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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, OCT. 24.

Avoid get-rich-quick schemes. See I. Tim. vi., 9.

Queen Draga must have dropped a letter off the end of her name.

The trouble with the air ship is that it is so apt to be out of its element.—Puck.

Isn't there some able-bodied man in Belgium who can give King Leopold a swift kick?

Strike out "obey" from the marriage ceremony. This is the age of revolt, not obedience.

Trouble in Macedonia has assumed almost the proportions of a South American revolution.

Will Wall street never learn that it cannot safely do $1,000,000 in business on $10 capital?

Boxing contests are prohibited in Kentucky. They want the real gouge-eye article down there.

In the tropics there is no monopoly in the necessaries of life. That is the situation in a cocoanut shell.

Ping-pong punch has made its appearance in New York. It is reported to be fully as bad as its name.

Apparently Venezuela does not wish to have the rest of the world know just how serious the situation is.

According to the ruling of a court justice it costs a dollar in Missouri for a man to whip his wife—if he can.

Evidently there is money back of the defense of William Hooper Young, for his attorney believes him innocent.

If you are tempted to refer to any one as "a peach" these days—well, don't do it. Remember, peaches are cheap.

There is something about the name of Capt. Sverdrup, the Swedish explorer, that is suggestive of a game of old sledge.

South Africa will be compelled to pay $500,000,000 as its share of the cost of feeding the British army on jam and jelly.

It is probable that the duchess of Marlborough would trade her title for the honor of being a plain American girl once more.

It is reported that the Cubans are finding it difficult to obtain work. What happiness the average Cuban must be enjoying.

Mr. Hanna says he has been informed that "stand pat" is a phrase used in poker. Mr. Hanna has been correctly informed.

It may interest Explorer Baldwin's "angel," Mr. Zeigler, to learn that the Duke of Abruzzi is an inveterate smoker of cigarettes.

A New York paper says that trusts are as old as man. It will be remembered that the serpent in paradise organized a trust in apples.

Pietro Mascagni and General Booth came over in the same steamer. Perhaps Pietro has agreed to raise the level of Salvationist music.

If new nicknames should be given the various states now, it is a foregone conclusion that New Jersey would be known as the Great Trust State.

England is disposed to admire America's public school system. Every now and then England discovers something worthy of attention in this country.

If New York had not spent so much money on monkey parties over at Newport last summer it would have more dollars now with which to transact business.

Prof. Robert Hill, a scientist, having inspected Mont Pelee, is going on to Texas. As between Pelee and Texas, the professor seems disposed to jump out of the frying pan into the fire.

It is reported that the Princeton geological expedition to Montana found there, among other fossil remains, a dinosaurus with a tail fourteen feet long. This is indeed a remarkable story.

While picking a pocket horse chestnut to ward off rheumatism, Frederick Blabaum, a Pennsylvania farmer, fell from a tree, fracturing his right leg and left arm. Presumably he hasn't felt the rheumatism since.

A New York man who died the other day left a collection of over 100 snuff boxes. So live, young man, that when you die the world will see you has a definite object and aim in life.

An explanation of the astounding spread of profanity is found in the census bulletin showing that one person in every forty-five has a telephone.

Prof. E. Benjamin Andrews has declined a raise of $1,000 a year in his salary. The politicians will hereafter regard him with increased suspicion.

An Indiana physician says he has discovered a powder that will restore life to a dead body, but he does not state how dead the body may be. How about an Egyptian mummy?

It must be a puzzle to military men to note the honors heaped on General Booth, who never killed anybody nor invented a new butchering machine.

The Emperor of Austria is going to rebuke the King of Belgium. Franz Joseph is old enough now to begin to feel the necessity of being good.

Michigan Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents.

ELECTION RULING ON BALLOTS

Slips With Amendments Must Be Numbered and Perforated.

Attorney-General Oren has been in receipt of numerous letters in regard to the preparation of the ballots for the constitutional amendments to be voted on November 4. These amendments relate to indeterminate sentences and the provision of the constitution providing for the payment of money to newspapers for publishing the acts of the legislature. The attorney-general gives it as his opinion that the ballots should be numbered and perforated as the law requires shall be done in the case of the ordinary ballots.

