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PRES. GOMPERS WAS RE-ELECTED

Given the Presidency of A. F. O. L. by Big Majority.

OVER THE SOCIALIST NOMINEE

Receives 12,524 Votes to 1,134 of His Opponent—Invitations From Utah and Milwaukee.

Boston, Nov. 21. — Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor by a large plurality. The vote was: Gompers, 12,524; Kreft, 1,134. Kreft was the candidate of the Socialist element.

As soon as President Gompers had called the delegates to the Federation of Labor to order invitations were read from the trades and labor organizations of Milwaukee, and from the Governor of Utah, and Salt Lake unions, to hold the next annual convention at Milwaukee and Salt Lake City. No action was taken.

On the objection of the Bottlers' Union to the maintenance of jurisdiction by the Brewery Workers' Union, the committee reported in favor of giving the brewery workers jurisdiction, and the report was concurred in.

Delegate Kramer, of Richmond, Va., placed in nomination for president, Samuel Gompers. Mr. Kramer made a brief speech eulogistic of his nominee. Then Delegate De Barrey, of St. Louis, in a few words, nominated Ernest Kreft, of Philadelphia, the man who had been selected as the candidate of the Socialist delegates.

The convention voted by roll call, and President Gompers was re-elected by an overwhelming majority.

RACE WAR AT WINDSOR

Black and White Laborers Engage in a Fight.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 21.—The United Gas and Oil Company has a gang of men, white and colored, tearing up the gas mains on the Tecumseh road.

Yesterday a race war broke out on the job, but prompt measures taken by the foreman prevented any damage being done. The colored men were in the minority, and the whites objected to working with them. The blacks attacked the whites with pick handles. The whites were ready for a fight, and two or three on both sides were slightly injured before the row was stopped. Several of the colored men were discharged.

AN UNBIDDEN GUEST

Stylish Young Woman Attends Society Without Invitation.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 21.—Society is much concerned about "the unbidden guest," a handsome, stylishly-dressed young woman of good family who attends fashionable teas, luncheons and receptions without invitation. She has irreproachable manners, is queenly in her bearing, assumes to be on intimate terms with the "smart set," and is always at ease in greeting and taking leave of her hostess. So overwhelming is her assurance that no hostess has as yet had the temerity even to drop a hint to the girl that she is persona non grata.

THE ERIN TURNS UP

Crew Has Three Days' Battle With Storm.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Nov. 21. — The steamer Erin, which it was feared had been lost, arrived here this morning about 5 o'clock, in tow of the tug Ainsworth, which left here yesterday to search for her.

She was picked up near Lamase, about 50 miles up the lake, lying at anchor.

Her engines became disabled on Tuesday noon, near Michipicoten Island, but she rode out the storm safely until picked up yesterday noon. All the crew were well, although somewhat weary after their three days' battle with the storm. The Erin is now lying at Hickle's dock, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., making necessary repairs.

Tugs which went for the schooner Dauforth, the tow of the steamer Erin, which broke loose but was anchored safely in Bachewana, have not returned, but are expected almost any time.

HE KILLED A NEGRESS

And the Virginian Courts Fined Him Twenty Dollars.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 21. — John Pickins, formerly steward in the marine hospital service, was today fined $20 in the corporation court on a charge of causing the death of Maggie Grant. Pickins was originally indicted for murder, but when tried the jury disagreed. Today the charge was "malicious wounding." Pickins assaulted the woman with a lamp and she died from the blow. Pickins was the husband of the late Mrs. Desendorf, whose first husband was a Virginia congressman.

Ten Double Stars.

London, Nov. 21.—The Daily Mail prints a dispatch from Sydney which says Professor Hussey of the Lick Observatory in California, who has been camping at Canoblas, near Orange, New South Wales, has discovered ten new double stars. He regards this as very important.

Vessel Abandoned.

Detroit, Nov. 21.—Major Bizby, government engineer, has received word that the owners of the burned steamer Minnesota, sunk in the river below Grande Pointe, have abandoned the vessel. The government engineer is now waiting to hear from the underwriters before taking steps to remove the obstruction.

