THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC
ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE
WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL, PUBS.

BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, SEPT. 19.

The sunstroke crop seems to be a failure this year.

It is the man behind the automobile lever that occupies the post of danger now.

It requires an effort to conceive of Uncle Russell Sage as the financial stormy petrel.

Rev. Sam Small hasn't even set up the claim that he was afraid of the Vermont water.

Even in its annual production of mineral wealth it seems this is a billion dollar country.

The public is always sure to suspect that there is a hen on when Russell Sage goes a-croaking.

King Alphonso is said to be thinking of having a punching bag fixed up at one side of the throne.

Alfred Austin is accused of playing the flute. Perhaps that is the reason his poetry trills instead of thrills.

The Shah of Persia refuses to travel faster than twenty miles an hour. But wait till he gets an automobile.

It is safe for anybody to make political predictions now; they will be forgotten long before election day.

A California hunter tells of his wild ride on a wounded deer. Some people will insist on adding insult to injury.

Never mind about the derivation of the name Chicago. A she-caw-caw by any other name would smell as sweet.

In Kansas the latest hailstone comparison is "the size of tea-cups." In Kentucky it would be "the size of toddy glasses."

When King Alfonso hears what a good time the czar's cousin is having in this country he will want to come here himself.

When the office takes the trouble to seek the man it becomes the duty of every intelligent citizen to assist in the novel search.

The grindstone trust cannot hope to succeed unless it takes in the small boys who are usually pressed into service to do the turning.

Is there not an error of grammar in the proverb, "Honesty is the best policy?" Or is there a third policy, which is neither honesty nor dishonesty?

Europe seems to be the only place where any one can go for rest, and if J. P. Morgan tinkers with it much more it will be as nerve-wrecking as America.

John W. Gates is reported to have lost about $5,000,000 last week. But that's nothing. One or two evenings at poker and he will be even with the game again.

"Men have died for love and worms have eaten them," but the love that drives a rejected lover to self-slaughter has a large admixture of the base alloy of vanity.

An industrious laborer fastened a pair of ice tongs to his feet by mistake and was jerked into the air and dropped, to his injury. This is the record for cold feet.

Now that persons have begun to die to the strains of ragtime songs their places in vaudeville ought to be superseded by funeral marches so that the musical demand may be equalized.

A telephone girl's romance has ended in the divorce court. It takes so little to change "Hello" to—What's the name of that place where you don't have to build fires in the morning?

Tough soldiers mistook Jim Corbett for a farmer the other day and got a beating. When thousands of people mistook him for a champion pugilist they lost their money. Surely Jim is a hard man to size up.

One Chicago dentist has sued another for $10,000 because the former made a charge of plagiarism against the latter. It is something new for a person to enter the literary field with a pair of forceps.

"When a man is married," says Bishop Potter, "he learns that in all things he must defer to the wishes and judgment of the other sex." Which shows that this is not the first time the bishop has been to the bat.

An old man of Redding is to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in that region by camping out in the spot where he camped just fifty years ago. It's nuggets to buttons he'll get more rheumatism than enjoyment.

In the case of the girl who masquerraded five months as a boy, and learned to smoke, swear and fight, too much blame should not be laid on the costume. She might have remained in dresses and become the ingenue of a mining camp theatrical company.

Silvela, who is to be the new premier of Spain, promises reforms. There seems to be no country where in the people could use something of the sort to better advantage.

If the people of Kyoto, Japan, were so inclined, what a breezy old time they could have! One factory there turns out three million fans a year.

It almost reconciles a woman to her lot when she remembers that a man can never sit next to the window when he is traveling with her.

Michigan News Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents

HAD MANIA FOR MAKING WILLS

Numerous Testaments of Jonas Marsh Cause Confusion.

The heirs of Jonas Marsh, who recently died at Solo, leaving an estate of about $100,000, are hustling for a satisfactory will. There is one on deposit in the probate court. It was made out in 1886 and one son is given about $10,000 extra. Since that time the records show that he has deposited six different wills with the probate judge and has drawn out each of them. The 1886 will was passed over to the probate court among other legal documents by Mrs. D. Cramer upon the death of her husband last May, it having been in her possession up to that time since it was executed. It is not now known whether the subsequent wills are in existence or have been destroyed.

