DEEP LAID PLOT

Of Blackmailers to Extort Money Operator on Ship Asks Police To An Appalling Marine Disaster or Murder Victims.

By the Blackmailers-One Rich Merchant Was Killed for Refusing Men to Be Killed If They Did Not

Seeking a motive for the murder of H. S. Travshanjian, the Armenian rug merchant, of New York, the district attorney's office was led to an investigation of a report that Tray shanjian was one of ten wealthy Armenians who had been marked for slaughter if they failed to give up \$10,000 each to a blackmailing band of their countrymen. No color wa given to this theory by Pedros Hampertzoomian, who killed the rug man when the prisoner was arrained In court he maintained a stolid indifference, waived examination, and was remanded to the coron-er. Later he made a statement to a representative of the district attorney In this he declared that he had come from Chicago for the express purpose of killing Tavshanjian, but the crime was justified by no one and no other person or socitey was involved.

From other sources carefully protected by the authorities, came information of a startling character and said to be accurate. This is to the effect that a secret society of Armenians originally organized for what the members held to be patriotic. though revolutionary purposes, had degenerated into an instrument for blackmail. The organization had dis-banded, while the better elements witndrew from all connection with

The killing of Tavshanjian and th others, it is stated, was planned more that a year ago. They received letters which they interpreted as meaning that they must pay or take the The threatened men discussed the matter at a meeting arranged to decide what they should Tavshanjian was present. favor of acceding to the demand. Better give them money and

'No," said Tayshanjian. As a matter of principle we should not pay. You can do as you will. They will get nothing from me

Mr. Cambere, Tavshanjian's secre-tary, visited the attorney's office, and there declared that the death of his employer grew out of attempted

There is no government here cried Cambere excitedly. I cannot understand why you have such laws In Turkey they would have rounded This man who committed the murder is only the dupe in the hands of a band of blackmailers. Attorney Smythe a list of wealthy Armenians who he said had been forced to pay blackmail to this band.

This is the work of an Armenian In this city who is the worst man in the world," said a prominent Armen-"He has been responsible for many murders and lesser crimes, and too cowardly to commit them his He gets men of small intellecto do the work for him by making them believe that they are working for their country.

Another well-to-do Armenian said "A priest who tried to fight the band Kasper Vartarian, killed in New York

KILLED IN SELF DEFENCE.

Young White Man Forced to Kill a Colored Man. A special dispatch from Spring

field to The State says Monroe Gantt, a young white man of this communshot to death John Jackson, coloved Wednesday afternoon at the saw mill of his brothers. Gantt surrender ed to Judge Corbett.

According to reports Gnatt state that some days ago his brothers em ployed a negro by the name of Ster ing Matthews. It seems that Mat thews was under contract to work for Jackson and left him. Wednesday evening Jackson took his repeating rifle and went down to the mill and got into a difficulty with Matthews during which he attempted to shoot

Gantt, it is claimed, interfered or attempted to prevent Jackson from shooting when he turned the gun or Gantt, who grasped the barrel and barely escaped a shot fired by Jack Gantt then drew his pistol and

shot Jackson as above stated. Gantt has a large family who, with his friends, regret the occurrence.

KILLS HERSELF.

Wife Of One of Pittsburg's Wealthy

Men Tire of Life. After charming her nurse with the beauties of one of Chopin's nocturne and then asking her to go out on the porch so as to enjoy the music more Mrs. Margaret J. King, a prominent society woman, of Pittsburg, took ad vantage of her absence by commit ting suicide. When the nurse from the porch heard that the music had stopped she feared trouble and has tened inside. She could not find Mrs King anywhere, until at last she dis

covered her in the cellar with her head nearly backed off with a razor Mrs. King, who was the wife o Eugene H. King, secretary of the J. C. Russel Shovel company, which was the largest of its kind in the world. had recently returned from a hospital, where she had been suffering from nervous prostration. As she was given to spells of despondency, a trained nurse had been engaged to keep close watch over her.

GOT FIVE YEARS.

Woman Defrauded Members of Well Known Families.