TWELVE HORSES BURNED

Disastrous Livery Stable Blaze at the Capitol.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 21.—The Victoria livery stables on Queen street, owned by Frank McKenna, were destroyed by fire this morning about 5 o'clock. There were eighteen horses in the stables and twelve were burned to death.

The origin of the fire is supposed to have been a match dropped by a party of hunters.

DISASTER IN PORTUGAL

A Duchess Is Reported to Have Been Killed.

London, Nov. 21.—The Daily Mail's Lisbon correspondent says that several persons were killed and many others belonging to the highest families, including the Duchess of Palmella chief lady in waiting of the Queen's bedchamber, were severely injured in a railway accident on the Cascades line, thirty-five miles from Lisbon.

MORGAN LOSES TEN MILLION

Gives Up Operations On Demand of His Partners.

THEY OBJECTED TO HIS GAIN

Held That Corporation Should Have Proceeds Instead of a Few Chosen Ones.

New York, Nov. 21. — The operations of the stock conversion syndicate of the steel trust came to an end on Thursday, from intent men in the trust, desiring some of the immense profits which J. P. Morgan and other members of the syndicate were making, demanded that the steel trust itself should get the benefit of the stock conversion scheme, and their demand was complied with.

There is still $50,000,000 in steel trust preferred stock to be converted and the profit on this is estimated at $10,000,000. This is a small affair, however, compared with the sums the syndicate is believed to have made.

J. P. Morgan & Co., managers of the syndicate, made an official announcement on Thursday that they had converted $150,000,000 of preferred stock into bonds, and that the firm would turn the syndicate operations over to the United States steel corporation itself.

The news caused great interest in the financial district. The stock market reflected the decision of the great banking house to abandon the conversion plan long before any official confirmation of the plan was made. Trading in the steel shares became active and the sinking fund bonds advanced sharply. Gains were made by all issues.

In effect the official statement issued by E. H. Gary, chairman of the steel trust, states that the suggestion was made to J. P. Morgan & Co., by the finance committee of the corporation that the conversion of preferred stock, selling at $51 into bonds which the syndicate was selling at $66 a bond should terminate. J. P. Morgan & Co., immediately accepted the suggestion, and decided as syndicate managers that the plan should be abandoned.

While the statement does not tell why the request was made to J. P. Morgan & Co., to cancel the syndicate contract as it stood, it is authoritatively announced that at the prevailing quotations of the stocks and bonds there was too much profit in the conversion operation for the syndicate.

In other words, a condition arose in the fulfillment of the contract between the Morgan firm and the steel trust wherein the Morgan syndicate could make enormous profits at the expense of the steel corporation.

The justice of the plea appealed immediately to Morgan, and he decided that profits which might accrue in the future from the operation of the conversion plan should go into the treasury of the United States steel corporation.

TRIED TO KIDNAP THE BRIDEGROOM

Bachelor Club Retaliates On Member Who Broke the Rules.

Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 21.—Because he broke the vows of his bachelor club and deserted it to be married, members of the organization Tuesday night tried to kidnap Glenn R. Fisher and prevent the ceremony. Failing in the attempt they enticed him from the house while the wedding supper was being eaten and attempted to carry him off in a closed carriage.

The first attempt was made at the house of the bridegroom, but failed, because he had already left for the home of the bride, Miss Cora Cornelius. There, after the ceremony, he was called to the front porch to sign for a decoy telegram. Eight men pounced upon him and attempted to carry and drag him to a closed carriage. He fought furiously and called for help.

His father, who is a blacksmith, ran to his assistance and routed the kidnappers, some of whom were recognized.

Young Fisher's wedding clothes were torn and he was badly bruised and beaten before he was rescued.

During the excitement the bride fainted and the mother of the young man was attacked with heart failure, from which she was resuscitated with difficulty.

