ATLANTIC CITY IS GETTING GAY

In Honor of Palm Sunday and Glorious Easter.

THE RAIN CANNOT STOP IT

THOUSANDS MEAN TO ENJOY GREAT SPRING EVENT.

Welcome Improvements Made on the Boardwalk for the Comfort of Visitors—Hotels Filling Up and the Easter Crowd Promises to Be Very Large—College Boys and Girls Will Be There in Force This Week—Number of Special Attractions—Baltimoreans There.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Atlantic City, March 15.—Nothing has been left undone in the great preparations made to welcome the immense throngs that are gathering here for the Easter season, the most glorious period of all the year at Atlantic City. Two hundred and twenty-five kegs of nails and 570,000 feet of lumber have been used in redecking the Walk from Maryland to Missouri avenue, a distance of about two miles. The Walk is now perfectly smooth and free from all ridges and cracks. No more will visitors be annoyed by having their canes and parasols caught in the openings. Rolling chairs are now propelled with greater facility, so that the occupants are free from bumps and jars so common when the boards were splintered from much wear. Best of all the new decking prevents "Boardwalk feet," from which so many thousands have suffered. Probably no other improvement has been made in the last few months will be greater appreciated by the admirers of Atlantic City than the replanking of the promenade, which was so long a subject of heated discussions. But in the end the visitors had their own way, Atlantic City didn't dare to try any other material as a substitute for that famous Plank Walk with its world-wide reputation.

The hotels lining the ocean front are all filled, and will be until after Easter, for no reservations have been made for less than 10 days. The hotel exchanges resound with life and laughter. Everybody is so glad to see everybody else. Here and there are people exchanging greetings with friends whom they thought hundreds of miles away. Part of the fun of coming to Atlantic City is in greeting friends unexpectedly. Practically everybody you have ever met is sure to turn up at Atlantic City sometime. There are so many Baltimoreans here that the Great Wooden Way will resemble Charles street tomorrow. However, Easter is more popular with Baltimoreans than Palm Sunday. Nevertheless, there will be many residents of the Monumental City who will be here for both Sundays.

A LITTLE TOO SHOWERY.

Heavy showers today and tonight, however, have somewhat dampened the enthusiasm of the visitors. Withone exception it has rained every day this week, but the storm today was the worst of all. There has been an almost continuous downpour of rain. During every lull rolling chairs were immediately put in commission, and hundreds viewed the tempest of the sea from the wheeled vehicles, but there were many hours during the day when the promenade was practically deserted.

Had the weather been favorable the Boardwalk would have witnessed one of the most attractive turnouts during the year. Clear and colder weather is promised for tomorrow.

Governor Fielder, of New Jersey, arrived this evening, accompanied by the members of his staff. The Chief Executive will view the Boardwalk pageant tomorrow from the balcony of the Traymore. The Governor was the guest of honor tonight at the dedication of the Y. M. C. A. Building, which has just been completed at a cost of $100,000. John Wanamaker, former postmaster general, also participated in the dedication ceremonies.

COLLEGE BOYS AND GIRLS.

The hotel parlors, with their exquisite decoration of fragrant spring blossoms, form a lovely background for the display of modish gowns and even if it does rain tomorrow, and this week has not been at all conducive to a prophecy of a clear Sunday, there will be a lot of opportunities for showing handsome spring toilettes, for at no other year have so many interesting events been planned for the Easter season.

You might almost name the period from Palm to Easter Sunday as "College Week at the Seashore." Next Thursday night the Princeton Musical Club Organization, composed of the Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs, will give a concert on the Steel Pier. College songs, popular ragtime airs and the best-known folksongs will be rendered by the Princeton boys, who have not paid a visit to Atlantic City for nearly a dozen years. In addition to the members of the musical organizations about 300 Princeton students will come with the party, together with their sisters and sweethearts, to spend the spring vacation at the shore.

The following Saturday the Mask and Wig Club of the University of Pennsylvania will give its annual production at the Apollo Theater both afternoon and evening. The plays of the U. of P. boys are almost as finished as professional productions, and always have a large following by people who have no university affiliations as well as by Philadelphians.

Besides the students from the universities just mentioned there will be hundreds of college boys and girls here from the Eastern colleges, who find it more convenient to spend their season of rest from study here rather than to go to their homes.

GETTING VERY GAY.