At London Mrs. Josephine Leslie was found guilty on the charge of de-frauding members of well known families by false pretenses and sentenced to five years penal servitude It was her custom to represent herself as a friend of J. Pierpont Morgan and declared that he guided her investments.

SAYS HE IS INSANE.

Meet Him at Pier.

Looses Mind While on Voyage and Twice Attempts Suicide, Second

telling of his own insanity, John H Quinn, De Forest wireless operator on the New York and Porto Rican when the ship arrived at New York by the police and sent to his home at Bayonne, where he is recovering his

Quinn made two attempts to commit suicide by jumping in the sea sharks abounded. His condition was talked to himself, at the same time making the wildest motions with his arms. Suddenly he rushed to the Bernard Olsen jumped in and, after fight rescued the crazed man. swam about still talking to himself. He was put in irons, and a passenger who knew a little about wireless tele-

graphy, sat at his post. Quinn recovered so far, seemingly, that at Aguadilly Capt. T. J. Dalton took the irons off and confined him in room. It was only a little while and once more leaped overboard ight among the hungry sharks. Second Officer Coughlin went after him this time and dragged him

He was again ironed When the Coamo reached Quaran ine Quinn was wild-eyed, but ration-

him with a singular request. "Quinn," he said, "we're riends, but you can't take care of The man at your job can't send a mesage, and I want you to send it. It's about you, too, and you mustn't be angry. have a policeman meet you. That's

Quinn never moved a muscle. In ioment, however, he got up and started for the telegraph tower. 'here, while half a dozen men guardd him, he flashed these words: "Quinn, wireless operator aboard

ine in room; not responsible for ac Need police help at Pier No. 35, Brooklyn, on arrival." The crazed operator then faced his guards and said: "I've done my duty,

ion at No. 42 Broadway, was startl-He flashed back this message. 'Who's sending this?"

And Quinn, with a queer grin on nis face, replied: "Quinn, himself." The man was then again locked in his ship. his room and guarded. When the boat tied up at her pier, Quinn's women passengers were caved. brother James, was there with policenen from the Hamilton avenue sta-

The operator made no resistance and one of the best wireless men in

the business. SERIES OF QUEER FIRES.

Seven Occurred in Two Hours in Home of Union

According to the Union Progress emarkable series of seven unusual mysterious, even uncanny fires oc turred Wednesday night in the sher space of an hour and a half at the nome of Mr. John Wix of Buffalo. It seems that about 7:30 it was discovered that there was a fire in one of the up-stairs rooms. The fire was in a bed and by the time all the

nattresses and bed clothing were

gotten to and thrown out, they were practically consumed. After everything had apparently een extinguished much to the surorise of everyone, in about fifteen minutes the odor of something burn-ing was again noticed. Investigation howed that a bed in the same room, out entirely apart from the one burned, was ablaze. This was thrown out and a through search of every-thing was then made. No traces of

natches or burning material seemed Hardly had everything settled lown easy when again attention was ittracted by smoke, and it was found hat the inside of a dresser in the ame room was ablaze, and almost

Following this mysterious fire in few minutes attention was drawn o another room, in a closet which and been shut up for some time, and which was apparently closed, and i his the bedelothing and clothes were ound to be burning.

While this was being put out the ed down stairs was found to be Following this in a few minites the fire was discovered in one loset and after it was distinguished apparently altogether, another place was discovered in the closet to be

This morning at 11:30 when Mr Wix was telephoned to to confirm the ocations, time and occurrence of this fire, it was found that he was having still another and his eighth fire in a down stairs room, and that he was at that moment at home attempting

For a while it was not known whether the fire was caused by intantaneous combustion on account of the continued intense heat, but at noon Thursday Mr. Wix saye that he has just discovered a few stumps of matches, so it seems that these eight ires were caused by little rodents who seemed determined to burn hi home and all its contents. his loss amounts to over \$100, partially covered by insurance.

VERY SAD CASE.

A Demented Woman Hang Six Chil-

Grief-stricken by the receipt of notification that her services would not be required after the end of the month, Mrs. Nellson, a hoousekeeper Jutland, Holland, Wednesday hanged three of her employers' children as weil as three of her own, and then killed herself by hanging.

