

# MICHIGAN

## STATE HAPPENINGS SUCINCTLY TOLD BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS

# NEWS ITEMS

### BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

#### There is nothing humorous about humidity.

#### Inscription for Tracy's tombstone: "The wages of sin is death."

#### Filtration rhymes with vacation this summer, just as it always did.

#### Mining coal with bayonets is not a happy success of the strike problem.

#### Death succeeded in arresting Tracy, but the deputy sheriff claim the reward.

#### The crown prince, we hope, did not throw his birthright in the face of the Kaiser.

#### In case we should annex Hayti, would we also have to annex the Haytian generals?

#### Being crowned and consecrated, King Edward has now become quite an uninteresting personage.

#### Handit Tracy did not die in vain. He has achieved a place in the wax figure class at dime museums.

#### FALL TOOK HIS BREATH AWAY

Workman steps on Elevator and Makes Trip to Bottom.  
Perry Francisco fell from a height of about seventy feet in the new Dryden block at Flint and sustained a broken bone. He is ignorant of the fact that the brake had not been set on the elevator used in carrying brick and mortar. The worker was seen to step onto the elevator platform at the sixth floor. His weight started the elevator down, and while the party is being lowered to the bottom of the shaft, Francisco clung to the overhead beam and miraculously broke the force of the shock when he struck the bottom by falling. He fell clear of the platform as he sped downward. He was rendered unconscious by the fall, but soon recovered and was sitting on a cot in a smoking room when a doctor who had been hastily summoned put in an appearance. After resting for a few moments he went back to the sixth floor to return to work.

#### Gov. Bliss Contributes \$5 to Elks' Treasury at Lansing Carnival.

The Elks established a mock court at Lansing, into which they dragged all their friends and relatives. To pay fines averaging all the way from 25 cents to \$5, according to the ability of the person to pay. They raised a fine of \$5 for failing to be sent for and was taken to the court in a patrol wagon. He was fined \$5 for being too good a republican to be taken to a "fo'farders" who came after him, but was finally overpowered and fined \$2 for purporting to be the governor of the state. His court was held by the general public. Deputy Attorney General Chase was charged by Prosecuting Attorney Tuttle with allowing Col. E. R. Sutton to play the flouting game for him at all the summer resorts in the state.

#### BLESSED IS THE PEACEMAKER.

For Unto Him Shall Be Given the Hard End of the Club.  
Through his eagerness to act as peacemaker in a supposed fight between Port Huron's principal thoroughfare, Huron avenue, Lincoln Avey, collector of customs and Republican politician, was felt, a port huron man's baton wielded by Patrolman Newcomb Corry. Mr. Avey was the victim of the officer's misapprehension of the nature of the interference and his failure to recognize Mr. Avey in his excitement in endeavoring to prevent a prisoner's escape. Avey was assisted home and had to stay indoors nursing the injury. The blow raised a big swelling but did not cut the scalp, and no serious damage was expected. Patrolman Corry went to Mr. Avey and apologized for the distressing occurrence and feels very badly about it. Mr. Avey has not been hurt in the street as he clearly was in a difficult position at the time.

#### WORKING FOR U. S. M. C. A. HOME

#### Efforts Making to Interest Port Huron Citizens in the Plan.

Plans are being made by the U. S. M. C. A. branch down town. Such an establishment was conducted for about eight years ago, when the work was abandoned owing to lack of financial support. At that time steps had been taken to interest the city with its own home and the foundation for a big, modern structure had been laid when the entire project was abandoned. The U. S. M. C. A. has now interested himself in the matter and is seeking to revive the interest of citizens. The quarry is extensive and will provide for the benefit of the youth of Port Huron. Efforts are being made to obtain \$5 for every pledge from prospective active members.

#### IS VALUABLE BUILDING STONE.

#### Former Lieutenant-Governor Possesses Rich and Extensive Quarry.

In continuing the record in the foundations of the Charlevoix sugar factory it was discovered that the material was not only limestone, one of the best kinds for building, but more lasting than granite. A sample was sent to the state geologist, who confirms the opinion. The ledge from which the stone is quarried is owned and operated by Hon. A. Butlers, ex-lieutenant-governor, and, being directly on the lake shore, is rendered doubly valuable. The quarry is extensive and is massive at a depth of 60 to 70 feet. Experts say this is one of the most valuable finds of building stone in the state and will be developed at once.

