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PART 1.

MIRZA'S MARTYRDOM

How a Convert Suffered Death for Christianity.

AN OLD MONTREALER'S RETURN HOME

Methodists Will Not Withdraw Exhibits from the Fair.

The Events of the Day as Wired to the Times from all Quarters—Two Fatalities Aboard a Man-of-War—South American Affairs—Prospects of Peace Not tho Brightest.

New York, June 24.—News was received by the Presbyterian Board of Missions yesterday of the dea niht28TTHM sions yesterday of the death in Tabriz, West Persia, of Mirza Abraham, a converted Mussulman. He died in a Persian prison, where he had been confined for forsaking the Mohammedan for the Christian religion about four years ago. Mirza Abraham was publicly baptized at Khoi, and boldly proclaimed his new faith. The Moslems began a series of persecutions which finally resulted in his death on May 14th last. His wife and property were taken away from him, and he was forced to flee to Orocanhi. The missionaries took him in hand and found work for him to do. In spite of every effort to protect him he was arrested and nearly killed with the beating he received.

From Orocanhi he was conveyed to Tabriz to be tried before a higher tribunal. He was finally thrown into prison with a chain about him and his feet made fast in the stocks. Afterwards he was chained to a gang of murderers, who delighted to inflict torture upon him. During the cholera epidemic, a year ago he did much to relieve those who were stricken within the prison walls.

On his death Mrs. S. O. Wilson, a missionary in Tabriz, thus writes to the Presbyterian board:

"A week ago he was down in the cellar of the prison, and with him were 12 others, who took turns in choking him with their fingers. His death was the direct result of this treatment. He was buried by the Christians."

None took more interest in the welfare of Mirza Abraham than Mrs. Bradford, the young American physician, whose heroic action in the time of the cholera scourge in Tabriz is well known.

English Press Comments.

London, June 24.—The English press so far offers very little comment on the brief cable reports of the Canadian Liberal convention. The Chronicle to-day notes that the Liberal party of Canada, for the first time in its history, has taken a firm stand on the platform of free trade, and considers that the moment is ripe for the tactical move which Mr. Laurier and his party appear to have executed. The Canadian electorate, the Chronicle says, has at last been brought face to face with the issue of Protection versus Free Trade.

Cowardice and Disobedience.

Chihuahua, Mex., June 24.—Captain Juan B. Prado, a Mexican army officer well known in this country and along the United States frontier, is being tried by court martial, charged with disobedience and cowardice in refusing to attack the town of San Tomaso when the recent revolters in Chihuahua took refuge there. Five soldiers of the Eleventh Cavalry who deserted in the face of the enemy during the trouble have been sentenced to death.

South American Matters.

San Salvador, June 24.—Great astonishment has been caused by the reports from Nicaragua that a revolution had been started in San Salvador. The report is erroneous. It is perfectly quiet in this republic.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, June 24.—Senor Seminario, secretary of ex-Dictator Pierola of Peru, who shot Colonel Varea, a Peruvian, yesterday, has been released on bail. Colonel Varea's condition is unchanged. It is not believed he will recover. General Pierola sailed last night for Valparaiso on the steamer Setos.

Methodists and Sunday Opening.

Chicago, June 24.—The Methodist General Conference Commission this afternoon decided not to withdraw the Methodist exhibits from the Wold's Fair because of Sunday opening. The exhibits will be closed on Sunday. The members of the Commission have issued an open letter to the public explaining the position of the church in the matter. The Commission, which met on Thursday, was appointed at the last Methodist Conference in Omaha for the purpose of providing a Methodist exhibit for the Fair. It is composed of a number of prominent churchmen.

Merely a Foolish Panic.

San Francisco, June 24.—The financial situation here causes little excitement, while at the savings, Union and German banks the run has been going on since morning. The proceeding is generally considered foolish. At Hibernia this morning the savings bank paid out $50,000. During the rush interviews with bank presidents show they regard the situation with composure. James G. Fair said it was a good thing for the banks, because depositors who draw out lose both interest and dividend, the latter of which would have been paid next month. The general opinion among them is that there is absolutely no reason for uneasiness.