LOST AT SEA.

North of San Francisco.

by a Large Lumber Vessel-Peo-When the Crash Came-Many Wo-

A dispatch from San Francisco a asters in the history of California beween one hundred and fifty lives vere lost as far as has been learned by a midnight collision between the Medocino-Humboldt County line, between 12 and 1 o'clock Monday. The few details known here brought by the steamer Roanoke and the steam schooner Daisy Mitchell, which arrived in San Francisco Monday fore-

Francisco for Portland, Ore., with 189 passengers and a crew till he crawled through a small hole of sixty, collided with and was rammed by the San Pedro, a 170-foot wooden steamer, south-bound, for San Francisco. The sea was smooth, the weather was foggy. San Pedro looming out of a mist a few lengths away, bore down on the Columbia at high-speed, despite frantic efforts to clear. With a grindng crash, the San Pedro sank her stem fully ten feet into the Colum

Nearly all of the Columbia's pas engers and many of her crew were sleep in their cabins and when the crash came. As the San n through the ragged hole in the Columbia's bow above and below the water line, and in five minutes the Columbia sank to the bottom, the deep waters of the shelter Cove cov ering over the tops of the Columbia's tes is yet to be told and as it is told by some survivors the facts of the tragedy can be but guessed at.

According to J. S. Flynn, a pas senger on the Roanoke, Capt. Doran, of the Columbia, succeeded in launching four life boats and two rafts before the Columbia sank. Flynn is quoted as saying that eighty-eight passengers, all men, got away in that manner, and were saved; that Capt. Doran acted with great coolness the face of death and went down with

Elder and the steam schooner Daisy Mitchell, all south-bound, came on the scene and stood by. The Elder and seemed rational. James took him home. He is twentw-two years old, took the San Pedro in tow and the latest reports announce their arrival in Eureka. The stem of the San Pedro was smashed to splinters, one of her masts was snapped off at the deck and she was settling and had a heavy list when taken in tow. Capt

Hansen remained on board. The Daisy Mitchell offered assistance to the Elder, but this was de clined. She picked up a life boat and a raft of the Columbia and brought them to San Francisco. Near the scene of the wreck th Roanoke picked up a life raft and found underneath it the dead body of a passenger, supposed to be Ed ward Butler, of Portsmouth, N. H. The officers of the Mercantile Exchange in San Francisco and of the various newspapers have been beseiged since early morning by rela tives and friends of the Columbia's passengers, but the insistent and tearful requests for information of the victims and the rescued remain unsatisfied. Beyond the reported facts that Butler was drowned and that Capt. Doran went down with his

ship no details of casualities have been received. Assistant President Frye, of the teamship company, said that the Columbia lies in deep water and fifteen miles off shore, and that for the present at least no attempt will be made

Capt Doran was regarded by the officers of the San Franciso and Portland Steamship company as one of the ablest seamen who ever operated a vessel on the coast. His career had peen free from accident, and this is the first disaster that has befaller any vessel over which he held command

WOMAN FOUND DEAD.

And Her Husband Found Unconscious in Rear of Flat.

At Chicago on Thursday Mrs. Emanuel Bloom was mysteriously stabbed and killed in her apartments Her husband was found unsconscious on the ground in the rear of the flat evidently having jumped from their flat on the third floor. Bloom called doctor about 1 o'clock and told him his wife was apparently dying from stab wound in the abdomen. doctor found her dead and notified the police, who found Bloom on the

ground in the rear of the flat. A GENERAL SLAUGHTER.

Danish People Expect to Kill Eight

Because the rats which infest th fields and houses are doing great damage to crops and seriously injuring many thing in other the Danish government has offered a reward of two cents for every dead dodent brought to the specially appointed office. Already the populace has killed at a rate of more than 8,000 a day, and it is thought that before the year is out over 8,000,000 will have taken the same journey.

NINE MEN KILLED.

Harbor Strikers and Police Have Fight in Buenos Ayres.

Nine men have been killed and many injured in a fight at Bahia Blanca, Buenos Ayres, between the harbor strikers and the police.