GOES TWELVE MILES FOR COAL

Coldwater Man Proposes to Keep Warm the Coming Winter.

For several weeks past the coal dealers of Coldwater have been unable to fill orders for hard coal and they give no satisfaction as to when they will be able to supply the demand for coal. The demand for wood is also greater than the supply and wood dealers are finding it hard to fill orders for immediate use. One man of that city drove to Bronson, a distance of twelve miles, purchased two tons of hard coal at $7.50 a ton and hauled it to his home.

Medical Society Officers.

Dr. F. B. Galbraith of Pontiac was elected president of the Oakland County Medical society; Dr. W. C. Wade of Holly, vice president; Dr. William McCarroll of Pontiac, secretary; the three officers and Drs. E. A. Christian and M. W. Gray of Pontiac, and C. M. Raynale of Birmingham, board of directors. The society starts in with a membership of thirty.

Impaled on Wagon Shaft.

Jasepa Annich, a Calumet boy, tried to run across the street in front of a wagon, but was not quick enough. One of the thills struck him under the chin with such force that it went clear through his neck and came out behind the left ear, the end sticking out several inches. He will recover.

School Census.

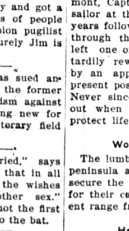
The school census of Pontiac shows that there are 2,224 children between the ages of five and twenty years. This is an increase of 86 over the census of a year ago. The enrollment of the schools is 1293. The percentage of those eligible who are in school is about the average.

Big Wheat Average.

What is probably the banner wheat crop of Michigan this year was raised by Daniel Bates, a farmer on Climax prairie, in Kalamazoo county. From thirty acres he has thrashed out 2,300 bushels of wheat, an average of over seventy-six bushels per acre.

SAVES MANY LIVES.

Captain James S. Donahue, who was awarded a gold medal by the United States government for having saved the lives of eighteen persons between the years of 1875 and 1892, has served for the last twenty-eight years



CAPT. J. S. DONAHUE.

as keeper of the United States light house at South Haven. Born in Vermont, Captain Donahue became a sailor at the age of 12 and for many years followed the sea. Having gone through the civil war, in which he left one of his legs behind, he was tardily rewarded for his patriotism by an appointment in 1874 to his present position of lighthouse keeper. Never since then has his light been out when its rays were needed to protect life and property.

Woodmen Are Scarce.

The lumber operators of the upper peninsula are having a hard time to secure the number of men they want for their camps. The wages at present range from $35 to $40 a month.

Health Food Plant.

Lake Odessa is to try for some of the money which is being made out of the manufacture of "health foods." Ground has been broken there for a factory of this kind, the company behind the venture being capitalized at $300,000.

Seek Auto Factory.

Efforts are now being made at Grand Rapids to form a $500,000 company for the establishment of a plant in the second city for the manufacture of automobiles.

Village Lighting Plant.

The contract has been let for the construction of the new electric lighting plant at Dexter, and within sixty days the citizens will be able to walk the streets after dark without carrying lanterns to see where they are going. The plant will cost the village $8,100.

Testing Oleo Raw.

Two Grand Rapids grocers are making a test case on the anti-oleomargarine-coloring law passed by the last legislature.

COST OF STATE ENCAMPMENT

National Guard Outing Will Cost the State About $80,000.

The cost of the last encampment of the Michigan National Guard will approximate $80,000. The state military board held a meeting in Detroit recently and allowed many of the claims incurred during the encampment. Approval was given the pay roll which calls for the expenditure of $54,441.21 from the military fund. It is estimated that the transportation of officers and men cost $17,000 and the expenses of the horses, hostlers and their transportation, $2,360. Officers' salaries and expenses totaled $1,027, and the teams and hand labor on the grounds $3,025.19.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. FISHER

Bore a Strong Resemblance to Lady Randolph Churchill.

Mrs. Frederick E. Fisher, whose sudden death at East Tawas shocked her many friends, was a woman of rare beauty of face and character. Her resemblance to Lady Randolph

MRS. F. E. FISHER.