MINING SHARES WORTH LITTLE

People in the Copper Country Mourn Loss of Their Money.

A short time ago the people of the copper country were falling over each other in their haste to secure shares in a certain gold mine which was touted as being a big thing. Sure enough, it has turned out to be a big thing—a big fraud—and shares which cost fifty cents apiece are a drug on the market. One 500-share certificate which cost $250 was sold for fifty cents, and a man who endeavored to pay for a drink in a Calumet saloon with another 500-share certificate was snubbed.

Get Your Hunting License.

The state of Wisconsin intends to place a game warden near Pembine Falls, on the Menominee river. His duties will be to patrol that part of the country noted for such violations of the laws, especially those from Michigan. A large number of Michigan hunters, who have no licenses, cross into Wisconsin and some are now running and killing deer. The illegal practice will be stopped by the Wisconsin authorities as soon as possible.

Paving Brick Plant.

A scheme is on foot to establish a big paving brick manufacturing plant at Lake Linden. The idea is to use the waste sands from the stamp mills there in washing the brick. Thousands of tons of this sand is now shipped every year to Lake Erie ports for this same purpose, and there seems to be no reason why the brick shouldn't just as well be made where the sand exists.

Ripe Raspberries.

Many reports have come from all over the state regarding second growth strawberries, but Lenawee county claims the honor of being the county for second growth raspberries as well. Quite an extensive patch of raspberry bushes along the road just east of the Bitely farm in Palmyra township is well loaded with ripe berries.

New Railroad.

The Blaney & Southern Railway Co., organized with $75,000 capital, to construct a railway to Schoolcraft county, has filed articles of incorporation. The articles of incorporation set forth that the proposed road will not run through towns, cities or mines.

Fatality to Boy Hunter.

Glen, the 12-year-old son of J. M. Strew of Prairie Ronde township, slipped from a log while out hunting, accidentally discharging his gun, the charge entering his bowels, inflicting a fatal wound.

Apple Evaporator Burns.

The apple evaporator at Metamora was burned. It belonged to James Lee of Oxford. It was running night and day and will be a great loss to Mr. Lee and the community.

No Oil at Milan.

The oil well which had been put down 1,500 feet at Milan, and from which great things were expected, was shot. It was a failure, however, no signs of oil having appeared.

Cigar Trust Is Active.

The cigar trust is trying to buy up the stores at Jackson and Kalamazoo. Many of those in Detroit, Grand Rapids and Battle Creek have already been gobbled.

Recreation Grounds.

Cadillac Recreation Park association has been organized. Their purpose is to build a race track, fair and baseball grounds combined. Work will begin immediately.

Little Girl Run Over.

The little 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. White of Port Huron while playing in the street was run over by a team and seriously injured.

Oversupply of Cabbage.

Quite a number of farmers in Calhoun county have large quantities of cabbage on their hands. Early in the season outside parties contracted for all they could raise at $6 per ton, but they now refuse to take them.

Big Honey Find.

Edward Nofman, of Pine Creek, Manistee county, cut down a bee tree and removed from it 600 pounds of honey. One hundred pounds is considered an exceptionally large amount to get from a single tree.

Dwellings Destroyed.

The dwelling house of Judson Sibley, a prominent business man and politician of Wixom, burned. Most of the contents on the first floor were saved. The fire caught from a defective chimney.

Raises Sweet Potatoes.

An Ionia man planted some sweet potatoes last spring to see how they would grow in this climate, and the experiment has turned out so well that he will go at it on a large scale next year.

FAMILY NEARLY ASPHYXIATED

Coal Gas Overcomes Mother and Children at Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dillingham of Adrian were awakened by the cries of their children, who sleep in a room near their parents on the ground floor of their home. It was discovered that the rooms were full of coal gas. Mrs. Dillingham attempted to go to them, being obliged to pass through the sitting room where the stove is situated. She was overcome by the fumes and fell to the floor. Mr. Dillingham then managed to get the doors and windows open, and let in the fresh air. He called at the home of W. E. Cook, a neighbor, and secured remedies which he used upon his wife and children. It was nearly six hours before the family recovered sufficiently to be out of danger. It was a very close call and one which the family does not care to repeat.