DEADLY LIGHTNING

Loss of Life Much Greater Than Commander Hansen Is Charged As Described by Two People Who Commonly Supposed.

Animals Rush Under Trees and Are Caught-Men Also Forget It Is

Lighning has done a great deal of his summer. Many people have been cilled by it and many animals have been killed. People ought to use the ordinary precaution to protect themmen Perish, But Many of the Men selves from the deadly bolt. It is very foolish to expose yourself to lightning, when it is so easy to go in says in one of the worst marine dis- people think it cowardly to try and protect yourself from lightning, but It is just as sensible to avoid the lightning bolt as it is to

train or anything else that might hurt you. In America there is no means for ascertaining precisely what is the amount of damage done by lightning. this much also is certain, that papers contain accounts of strokes of man or beast. In France, Germany and England complete statictics are kept of all fatalities with the view to reducing the number if possible recommended to attach from rods to the top and the other running into Lightning rods are also the ground. ecommended for all buildings. object is to have the electricity from

without the terrific force of the bolt brough the air without a conductor Cattle and sheep are killed in the reatest numbers by lightning. eason assigned for this is that they storm coming. Trees are conductors of electricity, but are not so good a the body of an animal or a man. The esult is that when the current com ng down the tree and finds a better onductor it leaves the trunk and reatures under the tree. Men as vell as animals have failed to learn hat it is dangerous to be under a ree in electrical storms, as it evidenced by the number of fatali-

According to the lightning rod con ion, the solid rod is the best sort of conductor. Such a rod should be in one piece and run from the top of the tree to the ground. The same hould be used on houses. The result would be that when animals run under a tree in a thunderstorm hey would not be rushing into great er danger. The rod would also rotection to men who forget and under trees in similar storms. The ron rod should be pointed. The ightning rod is intended to carry electricity from the earth to the clouds or from the clouds to the But Third Officer Hawse does no earth, as the case may be, any disturbances in the surroundings of the rod.

SCARED TO DEATH.

Lightning Flash Revealed Big Elephant Before Her.

Mrs. Fanny Mercier died early hursday morning from an attack of fright when the huge head of an ele

A circus was in town, and just be fore the show ended a thunderstorm ripped some of the canvas and knocked a few of the tent poles down. A great many of the spectators sough refuge from the downpour under the covered bridge, and among them was Mercier, who was in an auto-

mobile with some friends. The circus men started the ele phants and camels for the train as soon as the spectators left the ground and the line of animals filed into the bridge unseen by many of the people who sought refuge there. The big elephant of the lot found the automooile in front of him and putting hi read against it, pushed it to one side

o make a passage for himself The occupants of the machine did oot know what was happening until a glare of lightning dispelled the gloom and when Mrs. Mercier saw the head of the elephant she gave a scream ed her during the night, but she did not recover consciousness

ELECTRIC STORM.

Does Considerable Damage in City of Augusta, Ga.

A terrific wind, rain and lightning storm passed over Augusta at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night doing such damage to electric wires that the city was in darkness and all electric current turned off. Trees throughout the western section of the city covered the streets with debris. Damage to the electric company

oughly estimated by an official at Five hundred telephone were burned out. Roofs of several building were reported torn off. Lightning set fire to the residence of M. O'Dowd and it was impossible to turn in an alarm, the wires being down. From the companies which re sponded four firemen were injured by falling walls.

TRIED TO WRECK TRAIN.

Two Young Negro Boys Charged With Serious Crime.

Two little negro boys, aged ten and eleven, were placed in the county charged with attempting to wreck a passenger train. Sunday afternoon on the Atlantic Coast Line, fourteen miles south of that city. placed on the track were discovered by the engineer in time to prevent a wreck.

FATAL FALL.

Two Men Killed and Several Wounded in Ohio.

Two men were killed and five se: iously injured by the falling of scaffolding upon some work at the Pittsburg and Conneaut dock Thursday The dead are: A. Matson and B. Hulck, of Cleve land, structural iron workers.

With Gross Inhumanity.

