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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, JULY 18.

The man in the moon must have had oceans of trouble with his canals.

Mrs. Langtry is now a mother-in-law. The world is no longer at her feet.

Germany, Austria and Italy assert that the triple alliance is still of XXX quality.

Mr. Schwab, having money to burn, gave $5,000 of it to Pittsburg for fireworks.

Sweet may be the uses of adversity, but sour are the uses of prosperity. Vide pickle trust.

Some one has named a cigar after Mary MacLane. It emits a blue flame and sulphurous smoke.

A Kentucky man who proposed to a girl in a joke a few days ago has been accepted. Serves him right.

The fellow who stands on his dignity may discover that dignity is just as slippery as a banana skin.

That Russian prince who has been sued by his butler has bumped up hard against the hired girl problem.

If the trusts had made coal as cheap as they have made matches there would be far less antipathy for them.

It is Sir Charles Wyndham now. It is pretty safe to guess that this actor will never play one knight stands again.

There is no limit to the possibilities of a country that can have snow-storms in June and sunstrokes in January.

When the steel trust advanced the wages of its workmen voluntarily it gave the anthracite coal trust a dreadful shock.

The young king of Spain appears to be quite a sensible child. He is permitting the old men to keep on running things.

If a seaman's hall caused trouble in Venice, what would be the result of a good, live yankee college yell?—New York Tribune.

In employing an Italian composer to work on his libretto Emperor William may have hoped to set the dreibund to music.

America will have to hustle around and develop a case of pertyphlitis. It will not do to be behind Great Britain in this respect.

At first it was thought that the Kansas wheat crop would be a failure. Now there is not enough binding twine to tie it up.

The report that Andrew Carnegie has a pseudonym for use on his stock certificates proves that there may be millions in a name.

When a man sits in the shade and watches those at work in the sun, he prefers being called "critic" to "loafer."—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

Alfred Austin may have a chance to write another coronation ode, but there is small reason to hope that he will be able to do any better next time.

Science is doing the world a good turn every day. The newest discovery is that the ashes of the West Indian volcanoes are not good for fertilizing purposes.

While we are on the subject of statues and monuments it may be well to note the fact that many of the graves of our notable men are unmarked and almost unknown.

While the Ph. D's, D. D. D.'s and LL. D.'s are flying around these classic days, the C. Q. D.'s also have their innings at nearly every man's door after his wife gets home from a shopping tour.

A man who had married the heiress to $17,000,000 died suddenly in Boston the other day. Even if he has gone to mansions in the skies how can he be expected to find it much of an improvement?

The Moorish representative exclaimed on leaving England for his own country, "I am glad I am returning to civilization again." Which once more emphasizes the fact that it's all in the point o. view.

The philanthropist who thinks it is necessary to teach youth the art of play probably hasn't had the experience of trying to keep a small boy's knee trousers and ribbed stockings in an unperforated condition.

The Sultan of Turkey says Turkey has enough books and he has prohibited the publication of any new literary works. This edict proves that there are some points in which an autocracy is far ahead of a republic.

Involuntary servitude except for crime is all wrong and the Constitution says so, but there is no popular howl of rage at the news that Kansas farmers are putting tramps to work in the harvest fields against the protests of said pilgrims.

John T. Wilson, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trackmen of America, has refused a $5,000 salary and a $25,000 bonus because he prefers to devote his attention to the organization of which he is the head. This is one of the few cases where duty's call is louder than money's talk.

It is a bright idea for the anarchists to found a colony of their own. The world would be more than pleased to have them go away by themselves and dabble in anarchy up to their ears.

Michigan Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents.

GATHERS MILLING STATISTICS

State Labor Bureau is Making a Canvass of the Mills.

The state labor bureau is making an extensive canvass of the milling industry of the state. At present the work is being confined to the northern part of the state, but every mill owner will be canvassed before the work is completed. It is expected to obtain valuable information concerning the amount of capital invested by Michigan millers, the quantity of wheat ground, the production of the various kinds of flour and numerous other facts. The labor commissioner and his assistants have been invited by the state millers association to attend the summer meeting at Ottawa Beach.