German Elections.

Berlin, June 22.—The first of the second ballots was taken to-day in Lubeck. The candidates were Johann Schwartz, Social Democrat, who received on the first ballot 7389 votes, and Herr Goertz, Radical, who received on the first ballot 7150. Goertz was supported by the National Liberals and was elected to-day by a majority of 150. As Schwartz was the last deputy for Lubeck, this is a loss to the Social Democrats, as well as to the enemies of the army bill. The second ballots will begin on June 23 generally, and in Prussia and Saxony on June 24, while throughout Bavaria and Wurtemburg they will begin on June 26. Rector Ahlwardt, the Jew baiter, announces that he will not sit in the new Reichstag for Ahrswalde, where the voters gave him a large majority over all on the first ballot, but will contest Neu Stettin with Herberg, a Conservative, with whom he has the right of a re-ballot.

An Old Montrealer.

Montreal, June 24.—Sir Frederick Napier Broome, governor of Trinidad, who was in the city yesterday, called upon Mayor Desjardins. Sir Frederick was born in Montreal, and left here 45 years ago.

GENERAL DISPATCHES.

News in Brief From Various Parts of the World.

Chicago, June 26.—Central music hall was packed this afternoon on the occasion of the annual convocation of the University of Chicago. Unusual interest attached to the event from the fact that the first degrees since the foundation of the institution were conferred. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy fell to the share of Eiji Asoda, of the Imperial university of Tokio, Japan. The degree of Master of Art was conferred upon Elkanab Hulley. Miss Madeline Wallin, of the University of Minnesota, was honored with the degree of Ph. M., while Miss Alice Pratt was made an A. M.

Chicago, June 26.—Colored men from about twenty states participated to-day in the opening session of a convention of representative negroes under the auspices of the Colored Men's National Protective Association, an organization which has been in existence for two years, and has for its object the securing to the negro race of the protection guaranteed to it by the constitution. The south is especially well represented, and the delegates from that section are primed with stories of proscription and injustice. This morning the executive committee is in session. This afternoon's session will be an open one, Mayor Harrison will welcome the delegates for Chicago, and Hon. Fred Douglas will respond for the colored people of the country. Arlington Hall is the headquarters of the delegates.

Saratoga, N. Y., June 26.—Delegates to the annual convention of the New York State Republican League are beginning to arrive in large numbers. President E. A. McAlpin and Secretary Hedges arrived to-day. Accommodations have been reserved for 1000 delegates. "The scandalous record of the last legislature has done much to unify the Republican forces of this state. The democratic ring's violation of the principle of home rule has disgusted independent Democrats and induced many of them to openly declare allegiance to the Republican party. I believe that the league convention will arouse a public spirit which will result in the election of a Republican legislature next fall. If we can make a good fight in November the decks will be cleared for the gubernatorial campaign in 1894. To that event the league looks with every hope of Republican success."

Paris, June 24.—M. Norton, under arrest for forging the document partially published by Cocarde, and presented in the chamber by M. Millevoye, confessed to-day that the documents had been forged by himself, and that the whole story of theft from the British embassy's strong box was without the slightest foundation.

Charged With Manslaughter.

Montreal, Que., June 23.—The boy Edwards, charged with causing the death of James Howden, by striking him on the head with a lacrosse stick, has been committed by Coroner McMahon to stand his trial at the court of Queen's bench, at the September term, on a charge of manslaughter. The jury could not agree on a verdict, so the coroner committed the accused. He was released on $4000 bail.

California Bank Failures.

Santa Ana, June 22.—Two banks of this city closed their doors this morning. The following notice was posted on the doors ofthe First National: "Owing to heavy withdrawals of deposits and our inability to raise money on our securities, the board of directors of this bank has decided to temporarily close the doors. The bank has ample assets and will pay all depositors in full as soon as collections can be made." A similar notice was posted on the doors of the Commercial Bank. Large crowds throng the streets in front of the banks and considerable excitement is shown.