This week the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra gave its final concert of a series of two at the Apollo Theater before a packed house. So successful have the concerts been that next year a series of four will be given. Another treat in store for music lovers will be the concerts of Lina Cavalieri, the famous grand opera soprano at the Apollo Theater on Easter Sunday, afternoon and evening. The leading theatrical attraction for the week will be the premier performance of The Purple Road, by H. Reinhart, the composer of Spring Maid. The cast includes Victor Maurel, Ethel Jackson and Valli Valli.

Representatives of the Baltimore Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, will be present to attend the elaborate ball Easter Monday night on the Steel Pier, given by the Rangers of the Atlantic City Forest. From Palm Sunday until the week after Easter there will not be a dull moment at Atlantic City. The hotels maintaining orchestras have arranged special musical attractions, and all the piers will have elaborate musical programs. The Steeple Chase Pier opened this week with many new devices, included in the list of over 50 amusements.

An improvement which will be made to the Walk prior to the opening of the summer season will be the installation of 200 benches of comfortable design. Each bench will accommodate four people. This will fill a long-felt need because there have been lots of complaints made that there were not more places to rest on the Walk. The sparkling fountains, where passersby might quench their thirst were to have been placed on the Walk for Easter, but the contract couldn't be filled by that time. The fountains will be of the bubbling design as public drinking cups are tabooed in this state.

SOME GIDDY COSTUMES.

Now that the days are milder more spring apparel is worn and enough distinctly new styles are shown to give a foretaste of what can be expected on Easter Day. The hats are extremely saucy and impertinent to look upon. Some of them are mere crowns, with perchance a numedle plume standing straight in front. The trimming they possess is very slight and stiffly placed. There isn't a semblance of an ostrich plume and whatever is used in the line of feathers is distinctly straight and uncurled. Not many spring suits have been worn, but the most ultra show a prolonged waist line that very nearly reaches the hips. Of foot gear there is endless variety and it is never too breezy for low shoes and silk stockings. Even on the Boardwalk in the day time women promenade in white satin slippers veiled with black lace. Many diamondite buckles and large silver ones are worn. Cloth top shoes are seen in many fancy conceits. A few Easters ago everyone watched for the "Girl with the Harem Skirt." This year a sharp lookout will be kept for the "Girl with the Diamond Anklet." Slashed and draped skirts are said to be responsible for the vogue of wearing a jeweled band about the ankle.

A spring success at Atlantic City without some new toy to be toiled along the Great Wooden Way would not be at all complete. This week a mechanical, webfooted duck made its appearance. Children wind the toy up and it will go along the Walk for quite a block. Many grownups have been deceived in thinking that real live stock was infesting the Boardwalk. So far matrons and maids have not gone in for carrying any silly stuffed Bilikens, Teddy Bears, etc. Now and then one sees a tailor-made girl with a sturdy cane, but so far no new fad has developed.

BALTIMOREANS THERE.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brown and Miss Clara Brown are at the St. Charles, where they will be joined over Easter by Sumner Brown, of Chicago.

Miss Frances Seth arrived at the Traymore this week. She was out in a chair this morning, accompanied by Miss Alice L. Orr and Mr. Thomas C. Logan, of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. W. A. Little and Miss B. E. Johnson have joined the Baltimore colony at the Holmhurst.

Mrs. A. W. Robson and Mrs. W. L. Foster are at the Princess for a week or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pierson and Miss Eleanor Pierson, who came down earlier in the week, were joined today by Miss Florence Wentworth, of Bryn Mawr.

The Seaside House is entertaining Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Collins, Mrs. T. B. Harper, T B. Harper, Jr.

E. H. Rogers, Mrs. Rogers and Miss Dunbury are at the St. Clare for a week or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell Deford are expected down for over Easter.

Mrs. Louis P. Goldsborough, who has been visiting in Philadelphia and Washington, has postponed her seashore visit until after Easter.

Mr. William Chapman Rouse and Miss Isabel Rouse haven't missed Easter season at Atlantic City for a number of years and always make the Traymore their seashore home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Watson are at the Strand for over Palm Sunday.

Mrs. Leonidas Levering and Miss Nannie Hanson, who were here earlier in the week, did not remain for Palm Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Morrison Gaither are expected down for Lily Day.

Colonel and Mrs. John Manz entertained at dinner early in the week at their Chelsea cottage. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rasin, of Baltimore; Capt. C. M. M. Morgan, of the United States battleship Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Williams, of Germantown; Miss Nellie Giddings, of Washington, D. C.