HAS CHECK TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Old Lady Holds the Paper Until It Is Worthless.

A man doing service on the Grand Trunk double track construction at Potterville left a check of $200, drawn on the First National bank of Ann Arbor, to W. Pringle, by H. Osborn, April 9, 1877, with Wm. H. Van Auken for collection. It is said the check has been in the possession of the man's grandmother until her death recently. But Osborn is said to have died several years since, and his bank account closed before his death. The old lady evidently thought the check was bankable paper and would keep. Mr. Van Auken will ascertain its value.

Widow Is an Heiress.

Mrs. Sadie Stewart of Owosso, a widow, 28 years old, has received communications from a firm of New York attorneys informing her that by the death of a distant relative of her mother she and her brother, Sidney B. Pratt, of Elkhart, Ind., are in line for a portion of a large fortune. Only meager particulars have been learned thus far. The firm has asked Mrs. Stewart to be in New York city December 1, when the estate will be settled. She is wholly ignorant of her relationship to the "relative" of her mother who has died.

Child Drowns in Cistern.

Beatrice Ward, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr and Mrs. William Ward, who live east of Millington, was drowned in a cistern under the kitchen floor. A trap door is used to dip up the water. Some one accidentally left the trap door open, and little Beatrice fell into the cistern. There were only three feet of water in it. The mother discovered the child in the water, but when she was rescued life was too low to restore her.

Hunting Accident.

James Galloway, who lives east of Pontiac, died as the result of a hunting accident. With a party of four or five he was hunting on his farm. A gun was accidentally discharged. Whose gun it was or how it happened to be discharged, none of the party is able to explain. The charge entered Galloway's body above the hip. The accident happened at noon and death resulted four hours later.

Peat at Petoskey.

W. H. Jennings of Petoskey has decided how to meet the fuel famine so far as that locality is concerned. Some time ago he discovered a bed of fine peat, twelve feet deep, extending under five acres of his celery patch. He has ordered a peat driving apparatus and will begin the preparation of peat on a large scale.

Nearly a Million in Peaches.

According to figures compiled by the board of trade, 1,284,000 bushels of peaches were marketed at Grand Rapids during the season just closed. Of this amount over 1,000,000 bushels were shipped to outside markets by rail. The value of the crop marketed at Grand Rapids is estimated at $950,000.

Destroys Valuable Dog.

Somebody shot a valuable English pointer dog belonging to Dr. Hutchins of Ann Arbor with a Flobert rifle and the animal died from the effects of the wound. The dog cost $275 and had the reputation of being the best hunter in southern Michigan.

Neuralgia Induces Suicide.

Crazed by an attack of neuralgia, Peter Shafer, aged 60, an inmate of the county poor house at Houghton, hanged himself. Shafer was single and had been a county charge for the last five years. He had no known relatives.

Early Closing.

The Retail Clerks' association of Pontiac have been successful in the early closing movement, and now all of the business places except one clothing store have agreed to observe the early closing regulation.

Is Shy Two Fingers.

Two little sons of George Kaufman, of Port Huron, were playing in their yard with an ax and a block of wood when George, the younger one of the lads, had two fingers chopped off his right hand.

Potatoes Rot.

Many farmers around Constantine still have their potatoes in the ground. It is feared they are rotted owing to wet weather.

Twentieth Michigan.

The twentieth Michigan Infantry will hold its thirty-seventh annual reunion at Lansing on October 23.

Woman Postmaster.

Mrs. Fannie Fairbanks has been appointed postmaster at Ludlow, Lake county, vice Carl Fairbanks, resigned.

CLAIMS $5,000 FROM RAILROAD

Romeo Man Wants Damages for Collision Injuries.

F. E. Bower, a traveling man, of Romeo, has started a damage suit against the Grand Trunk Railway Company for $5,000. Bower was a passenger on the afternoon train of the Air Line division which runs between Pontiac and Jackson on May 2 last. While inside the city the train collided with a string of freight cars. Bower claims he was thrown forward with such violence that he was permanently injured besides being kept from business duties for a period of two months.

Finds Hidden Needle.