Saved if He Had Taken on More

A dispatch from San Francisco Mrs. Leidell Who Was On Ill Fated says after the tales of heroism surrounding the Columbia wreck—the glorious death of Captain Doran, and the self-abnegation of the girl Maybelle Watson— comes the other side of the disaster.

A charge of gross inhumanity and the acrifice of many lives has formally been made against Captain Hansen of the San Pedro, by the third officer, Robert Hawes of the Columbia. It has been made to Local

It is part of the record of the Unied States. If that charge be true, the women of San Francisco would justified in meting out to Captain Hansen the fate of Captain Ireson f Marblehead, celebrated in song; Old Flud Ireson, for his hard beart Tarred and feathered, and carried

in a cart, y the women of Marblehead. Ireson sailed away from a sinking

nany words that Captain Hansen was the cause of many men and wo using to take any more of the ued on the San Pedro-a steamer that could not sink because she car ried a cargo of lumber.

under oath by Third Mate Hawse. He solemnly says to Captain Bolles that he brought a boat load of rescu d passengers up to the San Pedro and requested that they be taken He declares that he was a refusal to receive any more of the Columbia's passenger "I repeatedly asked them to take the women-one of whom was half naked and delirious," says Hawse in

his sworn statement. Such an appeal would ordinarily nelt the heart of bronze, but Hawse declares that the man in command of the San Pedro refused to shelter any more passengers of the sinking cutting Columbia. Then comes the fearful them.

"If the San Pedro had taken these boats. be swamped. He saw many more side was a raft. men and women struggling in the on it. I jumped and struck on the

water and all he needed was his raft. Other women got on it empty boat to go to their assistance. One crawled from the water, others That is a dreadful accusation for Captain Hansen to face, particularly of Eureka and the photographs show

stop with his charge against Captain to hold her on, but I was too weak tempt for the men whom he rescued forget that. I'll never forget that, been practically converted to Chrisin his boat and did not show any evi- She drowned and I could not help tian Science and comtemplated givdence of chivalry in the hour of hero- her. picked up was out of her head. All other raft or boat. We got some the women were scantily attired but pieces of wood after awhile and used

terms of praise in regard to the three terrible climb up her side. neart disease brought on by sudden noble women and in lowest terms of contempt for the men passengers who weak I never thought I would get hant loomed up during a flash of would not inconvenience themselves over it. ightning under a covered bridge at to make the lot of the women more omfortable. And then come a tribute all around

to the man who was on his bridge when through a fog and not in bed, s was Captain Hansen. This tribute omes from all sides to Captain Peter Doran who did everything that a man could do to save the people, and then went down with his ship to his death rather than crowd some of his pas engers from a life boat or a raft.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

One Man Killed and Two Others made it terrible. We did not know if county seat. Hurt in Auto.

Dr. J. T. Killebbrew, one of the nost prominent of the younger physicians of Mobile Ala., was ground to but then we could see who was saved pieces under the wheels of a moving and who was not. That sight freight train, Perrin Bestora, a prominent young attorney was seriously, and W. P. Horn, a well known busness man, was slightly injured in an automobile accident Thursday after-

They were driving in an automo oile and when crossing a railroad rack the approaching train was Although the automobile crossed the track, Dr. Killebrew umped and was caught beneath the

wheels of the train. Dr. Killebrew was president of the Mobile County Medical society, a lecurer on the diseases of women in the Iniversity of Alabama and an assistant in the Ingo-Bondurant infirmary He was born and reared

it Nashville, Tenn. ENGINE DITCHED

To Prevent Collission With a Passenger Train.

Engine No. 74 on the Richmond Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad was derailed at Fredericksburg, Va. Thursday, pinning Engineer Reuben O'Brien beneath it. The locomotive O'Brien beneath it. The locomotive was purposely ditched in order to prevent it from crashing into a passenger train on the bridge crossing the Rappahannock river at that place. Had a collission occurred, the pas senger train on a portion of it, probably would have gone into the river and the death and injury of many of passengers would have resulted. O'Brien was seriously but not fatally

POWDER EXPLODED

injured

Causing the Death of Three Men by Burning.