Baltimoreans at Haddon Hall include Miss Jackson, Mrs. R. D. Stuart, George H. Van Hollen, J. Morrison Harris, Col. John M. Heighe.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Sippel and Miss Dorothy Sippel were on the Walk this morning.

Captain H. C. Poundstone has joined John R. Buchan at the Dennis.

Mrs. R. M. Spedden is at the Marlborough-Blenheim with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Norton.

Julian S. Jones spent the week-end at the Hotel Brighton.

Miss Katherine Lederer has joined friends at the Chalfonte.

Miss Owens is at the Dennis, accompanied by Mrs. R. P. Williams, of Washington, D. C.

Baltimoreans at the Marlborough-Blenheim include Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wight, who are accompanied by Miss Murphy; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Donoho, E. S. Donoho, Dr. and Mrs. James Bradley and George G. Ruch.

J. M. Watkins and John McKenzie are among the Baltimoreans spending some time at the Chalfonte.

Mrs. Charles Goldsborough, Mrs. F. H. Purnell and Miss Barnes were seen this morning viewing the promenade from the solarium of the Hotel Dennis.

Other Baltimoreans who are staying at the Dennis are Miss M. C. Murphy, Mrs. D. Hopper Emory, Miss Julia Emory, Miss Eliza Emory, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Thomas, Miss Broome, Mrs. William S. Baer, Mrs. William G. Bansemer and William S. Bansemer.

Other Baltimoreans enjoying the close of the lenten season here are: Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. White, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Watts, Miss A. M. Anderson, Miss L. F. Richardson, Miss N. J. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Woodworth, Miss Emma Zimmerman and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel MacLea.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Cummings are the guests of Mrs. Mary Quinn and the Misses Quinn at their Chelsea cottage.

Miss Ethel M. Miller arrived on Monday to join her mother, Mrs. Edgar G. Miller, at the Marlborough-Blenheim.

Mrs. Ral Parr, Mrs. Donnell Swan and Miss Helen Didier, who were down early in the week, did not remain for Palm Sunday.

Dr. John B. Van Meter, acting president of Goucher College, will spend the spring vacation at the Hotel Chelsea with his daughter, Miss Johnetta Van Meter.

Enjoying a view of the promenade from the deck of Marlborough-Blenheim today were: Mrs. Beverly Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Cockran, W. H. Taylor, Mrs. Martin Williams, Miss Anna M. Williams, Mrs. F. P. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ridgely, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marbury, C. A. Hausman, Jeffrey, A. E. Angier, John A. Ruppell, George H. Van Hollen, Julian S. Jones, E. W. Lester, Dr. Nathan R. Smith, Mrs. Alan P. Smith, George W. Kirwan, Miss Dorothy D. Bosley, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bosler, George Spencer Norris, Mrs. William Manly and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Stieff, Mrs. Edith W. Robbins, Mrs. P. B. Williams, Mrs. J. G. Stewart, Mrs. Douglas H. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Waltz, George C. Cooper, A. L. Cooper, A. L. Cooper, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Watts, Mrs. Ernest Gill, George W. Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Baker, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Levering.

THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION IN SESSION

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IN FIGHT FOR FORTUNE

John Spencer Turner, Jr., Claims $250,000 of Estate.

Bureau of The Baltimore American, Room 1005 World Building, New York, March 15.

When John Spencer Turner, a millionaire cotton duck manufacturer, of Brooklyn, died, September 18, 1905, he left a legacy of more than $250,000 to his son, John Spencer Turner, Jr., but with the proviso that if John should remain single he was to get only the income of the money, but if he married the sum should be his outright. For seven years the son remained single, and then last July married a woman 75 years old. She died in a little over five months, and now Turner has come to Surrogate Ketcham to prove his marriage and get his share of his father's property.

One clause in the will of John Spencer Turner, the father, made June 27, 1905, reads as follows:

"I give and bequeath to my trustees hereinafter appointed 100 shares of the stock of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, the net income of dividends therefrom to be paid to my son, John Spencer Turner, Jr., for and during the term of his life, with this provision, however, that if my said son shall marry, in that case I give and bequeath said stock to him absolutely, and if he shall not marry, upon his death said stock shall fall into and belong to my residuary estate hereafter mentioned."