For many months Mrs. Henry Bowens of Algansee has been doctoring for rheumatism, which seemed to have settled in one leg above the knee. A surgeon made an examination, discovered a hard formation, made an incision and removed a needle. The discovery recalled to Mrs. Emens the fact that thirty odd years ago she swallowed a needle, without experiencing any trouble at that time.

Case of Drowning.

A couple of young men at St. Joseph quarreled over a girl, and the one who got the worst of it went away, declaring that he would drown himself. Others ran after him, and, failing to find him, feared he had carried out his threat. Later on he was found in a saloon, having apparently decided to compromise by drowning his sorrow instead of himself.

Violate Game Laws.

A cruiser who recently returned from the Felch mountain country, north of Iron Mountain, reports that the game laws are being violated in those parts. Hunters are killing deer and headlighting them. They shot several horses in that vicinity, mistaking them for deer. Deer are very plentiful in the woods this year.

Canning Factory.

William W. Vaughan & Co. of Detroit, who have bought tomatoes at Jackson and used them in making pulp, state that they will erect a canning factory there early next season. They propose to handle all kinds of fruit, beginning with strawberries and concluding with tomatoes, pumpkins and apples.

Paid Firemen at Cadillac.

Cadillac is to have a paid fire department within a few weeks. The council has appropriated $9,500 for the purchasing and maintenance of the necessary implements and horses. The board of police and fire commissioners has charge of the matter.

New Industry for Albion.

Albion is soon to have a new industry in the National Spring & Wire Co. The company has a paid up stock of $10,000, and will manufacture furniture and vehicle seat springs under a patent perfected by W. H. Bates of Jackson.

Many Study Mining.

The attendance at the Michigan College of Mines at Houghton this year breaks all former records of that institution. The number of students is almost 20 per cent larger than at last year.

Bank Proposition.

A Chicago banker has made a proposition to the citizens of Eau Claire that he will establish a bank in that village and take half of the capital stock if the community will take the other half.

Fool the Farmers.

Grocery agents are working Hillsdale county, pretending to sell to farmers at wholesale prices, when as a matter of fact the prices they quote are usually higher than retail dealers charge.

Chautauqua.

H. A. Collins of Havana, Ill., is in Battle Creek and trying to form a Chautauqua association. The business men of the city are quite interested in the proposition.

Gasoline Accident.

A St. Joseph man fell down a stairway while carrying a can of gasoline and another man who heard the crash hastened to the spot to render assistance. To see what the matter was he lighted a match. The gasoline ignited, seriously burning both men.

G. A. R. Campfire.

The eighteenth annual campfire of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. of Milford will be held Oct. 29. Gen. H. M. Duffield and Col. O. A. Janes of Detroit and others will speak.

Owosso Will Bond.

A second special election was held at Owosso to vote on the proposition of bonding the city for $8,000 for a site for the new public building. The city voted the proposition by 38 above the necessary two-thirds majority.

Uniforms for Sale.

The Columbian Tigers, the best ball club Pontiac produced the past season, has disbanded. The club won a lot of games, but didn't make money. The management offers the uniforms for sale to pay expenses.

Accident to Conductor.

Edwin W. Fitch of Toledo is suffering with several broken ribs. He is a conductor on the Lake Shore road and it is alleged his injuries are the result of being thrown violently against the side of the car by the breaking of an air brake.

Beware the Cat!

Mrs. Riley Smith of Quincy stepped on the family cat and fell to the floor, sustaining a fracture of the hip, which will disable her for several weeks.

CONDENSED NEWS.

The National Union, fraternal organization, has purchased a $7,000 site at Toledo, and will erect a $50,000 building for its headquarters exclusively.

A special dispatch from Amsterdam, by way of London, says that Queen Wilhelmina is expecting a visit from the stork about the end of November.

Rev. Bruce Brown has been compelled to resign from the pulpit at the Central Christian church at Denver, because he permitted laymen to discuss labor topics in the pulpit.

At the Riverside plant of the National Tube Co., at Wheeling, W. Va., a steam pipe parted fatally scalding Wm. Anderson, Henry Westenhauer and W. H. Bible, and seriously scalding Samuel L. Grady, Arthur Halfpenny, Frank Bartula, M. H. Burke and Ed. Carson.

