

THREATENS CITY'S COAL TRADE

Limited Depth of Water in the River
Must Be Remedied or Docks
Will Be Closed.

If the Chicago River is not deepened to admit ships carrying 8,000 tons and drawing eighteen feet of water the port will lose a business amounting to 300,000 tons annually and five docks on the river will be abandoned. This is the result of a conference between the officers of the W. L. Scott Coal company of Erie and the O. S. Richardson Coal company, which handles its product in Chicago. If the river is deepened then the companies will equip their plants with modern machinery at an expense of \$150,000 and enter into lake shipments on a larger scale.

Some time during the next twelve months the decision will be made, and if the tunnels still block the channel there will be five docks for rent. The coal will come from the mines by rail. Chicago now pays 20 cents a ton more than Duluth and some other ports that have unlimited room in their harbors, and trade conditions will not allow of such a premium. Chicago's great coal trade by lake has been slipping away gradually during the last ten years, and there are many marine men who predict that the lowering of the tunnels is the only thing that will keep what business the city now has.

The loss of the coal trade would lead to higher rates on grain to Buffalo.

AWAIT EMMA BOEHM'S HUSBAND

Justice Sabath Postpones the Strange
Alleged Conspiracy Case While De-
tectives Search for Wilson.

Emma Boehm, who discovered that she was the wife of a man she had never seen except for a few moments, when the marriage ceremony was performed, was not in court yesterday when the case of Herbert Vickers, charged with conspiracy, was called. Joseph Wilson, who became the husband of Miss Boehm, was not in court, but he is being searched for. Justice Sabath continued the hearing until Aug. 15, holding Vickers in bonds of \$2,800, which he furnished.

The police say Vickers had agreed to marry Miss Boehm; that the couple went to the marriage license office, where they met Wilson, and a license was procured, but without the girl's knowledge the name of Wilson was placed on the license. The ceremony was performed by Justice Murphy. Miss Boehm believed that Wilson was acting as a witness to the ceremony, but later it developed that she had become his wife instead of Vickers'.

Vickers says the girl knew of her marriage to Wilson. Vickers is himself married, it is said.

BADLY BEATEN BY CONSTABLES

Dr. St. Bono and Wife, 790 Washtenaw
Avenue, Resist Seizure of Furniture,
Which They Say Is Illegal.

Dr. St. Bono, 790 North Washtenaw avenue, was beaten till he became unconscious by a constable and four assistants, who entered his house Monday afternoon to seize furniture, a chattel mortgage on which had been foreclosed by Michaels Bros., furniture dealers at Sixteenth and State streets. It is stated that resistance was offered to the constables and that they beat both Dr. and Mrs. St. Bono. The couple have employed an attorney and propose to prosecute the constable, who, they assert, was proceeding in an illegal manner.

PIONEER HOTELKEEPER HURT.

Frederick Mehring Run Down by a
Northwestern Train at Main Street,
Evanston, and May Die.

Frederick Mehring, who was proprietor of the first inn of Chicago designated as a hotel, was struck by a train at South Evanston yesterday morning. His left arm was broken above the elbow and he sustained internal injuries which may prove fatal. Mr. Mehring is 70 years old and lives at 723 Hinman avenue, Evanston. He was crossing the Northwestern tracks at Main street when he was struck by the 8:30 north-bound express, of which C. Mahoney is engineer. From 1852 to 1859 Mr. Mehring was proprietor of the Lake Street House at Lake and Canal streets.

Purity is often subordinated to flavor in beers; both purity and flavor reach their highest perfection in Sepp's Extra Pale Beer.

of the labor laws, and the abolition of the contract system on public work will doubtless be promulgated.

LEGISLATED OUT OF OFFICE.

Tennessee Supreme Court Says Certain
Judges and Other Officials Must
Give Up Their Places.

Jackson, Tenn., Aug. 8.—[Special.]—The Supreme Court of Tennessee in special session here today sustained the constitutionality of the act of the last Legislature abolishing the offices of six Judges and other officials. The case has created wide interest, the Judges fighting to retain their offices. It was a majority opinion, the Chief Justice and one Judge dissenting. The court, however, held that a Judge could only be removed for cause personal to himself, but the Legislature has the right to abolish the office.

BRYAN GOES THROUGH CHICAGO.

En Route to Begin Chautauqua Lectures—Declines to Discuss John
P. Altgeld.