Car Checker Is Missing.

Milton S. Benedict, employed by the Michigan Central as a car checker at Saginaw, has been missing since June 25. No cause is known for his disappearance. He is 22 years old, and has but one hand, the right one having been cut off in a railroad accident some years ago.

University Student Hurt.

Alton Hutchinson, a university student, working for the cement factory at Coldwater to pay for his education, had an arm caught in a pulley and only through quick presence of mind did he save his life. His arm was torn but will not have to be amputated.

PROMOTES DETROIT BOY.

Among the nominations sent to the senate by President Roosevelt was that of Dan S. Mahony of Detroit,

DAN S. MAHONY.

(Detroit boy who has been promoted to a lieutenancy in the navy.)

row ensign in the navy, to be a lieutenant.

Saranac's Fruit Crop.

S. E. Tucker, a large grower and handler of fruit at Saranac, says this year's crop will beat all previous records and that especially in peaches the quality will be extra. The buyers and the railroad company are making arrangements to take care of the immense business which they expect to do during the season. Saranac is one of the best and busiest towns of its size in the state especially during the harvesting of the immense fruit crop.

Gasoline.

Mrs. Sarah McLaren of Ionia put gasoline on the carpet to kill bugs. A match on the floor and a small grandson caused an explosion of the gas. This set fire to the dress in her hand and enveloped her in flames. She ran to the yard and rolled over and over in the grass, putting the fire out, but was terribly burned. The fire in the building was soon extinguished with small loss.

Received Electrical Shock.

Charles Cook, a farmer living seven miles southeast of Cass City, lies in a critical condition from an electrical shock received while doing the chores at his barn. The current struck the barn and ran down a post close to where he was engaged, striking him on the right shoulder and burning the skin off that side clear to his foot. He did not lose consciousness, but was partially paralyzed for a time.

Loses an Ear and $1,500.

A fight took place in a saloon at Vassar, between John Chace of North Branch, and George Baxter of Juniate. Baxter bit Chase's ear off. During the fight R. Preston's pocket was picked and a pocketbook with $1,500 taken. Officers are after the thief. The town is full of pickpockets and thieves.

Marquette Library Fund.

Peter White has given an additional $5,000 to the building fund of the Marquette public library. This increases his donation to $15,000, and makes a total of $40,000. The erection of the new building from the $40,000 site donated by J. M. Longyear will be started next spring.

Muskegon Citizen Missing.

Thomas Johnson, 74, years old and quite feeble, wandered away from his home at Muskegon, and as he is supposed to have had considerable money with him his relatives are much distressed.

Struck by Lightning.

A house belonging to and occupied by John Case at Flat Rock was struck by lightning and badly wrecked. Mrs. Case received a severe shock, but is slowly recovering.

Child Drinks Gold Paint.

The 4-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Dunning of Durand drank two ounces of gold paint and came near dying. It was thought the fluid was carbolic acid and the quick arrival of a doctor saved the child.

Elks Plan Fair.

Lansing Elks have commenced soliciting funds for a big street fair and jubilee to be given in that city Sept. 3, lasting one week. It is proposed to raise $2,000 for the affair by subscription.

STATE EXPENDITURES ARE CUT

Statement of Allowances for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30.

The total allowances of the board of state auditors for the fiscal year which ended June 30, were $540,622.17, as follows: General allowances, $31,562.22; printing, $35,397.01; binding, $27,474.19; stationery, $25,718.75. The total allowances of the year previous were $57,000 less than for last year, the decrease being due largely to the fact that the legislature was not in session during the last year. There has also been a reduction in the expenses of the state tax commission, which were reduced from $114,000 to $71,500 last year. The printing and stationery accounts show a reduction of about $16,000 each, while the binding shows an increase of $7,000.

THRESHERS ARE ORGANIZING

National Organization's Officers Busy in Southern Michigan.

The Threshers' National Protective association of Chicago is now represented by a branch organization in every county in south central Michigan. The last county in southwestern Michigan in which the threshers organized was Berrien. Charles T. Bowers, supreme organizer, of Chicago, organized a branch with forty-five members at Berrien Springs.