Twenty-Seven Laborers Burned to Death; Mad Fight For Treasure Midst Flames

Shanty Occupied by Railway Construction Gang Near Altoona, Pa., Destroyed by Fire—Many Having Escaped Re-enter Building to Secure Money and Valuables and Perish—Fire Started in Kitchen and the Flimsy Edifice Was Rapidly Consumed—Dead Are Italians.

Pittsburg, Nov. 21.—A telegram from Altoona, Pa., says in a fire at Lilly, Pa., on the Pennsylvania Railroad, early today, 35 Italian laborers were burned to death. There were 125 men in the shanty when it caught fire. Twenty-seven dead bodies have been counted in the ruins and at least a dozen injured were taken to the Memorial Hospital at Johnstown. The men were in the employ of contractors doing work on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Portage and Lilly.

BURNED LIKE TINDER.

Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 21.—While over 100 Italian railroad laborers were asleep in a shanty near Lilly, Pa., on the Pennsylvania railroad, early today, the building caught fire and before they could escape 27 were burned to death and a score or more were seriously injured.

The men were employed by McInnes & Sims on the Pennsylvania improvement between Lilly and Portage. The shanty was about 100 feet long and one story in height. One end was devoted to the cooking and eating, while in the other end the men slept in bunks. There was only one door at each end and the windows were few and small.

The fire is supposed to have started from an over-heated stove in the kitchen end. The building burned like tinder and the flames were upon the men before any of them were aroused.

FOUGHT FOR TREASURE.

The men fought and scrambled for the door, and the weaker were crushed down and trampled. Others were roasted to death there. Those who strove for the door were in the wildest sort of panic. They fought and kicked, and among those who escaped there are many who bear marks of violence. A few got out of the small windows, minus clothes and with their bodies cut from broken glass. Many had their savings of years in their trunks, which they left behind them in the building. Remembering this fact as soon as they got outside, they fought just as fiercely to get back. A few succeeded but for the sake of their hoarded treasure they gave up their lives.

In the ruins some of the corpses were close beside the hooped bands of their trunks and melted gold and silver, which had been kept in those receptacles, indicated that they had fallen and died with their treasure in their arms. The bodies were all practically burned to pieces. An Italian who looked at them today and who knew every man in the shanty was unable to identify a single one.

RSN INDIGNITIES

Heaped Upon the Chinese Populace at Mukden.

Shanghai, Nov. 21. — A letter to a Mukden official from Newchang says that the native authorities are being treated with the utmost indignity by the Russians, who have openly declared that the re-occupation of the city is intended as an intimation that Russia will not permit the exercise of the treaty rights in Manchuria, for which it is claimed, the United States and Japan recently concluded conventions. There is general uneasiness over the present crisis, but the throne's instructions to the provincial authorities to prepare the land and sea forces to resist Russian aggression is not regarded seriously. The present situation is a natural result of the Government's deliberate actions since 1894, and it is not anticipated that it will now defy a power whose unmistakable policy has been openly supported by the court and the higher officials.

EXPLOSION OF DONKEY ENGINE

One Man Killed and Several Fatally Mutilated in Quebec Harbor.

Quebec, Nov. 20.—Killing Paul Mercier almost before the report died away, and horribly injuring several others, a donkey engine exploded on board the steamship Congal at the foundry wharf, Levis, about 2 o'clock today. Pete Bernard had his leg broken; Arthur Brunet, badly cut about head, and both legs broken (he is not expected to survive); George Guimond, head and face injured; David Blouin, Aqueduct street, legs broken and cut about face and body; Enginedriver Jonius, legs badly injured; Joe Rankin slightly injured; Fred Miller, slightly injured; Charles Miller, slightly injured. The above is a list, some of whom may die. Most of the injured men were removed to their homes immediately after the medical men, who gathered, had attended to them. The roar of the bursting boiler could be heard for some distance and people rushed to the wharf from all directions. All the men are Quebecers. The explosion occurred just about 2 p.m., when the men were starting to work. The Congal had aboard a cargo of coal for the Quebec Central Railway, and was about to be unloaded by the Amelgamation. The donkey engine was near the after-hatch, there being four hatches on the steamer. When the first bucket of coal was raised, and the men getting ready to work, there was a loud report, and the flying pieces of iron, coal and wood told the awful story of the explosion. The engine itself was thrown over the side of the steamer by the shock and landed in a batteau of deals alongside the driving wheel, and other parts of the apparatus smashed to pieces. Men were hurled in different directions and there were many narrow escapes from instant death and serious injury. William Airey was hurled straight into the air by the force of the shock and in falling grasped the rigging of the vessel and saved himself from injury and perhaps death. Joe Rankin also who was foreman of the hatches, had an exceedingly narrow escape.