For the last 12 years Turner has been living in Rome, where he has risen to considerable social distinction. Among other honors conferred upon him are being made a knight of the sovereign Order of Malta and a Roman Marquis Palatine. He never renounced his standing as an American citizen, and only a year ago applied for a certificate of citizenship.

Last June he went to London with Mrs. Helen Doty Compton, a widow. She was 75 years old; he was 42. They put up at the Piccadilly Hotel, and according to the English law, they remained in the country 15 days before applying for a marriage license. They then were married by the registrar in Westminster, in the presence of the American vice consul. Immediately after they were married the couple returned to Rome.

The Surrogate did not render an opinion on the matter, but is expected to do so within a few days.

HELD UP BY REPUBLICANS

Object to Hasty Action on the Appointments of Wilson.

Washington, March 15.—Republican objections to hasty action on President Wilson's appointments again today delayed action in the confirmation of several important nominations, including those of Dr. B. T. Galloway, to be assistant secretary of Agriculture; John S. Williams, to be assistant secretary of the Treasury; Edwin F. Sweet, to be assistant secretary of Commerce, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, to be assistant secretary of the Navy.

Democratic chairmen, newly chosen, were ready to poll the committees as to the approval of the appointment, but Senators Root and Jones insisted that regular committee meetings be held.

Senator Smith, of Georgia, the new chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, made arrangements today for a meeting of his committee to consider the protests that have been made against the reappointment of Dr. Charles B. Neill as Commissioner of Labor Statistics. It is expected that the Senate will act Monday on several of the pending appointments.

DISCUSS CHILD LABOR

Need for Laws in the South Pointed Out at Conference.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 15.—Child labor in the cotton mills was discussed at today's session of the Ninth Annual Child Labor Conference. Dr. Samuel McCune Lane, vice chairman of the National Child Labor Committee, pointed to the need for laws to keep children out of the cotton and canning facories of the South.

Referring to opposition in the Senate to the reappointment of Dr. Charles P. Neill as commissioner of labor statistics, Dr. Lane declared the contest was a test between the Senate and the White House, and that sociologists will watch the fight with interest.

Secretary A. J. McKelway declared that, besides the opposition of Senators Overman and Tillman, the old "Bailey influence" in the Senate was against Dr. Neill, because Neill at a New York banquet once made the "unfortunate remark that 'his misfortune was that he was from the same state as Bailey.'" He declared Dr. Neill will get the hearty approval of the Child Labor Conference.

MARJORIE HAS TO GO TO PRISON

SHE THREW GREEN PAINT INTO BRITISH HOME OFFICE.

Declared That Was Her Method of Lifting Gauntlet Thrown Down to Women by the Government—English Suffragettes Again Pour Acids Into Letter Boxes and Cause Serious Losses.

London, March 15.—Miss Marjorie Masters, the suffragette school teacher who yesterday threw a pot of green paint through a window of the Home Office, was sentenced today to a month's imprisonment. Addressing the police magistrate in court she said:

"This was my method of lifting the gauntlet thrown down to women by the government in ignoring the question of votes for women in the king's speech at the opening of Parliament."

She was followed in the prisoners' enclosure by a male anti-suffragette who had harangued a crowd outside the headquarters of the militant suffragette society. He had shouted to the people:

"That's the place which ought to be burned down," and the police promptly arrested him. He was put under bonds to keep the peace.

The suffragettes today opened another active campaign of destruction of the mails. Scores of letterboxes in London were found this morning with their contents destroyed by acids. A large force of police has been assigned to special duty to investigate these outrages and to arrest the criminals.

The women arrested last evening on suspicion of being connected with a suffragette plot to damage the new water reservoir at Chingford, in the northeast of London, turned out to be a music-hall singer. She was released from custody after six hours' detention at the police station. She sings a suffragette song on the stage. The police found a heap of shavings, hammers and other militant paraphernalia in an automobile in the vicinity of the place where she was arrested.

SCHWAB'S HOME ROBBED

His Valet and Three Other Men Held by the Police.

South Bethlehem, Pa., March 15.—The home of Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, was robbed last night of several thousand dollars' worth of silverware and jewelry, and a few hours after detectives were put on the case today. Mr. Schwab's valet and three other men were detained by the police in connection with the robbery.

The district attorney of Northampton county said that most of the stolen property will be recovered. Diamonds, pearl stickpins and cuff links, picked up by Mr. Schwab on his travels over the world were taken from his home, and he was particularly anxious today to recover them.