Seek Oil Near Lansing.

Experts from Toledo and other cities have been at Lansing examining the prospects for oil in that vicinity since the organization of the Wolverine Oil Company recently. The experts assert that the indications, so far as they have been able to investigate, are favorable for discoveries. The first test well will be put down on the Lang farm in Perry township and will be drilled to a depth of 250 or 300 feet. Other tests will be made on the Sharp farm in Conway township, Livingston county.

State Treasury Balance.

The balance in the state treasury July 12 was the largest in the history of the state, amounting to $3,806,882. The large balance is due to the fact that the state has received more specific tax money than usual, and has been treated very generously during the year by the federal government, which has made several large allowances.

Plan Pea Cannery.

One of the largest pea canneries ever constructed in the United States will be built at Menominee before another year, it is announced. Experiments have demonstrated that the soil in that vicinity is of the very finest for pea culture, and Menominee is exceptionally well situated for transportation facilities.

Richmond Creamery Burns.

The plant of the Richmond creamery, owned by George M. Grennis, was destroyed by fire. Much of the machinery and a large amount of butter in the refrigerator were removed before the fire reached it. Loss, about $1,000.

Wealthy Pioneer Dies.

David Burgess, one of the wealthiest pioneers of St. Louis and at one time proprietor of the first meat market in the locality, which is now being conducted by his son, died at his residence, aged 85.

Farmer Has Leg Broken.

Samuel Hallbrup, a well known Mt. Morris farmer, met with a bad accident. He was driving a horse on a hay rake when the animal ran away and kicked him off, breaking both his legs.

Names Court Commissioner.

Gov. Bliss has appointed Roy D. Matthews, of Owosso, circuit court commissioner for Shiawassee county, to succeed John D. Steckdale, who has removed from the county.

Extra Good Wheat.

Wheat harvest is exceptionally late in the section around Reading. The yield will be an average one, and the quality extra good.

Cutting Hay.

Owing to the extremely wet weather so far this spring, farmers have just commenced to cut their immense crop of hay in Van Buren county.

Nearly Loses a Foot.

Fred Gauss, a White Oak farmer, had one of his feet nearly cut off by a mowing machine.

Street Fair at Coldwater.

Coldwater will hold a street fair and carnival August 18-23.

Sold Diamonds in Rags.

Mrs. Pollock of Pontiac, fearing burglars, did her jewels in a rag of rags and sold the lot to a peddler. It took officers several hours to run down the peddler and recover the jewels.

Frost Kills Blueberries.

The prospects for a good blueberry crop in the upper peninsula this summer are not very bright. There were plenty of blossoms, but the heavy frost in June killed most of them.

Cannon for Statue.

One of the bills that passed the house during the recent session authorized the secretary of war to give condemned cannon to Detroit for a statue to Gen. Alexander Macomb. It had previously passed the senate.

New Hotel for Flint.

Stock has been subscribed for a fine new hotel at Flint, and a ten years' lease executed to an experienced hotel manager. The accommodations of the town have long been very poor.

TELEGRAPH AND 'PHONE POLES

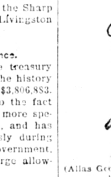
Profitable Trade Between the Copper Country and Chicago.

Within the last few years what is practically a new branch of the lumber industry has sprung into existence in the copper country. Getting out cedar for telegraph and telephone poles for the Chicago market now gives employment to a large number of lumbermen during the winter months and a few jobbers who have been operating in the woods in that part of the upper peninsula have found the work remunerative enough to keep it up. Prospects for the coming season are encouraging and there promises to be a great deal of lumbering of this nature the coming winter.

DIME NOVELS LEAD TO PRISON

High School Graduate Tries Hold-up Game and Lands in Jail.

George H. Rogers, the young man who attempted to hold up Jeweler Schweitzer at Detroit, is a victim of "bad literature." He told Capt. Spillane that he had ruined his whole life by attempting to follow the example of dime novel heroes. "Pad literature did it," he said. "My widowed mother is well to do, and I have had a good education, having graduated from the Chicago high school. For the last year I worked in a gents' furnishing store, but wanted to travel. I got to Detroit and thought I could break a diamond on Schweitzer by getting him over the Canada, but he refused to go when I asked him. Then I got the revolver. I didn't do like the dime novel heroes do. I just looked at



CARL THOMPSON.

