.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER MAD.

Widow and Child of Capt. Denver Found Barricaded in Los Angeles Cottage. Special to The New York Times.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15 .- Two lunatics are what residents of Corronado Beach found on going into the house occupied by the widow and daughter of Capt. Denver, United States Army, of Washington, D. C. The crazy women had barricaded the doors and windows for a week. They were once prominent in society in

Washington. They met financial reverses, and lately had been living in Southern California, alternating between Los Angeles and Corronado Beach. For the last four months they had been at the latter place.

Not having seen them for a week, the neighbors feared a crime had been committed in the cottage. The last seen of the two women until yesterday was by a grocer's boy, whom they drove from the house and ordered never to come again.

Yesterday the neighbors, after trying to communicate with relatives and failing, formed an invading party and broke into the house by main force. The two women made all the resistance possible, but were overpowered. They have been removed to a private asylum and the court has appointed a San Diego woman guardian, no relatives being within reach. A brother of Capt. Denver was the founder of the city bearing his name.

Neither mother nor daughter had shown the least sign of insanity when they shut themselves up. Washington. They met financial reverses,

STOLE FOR STARVING FAMILY.

But While Running Away Chicago Negro Saw Baby's Picture in Purse and Surrendered.

Special to The New York Times. CHICAGO, Aug. 15.-Driven to desperation through his inability to obtain medical aid and food for his sick wife and their starving children, James Baker, colored, yielded in a moment of temptation and snatched a pocketbook from the hand of

snatched a pocketbook from the hand of Mrs. C. Sebastian. While being pursued by his victim, Baker realized that he had become a criminal, and then, although had he so desired he could have escaped from his pursuer, stopped and returned the purse to its owner.

A policeman who had also joined in the chase appeared, and the colored man was taken prisoner and locked up at the Cottage Grove Avenue Police Station. In the purse was a baby's picture, and the sight of this, Baker says, led him to return the pocketbook to the owner. Mrs. Sebastian wrote a letter to the Magistrate when she learned the state of Baker's family, and the negro was let off.

STATE BUYS CHEWING GUM

To Pacify Insane Patients in Minne sota Hospitals.

Special ic The New York Times. ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 15.-The contracts awarded by the State Board of Control for supplies for the ensuing quarter include a considerable quantity of chewing gum to pacify the patients of the insane asylums and the State hospitals. The observation of the board is that chewing gum often has an excellent effect on the patients. It enables the inmates to concentrate their minds on various forms of work and soothes them during violent spells. violent spells.

On being given gum some of the violent patients have been known to collect their wits and diligently pursue a task.

WAGES RAISED ON UNION PACIFIC.

Increase for Engineers and Firemen of from 10 to 20 Cents.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 15 .- The joint committee representing the engineers and firenen of the Union Pacific Railway to-day corcluded a conference with Superintendent of Transportation Buckingham and Master of Motive Power McKeen, the result of which is an average increase of wages for the engineers of about 3½ and the firethe engineers of about 572 and the amen 4½ per cent.

The increase runs from 10 to 20 cents a hundred miles for the engineers, with proportionate increase for the firemen. The negotiations have been pending since July negotiations have been pending since July

STREET RAILWAY MERGER.

and the new scale affects the entire sys-

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 15.-It was reported here to-day that the Worcester and South Bridge Street Railway Company, the Worcester, Rochdale, and Carlton Depot Street Rallway Company, and the Worcester and South Bridge Development Company, with the Pinehurst Park and Hotel Overlook properties, are to conand Hotel Overlook Properties, are to consolidate.

The capitalization of the new corporation will be over \$2,000,000, and it will be known as the Worcester and South Bridge Railway Company. The consolidation was decided on this afternoon at a meeting of the Directors of these roads for economy in management and harmony in operation.

in operation. Take the Educational Sight-Seeing N. Y. Yacht. 1.000 points of interest explained by expert lecturer. 3 hours' sail from foot 22d St., N. R. 10 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.—Adv.

Remember, all R. R. tickets bet, N. Y. and Albany are good via Day Line Steamers. Music,

PULITZER FOUNDS JOURNALISM SCHOOL

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Provides \$2,000,000 for Its Institution at Columbia.

President Butler Announces the Plan and Progress So Far Made-President Eliot of Harvard Suggests

Courses.

Joseph Pulitzer has provided the sum of \$2,000,000 to establish a School of Journalism at Columbia University, this city. A new building for the school will be erected on Morningside Heights, at a cost of \$500,000. for the school, which will hold toward the university a relation similar to that of the other professional schools, as the Law School, the School of Medicine, and the School of Mines, and, like them, will be National in scope.