Churchill has been often remarked. She was of a gentle and generous nature, and though ever ready to assist the needy and distressed, her benefactions were of the unobtrusive kind. Mrs. Fisher was a member of the board of the Agnes d'Arcambal Kindergarten and Children's Aid society.

Burned by Electricity.

John Shawl of Bay City is laid up as a result of an electric shock he received unexpectedly while climbing out of the dredge cut among the Interurban railway on the McGraw property. He caught hold of a guy rope, to steady himself, and found it charged with electricity. It held him fast and he cried to his father, who was a short distance away, to come to his rescue. Shawl, senior, caught hold of his son, but receiving a shock was thrown to one side. Young Shawl then managed to break way, in some manner not explained. His hands were burned to the bone.

Old Lady's Close Call.

Mrs. Elizabeth Esselman of Ann Arbor, aged 80 years, who lives with her son, Charles Esselman, had a narrow escape from asphyxiation. Her son and his wife had gone to Howell. She turned on the illuminating gas and then hunted for a match. The match box had been misplaced, and, before she could get back to the gas jet, she was overcome and swooned. She was discovered just in time by a little girl named Glazier, who came to the house to prepare a supper for her.

Loses an Ear.

The loss of fingers or thumbs in corn cutting machines is very common, but John Cullen of Wayne got mixed up in an accident while running one of the deadly things which is a little out of the ordinary. It was an ear instead of a finger which he lost. While operating the machine he fell in such a manner that the side of his head came in contact with the knife, which cut one ear off as slick as a whistle.

No Use for Waterworks.

Wayland folks believe that fires are good things for a village and the more of them and the bigger they are the better. At least it would look that way, for, notwithstanding the business section of the village was destroyed by fire some months ago, a proposition to put in a system of water works for protection against future fires has just been defeated.

Fell Thirty Feet.

Frank B. Draper of Pontiac was inspecting a new house which he is having built. He climbed to the top of the incompleted house and fell, landing on the concrete floor of the cellar. The distance was thirty feet. He was badly cut and bruised and is considerably injured, although no bones were broken.

Killed in a Runaway.

John R. Pierce, a farmer, aged 32 years was killed in a runaway at Chelsea. He had been to the mill and was returning home when a bag of feed fell and scared his team. Pierce was thrown against a telephone pole, breaking his neck.

Canning Factory.

Holton is going to have a canning factory. The company which local capitalists have organized is capitalized at $20,000, all of which is paid in.

Plenty of Ducks.

Reports from Mount Clemens say that the prospects for duck hunting this fall is better than it has been in several years before. The heavy rains having flooded much new land which makes a feeding ground for the ducks.

Death of a Pioneer.

Mrs. James A. Sutton, 60 years of age, died at her home in Pontiac after an illness of four weeks. She had been a resident there since 1858, and is survived by a husband and eleven children.

PLANS IMMENSE YIELD OF CORN

Clinton Man Expects to Secure 300 Bushels Per Acre.

David Woodward of Clinton is one of the energetic, industrious men of that vicinity and is a progressive man in whatever he goes into. He has been experimenting at his fruit farm north of that village for the past three years on corn and now has plenty of stocks with from two to five ears on them. His mode of procedure is to raise a patch strictly for seed. He keeps close watch of it at setting time and if he finds a stalk with one ear on it he cuts the tassle off and in this manner he is breeding the seed up to a high standard. He has a patch of about an acre on which nearly every stalk has two or more ears. He believes that a few years' care in selecting seed will make it possible for him to raise 300 bushels per acre. He says there is no trick about it as any farmer can do the same thing.

NOT WISE ON LAND VALUES

Railroad Pays Three Prices When It Goes to Court.

A new railroad which is buying the right-of-way in the Grand Traverse country wanted some land belonging to Hubert Deuster of Sutton's Bay. The latter asked $700 for it, and the railroad company refused to pay, claiming it was to much. When the matter was brought up the company into court appraisers were appointed to settle upon the compensation, and their verdict was for $2,100 for the land which the company had refused to pay one-third that sum for.

Coal Is Scarce.

A canvass of Port Huron's coal dealers discloses the fact that only one firm has any hard coal in the sheds, and its supply is only limited. Coal is retailing at $7.50 per ton. As it would be weeks after the strike is ended, even, before any considerable quantity of coal could be delivered there is a strong probability that some hard coal stoves and furnaces will have to go fireless before the coming winter is over.