(Alias Geo. H. Rogers, who tried to hold up Jeweler Schweiger.)

the jeweler, and, like a fool, let him run out and give the alarm. I guess I am in for it, but I am going to let my family know of my fix, and maybe they can help me."

Library Site Chosen.

The Mount Clemens library commission has voted to buy the Dement property on Macomb street for $3,000 for a site for the Carnegie library.

Boy Drowned in Quincy.

Henry Bowles of Quincy, 16 years old, was swimming in Flint lake when his boat drifted and he was drowned before he could reach it.

Muskegon County House.

A new county house has just been completed for Muskegon county at a cost of $55,000, which includes the furnishings.

Telephone Deal.

The Caldwell and Alma telephone companies have completed arrangements for uniting their companies at Holly.

Mine Hand Killed.

Alfred Jurva of Houghton, a surface man at the Quincy mine, fell off a ladder in a shaft and was killed.

Saints of God.

The Saints of God will hold their annual camp meeting at Grand Junction camp grounds August 1 to 10.

Maccabees to Picnic.

Van Buren county Maccabees will hold their annual picnic at Hartford, July 30.

Pickle Factories.

Gobleville and Kendall will both have new pickle factories this year.

Doesn't Need Mail Box.

A rural mail agent has found a Branch county farmer who refuses to put up a mail box, giving as a reason that he spent sixty years without subscribing for a newspaper or sending or receiving a letter and won't begin now.

Another Summer Resort.

Plans are under way for a new summer resort, including a hotel and theater, to be located just above Port Huron and a mile and a half north of the Windermere.

Hospital for Consumptives.

Secretary Baker of the state board of health is in Ann Arbor conferring with the committee having charge of the establishment of a state hospital for consumptives. The next legislature will be asked to make an appropriation for such a sanitarium.

Played With Powder.

George Darklowski, a 13-year-old boy living at Bay City filled a blank cartridge with shot. It exploded, the contents striking him in the abdomen and inflicting a fatal wound.

The O'Neils' Hard Luck.

P. J. O'Neil of Adrian, master bridge builder of the Lake Shore, lost two fingers in an accident recently. His daughter was burned by gasoline, a son-in-law was quarantined for smallpox, and now Mrs. O'Neil has had an ear torn off in a runaway accident.

Buried Under Hay.

Almon Schoch, a Metamora farmer, was badly bruised and nearly suffocated by getting under an overturning load of hay.

A Battle for Life.

Two persons perished in Lake Michigan Tuesday night, and eight others fought hours for life, clinging to the overturned yacht Arab IV., owned by John H. Cameron, of Chicago. The yacht struck suddenly by the fierce storm which swept over the lake late in the evening, capsized. Mary Taylor, 16 years old, and Harry Jenson, 17, both of Chicago, were drowned.

When the storm struck the yacht no attempt had been made to reef sail, and with all its canvas flying, the boat, with 10 merrymakers aboard wholly unconscious of danger, went over in a flash, filled instantly and left eight persons struggling for life in the waters of the lake, three miles from shore.

By heroic efforts on the part of the men, the women were supported in the water until they could be given a firm hold on the overturned boat.

Six of the party managed to crawl into the small yawl and after a fierce battle with the waves succeeded in and notified the life-saving crew, who went to the rescue of the two who had been left clinging to the boat.

When found they were nearly exhausted and about to drop from the boat.

The bodies of the two young persons drowned were found in the cabin of the yacht when the boat was towed into the harbor.

Gov. Nash, of Ohio, has decided to call the legislature in special session August 25 to enact a municipal code bill for the several cities of the state.

BASE BALL.