An important feature of the organization of this school will be an Advisory Board, to be nominated by the donor. This board will aid in devising a plan and course of instruction that will meet every requirement on the scholastic as well as upon the more strictly practical side.

Seven members of this Advisory Board have already been designated by the donor, and, with others to be selected hereafter, will be nominated to the Trustees of Columbia University at their meeting in Octo-

President Butler of Co-lumbia, (ex-officio,) Whitelaw Reid, Gen. Chas. H. Taylor, Secretary of State Hay, St. Clair McKelway, Andrew D. White, President Eliot of Har-vard. President Eliot's duties in conection with his own university will prevent him from serving on the permanent Advisory Board. but he has cordially approved the plan, has given counsel to the founder, and will give to individual members of the Advisory Board the benefits of his experience and knowledge.

All the others named have signified their willingness to serve on the Advisory Board. PURPOSE OF THE GIFT.

In making announcement of Mr. Pulitzer's gift The World says to-day: "Students purposing to enter upon the career of journalism will find accessible here courses of study that will for this profession be equivalent to what other professional schools supply for other professions; while young men already engaged

upon the newspapers and desiring to advance themselves more rapidly by the cultivation of their aptitudes may find in these courses a valuable assistance. It is believed that this will be an advantage to then immediately, and ultimately to the press of the whole country. "In every other pursuit where men are under an equal moral responsibility to the public for the proper discharge of their duties they are prepared for those duties

by years of careful and concientious study. The lawyer, who may imperil your fortune by ten lines of erroneous legal advice; the doctor, in whose opinion, good or bad, may repose all the possibilities of life or death for those whom you ove-from these men the State exacts, as a rule, from eight to ten years of arduous preparation: but the newspaper men, who are in many directions the informers and teachers of the people, the exponents and to a degree the makers of that public opinion which rules communities and governs States and the Nation, have hitherto received no spacial preparation for their delicate and important duties.
"It is probable that the scheme of instruction will include several of the academic courses now taught in the university. demic courses now taught in the university, but will also give special prominence to the other side of the study—to the endeavor to impart by thorough teaching and training what has been hitherto acquired in the hard school of actual practice. The newspaper men who will define the precise detail of this part will themselves recognize and atach a proper value to each division of this

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"A building for the School of Journalism will be erected, at the cost of half a million dollars, upon the ground owned by the university at Morningside Heights. This edifice will probably be completed by the Autumn of 1904, and it is hoped that the school may be opened soon after. The course of study will be two years. Candidates will be admitted upon an examination as to good character and intelligence, but previous collegiate courses will not be required. Further details as to conditions of entrance, &c.. will be made known at the proper time by the university authorities." DR. BUTLER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

President Butler of Columbia made this formal announcement of the gift yesterday: "The Trustees have received a gift of \$1,000,000 from Mr. Joseph Pulitzer of New York for the establishment and endowment of a School of Journalism in Col mabia Unitversity. This bgenerous gift puts into effect a purpose which Mr. Pulitzer has long had in contemplation, namely, the provision of an opportunity to secure in a great university both theoretical and practical training for journalism considered as a pro-

ion of an opportunity to scenar in a great university both theoretical and practical training for journalism considered as a profession.

"The School of Journalism of Colúmbia University will take rank with the existing professional schools of law, medicine, engineering, architecture, and teaching. Subject to the general jurisdiction of the University Council, its course of study will be formulated and its administration carried on by a Faculty of journalism. the members of which will be appointed by the Trustees in the near future. The erection of a suitable building to accommodate the new school will be begun at once, and after conference with President Butler, Messrs. McKim, Mead & White have already undertaken the preparation of preliminary plans and sketches.

"A provisional site for the building has been chosen in the university quadrangle on Amsterdam Avenue, immediately south of Fayerweather Hall and north of the projected building for the School of Law. It is hoped that the building may be pushed to completion, so that it may be occupied in the Autumn of 1904. The estimated cost of the building, fully furnished and equipped, is about \$500,000.

"Both Mr. Pulitzer and Columbia University recognize that with the establishment of a school of journalism of university grade a new academic field is entered upon, and in order that the best ability and experience of the profession of journalism may guide the new undertaking, an Advisory Board has been provided for, the first members of which are to be appointed by the university upon the nomination of Mr. Pulitzer. The President of the university is to be, ex-officio, a member of this Advisory Board Mr. Pulitzer will nominate the members of this Advisory Board in time for action by the Trustees of the university at their next stated meeting, on the first Monday in Cctober.

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"A meeting of the Advisory Board will be called as soon as possible after its members are appointed, and the fundamental principles which should govern the School of Journalism will be discussed and agreedupon. After the suggestions of the Ad-

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