Thieves Secure Money.

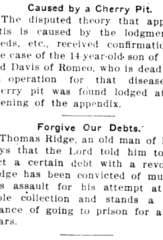
Frank Austin and Martin Turner prominent Ypsilantians, literally fell among thieves at an Ann Arbor fair. Austin lost a pocketbook containing $5,000 in securities and $20 in cash, and Turner is out $43. Austin's securities were not negotiable, so he is out only the $20.

Accidentally Shot.

K. G. Newkirk, a young man of Jackson, had a portion of his wrist torn off by the accidental discharge of a shotgun while he was getting into a boat at Olcett's lake where he has been camping. Part of the hand may be saved.

ALFRED CRUSE.

Alfred Cruse, whose picture is here presented, occupies the position of postmaster at Iron Mountain and is



ALFRED CRUSE.

one of the most popular citizens of that town. Mr. Cruse was conspicuous at the recent convention of postmasters held at Milwaukee, Wis.

Caused by a Cherry Pit.

The disputed theory that appendicitis is caused by the lodgment of seeds, etc., received confirmation in the case of the 14-year-old son of Eliel and Davis of Romeo, who is dead from an operation for that disease. A cherry pit was found lodged at the opening of the appendix.

Forgive Our Debts.

Thomas Ridge, an old man of Hart, says that the Lord told him to collect a certain debt with a revolver. Ridge has been convicted of murderous assault for his attempt at forcible collection and stands a good chance of going to prison for a few years.

Run Down by Train.

Oliver C. Hulett, an old man of 80 years, was run down by a Michigan Central freight train at Jackson and killed. A peculiar thing about the accident is that a grandson of Hulett was one of the crew of the train which ran over the old man.

Barbers to Convene.

A convention of barbers of the state will be held at Lansing on September 17 to discuss amendments to the barbers' license law, which the next legislature will be asked to make.

Blows Out the Gas.

Ed Hooton, a Saline well driver blew out the gas in his room at the American house at Ann Arbor and but for the timely arrival of a hotel attache, would have been asphyxiated. It took four hours to bring him to.

Her Fateful Day.

September 10 was an eventful day in the life of Mrs. E. J. McElwain of Hastings. Three of her children were born, one of them dead, and Mrs. McElwain herself died on that date, in different years.

Died Suddenly.

W. S. Daly, of Toledo, died at noon Thursday at Gratiot Beach, near Port Huron, where he went several weeks ago in the hopes of regaining his failing health. He had been feeling much stronger since he had been there until Thursday, when he fell unconscious to the floor of his room with a serious hemorrhage. Mrs. Daly and Miss Frances have been with him for some time.

Until five years ago Mr. Daly had been a large owner in the Toledo Bridge Co., and had been identified closely with Toledo's business growth. He was also interested in partnership with Franklin Hogue, he had devoted most of his time to real estate, of which he owned a great deal in that city.

Armour Co. Has Money.

Seeking to relieve in a measure the stringency in the eastern money market and also benefit by the advancing price for beans, Armour & Co., of Chicago, sent $4,000,000 to Detroit for purposes. J. Ogden Armour, president of the corporation, said to-night:

"We sent $4,000,000 to the New York market with the instruction that it may be used until January 1."

Concerning the details of the transaction, Mr. Armour had nothing to say.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—"A Rose O' Plymouth Town"—Saturday Mat. at 2; Evenings at 8.

LYCEUM THEATER—"Shore Acres"—Matinees Wednesday and Saturday, 10c, 20c, 30c and 50c.

WHITNEY THEATER—"Nobody's Claim"—Matinees, 10c, 15c, 25c; Evenings, 10c, 20c, 30c.

WONDERLAND—Afternoons, 2:45; 10c to 20c; Evenings, 8:15; 10c to 50c.

BASE BALL.