NOTED INDIAN DEAD

Hollow Horn Bear, chief of the Sioux Indians, who died yesterday in Washington. With members of his tribe, he had journeyed to the capital from his tepee in Rosebud, South Dakota, to attend the inaugural ceremonies and pledge President Wilson the peace of his followers.

FAMOUS SIOUX CHIEF IS DEAD

HOLLOW HORN BEAR TO THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS.

The Big Indian Warrior, Who Had So Many Years Defied Death on the Plains, Yields to the Inclement March Weather in Washington—Born, a Pagan, Great Chief Dies a Devout Christian.

Washington, March 15.—Hollow Horn Bear, big chief of the Sioux Indians on the Rosebud (S. D.) reservation, and probably most famous of all Sioux chief Indians, died here early today of pneumonia. For 64 years the big chief had defied death on the warpath, the plains, the mountains and the forest, but the inclemency of March weather in Washington, where he came to attend President Wilson's inauguration, was too much for the old warrior. When he was stricken last Wednesday the young chiefs of his party consented to take him to the pale face medicine men at a hospital, where it was seen there was no hope.

Hollow Horn lingered in a semi-conscious condition until early today, when, just about the time the breakfast smoke was curling through the tops of his people's tepees on the Dakota reservation, the Great Spirit called him to the happy hunting grounds. Born a pagan, Hollow Horn died a devout Christian. The Rev. William H. Ketchum, director of the Bureau of Catholic Missions, gave him the last rites. His body will be laid to rest with those of his ancestors out West.

STUDENTS GREET HOUSTON

Secretary of Agriculture Gets Big Reception in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., March 15.—Students and faculty of Washington University greeted their chancellor, David F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, when he arrived home today from the national capital. A large reception committee met him at the Union Station and escorted him to the university campus.

Plans had been made to set off 17 bombs as the procession approached the campus. Just before the Houston party arrived, however, a funeral procession passed and mistaking the cortege for the student parade, those in charge of the fireworks set off 16 of the bombs.

A loving cup was presented to Secretary Houston by the students. He will return to Washington Sunday night.

FRENCH ARMY OFFICERS HERE

To Find Difference in Washington and Paris Longitude.

New York, March 15.—Four French army and navy officers arrived here today bound for Arlington, Va., to co-operate with officers of the American Navy to determine the precise difference in longitude between Washington and Paris. The preliminary tests will be made at the government wireless station.

The Frenchmen are Major Gustave A. Ferrie, of the Engineering Corps, who has charge of the Eiffel Tower wireless station; Captain Leveque, of the artillery; Chief Engineer Joseph F. L. Driencourt, of the hydrographic office, and Lieutenant Gignon, of the navy.

THE CLAIMS OF COLOMBIA

Its Minister Wants The Hague to Decide Panama Controversy.

Washington, March 15.—Julio Betancourt, the Colombian Minister, today called on Representative Flood, of Virginia, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in relation to the Colombian monetary claims in connection with the acquisition of the Panama Canal Zone. Senor Betancourt was anxious that Congressional action be pressed at the extra session looking toward submitting the Colombian controversy to the Hague.

The entire Panama controversy has been before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House for more than a year, and an investigation has been proceeding under a resolution of Representative Rainey, of Illinois. Representative Flood told the Colombian minister that no further hearings in the matter would be held until the regular session of Congress next December. At that time the committee expects to conclude its investigation and make a report.

Representative Flood and several other members of the committee believe the Colombian claims should be submitted to a joint commission named by the two governments rather than to the Hague tribunal.

TRAINMEN MAKE DEMANDS

Nineteen Railroads Are Affected by Strike Vote Being Taken.

Chicago, March 15.—A strike vote by 6,000 local members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, started yesterday at the yards of 19 railroads affected. It is expected the vote will be completed by next Tuesday.

A. F. Whitney, vice president of the brotherhood, said last night that he was confident the vote would be in favor of making a demand on the roads for the terms which have been refused the committee on negotiations. The demands do not involve more pay, except for overtime and night and Sunday work. The firemen are not affected.

The roads involved include the principal East and West trunk lines and the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern, the principal belt line.

MARYLAND SOCIETY DINNER

Governor Goldsborough to Speak in New York March 25.

Bureau of The Baltimore American, Room 1005 World Building, New York, March 15.

President Albert Ritchie, of the Maryland Society of New York, announced tonight that the fifteenth annual dinner of the society will be held at the Hotel St. Regis on the evening of March 25.