Three men were burned to death Friday by an explosion in a powder house at Two Lick coal mine near Clarksburg, W. Va. Deshla Barnets, age 23, single, of

Bethlehem, Pa. Nicolina Plenorites, 21, single, of Benwood, W. Va. Frank Goff, 21, single, Clarksburg.

building was demolished.

COWARDLY CAPTAIN. WRECK HORRORS

Were on the Columbia.

DROWNED LIKE RATS.

Graphic Description of the Sinking Told by Chief Engineer Jackson-

The Pacific Coast Steamship comived in San Francisco from Eureka the Columbia's crew, who were saved out of her total complement of 59

San Francisco. The crowd was made to stand back and keep a lane open while the Pomon'a passengers came ashore. plank and asked excitedly "were you a passenger upon the Columbia?" With one exception the answer was

The exception was Mrs. Leidell. Blothed from head to foot in a dark brown ulster and her features hidden by a brown veil tied over her hat and under her chin, she came falteringly down the gang plank and made her uncertain through the crowd. She held her hankerchief to her face as she walked and when asked by newspaper men for a recital of her experience, she broke into tears and urned, shaking her head.

"I don't want to say anything, I don't want to talk," she murmured. Later Mrs. Leidell consented to talk and in describing her experience

'When the crash came I got out of my stateroom. Every one was excited-every one except the captain. He stood on the bridge, his arms ex-The crew stood at the boats. cutting away at the lines that held Finally the woman's strength gave There was no chance to lowe All who could piled into the Lots of people passengers, I could have saved many the side, trying to climb onto bits of ter. I did not have time to think

that she could have taken away many men and a little child were washed the house and display himself to the more men and women aboard with- off and I never saw them again. One physician as a converting argument the village of St. woman was left. Her hold was weak. in favor of Christian Science. But Third Officer Hawse does not She begged me to help her. I tried Who she was I don't know. One of the four women he had Now and then I got a glimpse of anthree of them were heroines, and them for oars, and finally-it must Hawse in his sworn statement, says: have been hours afterward—w"I desire to speak in the highest climbed on the San Pedro. It was

"Men helped, but I felt so odd and The waves kept striking er us. We were dripping wet, and it were sitting on two little narrow pieces of lumber. Suddenly a wave carried away the lumber we were sit

ting on. "We managed to stay on the ship, however, but there were some who got that far, who got no further, for without any warning, the rear mast of the San Pedro gave away and swept several into the sea. One or two were brought back alive, but of the others we saw nothing. And the the San Pedro would hold together although the officers and crew did heir best to cheer us up. The day broke. The fog still hung low, and the light only appeared gradually, can't tell you about it. Everything about it was so desolate and dismal. And then the Elder came up. They got us aboad, cared for us, and at Eureka I secured the only remaining

perth on the Pomona to come back here. Chief Engineer J. V. Jackson gave the following account of the wrecked steamer Columbia in an interview to

he Evening Post. "I was in my stateroom when the rash occurred, and I scrambled into ome clothes and came up on deck. All was confusion and turmoil. oar of the water as it poured into the hole in the Columbia's side was deaf ening. Then desperately swimming away I caught a rope thrown from the San Pedro. From there I looked back at the Columbia just in time to see her plunge beneath the waves. As she sunk I could dimly see many men dash across the deck toward the San Pedro; the next moment the fog had hidden the dreadful seenes

"I am sure that many steerage passengers did not leave their state cooms as the interval was so short between the time she was struck and the time she sank that the men not time to get to the deck, and those that did jumped overboard and were sucked down by the vortex created by the sinking vessel.

"When I rushed across the deck t seemed to be deserted, but I knew that many were about me, for the screams and cries were awful. thank God that I am safe, but would have willingly have given my life, as Captain Doran did, to save those that perished. I did not realize that the end would come so as it did, and I believe Capt. Doran was of the same opinion."

SIX DEATHS.

