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This is no holiday season for the sultan of Morocco.

The Hague tribunal is in for a scolding no matter how it may decide.

Alfred Austin's cold tea will serve nicely to wash down Rudyard Kipling's brandy.

John L. Sullivan says he is "broke but happy." Evidently somebody had the price.

If it is an old epigram worked over, the probability is that Tom Reed never said it.

It is only polite to look the other way when your vegetarian friend is pricing fat turkeys.

May Yohe, Strong as ever, is back home again. Let's cut that combination out from now on.

Advice to those about to eat candy sent to them through the mails: Wait till you find out who sent it.

Hello! The telephone man thinks he can fly. Many who have used his first invention have felt like doing so.

Queen Alexandra's hobby is clocks, and she possesses hundreds of them—not counting any on the royal mantelpiece.

Sir William Hingston says there is danger in the surgeon's knife. We have for some time suspected as much.

It was a man by the name of B. Ware who introduced the anti-kissing bill in the Virginia legislature. He'll have to.

Dr. Lorenz, we fear, will return to Vienna with an impression that the United States is a nation of meddlesome gossipers.

There is consolation for all who are in trouble. For instance, a New York man who is out of work has just been blessed with twins.

The government has added four buffaloes to its small herd in Yellowstone park, and they cost considerably more than 11 cents apiece.

"Women speechless in electric cars," says a news item from New York. The account goes on to state that they were partly paralyzed. Shocking! Shocking!

Sullivan and Corbett acted as waiters at the Salvation Army Christmas dinner in Toledo. No fisticuffs were prevalled from beginning to end of the festivities.

The wisdom of J. Pierpont Morgan can no longer be doubted. He has just gone to considerable trouble and expense in order to settle a lawsuit out of court.

At a prize fight in Butte, Mont., a few nights ago the women who were present are reported to "have forgotten themselves and shouted." Why, how unladylike!

There is considerable agitation in army circles just now over the color of stripe to be worn on trousers. And still men continue to talk about the vanity of woman!

The clerks, male and female, in one of Chicago's department stores are now designated by the management as "salespersons." Slowly but surely the line is being obliterated.

The meat question shows that when the consumer has once been started in the way of paying high prices it is hard for him to get others to let him break himself of the habit.

London chemists have conceived a new compound which they call carbonylthiocarbimidophenylbenzylthiocarbamide. It sounds like Dutch for automobile, and may in fact be almost as deadly.

The Marconi people say that they are able now to handle 1,000 words an hour across the ocean. That is good, but it will evidently be some time before they will be able to keep up with a sewing circle.

Prof. A. Graham Bell denies that he has invented a flying machine; he says that he has merely rigged a kite so that it will descend gently. The public may now rightly expect much from Mr. Bell.

"The world has less and less use," remarks the Nebraska State Journal, "for the young man who drinks whiskey." While the young man, if he drinks enough whisky, has no use whatever for the world.

Carnegie denies the report that he is going to give his little daughter a $2,500,000 house. He says he doesn't want the child to get a notion that she has "great expectations." Still, it will be a wonder if somebody doesn't tell her about it.

A man who had lived by begging, who had slept in ash barrels, and whose clothes were the cast-off garments of other people, died in Toronto the other day, leaving $100,000 in cash. This proves conclusively that it can't be taken along.

There have been shipped through Bangor, Me., this season 126 deer, two bears and a fox, killed by women hunters. Lovely woman frequently hits what she aims at—with a rifle.

When the Salvation Army people can procure the assistance of a noted prize fighter at a charity dinner they are landing heavily on the adversary.

Chicago has a dog that plays ping pong. If domestic animals will insist on associating with human beings they must expect to acquire bad habits.

THE NEWS OF MICHIGAN.

Hillsdale County Will Be Wet."