Engineers have been investigating the possibility of using the Susquehanna river for the development of great electrical power, as is done at Niagara, and have reported favorably. It is proposed to furnish light and power to Baltimore and many towns in the northwestern part of Maryland and Delaware.

Dynamite was used in Saratoga Springs in the motormen's strike on the Hudson Valley road. Trolley cars on South Broadway was partly wrecked. The car windows were broken, the track torn up and the windows of a nearby saloon shattered, but no one was injured. A riot is feared in Mechanicsville.

Eleanor Gertrude Stephens, of Roxton, and Dr. Herbert Edmund Packham, of Brooklyn, were married in Adirondack Springs, last night, the ceremony being composed by the groom and the contracting parties doing practically all the talking. At the conclusion, the officiating clergyman declared the contracting parties man and wife. No ring was used, the bride presenting to the groom a pink rose and receiving a white lily.

A distant earthquake shock accompanied by a muffled rumbling like distant thunder, was felt at Chattanooga, Tenn., Saturday afternoon. The shock was of several seconds duration and shook houses very perceptibly in the city and suburbs. Dishes and windows were rattled and many people rushed from their houses in fright. Reports from Lafayette, Ga., Sewanee, Tenn., Mount Eagle and Tracy City say that both shocks were felt at those places.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—"Chauncey Olcott." Sunday Matinee at 2. Evenings at 8.

LYCEUM THEATER—Mr. Jolly from Joliet". Saturday Mat. 2 p. m. Evenings 7 p. m. 7 p.

WHITNEY THEATER—"The Flaming Arrow." Matinee 8:00 p. m. Evenings 7:00, 7:30, 8:00.

TEMPLE THEATER—"Vaudeville." Afternoons 2:15, 2:45, 3:15. Evenings 7:15, 7:45, 8:30.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Cattle—Choice steers, $3.00@3.25; good to choice butchers' steers, $2.75@3.00; the average, $4.25@4.60; light to good butchers' steers and heifers, 250 to 900 lbs, $2.75@4.15; mixed butchers' and fat cows, $2.25@3.00; canners and common butchers' cows, $1.75@2.25; good stockers' bulls, $2.50@3.00; good butchers' bulls, $3.00@3.25; common feeders' bulls, $2.50@3.00; fair stockers' bulls, $2.00@2.40. Veal Calves—Steady. $4.50@7.50. Milch Cows and Springers—Good cows, steady, $35@50; common, dull and lower.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $6.80@6.90; pigs, $6.70; light yorkers, $6.75@6.80; roughs, $6.00@6.25; stags, one-third off.

Sheep—Best lambs, $4.75@5.00; mostly $4.75; fair to good and good mixed lots, $4.50@4.75; yearlings, $4.25@4.75; fair to good butcher sheep, $2.75@3.25; culls and common, $1.50@2.50.

Chicago—Cattle—Good to prime steers, $5.25@5.50; poor to medium, $3.75@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.25@3.60; cows, $1.25@4.25; heifers, $2.25@5.25; canners, $1.40@2.25; bulls, $2.25@4.25; calves, $4.00@7.00; Texas fed steers, $4.00@5.00; western steers, $3.75@5.20.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $6.80@7.45; good to choice heavy, $6.85@7.12½; rough heavy, $6.40@6.85; light, $6.40@7.25; bulk of sales, $6.80@7.00.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $3.50@4.00; fair to choice mixed, $2.50@3.50; native lambs, $3.50@6.15.

East Buffalo—Cattle—Prime steers, $5.00@5.25; shipping steers, $4.50@5.00; butchers' steers, $4.00@4.25; heifers, $3.50@4.25; cows, $2.50@4.00; canners, $1.50@2.; bulls, $2.50@4.00; feeders, $3.25@3.75; stockers, $3.00@3.60; stock heifers, $2.50@3.; veals, $5.50@6.50.

Hogs—Heavy, $6.85@7.; mixed, $7.05@7.15; yorkers, $7.20@7.30; light do, $7.05@7.15; pigs, $7.15@7.25; roughs, $6.50@6.60; stags, $4.50@5.50; dairies, $7.10@7.20.

Sheep—Top lambs, $5.40@5.50; a few at $5.60; culls to good, $4@5.25; yearlings and wethers, $4@4.75; ewes, $3.50@4.25; sheep, mixed, $3.50@3.65; culls to good, $1.75@3.40.