Following the Stings of Black Flies

A startling tale of fatalities has

Grijn, who has just returned from the Algonquin Park locality of Canada. Griffin expected to be gone for several weeks on a hunting trip, but the fact that six deaths resulted from

DIES TRYING TO FLY. A PAUPER'S SO

Christian Scientist Plunges Four Gov. Johnson, of Minnesota, Came

Wife Clings to His Ankle As He

Eugene Hawe, of New York, was planter and polisher of hardwood parquet floors, and did well at his trade up to last May. At this time Howe and his wife, Bertha, moved their belongings into the top floor of the four-story and basement brownstone residence of Dr. Gregory Costi-

gan, at 63 West Sixty-eight street. At the Central Park, west of the situated is the Second church of at 10:30 Thursday, bringing from the Christ Scientist. Howe dropped in there to see and hear. The husky floor planer became deeply interested in the teaching of Christian Science. He tried to interest his wife in th

tracks and books he obtained at the library of the church. Mrs. Howe would have none of the teachings. She says that since her husband began to read Mary G. Ed-dy's "Science and Health," he has had little time to attend to his trade He gave up smoking, changed most of his habits of life, and not long igo decided that eating breakfast was all a mistake. At 10 o'clock Saturday night Howe came home and tigan. The physician says the floopolisher was perfectly rational. tigan.

After talking with Dr. Costigan bu short time Howe went up to his apartments on the top floor. He un-dressed and got into bed, taking with nim a book he had bought. It was Science and Health.

wife says, began to act in a manner queer even for him. He finally made for a front window, climbed out on the sill and announced that he was going to fly out on the night air. Mrs. Howe ran to the window and nanaged to grasp him by the ankle just as he leaped. She held his weigh with all the strength that was in her ornised by coming in contact with the the neighborhood, she fell back into the room in a faint. Howe's skull was fractured and nis body and legs were torn and He died in the spital without regaining conscious, s.

When he leaped from the window

Howe had carried with him Mrs Edinsane notion that he could leap from The raft drifted around the window, land on the sidewalk bewashed over us. Two wo- low without injury, and then enter

he died before my eyes. Oh! I can't had told her that Dr. Costigan had

ing up his practice. CALHOUN COUNTY.

Two Proposed Counties Want to Use the Name. A dispatch from Columbia to the Augusta Chronicle says the commis sion which is seeking to form a new county seat with Calhoun as the name of the new county met here Wednesday and organized by electing M. D. Keller and J. S. Salley perma-

ent chairman and secretary, respec tively. The commission secured the maps. plats and petition from the governor' office and will at once get to work or business of the commission. There is another scheme looking to the formation of a new county to be called Calhoun. This hopes to

work first in such a way as to warrant an order from the governor for an election will win out on the name

SEAL WAR IS ON. Between the Russians and Japs in North Pacific.

News was brought by the steame Empress of China to Victoria, B. C. ast week, of a fatal attempt by Japanese sealers to rail Copper island where the Russian seal rookeries are ocated, beyond the end of the Aleuion chain in the North Pacific. Japanese Sealing cshooner fro Tok o reached Copper islad on the night of June 27 and dropping anchor a hort distance from the seal rocker ies, sent a number of boats ashore with their crews armed with rifles. The landing was made and while part of the sealing company was engaged Russian guards opened fire on them and drove them off after killing one.

A JAPANESE SPY.

Arrested Taking Photographs of Batteries in Action.

A Japanese was taken into custody 'riday at the Texas state military en ampment at Austin. It is charged he was taking photographs of bat teries in action and other features of the camp. He is being held pending an investigation on the part of the state and federal authorities.

LAUNCH CAPSIZED.

Only Two of the Ten on Board Are Saved.

A gasoline launch capsized in a torm at Sunny Side, Toronto, Ontario, and of the ten men who were in her only two are known to be safe Three bodies have been washed To Knock to Pieces With Big Guns

DEATH IN A MINE.

reached Aurora, N. Y., through John Over Four Hundred Japs Meet Death by Explosion.

There was a fatal explosion Sat urday in the colliery at Toyooka, in Bungo province, Japan. It is report-The powder ignited from a pipe blood poisoning, following the stings ed that nearly all of the four hun-one of the men were smoking. The of black flies, near his camp, drove dred and seventy miners in the pit at the time were killed.

From Low Rank.