GLORY WHALEN'S MURDER

Curry Is Likely To Be Brought to Canada.

London, Nov. 20. — The wife of A. Stanley Rowe, who has lately appeared in the Toronto courts for extradition to this country for forgery in connection with the Great Fingall Company, has appealed from a judgment against her for £1,000. Her appeal has been allowed.

William Joseph Curry, the confessed murderer of little Glory Whalen, pleaded guilty to the charge which brought him before the Manchester assizes and received a sentence of fourteen years. Since his imprisonment Curry had been acting strangely, and finally made his confession. It is expected that Curry will shortly be removed from Manchester to London, where he will be charged with the Collingwood crime before being handed over to the Canadian authorities.

An American Cardinal.

New York, Nov. 21. — A great struggle is going on, says a Rome dispatch to the Tribune, to have an American cardinal chosen at the next consistory. Sentiment is becoming more favorable toward Archbishop Ryan.

GERMAN OFFICERS KILLED

Rebellion in Southwest Africa Has Come to an End.

Berlin, Nov. 21.—The Governor of Windhoek, German Southwest Africa, telegraphs that Lieut. Jobst and Sergt. Gray have been killed in a battle with the Bondelswarts tribesmen, whose chief also was killed. The Governor adds that the rebellion is nearly ended, the enemy having gone to the southwest under a new leader.

A MANSLAUGHTER CASE

Max Kert Given Ten Months by Montreal Judge.

Montreal, Que., Nov. 21. — In the court of king's bench this morning Judge Hall sentenced Max Kert to ten months' imprisonment for manslaughter. Kert, the son of a railroad contractor, killed George Greenley, one of his father's employes, by shooting, it was claimed by accident. He was tried for murder, the trial attracting much attention. Camille Desermean was sentenced in the same court to imprisonment for fifteen years for attempting to kill his brother.

THE ELECTION APPEALS

Judgment On Osler's Order Withheld Until Jan. 21.

Toronto, Nov. 21.—The court of appeal yesterday heard the appeals of the Liberal members for North Perth and North Norfolk from an order of Justice Osler, extending the time for the trial of the protests in these cases. J. P. Mabee, Stratford, and H. L. Drayton appear for the Liberals and E. B. Ryckman and Jos. Biard for the petitioners.

The Liberal's arguments is that an extension can only be given beyond the six months permitted by the act, when the interests of justice require it, and when the affidavits filed show such a necessity. They claim that in these cases the petitioners have had nine instead of six months, the time of the session being excepted by the act, and that the only affidavits filed, those of the lawyers in the case, disclose no ground whatever, and rather show neglect, for they say that they can now be ready for trial in a month.

The court withheld judgment until January 21.

A Commissioner.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 21.—The Canada Gazette today contains notice of the appointment of S. L. Shannon, accountant, of the Department of Railways and Canals, to be a commissioner to report upon claims for wages on the Duncan-Arrow Lake Railway, in British Columbia.

Aground in the St. Clair.

Amherstburg, Ont., Nov. 21.—The steamer P. P. Miller, up-bound with coal, is aground on the west bank of the channel, near the Black Can buoy, in Lake St. Clair. The lighter Newman, of Amherstburg, has gone to the assistance of the grounded vessel. The Miller is not far from the lower end of the canal.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Tomorrow—Fair.

London, Saturday, Nov. 21.