Grain.

Detroit—Wheat—No. 2 white, 75c; No. 2 red, 74c; No. 3 red, 72½c; No. 3 white, 74c; No. 1 mixed, 74c; No. 2 mixed, 73½c; No. 3 mixed, 72½c; No. 1 yellow, 75½c; No. 2 yellow, 75½c; No. 3 yellow, 75c; No. 4 yellow, 74½c; No. 2 red, 74½c asked; mixed winter, 75c by sample, 1 car at 71c; 1 car at 71½c; 1 car at 72c.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 66c; No. 3 yellow, 66c; sample, 1 car at 65c; 1 car at 65½c; closing at 65c bid.

Oats—No. 3 white, 1 car at 34½c; No. 4 do, 32½c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 nominal at 52c; No. 3 rye, 1 car at 49½c per bu.

Chicago (cash quotations)—Wheat—No. 2, 66@72c; No. 3, 66@72c.

Corn—No. 2, 58c; No. 3 yellow, 62½c.

Oats—No. 2, 36c; No. 3 white, 34@34c.

Rye—No. 2, 49@49½c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 42@55c.

Produce.

Butter—Creameries, extra 22@23c; firsts, 21@22c; fancy selected dairy, 16@17c; good to choice dairy, 15@16c; ordinary, 14@15c.

Cheese—New full cream, 11@11½c; brick, 11@11½c.

Eggs—Candled, fresh receipts, 21@22c; at mark, 19@19½c per doz.

Dressed apples—50@56c lb; sun-dried, 3@5c per lb.

Onions—Michigan, 40@50c per bu.

Potatoes—Minnesota, 55c; Wisconsin stock, 40@55c; Michigan, 45c per bu.

Poultry—Spring—Broilers, live hens, 9c; roasters, 6@7c; young ducks, 10c; turkeys, 9@10c; old ducks, 7c per lb.

Wool—Detroit buyers are paying the following prices: Medium, 28@29c; coarse, unwashed 19c; fine do, 16@c; bucks, 16c; unwashed tags, 5c per lb.

Mrs. Hunter, a bride of 17, living at 6550 North Peoria street, Chicago, has given birth to triplets. All are doing well.

The 250,000 gold dollars to be issued as souvenir coins of the St. Louis exposition will be divided into two lots, one having the head of Jefferson and the other McKinley.

Losses aggregating $40,000 are believed to have been sustained by Minneapolis banks through the operations of Edwin T. Bliss and Thomas Armstrong, arrested on charges of forgery. They have been posing as mill feed brokers.

Three years ago Thursday the present civil strife in Colombia was begun by Gen. Uribe-Uribe, in Bucaramaugh, department of Santander, which town was captured by assault and afterward recaptured by Gen. Williams, then governor of Santander, says a Panama cable. The rebellion soon afterward spread over the republic and still continues.

Mrs. U. S. Grant and her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, have returned to their winter home in Washington, after spending the summer at Cohuna, Ont., as has been their custom for several years. Mrs. Grant is growing feeble in health.

THE GREAT STRIKE IS OFF

By a unanimous vote the convention of United Mine Workers accepted President Roosevelt's arbitration plan shortly before noon Tuesday. Cheers greeted the announcement of the result. The resolution as adopted carries with it a declaration that the strike is off, and provides for an immediate resumption of work, mining to begin Thursday morning.

President Mitchell told the convention that President Roosevelt had informed him that he would call a meeting of the arbitration commission immediately after the convention's acceptance of his proposal, and Mr. Mitchell gave it as his opinion that the findings of the arbitrators would be announced within a month. The resolution adopted follow:

"The mine workers, in convention assembled, have decided to accept the proposition embodied in President Roosevelt's telegram to President Mitchell notifying him of the appointment of a commission to arbitrate the strike, and submit all questions at issue between the operators and mine workers of the anthracite region for adjustment to the commission which you have named.

"In pursuance of that decision we shall report for work on Thursday morning, Oct. 23, in the positions and working places occupied by us prior to the inauguration of the strike.

"We have authorized John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, with such assistants as he may select, to represent us in all hearings before the commission."