San Diego, June 23.—The Bank of Commerce not having received money last night as expected, failed to open its doors this morning. Excitement is now running high. The new Merchants' National is now the only bank left. It has no entanglements and can pay every depositor.

Are You Nervous,

Are you all tired out, do you have that tired feeling or sick headache? You can be relieved of all these symptoms by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which gives nerve, mental and bodily strength and thoroughly purifies the blood. It also creates a good appetite, cures indigestion, heartburn and dyspepsia.

HOOD'S PILLS are easy to take, easy in action and sure in effect. 25 cents a box.

Piles! Piles! Itching Piles.

SYMPTOMS—Moisture; intense itchin and stinging; most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. SWAYNE'S OINTMENT stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. At druggists or by mail, for 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia. Lyman Sons & Co., Montreal, Wholesale Agents. tts&w

FROM HONOLULU

Annexation Propaganda Maintained—Spreckles' Libel Suit.

AN OFFICER TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

What is Being Said and Done at the Dominion Capital.

To-Day's Dispatches From All Quarters—A Woman With Two Husbands—Dr. McGlynn's Future Movements—Mexican Politics—Matters of Interest Everywhere.

San Francisco, June 26.—The steamer China, from Hong Kong, May 30th, and Yokohama, June 9th, arrived this morning with the following advices from Honolulu, dated June 19:

The libel suit brought by Spreckels against W. G. Smith, editor of the annexation organ, will be tried at the June term of the supreme court. The action was brought because of an allegorical reference that no man is rich enough to safely engage in seditious enterprises against a government which has power to seize his person and property.

Mr. Blount returned on June 11 from his five days' trip to Maui. He visited the crater and the principal plantations. A royalist meeting was got up for the benefit of Mr. Blount.

Charles Nordhoff returns home on the 21st. The annexation party regard him with suspicion and are distrustful, but Mr. Blount seems to encourage him.

The government is well advised of a royalist plot to fire the town and dynamite the waterworks and in the confusion seize the government buildings. Efficient measures have been taken to frustrate any such attempt.

A meeting of American citizens in Honolulu to arrange for the usual fourth of July celebration was held at the Arlington House on the evening of the 17th. An extensive programme will be adopted. The meeting was called by the United States minister, who was, however, too busy to attend in person.

The latest advices from Washington are generally felt in Honolulu to be unfavorable to an early settlement by annexation. The royalists are jubilant. Thoughtful ones see this is the only means of consolidating the government with a permanent form supported by the great body of taxpayers and property owners. A prominent socialist intimates that there will soon be a general clamor for annexation among the natives, who will discover themselves left with little voice in the remodelled government. A special meeting of the cabinet was held at noon on June 19th, continuing one hour and a half, at which Mr. Blount and his secretary were present.

San Francisco, June 26.—China adadvices by the steamship China say that at a recent conference of the council to discuss the Geary act Prince Ching and two other members of the Yamen proposed recalling the Chinese minister at Washington in the event of the United States enforcing the act. The statement was also made that it was at one time intended that the departure of H. E. Yang Yu for the States should be delayed until something be done to repeal the obnoxious clauses of the act. The instructions to the minister at Washington were that he should return to China on the expiration of his term without waiting for his successor.

She Has Two Husbands.