The speakers will be Governor Phillips Lee Goldsborough, of Maryland; Honorable Job E. Hedges, former candidate for governor of New York; Honorable John Purroy Mitchell, president of the Board of Aldermen, and O. F. Hershey, of Baltimore.

There will be present a number of Baltimoreans who have been invited by individual members.

FIXED STAR OBSERVATIONS

Yale Observatory Completes Twenty Years of Observations.

New Haven, Ct., March 15.—Observations during some 20 years for parallax of fixed stars have been completed at Yale Observatory. They have included 238 stars of the Northern Hemisphere of the heavens. The nearest to the earth of these stars observed, and the nearest of all the stars of the Northern Hemisphere, is one of the seventh magnitude, invisible to the naked eye, and its distance in miles from the earth is represented by the figures of 46,000,000,000,000, denoted in astronomical terms by about eight "light years." This means that light, which travels about 186,000 miles a second, would require eight years to traverse the distance from this star to the earth.

FORMER GOVERNOR ILL

Frank S. Black, of Troy, N. Y., Is Suffering From Heart Trouble.

Troy, N. Y., March 15.—Former Governor Frank S. Black, for many years prominent in national Republican political circles, is seriously ill at his home in this city. He has valvular disease of the heart.

Governor Black's health has been failing for several months, and he has been confined to his home on Pinewoods avenue since early in January. In January, 1912, the former executive announced his intention to retire from the active practice of law when the leases of his present offices in New York expired in May of this year. He was born at Livingston, Me., March 8, 1853.

PENNSY TRAIN DERAILED

Accident to Flyer Said to Have Been Deliberately Planned.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, March 15.—It is believed that a deliberate attempt to wreck one of the Pennsylvania's electric flyers was the cause of a train on the West Jersey and Seashore Division leaving the rails a short distance from Woodbury Station late today. An examination of the track immediately after the accident showed that a switch had been tampered with and the signals set for an open track. Detectives working on the case think that it was the work of some of the striking section hands.

The only thing that saved the 200 passengers, railroad officials declare, was the fact that the train was composed entirely of all-steel cars. The train was running at the rate of 35 miles an hour when it left the track and bumped along the ties for a quarter of a mile. A shower of splintered glass fell over the passengers, who, panic stricken, broke windows and fought desperately to escape from the cars. With the exception of a few who received minor cuts from broken glass, none of them were hurt.

TO VISIT PANAMA CANAL

Chicago Association of Commerce Members Leave for South.

Chicago, March 15.—A delegation of 100 members of the Chicago Association of Commerce left today for Key West and Panama. March 21 and 22 will be spent at the canal. Brief stops at Kingston, Jamaica, and Havana, Cuba, are planned on the return trip. The party will return to Chicago March 31.

J. J. Arnold, vice president of the foreign trade division, is chairman of the delegation.

SUBWAY GAS EXPLOSION

Boston Street Car Thrown Fifty Feet—Several Persons Hurt.

Boston, March 15.—An explosion of gas in the underground excavation for a subway extension at Scollay Square late today tore open the surface and threw a passing street car about 50 feet. Several passengers in the car were slightly injured, but only one required medical attention.

ARMY AND NAVY

Orders Issued to Officers From Departments in Washington.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, March 15.—The following orders to Army officers have been issued:

First Lieutenant Jerome G. Pillow, Thirteenth Cavalry, to Texas City, Tex., as aid to Major General William H. Carter; Chaplain William A. Aiken, to First Infantry, at Fort Niagara, N. Y.; Majors William B. Rochester and Frank H. Lawton, assistants to chief quartermaster, Eastern Department; Major William E. Horton, Capt. George D. Arrowsmith, assistants to chief quartermaster, First Division; Capt. Ernest Graves, Corps of Engineers, from Dallas, Tex., to Vicksburg, Miss., relieving Major James A. Woodruff, Corps of Engineers; First Lieutenant Minot E. Scott, dental surgeon, from Philippine Department to the United States; Acting Dental Surgeon Frank C. Cady, from Fort Riley, Kan., to Philippine Department; Capt. George P. Peed, Medical Corps, from Fort Thomas, Ky., to Fort Monroe, Va.; Lieutenant Colonel Franklin O. Johnson, Fifteenth Cavalry to Fourteenth Cavalry; Major Richard C. Croxton, infantry, recruiting officer, from Philadelphia, Pa., to 25 Third avenue, New York, for recruiting duty.