Below we publish the standing of the American and National league clubs up to and including games played on Tuesday, July 15, 1902.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Percent.
Chicago	44	21	.677
St. Louis	36	21	.567
Boston	36	31	.535
Philadelphia	31	30	.508
Washington	24	37	.479
Cleveland	31	39	.443
Baltimore	31	43	.419
Detroit	29	42	.413

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Percent.
Pittsburg	54	19	.739
Boston	47	30	.610
Chicago	46	33	.582
Brooklyn	40	35	.533
Philadelphia	39	35	.527
St. Louis	34	40	.459
Cincinnati	29	46	.387
New York	29	49	.372

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

WONDERLAND—Vaudeville at 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9 p. m.

BURTON—Vaudeville, 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9 p. m.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit, Cattle: The very best cattle, 10 to 15 cents higher; others steady to a dime lower; a week ago prices: Choice steers, 1,000 to 1,400 pounds $5@5.25; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 500 to 900 pounds, $4@4.75; mixed cattle, fat cows, $3@3.50; canners and common to fair butcher stock, $2.25@3; good stockers, $3.50@4.50; light stockers, $3@3.50; good well bred feeders, $4@4.50; good Veal Calves, $6@6.50; Milch Cows and Springers, $35@50.

Sheep: Best lambs, $5.50@5.75; light to good mixed lots, $4.75@5.25; yearlings, $5.50; fair to good wether sheep, $4.50@4.75; extra fat ewes and wethers, $4.50@5; fair to fair ewes and wethers, $3.50@4.25.

Hogs: Light to good butchers, $7.50@7.70; pigs and light yorkers, $7.25@7.50; roughs, $6.50@6.75; stags, $4@5.

Chicago, Cattle: Good to prime steers $7.90@8.90; poor to medium, $4.50@7.60; stockers and feeders, $2.50@5.60; cows, $1.40@5.75; heifers, $2.50@6.50; canners, $1.40@2.40; bulls, $2.50@5.75; calves, $2.50@6.50; Texas fed steers, $4.60@5.75.

Sheep: Good to choice wethers, $3.75@4.00; western sheep, $4 and yearlings, $5.00@6.00; native lambs, $2.50@6.50.

Hogs: Mixed and butchers, $7.30@8.05; good to choice heavy, $7.90@8.05; mixed heavy, $7.25@7.75; light, $7.00@7.50; bulk of sales, $7.60@8.10.

East Buffalo, Cattle: Receipts, 11 cars; steady to strong; yesterday's prices: Choice to fair to good, $4@5.50; common to light, $2@3.75.

Sheep: Lambs, $5.50@7; fair to good, $5.75@6.25; culls to common, $4.50@5.50; yearlings, $5.50@6.50; wethers, $4.75@5.25; sheep, top mixed, $3.50@5.50; fair to good, $3@3.75; culls and common, $2@2.75; ewes, $3.25@4.75.

Hogs: Active, 10@15c higher on heavy and good yorkers; steady on others; heavy, $8.15@8.20; mixed, $8@8.10; roughs, $7@7.50; stags, $5@6.75.

Grain.

The situation as regards corn is such owing to manipulations of the market that a conservative view cannot be taken at this time. Uncertainty is about the only thing left. Yesterday's quotations:

Detroit—Wheat: No. 1 white, 69½c; No. 2 red, 69½c; July, 67.60 bu at the 5.000 bu at 67c; 500 bu at 77½c; September, 5,000 bu at 71½c; 500 bu at 72c; 10,000 bu at 77½c, and 500 bu at 77½c; No. 3 white, 69c per bu; mixed wheat, 68c per bu.

Corn: No. 2 mixed, 65½c; No. 3 yellow, 67½c per bu.

Oats: No. 2 white, 57½c; No. 3 do, 56c; July, August and September, 45c per bu.

Chicago—Wheat: No. 3, 70@66c; No. 2 red, 70½@70c.

Corn: No. 2, 61@c; No. 2 yellow, 61½c.

Oats: No. 2, 56@56½c; No. 2 white, 58½@59c; No. 3 white, 52½@54c.

Produce.

Butter: Creameries, extra, 20@22c; firsts, 20@20c; dairies, extra, 19@20c; firsts, 17@18c; packing stock, 12@14c.