New York, June 26.—The domestic tranquility of Frank Herrmes' home, Rahway, N. J., was unexpectedly disturbed last Friday evening by the appearance of David Hoffman, who was supposed to be dead, and who was the former husband of Herrmes' wife. Hoffman, who was formerly a liquor dealer on Sixth avenue, deserted his wife 12 years ago. Nothing was heard from him until about five years ago when his mother received a telegram announcing his death in a railway wreck in the far west. Mrs. Hoffman wore mourning for a year and then married her present husband. Hoffman arrived in Rahway on Thursday evening and found out what had happened during his absence. He then went to Herrmes' home and demanded his wife and 11-year-old boy. She refused to go and scolded him most bitterly for his desertion of her. The stormy interview was interrupted by the arrival of Mr. Herrmes, who ejected Mr. Hoffman from the house. Mr. Hoffman declined to give any explanation of his long absence, saying he had been out west mining and had come home wealthy to claim his wife and child. Mrs. Herrmes declares she will have nothing to do with her first husband. Hoffman has engaged lawyers and will test the legality of his wife's marriage to Herrmes.

Dr. McGlynn's Future.

New York, June 26.—Rev. Dr. Patrick F. McSweeny, a personal friend of Dr. Edward McGlynn, who returned from Rome yesterday on the Werra, said in an interview: "Dr. McGlynn went to Rome because he was invited to do so. He went there as any good loyal priest would go on such an invitation to the pope would have a talk with him. I don't know whether Dr. McGlynn will be restored to his old parish, or whether he would wish to go if it were offered him. He is now a pretty old man and perhaps would not like to take the care, inseparable from parish work. For 35 years he has labored and toiled with a single hearted devotion for the good of his flock. It was hard work. He might not wish to try a different line of labor. He is now a priest in good standing, attached to the church diocese of New York, and Archbishop Corrigan must provide for him. I think that he will offer the doctor a parish, or perhaps he may give the doctor about $1000 a year, and let him choose his own work. Dr. McGlynn can make plenty of money lecturing if he wants to. There are a great many priests who would like to have him open their parishes. I think he would prefer to be free from parish work and spend his time as he pleases doing work for the church. Every priest is required to work in some way to save souls."

CAPITAL IS TIMID.

Hudson Bay Railway Scheme—Northwest Governorship.

Ottawa, June 26.—C. H. Mackintosh, senior member of Parliament for Ottawa, returned to-day from Paris, where he has been seeing Sir John Thompson. He says that it has been definitely settled to give him the lieutenant-governorship of the Northwest.

Hugh Sutherland, of Winnipeg, who has been two years or so in London endeavoring to float the Hudson Bay Railway scheme, has arrived in the city. Asked by the Times correspondent as to his success Mr. Sutherland said: "I am quite confident of success, but like the business of others from all parts of the globe who have schemes waiting to be financed in London, I have to wait till the crowds roll by. That is about all I care to say for the present.'

"Then the money market has been dull?"

"It has; there is no doubt about that. The default of the Manitoba and Northwestern railway has hurt that province as well as the Northwest in the money market in London. The failure of the Australian banks has also retarded other schemes from other places as well. There are, however, signs of an improvement."

Sutherland says that Mr. Hall, treasurer of Quebec, who was staying with him in the same hotel, told him (Sutherland) when leaving that the prospects of his negotiating a loan were now good. If Mr. Hall can't succeed before the 20th of July, the province may have to repudiate its obligations or get the Dominion Government to assist it. Mr. Hall denied to Mr. Sutherland that he had ever asked he Dominion to aid them.

Premier Davie of British Columbia and Mrs. Davie are here after visiting the World's Fair and other places in the States.

A Minneapolis Bank Suspends.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 26.—The Bank of New England suspended payment this morning, temporarily at least. Since the failure of the State Bank on Thursday there has been a steady withdrawal of deposits. A. J. Blethen, the president of the bank, says it has considerable money tied up by the Chicago failures. Every depositor, he adds, will be paid in full, as the stockholders will suffer instead of the depositors if the bank does not resume.

Herz is Dead.

London, June 26.—The question of the extradition of Dr. Cornelius Herz, whose name was so prominently connected with the Panama Canal scandal, has been settled by death. Dr. Herz died to-day at Bournemouth, to which place he went from London because of ill-health shortly after France endeavored to secure his extradition.

The India Silver Policy.