FATHER A DRUNKARD.

He Is Now a Prominent Democrat and May Be His Party's Nomineo

Is Very Popular With All Classes And Was Elected Governor of His

Gov. John A. Johnson, of Minne-

sota, is the son of a pauper father.

one of the most popular officers that Minnesota has known. He is a Democrat in a state that is overwhelmingy Republican. In his election Roose velt carried the state as a candidate for the presidency by a majority of 161,464. Johnson ran 92,453 ahead of his ticket and was elected by a majority of 7,826. In the election last fall his opponent was not "in the running," though all other Republicans on the state ticket were elected Ie started life handicapped by odds hat would have proved insurmountable obstacles for a man or boy with less stamina and direct ambition. His father was a blacksmith, a descendint of the peasantry of Sweden. an effort to get away from his old For several years he lived without touching whiskey and mar ied, but it was not long before he began to drink worse than ever and his family became a burden on the clared a pauper and taken poorhouse, where he died from al-Then the mother began to coholism. struggle for the life of the family. It is a matter of record that in Gov. Johnson's first campaign for the gov rnorship his opponents carried signs which read. "His Father was a Pau-per," and "His Mother took in

Washing."

While a boy Johnson aided his nother before and after school hours, until he reached the High school, a 3 years of age. he would learn a trade and prepared to become a druggist. From that family. In all those years the undertaker was the only creditor of the family. Three deaths served to take all the spare money from the family and ruined Johnson's opportunity o taking a course in pharmacy. Later Howe was suddenly seized with an he sought employment in a depart ment store, a position which yielded better pay, but less opportunity for study. At one time he sought emclared he would live down the repu-Mrs. Howe says that shortly before tation of his father and remained at home with his mother, came when he was enabled to pay of the mortgage on his father's old cot-tage and pay for the education of his

After several years a friend inter-ested Johnson in the St. Peter Herald, a Democratic newspaper in a Republican community. Johnson took up with the proposition and became became an officer in the State Press association. Here began his political aspirations. Twice he was defeated as candidate for state senatorship. On his third trial he was elected. His record as a minority member brought nim into prominence, and later into the chair of the celef executive. is the idol of the people of the state he is serving, simply, because as he

puts it-"I just tried to make good." JILTS MOTHER: WEDS GIRL Nebraska Man Now In Jail on Com-

plaint of Elder Woman. Because he eloped to Columbus with 15-year-old Birdie Buchanan and made her his bride there on the The commission which finishes its day set for his marriage to the girl's mother, Mrs. Ida Buchanan, Herbert C. Stapleman, a wellknown business ed and lodged in jail at Central City, Mrs. Buchanan swore out a warrant on which Stapleton was ar-rested, alleging that in order to wed her daughter he represented that she

was 18 years of age, whereas she is only 15. Mrs. Buchanan, a handsome middle aged widow of high social standing and dignified family connections, says she bacame engaged to marry Stapleman, who is about her own age several months ago. Stapleman paid assiduous court to her and the wedding was set for Thursady. Several weeks ago, however, Stapleman became enamored of his financee's pretty, attractive young daughter and began to pay more attention to her than he did to the mother, finally declaring his love for her, and, on the day he was to have wedded Mrs. Buchanan, persuaded her to elope

with him. WOMAN HAS LEPROSY.

The Sixth Case Discovered in Boston

The State board of health of Massachusetts has confirmed the report that the young woman who was re-cently removed to the Massachusetts General hospital after being employed as a domestic for several months in some of the wealthiest families in

Boston is a victim of leprosy She will be removed to the leprosy colony at Fenikese Island off the coast near New Bedford. The patient, whose name is concealed, had been under treatment during the past year for skin disease before the real nature of the affliction was discovered. This is the sixth case of leprosy discovered in Boston and vicinity during the past twelve months.

BUYS A TOWN

In order to experiment with vari-

ous new guns and projectiles, the Austrian government has purchased outright the Bohemian village of Mlada. All the inhabitants have left and soon all the latest acquisitions in the line of guns will be trained on the defenseless homes, and the effect the bombardment will be made serious study by the Austrian office