Sun rises..7:18 a.m. Moon rises..9:16 a.m.
Sun sets...4:49 p.m. Moon sets..7:10 p.m.

Toronto, Nov. 20—8 p.m.

The weather in Canada today has been fair, except that light snowfalls have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan. In the Northwest Territories and Manitoba the temperature has risen somewhat, but present indications are for colder weather again.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 26 below—14 below; Victoria, 42—50; Edmonton, 2 below—12; Calgary, 6—16; Qu'Appelle, 14—26; Winnipeg, 8 below—28; Port Arthur, 4—26; Toronto, 15—31; Ottawa, 12—22; Montreal, 20—24; Quebec, 12—24; Halifax, 24—36.

Saturday, Nov. 21—8 a.m.

FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh to strong southerly to southwesterly winds; fair and milder; light local snow or rain tonight.

Sunday—Fresh west to northwest winds; fair.

Temperatures.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	— 4	— 8	Clear
Winnipeg	20	18	Cloudy
Parry Sound	30	20	Fair
Toronto	32	20	Cloudy
Ottawa	14	12	Fair
Montreal	16	12	Snow
Quebec	8	8	Clear
Father Point	20	18	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather is milder in Ontario and Manitoba. Elsewhere still cold. Fresh to strong winds are indicated for the lakes, and colder conditions for Manitoba.

Local temperatures: Friday—Highest, 32°; lowest, 15.5°.

JOSEPH AND THE POPE

Austrian Emperor Will Not Visit Italian King.

Rome, Nov. 21. — The rumor to the effect that Count Nigra, the Italian ambassador to Austria, is in Rome, arranging for a visit to the Italian capital of Emperor Francis Joseph, is entirely unfounded. Count Nigra is spending his usual yearly vacation in Rome. It is considered here as not improbable that he will abandon the embassy at Vienna, where he has been since 1885, on account of old age, he now being 75 years old. It is believed to be certain that Emperor Francis Joseph will never return the visit which King Humbert paid him at Vienna in 1881, as his holiness announced in his first allocution, that he will not change the policy of his predecessor, who forbade Catholic rulers to come to Rome as guests of the Quirinal, and as the national dignity of the King of Italy will not permit him to receive sovereigns, especially Emperor Francis Joseph, anywhere but at Rome.

ACTRESS TURNS STREET CLEANER

Stella Mayhew Astounds St Paul by Hiring Crew of 18 Men and "Bossing" Work.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 21.—Stella Mayhew, the actress, astounded St. Paul public officials and business men Thursday by assuming the role of street commissioner and acting as foreman for a crew of eighteen men employed to clean the main business streets.

"The streets of St. Paul are something awful," said she. "I want to set an example to the women of the town. I advertised for 50 men, but I could get only eighteen and I had to pay them $1 an hour. The satisfaction is worth all that, however, though I suppose it will cost me $200."

During the noon hour great crowds watched Miss Mayhew and her crew working up Fourth street. Miss Mayhew superintended the work in the minutest detail, seeing that no man shirked. The streets are not cleaned by the city for the reason that the fund for this purpose is exhausted.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY

The Hun Premier's Speech Helps Von Korber.

London, Nov. 21. — The correspondent of the Times at Vienna says the speech of Count Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, delivered on Wednesday, seems to have strengthened the position of Dr. Von Korber, the Austrian Premier, in Austria just as it has improved his own in Hungary. Some Machiavellian tongues pretend that the bickering was prearranged and that Tisza considerately warned Korber that it would be his painful duty to castigate him, thereby improving the situation in Hungary and, by reaction, the stability of the Austrian Cabinet, but Tisza is not an actor and Korber is not a likely man to embark upon such risky experiments.

FORCED TO RESIGN

He Put Booker Washington Next to Gen. Lee in Greatness.

Durham, N. C., Nov. 21. — Because in an article in the South Atlantic Monthly he said that with the single exception of Gen. Robert E. Lee, Booker Washington is the greatest man the south has produced in the last century, Prof. Spencer Bassett, of the chair of English in Trinity College, created such a stir among the friends and supporters of the Methodist institution that he has been practically forced to resign.