The following second lieutenants of infantry, recently appointed from civil life, are assigned to the regiments indicated after their names: Hamilton Templeton, to the Twenty-eighth Infantry; Edward F. Witsell, to the Sixth Infantry; Alfred L. Rockwood, to the Twelfth Infantry; George W. Polhemus, to the Twenty-ninth Infantry; Floyd C. Hecox, to the Seventh Infantry; Carl A. Hardigg, to the Second Infantry; Carl L. Cohen, to the Eleventh Infantry; William R. Gruber, to the Tenth Infantry; Francis P. Regan, to the Sixteenth Infantry; Herbert J. Lawes, to the Fourth Infantry; Robert C. Williams, to the Twenty-sixth Infantry; Paul X. English, to the Seventeenth Infantry; Estil V. Smith, to the Eighteenth Infantry; Troy H. Middleton, to the Seventh Infantry; Roland F. Walsh, to the Seventeenth Infantry; Paul Murray, to the Fifth Infantry; Robert G. Calder, to the Second Infantry; William D. Faulkner, to the Twenty-sixth Infantry; Edgar A. Stadden, to the Twenty-seventh Infantry; Arthur R. Christie, to the Twenty-second Infantry; Percy E. Van Nostrand, to the Twenty-eighth Infantry; Frederic V. Hemenway, to the Third Infantry; Clarence M. Dodson, to the Twenty-first Infantry; Virgil V. Enyart, to the First Infantry; James M. Moore, to the Nineteenth Infantry; Frank H. Moody, to the Twenty-ninth Infantry; Percie C. Rentfro, to the Fourteenth Infantry; George A. Speer, Jr., to the Sixth Infantry; Sidney B. Colquitt, to the Twenty-third Infantry; John K. Boles, to the First Cavalry; Terry de la M. Allen, to the Fourteenth Cavalry; John C. McDonald, to the Eleventh Cavalry; Jerome W. Howe, to the Tenth Cavalry; Otto Wagner, to the Ninth Cavalry; William T. Pigott, Jr., to the Second Cavalry; Russell B. Patterson, to the Twelfth Cavalry; Clyde V. Simpson, to the Twelfth Cavalry; Joseph P. Richmond, to the Tenth Cavalry; Roy S. Brown, to the First Cavalry; Louis A. Falligant, to the Fourteenth Cavalry; Herbert M. Ostroski, to the First Cavalry; Paul R. Davison, to the Third Cavalry; John B. Brooks, to the Tenth Cavalry; John B. Coulter, to the Fourteenth Cavalry; William A. Raborg, Jr., to the Fifteenth Cavalry; Welton M. Modisette, to the Fifteenth Cavalry; John P. Wheeler, to the Fifth Cavalry.

Orders to Navy officers:

Medical Director P. A. Lovering, detached Naval Hospital, Mare Island; to Washington and wait orders.

Assistant Surgeon R. G. Davis, detached Naval Medical School; to Naval Proving Ground, Indian Head.

Gunner D. P. Henderson, detached West Virginia; to Naval Training Station, San Francisco.

Marine Corps orders:

Major P. S. Brown, commissioned major.

Captain W. P. Upshur, commissioned captain.

First Lieutenants R. W. Voeth, C. E. Nutting, B. L. Smith and J. C. Fegan, commissioned first lieutenant.

Second Lieutenant H. D. MacLachlan, to Marine Officers' School, Norfolk.

Movements of vessels:

Arrived—San Francisco, Standish, at Norfolk; Caesar, at Sewall Point; Mayflower, Dolphin, at Cristobal; Abarenda, at Olongapo; Rainbow, at Manila.

Sailed—Brutus, from Smyrna, for Beirut; Yankton, from Guantanamo for Hampton Roads.

BIG VICTORY FOR THE SUFFRAGISTS

Congress to Take Up Question of Granting Ballot.

THE FIRST STEP IS TAKEN

INACTIVE SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE RESURRECTED

In Reorganization of the Senate—Thomas, of Colorado, a Suffrage State, Is Made Its Chairman, and the Membership Increased—Will Begin Consideration at Extra Session—Suffrage Leaders to Urge Wilson to Recommend Amending Constitution.