Following are the demands of the miners that will be passed upon by the commission:

1. An eight-hour day for all employes working by the day, week or hour.

2. An increase of 20 per cent in the wages of all miners employed by the ton.

3. The establishment of a 2,240-pound ton in all mines.

4. Recognition of mine committees in adjusting disputes or grievances.

5. More thorough organization of all skilled mechanics employed in and about the mines.

6. Condemnation of the Delaware & Hudson Company for reducing wages at the Plymouth colliery.

7. Reinstatement of the colliery firemen discharged by the Delaware & Hudson Company for refusing to work on "swing" shifts.

8. Revision of the contract system and limitation to two in the number of laborers to be employed by any one contractor.

9. The abolition of the "blacklist" system.

Here are the demands of the miners that the operators refuse to submit to arbitration. They will not be considered by the commission:

1. Recognition of the union.

2. Investigation of opposition of union miners to work with non-union men.

3. Systematic examination of working cards at the mines.

4. The right of union miners to strike at collieries employing non-union labor.

It will be seen from this schedule that Mr. Mitchell has forbored consideration of nine out of thirteen demands submitted by him five months ago.

JIM YOUNGER.

The Notorious Bandit Commits Suicide, Being Despondent.

James Younger, formerly a member of the notorious Jesse James band of outlaws, which infested the western country a quarter of a century ago, committed suicide in St. Paul by shooting. He left a letter to the press in which he gives as a reason for his act, despondency over continued ill-health, and separation from his friends.

Younger, since his release from the penitentiary in July of last year, has led an exemplary life. His first employment was as traveling agent for a tombstone dealer, and on one of the trips he made about the state, he was seriously hurt by a fall from a wagon. Old wounds also gave him much trouble, and, although he obtained lighter employment, his health was precarious, and this caused him much worry. He was 54 years of age.

On a bureau in the room was found a long manila envelope on one side of which was written.

"To all that is good and true. I love and bid farewell.

"JIM YOUNGER."

On the other side of the envelope were these words:

"Oh, Lassie, good-bye.

"I will explain, just stay away from me. No crocodile tears wanted.

"Reporters—Be my friends. Burn me up.

"JIM YOUNGER!"

On another sheet of paper Younger had written this message, evidently his last words before committing suicide:

"Oct. 18.—Last night on earth. So good-bye, Lassie, for I still think of thee. A. U. G. Forgive me for this, for this is my only chance. I have done nothing wrong in politics in all that Van Sant, Wolfer and others of their stripe care for. Let the people judge. Treat me right and fair, reporters, for I am a square man, a socialist and decidedly in favor of woman's rights. Bryan is the brightest man these United States has ever produced. His one mistake was in not coming out for all the people and absolute socialism. Come out, Bryan. There is no such thing as a personal God. God is universal and I know him well and am not afraid. I have pity for the pardoning board, they do not stop to consider their wives nor to think of the man who knows how to love and appreciate a friend in truth. Good-bye, sweet Lassie."

The envelope contained a package of letters that had passed between Younger and a lady with whom he is said to have been much in love. The lady, who is prominently connected, is said to have reciprocated his affection, and it was reported at one time that they were to be married. The lady's relatives raised strenuous objections to the marriage, and a further obstacle was the fact that it was generally held that a paroled prisoner could not legally contract a marriage.

A Terrible Error.

Just as the case of Clarence Peake, charged with the murder of Silas Hulin, of Clinton, Tenn., was about to be called in the Supreme Court the supposed dead man appeared and announced that he had been in Colorado and had come back to prove Peake's innocence. Peake, who is the son of a prominent family, had been sentenced in a lower court to 10 years in the penitentiary, but is now in the insane asylum, a raving maniac, because of the charge against him.

Carrie Nation Outdone.

Two hundred people wrecked the building in which Riseman's "joint" was conducted, at Longsford, Kas., smashed 20 cases of beer and 10 kegs of whisky and tarred and feathered a woman inmate.

Kitchener Starts for India.

Lord Kitchener started Friday for India, to assume command of the British forces there. He goes by way of Paris and will visit Khartoum. Absolute secrecy was maintained regarding the arrangements for his departure, as he got away unnoticed.

