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CONDENSED NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

The Laying of the Cornstone of Detroit's Chamber of Commerce—Upper Peninsula Iron Miners Refuse to Quit Work—Several Deaths by Lightning.

The citizens of Michigan's metropolis are proud of the enterprising spirit which promotes the erection of such buildings as the splendid structure now going up in Detroit, to be known as Detroit's Chamber of Commerce, as was plainly shown by the attention given to the ceremony of laying the cornstone of the building. The laying of the cornerstone was preceded by a magnificent parade of military and civic societies in which the Michigan National Guard and the Knights Templar commanderies made the best impression. There were also displays of various sorts representing some of Detroit's industrial institutions. The big brewers were marshalled by a magnificent float of an allegorical character.

Rufus W. Gillett, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was master of ceremonies, and introduced Hon. Thomas N. Parker as the first speaker, with "Detroit and Its Commercial Importance in the Past." Next came Hon. Wm. C. Maybury spoke on "Detroit and Its Commercial Importance." "Detroit's Commercial Opportunities" was the subject assigned to James T. Shaw, of the Board of Trade. After letters of regret had been read from Hon. G. V. N. Lothrop, Rich. ex-Gov. Begole and Jerome, Congressmen Joseph W. Fordney and Senator McMillan and Patten, the ceremonies proper were begun. Grand Master Mason O. H. Kingsley, W. H. Butler, announced the purposes of the occasion. Right Worship-ful Grand Chaplain Rev. A. Knappen offered prayer. The cornerstone was then lowered into position and laid and tried according to the Masonic ritual.

Launched a Lake Liner.

An event in Marine City was the launching of the steamer Idaho, built by Alex. Anderson for Hon. C. McGraw. The Idaho is calculated to make 15 miles an hour. She will run between Detroit and Port Huron, making two trips each day. Her hull is something marvelous and her builders feel confident she will show remarkable speed. She is 175 feet long, 26 beam over all. Her engines are to be a perfect duplicate of those in the Tashmoo. The Idaho will be built for speed. She has the finest model ever built for speed. She has the finest model ever built for speed. She has the finest model ever