Below we publish the standing of the American and National league clubs up to and including the games played on Tuesday, September 16, 1902.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Per ct.
Philadelphia	91	36	.716
St. Louis	71	54	.568
Boston	70	55	.560
Chicago	64	58	.533
Cleveland	65	62	.512
Washington	56	69	.448
Detroit	54	69	.391
Baltimore	46	77	.377

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Per ct.
Pittsburg	93	34	.731
Brooklyn	64	58	.525
Boston	61	61	.516
Cincinnati	63	65	.492
Chicago	62	66	.484
St. Louis	55	65	.457
Philadelphia	51	74	.415
New York	44	81	.352

THE MARKETS.

Detroit, cattle—Common cattle, such as heifers and cows, steady; good butcher cattle, selling, $1.50@1.75, were to go 25 cents lower; best butchers, 2 cents lower. Veal calves, 1 cent lower. Milch cows—Steady, and in good demand. Choice steers, quotable, $3.00@3.50; good to choice butchers, steers 1,000 to 1,100 pounds, $1.50@1.75; light to good butcher steers, 800 to 1,000 pounds, $1.25@1.45; mixed butchers and fat cows, $1.00@1.25; common cows and canners, $1.00@1.25; good shippers' bulls, $1.50@2.75; good bulls, $1.25@1.50; common feeders, $2.75@3.75; good well-bred feeders, $1.90@2.25; good stockers, $2.00@2.15.

Sheep—Best ewes, $1.90@3.00; light ewes and good mixed lots, $3.75@4.25; yearlings, $4.00@4.85; fair to good butcher sheep, $2.50@3.25; culls and common, $1.75@2.50.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $7.35@7.60; pigs, $7.00@7.15; light yorkers, $7.25@7.35; roughs, 50 cents off, stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo, cattle—Tops, $7.75@8.25; fair to good, $6.75@7.25; common, $5.50@6.50.

Hogs—Light grades, 5@10c lower; others steady; heavy, $8.10@8.40; mixed, $7.90@8.05; yorkers, $7.80@7.90; light, do, $7.50@7.85; pigs, $7.20@7.80; roughs, $6.50@7.25; stags, $5.50@6; dressed, $7.25@7.75.

Sheep—Top lambs, $5.75@5.85; fair to good, $5.50@5.65; culls to common, $4@5; wethers and weathers, $4.60@4.75; ewes, $3@3.50; sheep top mixed, $3.60@3.75; fair to good, $3.25@3.50; culls to common, $1.75@3.

Chicago, cattle—Good to prime steers, $7.25@8.50; poor to medium, $4.25@7.25; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.60; cows, $1.50@4.50; heifers, $2.50@6.25; canners, $1.50@2.50; bulls, $2.50@4.50; calves, $3@7.25; Texas fed steers, $3@4.50; western feeders, $3.25@4.25.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers', $7.30@7.75; good to choice heavy, $7.60@7.85; rough heavy, $7.25@7.50; light, $7.30@7.70; bulk of sales, $7.60@7.75.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $3.25@3.50; fair to choice mixed, $2.50@3.25; native lambs, $4.50@5.75.

Grain.

Detroit, wheat—No. 1 white, 72c; No. 2 red, 1 car at 72c, 5 cars at 72 1-4c, closing nominal at 72 1-2c; September, 11,000 bu at 72 1-4c, closing nominal at 72 1-2c; December, 15,000 bu at 72 1-2c, 5,000 bu at 72 1-4c, closing 72c asked; No. 3 red, 2 cars at 68 3-4c, closing 68 1-2c asked; mixed winter, 72 1-2c, by sample, 1 car at 69c, 2 cars at 69c, 1 car at 69c, 1 car at 61c, 1 car at 62 1-2c per bu.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 2 cars at 61c, closing 62c; No. 3 yellow, 61c, nominal.

Oats—No. 2 white, 32 1-2c bid; No. 3 white, 31 1-2c bid; do, September, 31 1-2c; No. 4 white, 28c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot at 51 1-2c; No. 3, do, 20 cars at 49c, 2 cars at 48 1-2c, 1 car at 49c; by sample, 1 car at 46 1-2c per bu.

Beans—Spot and September, $1.68 asked; October, $1.72 nominal; November, $1.72 bid; prime spot, $1.58 nominal.