London, June 26.—A telegram received to-day from Calcutta by the Anglo-Indian banks here state that the Indian government has stopped the coining of silver for private accounts at the Indian mints.

Victoria Disaster.

London, June 24.—Crowds remained all night before the admiralty office, in the hope of getting some definite information in regard to the fate of relatives on board the ill-fated battle-ship Victoria. At 6 o'clock this morning a list of those saved was received and posted on the bulletin boards in front of the office. When the list was read to the crowd many touching scenes resulted. Some, overwrought by the strain of anxiety, fainted with joy when the name of a loved one was mentioned among the saved. Others, overcome with grief when the list was completed and missing ones' names were not mentioned, swooned and fell to the ground. Hundreds came in from the provinces to get earlier news. Liberal subscriptions are being made for the relief of relatives of the dead men. The Queen subscribed £100.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, from Malta, says the Victoria was cut in two abaft the barbette. Most of those who lost their lives were drowned by being drawn under water by the suction caused by the sinking ship. Vice-Admiral Sir George Tryon was picked up shortly after the foundering of his flagship and was carried on board the battle-ship Edinburgh, where he died shortly afterward. The dispatch vessel Surprise is expected to arrive at Malta to-morrow with the body of Admiral Tryon. The remainder of the fleet is due to arrive at Malta on Monday.

Rear Admiral Albert H. Markham, who, since the death of Vive Admiral Tryon, is in command of the British Mediterranean squadron, has telegraphed the admiralty that the damage sustained by the Camperdown proves upon examination to be less than as expected. He adds that although the vessel was seriously damaged, he hopes she will be ready to proceed to Malta in a few days, where she will go on the dock for repairs.

London, June 26.—It has been definitely decided that Rear-Admiral A. H. Markham, who was second in command to Vice-Admiral Sir George Tryon at the time of the accident off Tripoli, that caused the loss of H.M.S. Victoria, will be tried by a court martial that will sit at Portsmouth.

Interest on the Bonds.

New York, June 26.—In accordance with the orders issued by Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle, the payment of interest on the 4 per cent. bonds, which falls due on July 1st, was begun to-day at the sub-treasury. A large number of the cheques were mailed from the subtreasury on Saturday night. This was done in order that the holders of the bonds in the western states might receive their money about the same time as those in the eastern states.

WILL RETALIATE

Great Excitement in China at the Geary Act.

AN OUTBREAK IS EXPECTED.

Two American Guuboats to Patrol the Yang Tse Kiang.

A Prisoner Taken From a Constable at Steveston—The Yaquis in Mexico Still Troublesome — German-American Festivities in Chicago—Miss Borden's Imprisonment.

San Francisco, June 26.—Admiral Harmony, recently relieved from the command of the Asiatic station, arrived this morning. He says great desperation exists along the Yang Tse Kiang relative to the enforcement of the Geary act. Most of the Chinese of this country belong to the territory contiguous to that river, and are kept advised by their brethren here. The admiral believes that when deportation begins an outbreak against the Americans will commence. He has ordered two gunboats and the Monocasy to patrol the river.

The Troublesome Yaquis.

Chihuahua, Mex., June 26.—The government troops have driven several bands of Yaqui Indians, who had for some months back been committing depredations in the valley of the Mayo river, into the most inaccessible parts of the Sierra Madre. Under the protection of the soldiers the settlers in the rich portion of the valley are having great success in farming, and bountiful crops of all kinds will be raised.

German-American Festivities.

Chicago, June 26.—Tottering old men and feeble women are holding high carnival at Ogden's Grove to-day. It is the annual festival of the old settlers of Chicago under the auspices of the German societies. Prizes are to be awarded to the oldest couple that can do the best dance, or run a foot race, to the couple whose combined age will give the greatest number of years, and to the oldest German-American workingman who shows the longest period of continuous employment by the same firm.

Remains Secluded.