Washington, March 15.—A constitutional Amendment giving women the right to vote for President and Vice President probably will be brought formally before Congress, with the indorsement of a Senate committee, before the end of the present year. In the reorganization of its committees today the Senate took its women suffrage committee out of the list of inactive committees, where it has remained for many years; increased its membership from five to nine, the majority of whom are advocates of suffrage for women, and gave its chairmanship to Senator Thomas, of Colorado, a suffrage state.

Senator Thomas said tonight he had accepted the chairmanship with the understanding that there would be active steps taken in this Congress to submit a suffrage amendment to the people of the country for their approval. Senator Thomas will confer first with national leaders in the suffrage movement to determine what steps they desire to take. It is expected that the committee will begin the consideration of the suffrage question soon after the extra session convenes in April.

WANT WILSON'S BACKING.

Representatives of the National American Woman Suffrage Association made arrangements today for a conference with President Wilson at 10:30 o'clock Monday forenoon, when they will urge him to recommend in a message to Congress an amendment to the federal Constitution entitling women to the ballot. Whether or not President Wilson makes such recommendation, activity in Congress will begin at an early date.

The Senate Committee on Woman Suffrage had heretofore been known as a "minority committee." It has not met for many years. Democratic leaders notified the Republicans early today that they proposed to enlarge the committee and take over the chairmanship. As finally organized by the Senate, the committee includes the following:

Senator Thomas, Colorado, chairman; Senators Owen, Oklahoma; Ashurst, Arizona; Ransdell, Louisiana; Hollis, New Hampshire; Clapp, Minnesota; Sutherland, Utah; Jones, Washington, and Catron, New Mexico.

THE CAUSE IS GROWING.

Senator Jones is chairman of the special committee now investigating the failure of the police to properly protect the great suffrage parade in Washington, March 3.

"The proposal to give women the right of suffrage through a constitutional amendment is becoming a question of constantly growing importance," said Chairman Thomas today. "I have taken the chairmanship of this committee, because I believe I can do some effective work for the extension of suffrage to the women of the country."

THEIR NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Senate Committees Smith and Jackson Will Serve On.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, March 15.—The following are the Senate committee assignments by the Maryland senators:

Senator Jackson's committees are: Examine the Several Branches of the Civil Service, Expenditures in the Department of State, Manufactures, Mines and Mining, Postoffices and Post Roads, Public Buildings and Grounds, Railroads.

Senator Smith's committees are: District of Columbia, chairman; Appropriations, Canadian Relations, Coast Defenses, Examine the Several Branches of the Civil Service, Expenditures in the Treasury Department, Investigate Trespassers Upon Indian Lands, Naval Affairs.

WOMAN MAYOR WINS

Hunnewell (Kan.) Executive Has Three Councilmen Fired.

Topeka, Kan., March 15.—Mrs. Ella Wilson, mayor of Hunnewell, Kan., won her long fight against hostile members of the City Council, when the State Supreme Court today ousted from office three councilmen against whom charges had been filed by Mrs. Wilson. The court held the three guilty of wilful misconduct in office and of persistent failure to perform their duties. Mrs. Wilson alleged the men refused to co-operate with her in the administration of the affairs of Hunnewell.

WRIT FOR MRS. LINDLOFF

Convicted Clairvoyant Will Appeal to the Supreme Court.

Chicago, March 15.—Justice Carter, of the Illinois Supreme Court, today issued a writ of supersedeas in favor of Mrs. Louise Lindloff, the clairvoyant, recently sentenced to serve 25 years for poisoning her son, Arthur, 23 years old. She is now in the county jail, and will be allowed to remain there pending the disposition of an appeal to the Supreme Court. It was claimed Mrs. Lindloff also had poisoned other relatives for the purpose of collecting life insurance.

HADLEY HAS CARBUNCLES

Rumors of Serious Illness of Yale President Denied.

New Haven, Ct., March 15.—Reports that President Hadley, of Yale University, has been seriously ill in California brought forth an official statement from the university officers today.

The statement says: "Newspaper reports regarding President Hadley's ill health are much exaggerated. He expects to be back at work in New Haven next month. The only trouble he has had was due to carbuncles."

An American Girl Paddler.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, March 15.—A cablegram to the Sunday World from Rome says: Laya Machat, the American teacher who paddled a canoe from New York to Baltimore before she came to Italy to become a prima donna and who made a sensation by navigating her canoe skilfully about the Bay of Naples a short time ago, now says she will go by canoe from Rome to the sea, paddling down the river Tiber. This will be a dangerous undertaking because of the rapid currents and the shoals.

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