His resignation has been given to the board of trustees, who will act on it at a special meeting. There is little doubt that it will be accepted.

Parents of students had threatened to withdraw their sons from the college if Prof. Bassett continued as a member of the faculty.

The Shamrock's Mast.

New York, Nov. 21. — The steel mast of the Americas' cup challenger Shamrock II., has been presented to the town of Cape May, N. J., to be used as a flagpole. It is 158 feet long. The gift was made by Capt. Barr, skipper of the defending yacht, Reliance, he having bought the challenger for the materials it contained.

SUNK IN COLLISION

Steamer Gladstone Goes Down Near Amherstburg.

Amherstburg, Ont., Nov. 21. — The steamer Gladstone, bound down with barley and corn, collided with the steamer Sacramento, upbound, at Bar Point, at 10.30 o'clock last night.

The Gladstone was struck well up towards the bow, and sank in 20 feet of water inside of fifteen minutes.

The crew were taken off by the tug Home Rule. Wreckers have been sent for.

WHERE IS THE TORONTO?

She Left Newcastle for Montreal Eighteen Days Ago.

Montreal, Que., Nov. 21.—The steamship Toronto, of the Ocean and Inland Line, is still overdue.

The Gulf of St. Lawrence signal service yesterday reported a steamer coming up the river as being the Toronto, but it now turns out that the steamer reported was another vessel, the Verdande.

What has become of the Toronto is now puzzling her agents. She left Newcastle eighteen days ago.

J. J. HILL WILL BOW TO COURT

Ruling in Famous Securities Case To Be Accepted.

WILL DISSOLVE BIG MERGER

Three Railroads To Be Operated Under Separate Managements—No Community Interests.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 20. — President James J. Hill, of the Northern Securities Company, was in this city today and spent the greater part of the day in consultation with his attorney, John G. Johnson, going over the details of the corporation's appeal from the federal circuit court of appeals, which is docketed to be heard before the United States supreme court.

In connection with Mr. Hill's visit, the Philadelphia Record tomorrow will print the following:

"From an authority close to Mr. Hill, it was learned that on the advice of counsel, it had been decided to surrender every right granted under the New Jersey corporation law to the Northern Securities Company, excepting that of purchasing such securities as the management may see fit to obtain from an investment viewpoint.

"The right to vote the stock in the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroads is to be renounced, as is also the right of the securities concern to have any voice in the management of these railroads. The security company is to declare before the federal supreme court that each of these big railroads is to be continued under separate managements, and that there is to be no community of interests agreement between them; in fact, they are to be maintained as separate companies, and each to have individual management and offices as before the merger under the securities company charter which was obtained in New Jersey on November 10, 1901.

"The meaning of this is, according to one of the attorneys for the securities company, that the judgment of the circuit court of appeals of April 30 last, declaring the merger void, is honored by the company, and that it merely desires to have the supreme court pronounce it a lawful corporation in that all possible objections alleged to conflict with the United States anti-trust law have been removed."

MOTHER DIES TO SAVE HER BABIES

Rushes Her Little Ones Out of Harm's Way, But Is Killed.

New York, Nov. 21. — In an heroic effort to save her children from being run down by a speeding cab yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Bessie Silver, of No. 71 East Fourth street, was run over and killed. The children escaped unhurt.

Mrs. Silver, with her two little ones, had been to an east side dispensary, to procure medicines for her son, and was returning home. She was crossing Second avenue at Fourth street, when a cab driven at a rapid rate dashed around the corner.

The children, who were slightly in advance of Mrs. Silver, were almost under the horse's hoofs before she noticed their peril. Dashing forward she pushed them aside and out of harm's way, but was not quick enough to escape herself. The shaft of the cab struck her in the head and hurled her several feet.

The cab driver, the police say, did not stop to ascertain the woman's injuries, but, whipping up his horse, attempted to escape. A crowd gave chase, and Patrolman Baxter, of the Fifth street police station, joined in. At Bond street he was overhauled. He was locked up, charged with homicide.