Chicago cash wheat—No. 2 spring, 72@73c; No. 3, 68@71c; No. 2 red, 72 1-2@73 3-4c. Corn—No. 2, 60 1-4@60 1-2c; No. 3 yellow, 61@61 1-2c; No. 3 white, 61 1-2c. Oats—No. 3 white, 28 1-2@34 3-4c. Rye—No. 2, 51@51 1-2c.

Produce.

Butter—Creameries, extra, 21c; firsts, 20c; fancy dairies, 19c; firsts, 17@18c; good to choice, 15@16c; baker's grades, 11@12c.

Cheese—New full cream, 11@11 1-2c; brick, 11@11 1-2c.

Eggs—Candled, fresh receipts, 19c; at mark, 17@17 1-2c per doz.

Honey—No 1 white, 13@14c; light amber, 10@11c; dark amber, 8@9c; extracted, 6@6 1-2c per lb.

Onions—Michigan, 40@50c per bu.

Pears—Bartlett, fancy, 50@75c per bu; $1.50@2 per bbl; Flemish Beauty, 35@60c per bu; common, 25c per bu.

Peaches—Early Michigan, white, 35@50c per bu; yellow fancy, $1@1.50; common, 50@75c per bu.

Potatoes—50@55c per bu.

Apples—Green, 25@75c per bbl; fancy, $1.50@1.75 per bbl.

Poultry—Spring, 12c; live hens, 10c; roosters, 6@7c; young ducks, 9@10c; geese, 10@11c per lb.

Wool—Commission buyers are paying the following prices: Medium and coarse, unwashed, 19c; fine do, 16 1-2c; bucks, 10c; unwashed tags, 8c per lb.

Six hundred teamsters, employed by three quarrying concerns for the new buildings in Chicago, are on strike for an increase in wages to $2 per day. Building operations are tied up.

The San Francisco Call says that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will, on January 1 next, make a formal demand for an increase of wages on all of the Pacific railroads.

Wahlachian gypsies are on the way, a party of 200 pilgrims spending the night in a barn on the way to a shrine at Maria Roina, Hungary, then set fire to the barn, burning eight persons to death. Nine were seriously burned.

Except for the reception of the citizens of Nassau county on Sept. 15, President Roosevelt will devote his time wholly to resting for his western trip which begins Sept. 19, and to accumulated business.

In response to hurry orders, the United States auxiliary cruiser Panther left Philadelphia for Colon, Colombia, Sunday. She carries a battalion of marines, a field battery of four Colt rapid fire guns and two other pieces and ample ammunition.

The price of coke in Chicago has jumped to the unprecedented figure of $13 a ton, and all orders cannot be supplied even at this price.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

Prince Charged With Felony.

The grand jury in the Old Bailey, London, Thursday, returned a true bill against Prince Francis Joseph, of Braganza, a lieutenant in the Seventh Austrian Hussars and who was a member of the Austro-Hungarian mission to the coronation of King Edward, charged with "misconduct under the criminal law amendment."

Later in the day the prince and the others concerned in the charge were placed in the dock at the central criminal court and pleaded "not guilty." Prince Nicholas, of Braganza, and other relatives and friends were in the crowded court room.

In opening the case counsel for the prosecution said the offense with which the prince was charged was far too common in London.

The hearing of the charges brought against the prince and other men took place in the Southwark police court early in July and attracted much attention. Sir Edward Clarke, the former solicitor general, defended the prince. The prosecutor altered the charge from "felony" to "misconduct under the criminal law amendment." Sir Edward intimated that the defense would be conspiracy to rob and blackmail. Strict secrecy was observed by the court officials regarding the exact nature of the charges.

To Increase Circulation.

"Secretary Shaw has made arrangements to release about $4,000,000 of the United States treasury holdings. He has had a list prepared of those national banks throughout the country which held free or unpledged bonds at the date of their last report and has made inquiry for others. After making allowance for changed conditions since last report he expects this will release at least $4,000,000. He has sent notice to all such that if they will send these bonds to the treasurer of the United States in sums of $50,000 or more they will be designated as temporary depositories, and the face value of the bonds will be deposited with them to the credit of the treasurer of the United States.

Situation Is Alarming.