Fall River, Mass., June 25.—Lizzie Borden did not go to church yesterday, nor did her sister Emma leave the house. During Miss Borden's imprisonment it was discovered she was anxious to go to church and face her old friends and acquaintances, but if she had any such desire she did not gratify it. Many curious persons stood before the Borden home and church only to be disappointed. The church was well filled, but Rev. Mr. Jubb made no reference to the Borden case in his sermon. Miss Borden's letters continue to accumulate. She has received many offers of marriage and suggestions as to how she may best pursue the murderer of her parents. She has not formulated definite plans for the future and is willing to receive only her most intimate friends.

World's Fair Appropriations.

Washington, June 26.—Attorney-General Olney has decided that the several appropriations made by act of Congress, approved August 5th, 1892, in aid of the World's Fair at Chicago, including the appropriation made for a government exhibit, are as available now as before the decision of the circuit court of appeal, permanently opening the World's Fair on Sunday, with the single exception that no more money ought to be paid to the Illinois corporation known as the World's Columbian Exposition.

Is it Jack tho Ripper?

London, June 26.—The foul crimes of Jack the Ripper were again called to mind last night by a murder that was committed in Rotherhithe, a suburb at the southeast of London. The body of a woman belonging to the unfortunate class was found with her throat cut, the wound, showing that the knife had been used from left to right as was the case in all the murders committed by the Ripper in Whitechapel. The police were promptly on the scene, having been attracted by screaming, but the murderer had effected his escape, leaving not the slightest clue to his identity. The degraded women of Rotherhithe are panic-stricken by the fate that has befallen one of their number. The body of the dead woman was not mutilated in the disgusting manner that characterized the crimes of "Jack the Ripper," but it is thought the assassin was frightened away by the sound of approaching footsteps before he had time to mutilate the body.

United After Forty Years.

Some 41 years ago the 18-year-old son of John Currie, then residing in the town of Inverness, county of Megantic, Province of Quebec, left his home to seek his fortune in the far west, and was supposed to have made for California, the great gold fever raging there at that time. For many years the family was kept in ignorance of his whereabouts, and they came to the conclusion that something must have happened him and that he was no longer in the land of the living. At the time of his leaving home he had a younger brother, Ronald, two years old, who, on growing up, became eager to seek his living in the west, and came as far as Regina, where he settled on a homestead with his mother and sister, remaining there for eight years, until hearing so much of British Columbia as a good field for enterprise, they, with a number of other families, came to the province, and subsequently settled on Mayne Island.

Some time ago Mr. John Patterson, of this city, was on Mayne Island on business, and met Mr. Ronald Currie. He was struck with the likeness of the latter to a Mr. John Currie he had met at Pemberton Meadows, and mentioned the fact. Ronald thought of his long-lost brother, who after leaving his home had wandered about the country for some time, until finally settling down he accumulated money and large tracts of land, and is now considered a wealthy man. On hearing from his brother, John immediately started for Mayne Island, and on Wednesday last arrived there to be welcomed by his mother, brother and sister, after being parted 41 years. This was Mr. Currie's first trip from the interior to the coast in 23 years.—Columbian.

Reyes and Diaz.

City of Mexico, June 25.—It is reported on good authority that General Diaz will not be a candidate for re-election as president of Mexico, and that the government candidate will be General Reyes, the present governor of the state of Nuevo Leon. General Reyes is one of the most progressive and able officials in Mexico, and the state of Nuevo Leon made more rapid progress under his administration than any other state during the same period. He recently visited this city and held a long conference with President Diaz.

AMERICAN NEWS NOTES

Daily Chronicle of Events in The Great Republic.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 26.—L. Peterson, a Chicago broker, who has made $90,000 in stock hogs in 11 months, applied to the police last night for assistance in finding his wife, who deserted him at Madison, Ind., nine years ago. She was found in a public resort to-day. He gave her a check for $1200 and offered her $5000 if she would reform. She refused.