Mrs. Silver died before an ambulance arrived. Her skull was fractured in several places.

THE ROYAL PARTY WERE POISONED

Ugly Rumors as to Death of Little Princess Elizabeth.

CZAR AND CZARINA ALSO ILL

And Were Unable to Attend the Funeral—An Attempt to Reconcile Hesse and His Wife.

New York, Nov. 21.—The World this morning publishes the following cable: Berlin, Nov. 21.—Sinister rumors come from Skiernewice, Poland, accounting for the sudden death of the little Princess Elizabeth of Hesse, niece of the Czarina of Russia, at the moment of a family reunion. The unfortunate little princess and her father were the guests at Skiernewice of the Czar and Czarina, and it is now said that an attempt was made to poison the whole royal party.

The princess was the only victim, although the Czarina was made very ill, and the Czar was more or less affected by the poison.

There was some wonder that the Czar and Czarina did not attend the funeral of their niece, but it is now explained that they were too ill to be present. The account given of the illness of the princess tally with the suggestion of poison.

The Grand Duchess of Coburg, mother of the divorced Grand Duchess of Hesse and of the Czarina, is using all her influence to utilize the present sad event to bring about a reconciliation between her daughter and the Grand Duke of Hesse, but her efforts have availed nothing so far.

THE MAFIA SUSPECTED

Italian is Stabbed Twenty-One Times Near Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Nov. 21.—Killed by 21 stilette stabs, Salvador Battaglia was found on the Franklin avenue bridge. He is supposed to have been murdered by the mafia. Two bloody trails lead from the scene, one to St. Paul, the other to Minneapolis. The St. Paul trail was traced seven miles to an Italian shoemaker's, who is suspected of being the leader of the mafia here. Battallia incurred Italian hatred by saying he cared no longer for Italian principles and by applying for membership in a Masonic lodge. Chaldrone, an old friend of the dead man, is thought to be guilty.

OVERDOSE OF MEDICINE

Kills Lady Passenger On a Hudson River Steamer.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 21.—The dead body of a woman about 40 years old was found in a stateroom on the steamer Adirondack of the People's Line of night boats, after her arrival here from New York this morning.

She is supposed to be Mrs. E. C. Gorman, of Philadelphia. She had been dead but a short time, and is thought to have taken accidentally an overdose of some powerful medicine. Coroner Guysling has the body and will hold an autopsy. The woman was traveling alone.

THE "SOO" CREDITORS

$35,000 Worth of Accounts Handed to New Company.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Nov. 21. — Creditors of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company have turned over $35,000 worth of accounts to the reorganization committee. About $50,000 is owed on the two "Soos." H. G. Waddle, who claims to have been engaged by F. H. Clergue on a two years' contract at $10,000 a year as superintendent of the tube works, which were never built, has begun two suits against the company.

The first is for $1,670.83 for wages due, and the other is for $20,000 less the amount mentioned in the first suit, which he claims is the contract price for two years' services beginning July 1, 1903.

THE BIG FOUR WRECK

Twenty Deaths Accounted for in the Collision Near Menert, Ill.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 20.—The number of deaths in the Big Four collision near Menert yesterday is now put at 20, including two which occurred after the injured had been removed from the wreck. The debris was cleared from the track during the night, and eighteen bodies in all recovered. Fourteen men were injured and are now in hospitals in this city and Peoria. Of the dead all but three who were horribly mangled have been identified. The coroner of Delvin impaneled a jury today preparatory to holding an inquest.

THE GERMAN SURTAX

May Cut Down the Imports by One-Half.

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—Speaking of the probable effect of the surtax upon importations of German goods into Canada, the Commissioner of Customs said: "My reading of it in the rough is that the result will be to cut down our entire import of German goods by one-half, while the importation of German cement, bottles and sugar will cease. We may continue to receive shipments of sugar through Hamburg, which is a free port, but it will probably be the Austrian products. Possibly, also, as a result of the surtax, we may import more cane sugar from the West Indies."