Eggs: 16c to choice, 16@17c; holds of prime, 16c.

Cheese: New full cream, 9@10c brick, 11@11½c.

Beans: Candied, fresh receipts, 18c; at store, 16c per dz.

Honey: No. 1 white, 12@14c; light amber, 10@12c; dark and candied, 8@10c per lb.

Apples: Choice new, $1.50@1.75 per bu; $2.25 per bbl.

Evaporated apples: 9½c per lb.; sun dried, 4@6c per lb.

Cherries: $2.25@2.50 per bu.

Strawberries: $2 per bu.

Dressed Calves: Fancy, 9@9½c per lb.; fair, 8@9c per lb.

Poultry: Broilers, 12@13c; live hens, 9@9½c; roosters, 6@7c; young ducks, 11@12c; turkeys, 10@11c; old do, 9c per lb.

Raspberries: Red, $4@4.50; black, $2.50@3 bushel.

Tallow: No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c per lb.

Hay: Prices on baled hay now are as follows: No. 1 timothy, $12.50@13; No. 2, $11; clover, mixed, $10.50@11; rye straw, $9.50@10; oat and wheat straw, $8.50 per ton in carlots f. o. b., Detroit.

Potatoes: Michigan stock are paying the following prices: Medium and coarse sacked, 45@50c per bu; fancy do, bucks, 5c; unwashed tars, 60 per lb.

The president has issued a commission to Director Merriam under the new permanent census law, as director of the census.

A collision in the straits of Malacca between the steamer Teutonia and a Chinese junk sank both vessels, only 64 persons being saved out of 100 on board.

The contract has been signed and bond filed for the erection of the art gallery of the Louisiana purchase exposition at St. Louis, to cost upward of $1,000,000. This is the largest single contract that will be taken under the exposition's division of works.

J. P. Morgan has sent to the American Museum of Natural History in New York two of the most magnificent sapphires in the world. They are to be added to the collection donated by him to the institution.

Four hundred boilermakers and helpers on the Great Northern railway system, who went on strike for higher wages some six weeks ago, have returned to work.

President Roosevelt told Montague White and William E. Curtis at Oyster Bay, that he believed reciprocity in some form between the United States and Cuba will be established by the next congress

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

Kitchener's Wretched Home.

Lord Kitchener reached London Saturday, having landed at Southampton some three hours earlier. His progress through the metropolis was one of the most memorable of the many remarkable of the past three years. The small procession of carriages containing the general and his staff, in simple, serviceable veldt dress, lacked spectacular features, but evidently the crowd was there in its tens of thousands to see the man of the hour and not a pageant. From the moment he set foot in London to the time of his disappearance beneath the portal of St. James' palace, Kitchener received such an outburst of popular enthusiasm as quite overshadowed the demonstrations on previous and similar occasions.

Kitchener was conducted to the king's sick chamber and his majesty, from his couch, extended a warm welcome to the general and personally expressed his thanks for the termination of hostilities. The king then presented Kitchener with the decoration of the new Order of Merit. The general then saw the queen, after which he drove to Lord Roberts' residence in Portland place.

The Cambria Mine Horror.

The extent of the horrible catastrophe of the rolling mill mine of the Cambria Steel Co., Johnstown, Pa., is not exactly known, some claiming yesterday, in spite of conflicting reports as to the number of dead, a careful and complete compilation shows that 112 lie entombed and the list of the bodies outside the mine.

To this future explorations of the mine corridors may add a few, but it cannot be many. Almost all the employes who could have been in the mine at the time of the life-wrecking explosion of Thursday are accounted for. Very few inquiries for missing have been presented to the authorities or to the mine officials and this better than anything else demonstrated the impossibility of many bodies still remaining in the death tomb.

The mine officials say there is no use attempting to estimate the number of dead. They say they simply do not know and urge the futility of placing the matter on the basis of guess work. They express the belief, however, that all, or almost all, are out of the mine.

A Convict's Vengeance.