Secretary Moody on Thursday wired the commanders of the battleship Wisconsin, now at Bremerton, and the cruiser Cincinnati, at Cape Haitien, to proceed as soon as possible to the isthmus of Panama, the Wisconsin reinforcing the Ranger at Panama, and the Cincinnati taking station at Colon.

It will take the Wisconsin fully 20 days to make the long trip of over 4,000 miles down the Pacific coast to Panama.

The alarming situation which has so quickly arisen on the isthmus prompted the officials to take more extensive measures to increase the naval representation of the United States in that section.

To Settle the Strike.

The Philadelphia North American, says that J. Pierpont Morgan has assented to a plan proposed by Gov. Stone, of Pennsylvania, for ending the coal miners' strike. The plan, which is based on the Chicago one, submitted to Mr. Morgan yesterday by P. A. B. Widner, of this city. The plan, in brief, is for the mine workers to return to work without a signed agreement that the operators, by concessions, adjust the differences existing between the men and the companies; that after waiting a reasonable time the operators fail to do this, an arbitrator be appointed, and that if the men deem the decision of the arbitrator as unjust, then the men can again go on strike.

Outraged and Murdered.

Mrs. Kate Fournell, living with her parents near Steinhauer, Neb., was criminally assaulted by tramps, who then killed her and dragged her body into the yard, where they set fire to the clothing. When the body was found the clothing had been burned from the body. The woman had been left in charge of the home by her mother and brother, who discovered her dead body when they returned. The men evidently had broken into the house, which they looted after committing the crime. The community is excited and if the perpetrators shall be captured they will probably be lynched. A pack of bloodhounds has been put on their trail.

A New Combine.

A new combination of paper manufacturers, to include all mills in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan, is being attempted, according to Wisconsin dispatches, by Dewar & Yerkes, the Chicago firm of brokers, composed of Charles E. Yerkes, son of Charles T. Yerkes, and Alexander L. Dewar, the former confidential man of the street railway magnate. The capital stock of the proposed new concern, which, it is said, is to be called the American Consolidated Paper Co., is given as $30,000,000.

Two professional bank robbers, who got $2,000 from the bank in Florenceville, N. B., are surrounded in the woods near Boulton, Me., by officers and a bank cashier.

The friends of Henry W. Grady, only son of the late Henry W. Grady, the great Georgia orator, and former editor of the Atlanta Constitution, are alarmed by his mysterious disappearance from a hotel in Norfolk, Va.

A memorial to the late President McKinley, adopted by the Ohio general assembly to commemorate the first anniversary of his death, eulogizes the dead president as a Christian, a citizen, a citizenship of the commonwealth in integrity, fidelity and high patriotism.

There has been a great increase in the number of Mormon missionaries in both Germany and Switzerland. Germany has nearly 2,000 such missionaries, while there are several hundred in Switzerland. In Zurich and Berne, a systematic mission bureau is in operation and the propaganda is being religiously spread among the simple Swiss.

Dr. M. T. Gilmour, warden of the central prison at Toronto, Ont., spoke before the National Prison congress in Philadelphia in favor of the whipping post, saying: "It does not rob the prison of the prisoner's economic value, and it rightly degrades willful wrongdoers."

Mrs. Martha Schnell, an old German woman, living at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, found a United States bond for $500 of the issue of July 1, 1887, beneath the glass of an old daguerreotype. She forwarded it to the treasury department, and was sent $687.81, the principal and interest to date.

A Coal Mine Horror.

Eleven bodies have been recovered from the Big Four mine of the Algoma Coal & Coke Co., at Norfolk, W. Va., where 17 miners were imprisoned beyond hope of rescue by an explosion of gas and powder. Of the bodies found 10 were negroes and the other was James Lester, engineer.

Immediately after the disaster the gas and smoke became so thick that all rescuing parties were driven back. H. F. Pinkenfield, a mine boss, and George Gaspie, a Hun miner, succeeded in crawling over the fallen coal and slate after the explosion to the lights of the rescuing party and were taken out alive, although badly burned and nearly suffocated by gas and smoke.

An accumulation of gas is supposed to have caught fire from the lamp of a miner, and this in turn fired six kegs of blasting powder, that had been stored back in the mine.

The explosion knocked down all of the brattices for a quarter of a mile back toward the mine entrance, thus cutting out all of the air from the imprisoned men.