While approaching Sioux Falls, S. D., with a Rock Island passenger train, Engineer Chauncey J. Fox, of Estherville, was stricken with apoplexy, one mile from the station. He stuck to his post, and died after being taken to a hospital.

Election registrations in Porto Rico have been a complete farce. The federals were shut out in a majority of the precincts of the island, due to an order from the executive council placing a majority of republicans on each board. In many towns there have been no federal registrations at all. Shooting affairs occurred at Aguadilla, Corodal, Vieques and Mayaguez. Some persons were wounded, but there were no fatalities.

Archbishop Guidi, the apostolic delegate in the Philippines, and his secretary, Father O'Connor, have left Rome for Marseilles, from which port they will sail for Manila.

Plucky Old Man.

In a secluded farm house on a country road two miles from the village of Rochester, in Lorain county, O., a terrible battle was fought between three aged men named Meach and six desperate robbers. As the result of the battle two of the robbers were shot to death, one probably fatally wounded, and two of the Meach brothers were badly beaten.

There are three of the Meach brothers, Loren, aged nearly 80 years; John, about 70, and Jarvis, aged 65. The old men are said to be rich.

About 8 o'clock, while John was in the barn, he was surrounded by three robbers and bound. Going to the house they knocked Jarvis Meach into insensibility by blows on the head. John Meach worked himself loose from his bonds, however, and securing a shotgun, cautiously stole upon the three burglars, who were working on the safe. He shot two of them to death and fatally wounded the third man. The three companions of the men who were watching outside the house, realizing their danger, immediately got away. No booty was secured by the robbers.

The wounded desperado was taken into custody but refused to make any statement as to his identity and there was nothing on his person to tell who he was.

Bloody Deed of a Defaulter.

Wm. C. Turner shot and killed Albert Hamilton, of Pittsburg, and W. J. Malbard, in the offices of the law firm of Cantor, Adams & McIntyre, in Broad street, New York, and then committed suicide.

Turner was at one time treasurer of the Climax Bottling Co., in which the other two men were interested, and the three met today to effect a settlement growing out of an alleged default on the part of Turner.

During the conference a heated discussion arose and Turner, drawing a revolver, killed Hamilton and Malbard, and then turned the weapon upon himself.

New Citizens.

The annual report of the commissioner of immigration shows that of the 648,743 immigrants who arrived in the United States during the last fiscal year, 165,300 were males and 182,374 females. Of the entire number of arrivals, Italy supplied 178,375, an increase of 42,379 over the number for 1901; Austria-Hungary, 171,989, an increase of 58,509, and Russia, 107,347, an increase of 22,090. Most European countries showed an increase, but there was a falling off in the arrivals from Ireland amounting to 1,423, the total from that country being 29,138.

Coal Stringency Over.

The president of an anthracite coal road, a member of the coal trust, asked how soon the hard coal stringency would be relieved by the developments of the last couple of days, replied:

"The stringency is ended now. You must remember that everybody has been holding up in case of an emergency, until certain of a supply from the mines. All this stored coal will now be released and will be brought to market."

CONDENSED NEWS.

Secretary Moody at East St. Louis made a plea for a larger navy, not for war, he explained, but because there was no more certain way to preserve peace than to be ready for war.

Chicago union labor men will endeavor to elect a mayor of their own and control the city council. They believe that through united effort they can do both, and have prepared to enter the conflict next spring.

Millionaires who are members of the new Atlantic club in Piccadilly will not be allowed to lose more than $5,000 a week at play, according to the rules, as a notice posted there shows. The club will be a common meeting place for well-known men and capitalists on both sides of the Atlantic.

The Grand Island of Point Chautauqua, one of the largest and finest hotels around Chautauqua lake, was burned to the ground, together with its contents, also the amusement hall and a summer cottage owned by the hotel company. The hotel was owned by a Beaver Falls and Buffalo syndicate. The loss will be fully $250,000.

Dick De Kenzo was attacked by Nero, a big lion, with a wild animal show, at the close of an exhibition in Terre Haute. The lion inflicted frightful gashes on de Kenzo's back, hands and legs. Only the prompt action of attendants saved the trainer's life. The spectators were stampeded and many were bruised in the wild rush to escape from the tent.

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