Thirst for the blood of one of his own family, it is believed, will eventually cost Harry Tracy his liberty if not his life. Pursued by bloodhounds and hundreds of armed men over more than 500 miles of rough country and wilderness, journeying as high as 65 miles in one day, without sleep and without food, Tracy has practically sacrificed all hope of escape to fulfill a vow he made two years ago, when he swore to kill his brother in law because of evidence the latter gave which convicted Tracy and sent him to the Oregon penitentiary.

Sheriff Cuddihee and numerous posses practically have Tracy cornered in the vicinity of Coyleville, where he eluded the posse Thursday at midnight. The formation of the country is such that Tracy may be said to be cornered in the point of a triangle.

Premier Balfour.

The resignation of the premiership of Great Britain by Lord Salisbury was officially given out Sunday. The prime minister laid down the responsibility of his office July 11. Within 24 hours his majesty elevated A. J. Balfour, the leader of the house of commons, to the position of premier.

While it was expected in official and political circles that Lord Salisbury's retirement would be coincident with the coronation of King Edward, it was scarcely looked for prior to that event. The real interest was not so much in reference to Lord Salisbury's withdrawal as it was in the appointment of his successor.

The Des Moines Flood.

Hundreds of homeless flood sufferers of Des Moines, Ia., spent Thursday night in school house yards and in public parks, without food or so much as a blanket to cover them. Some had to beg for food, although every precaution is taken to provide for them. It will take days to relieve the situation, and when the water finally reaches its former channel an epidemic of malaria and typhoid fever will prevail, it is thought.

Damage is expected to reach a million dollars.

A Very Old Man.

Ferry Chesney, the oldest man in Tennessee, and perhaps the oldest in the United States, died at his home on the summit of Cooper ridge on July 11, at the age of 120 years, the day of his death being his birthday. Chesney was born in Virginia on July 4, 1776, and, as a slave, belonged to Jonathan Jackson, at Clarksville, on the Roanoke river. When 12 years old he saw George Washington. It was four days after his death that his body was discovered.

First Lieut. Matthew E. Hanna, Second Cavalry, has been ordered to Havana, Cuba, for duty as military attache of the United States legation. Lieut. Hanna served on the staff of Gen. Wood while the latter was military governor of Cuba.

A large tank barge owned by the Tidewater Oil Co., of Bayonne, N. J., has turned turtle in the East river, New York. Between four and five thousand barrels of molasses was discovered upon the waters of the river. Three men on the boat barely escaped with their lives.

William A. Mahan and Charles H. Fisher, two prominent farmers of Sweet Springs, Monroe county, W. Va., committed suicide by shooting themselves while on a hunting trip. Both were 42 years old and cousins. They had threatened to kill themselves before, but gave no reasons for wanting to die.

Tons of perishable matter lie rotting on railroad tracks and in freight houses in Chicago. The freight handlers will not touch it, the teamsters will not haul it and the city delivery drivers will not bring ice to save it from destruction.

The board which has been investigating the charges against American officers and soldiers made by Maj. Cornelius Gardener, of the Thirteenth Infantry, as governor of Tayabas province, is preparing its report. The findings will be divulged from Washington. Gardener has been ordered home, and will probably depart July 20 on the United States transport Buford.

The Railroad Workers.

Conferences between the striking freight handlers and managers of the railroads in Chicago did not produce any definite result last week. All the railroads, with the exception of the Chicago & Northwestern, Erie and Illinois Central, agreed to recede from their position and declared that the men must accept the terms offered by them on July 1. This means seventeen cents an hour and a period of probation for new men. The demands of the men were eighteen cents, time and one-half for overtime and no period of probation, all men to receive full pay from the start. The Northwestern road offered seventeen and one-half cents an hour, straight time for overtime for men employed by the day, but not for men whose wages are paid by the month. The Erie offered seventeen cents, single time for overtime and no period of probation. The Illinois Central declared that it had made an agreement with its employes since the inauguration of the strike, and that it would do no more. The men must accept that or remain on strike.

A Duel Coming.