William Jennings Bryan passed through Chicago last night en route to Winona Lake, Ind., where he will begin a course of Chautauqua lectures. He said he had been booked for lectures on national issues sufficient in number to keep him busy all summer.

"After I complete my lecturing tour," he said, "I will go West. I expect to start for the Pacific coast the last of August. On Thursday I speak at Shelbyville, on Friday at Petersburg, and on Saturday at Havana, Ill."

He declined to discuss Mr. Altgeld or any matter relating to him.

COLORED KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Crowds Cheer Uniformed Commanderies
of Three States in a Parade—Picnic
to Be Held Today.

Colored Knights Templar of Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky opened the second day's proceedings of their conclave in this city at 10 o'clock yesterday morning with a parade in which nearly 500 uniformed Knights Templar participated. Ten uniformed commanderies were in line, and the Eighth Regiment Band, I. N. G., led the procession through the streets of the South Side, while crowds of colored people cheered lustily the marching and countermarching.

After the parade the commanderies from Kentucky met at Apollo Hall, Twenty-seventh and State streets, and those from Illinois in Olivet Church, Dearborn and Twenty-seventh streets.

In the afternoon the annual conclaves of the individual commanderies were held. Only routine business was transacted. The elections of officers will take place today.

In the evening the visiting delegates were entertained at Bethel Church by members of the allied women's organizations, the Order of the Eastern Star and Heroines of Jericho. Later a reception was given in honor of the visiting grand officers and delegates at the house of R. E. Moore, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Illinois Chapter.

After a parade through down-town streets today a picnic will be held at World's Fair Park.

SEEK CAUSE OF MELROSE FIRE

Police Investigating Blaze of Last December That Cost Miss Hansen's Life
—Witness Tells Circumstances.

The Stanton Avenue police have begun an investigation of the Melrose flats fire of Dec. 21 last, in the ruins of which the body of Annie Hansen was found last week. A the Coroner's office it is said the origin of the fire is now regarded with suspicion and that neither the police nor the Fire department ever made a systematic investigation as to its cause.

Frank Young, 3803 Cottage Grove avenue one of the workmen who found the body has made a sworn statement now in the possession of the Coroner, in which he says that on the evening of the fire he saw flames bursting from the north wing on the sixth floor of the building and a moment later saw flames in the basement at the front. There was no air shaft connection and the police are now endeavoring to learn how flames could have originated on the top floor and basement at the same time unless by design.

The inquest on the body of Miss Hansen has been postponed until Aug. 15. The burned money found in the pocketbook near the body has been turned over to the Coroner. It is believed that \$100 or more of it can be redeemed.

Governor's Day, Naval Militia Encampment.

The Chicago and Northwestern railway will sell low rate excursion tickets until Aug. 11, inclusive, to North Chicago and return, account of naval militia of Illinois encampment at North Chicago. Special program Governor's day, Aug. 9, band concerts, dress parade, and drills daily. Frequent trains. Ticket office, 103 Clark street, and Wells Street Station.

PUSHING THE VAN WYCK BOOM.

Southern Leaders at Saratoga Continue
to Advocate the New-Yorker—
Silver Cause Weakening.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 8.—[Special.]—Mayor Van Wyck of New York City materialized in Saratoga tonight and joined his brother, ex-Judge Augustus Van Wyck of Brooklyn, at the Grand Union Hotel, where the Van Wyck Presidential boomers keep politics on tap. The ex-Judge and the Southern Democratic contingent formed a large and noticeable phalanx on the piazza of the big caravansary tonight, and the general conversation drifted in the direction of what they characterized as Van Wyck's increasing strength, especially in the Southland. Colonel J. A. Willis of Mississippi was most emphatic in his statement that Van Wyck was gaining strength from day to day in the South. He added that the silver issue was not as popular as it once was in the Southern States.

PLANS OF NEW LABOR PARTY.

Henry George Element Going In for
Municipal Ownership and Change
in Contract System.

New York, Aug. 8.—[Special.]—With the inception of the new Henry George movement on Monday night there was created another political leader. His name is William J. O'Brien and he is about 30 years old. The title given him at the Clarendon Hall conference is President. The name of the organization he is to head may be the Independent Labor party, or something else. That will be determined next Friday night. At the same time a platform on which the organization is to stand in its fight for municipal ownership of franchises, enforcement