Murdered or What?

Nicholas Fish, millionaire, diplomat and descendant of one of the best known of American families, died at the Roosevelt hospital Monday morning, the result of an injury received in Erhardt's saloon, 205 West Thirty-fourth street, New York. Whether he was murdered or fell, the police have not yet determined. Conflicting stories are told. Fish had a quarrel with a private detective named Thomas Sherkey, who joined the banker at a table where he had been for several hours drinking with Mrs. Libby J. Phillips and Mrs. Nellie Casey.

Mr. Fish's injuries were at first supposed to have been caused by a fall, but under investigation by city detectives, were found to have been the result of a most brutal assault.

The Boodlers Wanted.

Kelly, Hartman, Ecker, Sheridan and Lehmann, indicted delegates, of St. Louis, Mo., are still in hiding, hoping, it has been persistently stated, that they can arrange for bondsmen before coming into court. The circuit attorney, however, is considering the advisability of asking the court to make their bonds larger when they do appear. Sheriff Dickmann announced in his social give $500 reward for information which would lead to the arrest of Kelly.

Delegate Kelly is the member of the combine who, according to the confession of J. K. Murrell, handled the $47,000 corruption fund.

The sheriff's offer of $200 as a reward for the apprehension of Kelly was raised to $700, by Circuit Attorney Folk later.

The Cuban Loan.

The loan bill has passed the Cuban house of representatives by a vote of 48 to 2. President Palma is authorized to make a loan in the name of the nation for the sum of $35,000,000, the minimum price of issue to be 90 and the maximum rate of interest to be 5 per cent. According to the bill the loan is payable in 40 years, payments to begin 10 years after the date of issue. Four million dollars of the loan is to be devoted to the encouragement of agriculture and the cattle industry, and the sum of $11,000,000 is for fulfillment of obligations contracted during the revolution and the payment of the Cuban army.

Thirty Dead—Misery Appalling.

Thirty dead, an unestimated number missing and probably burned, and many hundreds homeless are the tragic known results to date of the vast forest fires which are devastating Oregon and Washington. The value of the property already destroyed is in the millions and still the flames rages on. The misery of those who have escaped sudden death by fire is appalling. One whole party of survivors was found end only in grimy sacks and even the more fortunate of the refugees are ruined, so far as this world's goods go.

The King's Health.

There has been a marked improvement in King Edward's health since the coronation. His diet is strictly limited by quantity and character. Those who have seen and talked with him in Scotland assert that he is in better health than for many years, and that his vivacity and cheerfulness are noticeable.

His June illness is now regarded by many as a blessing in disguise, which may help to prolong his life for many years.

CONDENSED NEWS.

The Minnesota Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the primary election law.

The coke and briquette factory of the Tesla Coal Co., at Stockton, Cal., have been destroyed by fire. Loss, $200,000.

The Consolidated Order of Hoo Hoos, in session at Milwaukee, has selected Buffalo as the place of meeting next year.

The street car strike at Ottumwa, Ia., is assuming a serious aspect. The blacksmiths in the employ of the company have struck. The city depends upon the street car plant for electric power, which may be shut off.

Joseph Cohen, charged with extortion, conspiracy and acting as a go-between in the Minneapolis police corruption cases, was brought from Montana in the custody of a deputy sheriff, arraigned on three indictments and released on bail.

In the only instance of legal action between members of the Dunkard church, Miss Cora Kerner, of Somerset county, Pa., was awarded a verdict of $9,250 in a breach of promise suit. Rash road has broken the record for the mile run covering the distance became against Prof. I. Harvey Brumbaugh, acting president of the Juniata college, of Huntingdon, Pa.

Gen. Bruce, a notorious Indian outlaw, who choked into unconsciousness and buried alive Victoria Maria, a young Indian woman, was captured by Indians in southern Nevada. He was dragged to death by horses and his body was burned.

Miss Kate Shelley, the heroine of many poems and writings in prose, who when a child saved a train load of people from death by creeping over a frozen bridge near Moingona, Ia., in a raging storm and warning the engineer of the danger, has been engaged by the state insane hospital at Cherokee, Ia., as a nurse. Miss Shelley is quite old.