At the campaign meeting of the six candidates for the United States senate, at St. George, Colleton county, S. C., Saturday, there was a war of words which may lead to a duel between Congressman A. C. Latimer and former Gov. Gary Evans, two rival candidates for the senatorship. Mr. Latimer in his speech said that Mr. Evans had once been his friend. He was interrupted by Mr. Evans, who said: "Latimer betrayed me like a dog." Latimer in retaliation brought up a story of a $15,000 bond deal, during Mr. Evans' term as governor.

Mr. Evans replied: "I denounce the insinuendoes that ruin as a liar."

The men started toward each other, but Sheriff Owens rushed in between them, saying that the court room was no place for duels. To this Mr. Latimer agreed and Mr. Evans remarked there was plenty of room outside, and plenty of time in the future.

New Chinese Minister.

Sir Liang Chen Tung, secretary of the Chinese embassy to the coronation of King Edward, has been appointed Chinese minister to the United States.

The newly appointed diplomat is a graduate of Yale university, and is able, dignified and honest. He is the first of the body of students sent to America in the seventies to receive recognition befitting their accomplishments, the Chinese officials having disliked them because of their progressive views.

New ministers to Russia, France and Italy have also been nominated by the Cowager empress.

Wu Ting Fang, the present Chinese minister, expected to be recalled, having been appointed a member of the commission to prepare modern laws for China.

Reducing the Fleet.

Secretary Moody has cabled to Rear Admiral Wildes, the ranking admiral in Philippine waters, instructing him to place six small gunboats out of commission. This action is in the movement recently decided upon to reduce the active naval force on the Asiatic station. It will furnish a considerable number of officers and men to reinforce the present quotation on the station, which is not at all commensurate with the duties to be performed. It is probable that the gunboat Princeton also will be withdrawn from the Asiatic station in a short time.

The Boxers Again.

A recrudescence of the Boxer movement in China is feared. Boxer agents are swarming over Mongolia. The masses of the population is in sympathy with the boxers, while the Lamaites are in sympathy with Russia. Rumors are in circulation in Mongolia that the Lamaites will petition the Russian government to extend its protection to them. Mongolia remained quiet throughout the recent boxer insurrection in China.

King Edward Afloat.

King Edward was removed from Buckingham palace to the royal yacht on Monday. The yacht will cruise in the vicinity of the Isle of Wight. His majesty was not fattened by the tramp and expressed great pleasure at the change.

CONDENSED NEWS.

A violent shock of earthquake was experienced in Caracas, Venezuela, Saturday. Reports from the interior of the country say the shock was felt throughout. Slight damage was done at Guarenas, Guatire, Valencia, and La Guayra.

United States Consul McWade at Canton has cabled the state department that cholera is raging in all towns along the Kwellen river in Kwan Si province. The consul says that 3,000 persons have died in Pingloh, and over 10,000 in Kwellan.

Postmaster-General Payne, who is one of the president's chief advisers, asserts that there is entire accord in the cabinet concerning the president's determination to have legislation enacted in the next session of congress to curb the offensive trusts. "It is rindiculous to think otherwise," he said.

Mrs. Elizabeth Meyer has been indicted by the Buffalo grand jury for the murder of her husband, Dr. Jacob P. Meyer, who was shot and killed in his office on the night of June 20.

Gov. Yates, of Illinois, has granted a respite until Aug. 11 to Louis G. Toombs, who was to have been hanged in Chicago Friday for the murder of the Larsen woman on board a boat in the Calcago river last winter.

Samuel Boyd, aged 24, one of Admiral Dewey's orderlies on the flagship Olympia at the battle of Manila bay, was almost instantly killed at Mazruder's Station, Md., Tuesday night, by being struck by a train.

Jeremiah P. Fenton, of East St. Louis, Ill., a master machinist, during a quarrel, fatally shot his wife, and blew out his own brains. The tragedy occurred at Fenton's home, in the presence of their two young children, who frantically pleaded with their father not to shoot.

The grand jury has returned indictments charging A. A. Ames, mayor of Minneapolis; Fred W. Ames, superintendent of police, and Joseph (Reddy) Cohen, with accepting bribes. Witnesses are based on the alleged collection of tribute from abandoned women in which it is charged, Cohen acted for the mayor and chief.