#### DELIQUENTS AID TO SCHOOLS

#### Taxes Cause Board to Increase the Levy.

Bay City people are complaining over the increased amount of money assessed against the town for the coming year, which is nearly ten percent higher than last year. The reason assigned by the finance committee is that the school fund has been recruited from delinquent taxes. The year \$55,452 will cover the estimated expenses, which is about \$100 more than last year.

#### NEW TUBERCULOSIS REMEDY

#### Patient Subjected to Roentgen Rays

A young man of 22, whom tuberculosis had marked for its own, is undergoing a new and peculiar treatment at the Rapids, where a Roentgen ray has been subjected to the X-rays, on the theory that if the Roentgen rays will kill the bacteria which cause tuberculosis, it will also kill the bacteria which cause tuberculosis. The patient suffers intensely from the burns caused by the prolonged exposure, but feeling it was his last chance he has patiently endured his pain. It is said that he is improving in health, and that he may possibly recover.

#### ADVERTISERS BECOMING WISE

#### Buy City Merchants Paper Newspaper Space to Induce Trade.

A young man visited Bay City in the interest of a trading stamp firm. He was invited to lunch at the hotel, and inducing merchants to invest in his stock. A number of the clothing dealers were visited, and the young man was seen with each of them at a meeting that was called to consider the proposition. After discussing the subject an agreement was signed that the merchants would agree to invest in or subscribe to any trading stamp advertising scheme. The merchants believe that the best returns for their money are secured by advertising in the local papers.

#### FINDS MONEY IN THE CHIMNEY

#### Product of Bees Will Supply Whereas

The Congregational church at Freeport, Barry county, recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, and raised during the three days' festivities \$500 with the church on a state roof and add a basement to the main building.

#### FIRE TEAMS TO ENTER CONTEST

#### State Fair Management Secures the Attraction for This Year.

The management of the state fair has recently decided to have the fire teams enter a contest at the fair. This year the fair will be held on the grounds of the state fair in September. The race of the fire teams was one of the attractions of the fair last year, and several teams from all over the state have signified their intention of racing in that event this year.

#### SOUGHT TO HOLD UP RAILROAD

#### Farmers Who Refused Good Prices

The farmers owning land in Bay county in the district through which the Hecla Belt Line Railroad Company is securing a right of way, attempted to hold up the proposition. The company offered them three times as much as their land was worth and they refused it. The condemnation proceedings were then resorted to and in four instances a jury has saved the company from \$300 to \$500.

#### WANTS PAY FOR HORSE.

Z. H. Taylor has requested the town of Decatur, Van Rensselaer county, to pay him \$10 for a horse which fell into a ditch by the roadside. The horse was injured and is now recovering. The ditch was so close to the road that a turn out could be made without any injury to it and was also very deep and grew to the top with a thick growth of weeds.

#### BETTER SEWER FACILITIES.

Arnold's sewers, which were laid down at a sewer, is to be greatly enlarged. Its present capacity is only 17 feet, but it will be enlarged to carry 25 feet of water. The sewer is to be enlarged and the improvement will cost the city about \$24,000.

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#### Horrible Deaths.

The explosion of two steel digesters in the pulp mills of the Jessup & Co. at New York, Wednesday evening, killed 11 workmen, dangerously injured two more and six others are missing, and are thought to be dead in the pulp mill.

#### Another Schwab Story.

Chas. M. Schwab, the president of the United States Steel Corporation, is resigning from the presidency. He is being succeeded by Elton A. Hutton.

#### General Sigel Dead.

Gen. Frank Sigel died at his home in New York Thursday of old age. He was a prominent general in the Union army.

#### Has No Authority.

Speaking of Gen. Miles' proposed resignation as Philippine Secretary, Charles D. Keefe said: "Gen. Miles is going to the Philippines with the permission of the president to inspect army conditions."

#### REMINDERS OF THE WAR.

The public mind is still in a state of excitement over the war. The people are still thinking of the valor of our soldiers and the heroism of our sailors.

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