St. Louis, Mo., June 26.—A stove as a place in which to place money has again proved unsafe. Two daughters of Daniel Connor, who committed suicide a year ago, withdrew $1135 from the bank recently. They put it with $500 more in an unused stove. A third sister, knowing nothing of this, kindled a fire in the stove, destroying the money, which was all in greenbacks. The sisters feel the loss sorely, as they have to support an invalid grandmother.

Hannibal, Mo., June 26.—A cloud burst at 4 this morning, causing many washouts on railways, and other damage. On the St. Louis, Keokuk and Northwestern railway a freight train went through a trestle that was weakened by high water. The engine crossed safely, but 17 cars went down and pulled the engine in on the wrecked cars. No one was injured.

Little Rock, Ark., June 26.—Passengers on the southbound Missouri Pacific railway report another attempt made last night by the Starr gang to rob the train. The train arrived at Illinois station in the Indian territory; just as it was starting, three men, heavily armed and masked, rode up to the station, shooting right and left. The last car of the train had just cleared the station when the gang reached the platform. Finding they were too late to carry out their intentions, they ransacked the station office, but found only 45 cents. Express Messenger Johnson, who was on the train, said he had only $50 in the safe.

St. Paul, Minn., June 26.—The transcontinental rate war begun by the Great Northern a week ago, promises to be the bitterest in the history of railways in the west. It is learned from General Passenger Agent Kerr that the Canadian Pacific is going to enter the lists with a rate as soon as the "Soo" extension is finished. The connection with the Canadian Pacific will be made at Estevan, 14 miles north of the Canadian line, upon the completion of the extension the Canadian Pacific train will run to St. Paul, and thence to the main line at Sault Ste. Marie. It is rumored again to-night that the Great Northern will make a rate of $20 from St. Paul to Seattle.

San Diego, Cal., June 26.—The Bank of Commerce resumed business this morning. Depositors have agreed to a percentage plan for drawing their money. Deposits so far exceed withdrawals by many hundred dollars. The First National will probably be able to resume business as soon as the bank examiners' statement reaches Comptroller Eckels.

New York, June 26.—Aaron W. Mann, Solomon H. Mann and David Mann, composing the firm of Mann Brothers, clothing dealers at Nos. 314 to 318 Broadway, to-day confessed judgment for $55,000. The attorneys for the firm place liabilities at $250,000.

Fort Scott, Kas., June 26.—At 9:25 this morning, without a moment's warning, the Tremont House, a four-story brick structure, collapsed, burying nearly 75 people in the debris. The body of a young woman has been recovered. Three men were taken out shortly after noon, but their injuries are such that their deaths are expected in a few hours. The fire department and hundreds of citizens are at work among the broken timbers, and are stimulated in their efforts of rescue by cries and moans of the wounded people beneath the mass of debris. The ground floor of the hotel was occupied by stores, many of which were filled with customers. It is not known now how many people are beneath the ruins, but it is believed the death list will reach over twenty.

Brooklyn, N. Y., June 26.—Chief Justice Clement in the city court of Brooklyn to-day handed down a decision in the suit brought by Col. Wm. Sinn, the well known theatrical manager and lessee of the Park theatre, who sought to have his marriage with Cora Tanner, the actress, annulled on the ground that she was already the wife of Dr. Fred Farlin of Rochester at the time she married the colonel. Justice Clement decided in favor of the actress, and orders Col. Sinn to pay the costs of the action.

A Very Old Woman.

Mrs. Rachel Cooper, a colored woman, who died recently in Philadelphia, was in her 113th year. By the time she was 108 she had through thrift and industry accumulated several thousand dollars' worth of property, of which she was robbed by an ungrateful young colored man which she had adopted, and was left in terrible destitution in a little cabin in the woods, where she had lived all her life. She was rescued by some Philadelphia people and was made an inmate of the Faith Home in Philadelphia, where she died. It was her boast that she had been a Christian for 90 years. She was in full possession of her faculties up to within a few days of her death.