Because they neglected to make sure they were right before they went ahead, the temperance people of Hillsdale county are up against it. They were desirous of having the local option proposition submitted to the voters at the spring election, and circulated petitions on the understanding that signatures equal in number to one-third of the vote polled by the successful candidate for governor at the last election were required. When this number was reached, they stopped canvassing. Only to find when it was too late that the number of signatures required is one-third of the total vote for all candidates for governor. Consequently the license people of Hillsdale will be able to take their drinks in saloons instead of drug stores for another year at least.

She Got Seven Years.

"Dr. California Smith, of Grand Rapids, who was convicted of manslaughter, was sentenced to seven years in the Ionia House of Correction. Before sentence was passed she exclaimed: "Before God and man, I am an innocent woman! I am at the mercy of this court, an innocent woman!" Judge Newnham replied that he was sorry he could not believe her, and after scoring her severely on her crime and profession which he said had followed her entire life. She is 57 years of age, and her age and gray hairs, said the judge, was his only excuse for clemency.

Dr. Griswold Convicted.

Dr. Roy W. Griswold, of Bay City, the doctor whom E. T. Bennett engaged to defend Agnes Eberstein in a local hotel, the girl dying after treatment, was found guilty of manslaughter. Bennett, who was previously convicted, is in Jackson state prison to serve out a sentence of seven years. Agnes Eberstein was a comely Battle Creek girl whom Bennett had entertained in Detroit, Bay City and elsewhere. She came to Bay City when she fell ill, and Dr. Griswold's defense was that the treatment from which the girl died was given either by herself or before she came to Bay City.

State Appropriations.

The various state institutions are preparing to ask the legislature for appropriations aggregating $6,500,000, the largest single item being the appropriation of $750,000 for the state university. Unless the legislature considerably pruces these estimates, and unless some additional sources of revenue for state purposes are secured, the tax levy for the years 1903-4 will likely exceed that of $6,500,788.62 for the years 1901-2. But with the governor, the lieutenant governor and others urging economy, the appropriations asked for are likely to be scaled down.

Must Pay the Fee.

The Sanitary Food Co. is a concern holding a charter under the laws of South Dakota, but with headquarters and a factory at Benton Harbor. It is capitalized at $500,000, but tried to file its articles with Secretary of State Warner at Lansing, and its first franchise fee on but $50,000, claiming that it should pay only on the actual property it owned in this state. Secretary Warner took a different view of the matter, however, and the company will have to pay a franchise fee on its entire capitalization of $500,000 if it wants to do business in Michigan.

Down a Coal Shaft.

Anthony Leymanski, living in Bay City, and employed at Salzburg mine, stepped into the mouth of an open shaft and went to the bottom, a distance of 110 feet, striking on the top of an iron hoist. Death was instantaneous, nearly every bone in his body being broken. His son came within a few feet of meeting the same fate. The son was held back by a companion.

Leymanski, senior, was married and leaves two sons and two daughters.

Revenue From Insurance.

The indications are that the state's revenue from life and fire insurance companies will be greater this year than ever before. The volume of business written last year having broken the record. The New York Life is the first company to file its annual statement. It reported $658,861 in premiums in Michigan in 1902. On this it will pay a tax of 2 per cent, or $10,117. This is an increase of $2,333 over the tax paid last year.

Take Off the Birds.

Deputy State Game Warden Redell, of Menominee, says all milliners and women who wear hats trimmed with certain kinds of birds protected by law, of which there are many, are disobeying the state game laws, and are liable to arrest as any other violator of the law. This statement by the game warden has caused great surprise and considerable consternation among women who wear birds on their hats.

Convicted of Manslaughter.

Jennie Californella Smith, of Grand Rapids, called a "doctor," was found guilty in the superior Court of manslaughter in causing the death of Bertha Van Norman, a 16-year-old girl.

Mrs. Smith burst into tears when the verdict was rendered.

Bertha Van Norman, was the girl who, on her death-bed, exacted a promise from her mother that her youthful lover would not be prosecuted. The latter has disappeared.

It is claimed that a manufacturing company has been tapping the Muskegon water mains, and that 650,000 gallons of water, worth $4,000, have been illegally used.

There is a pinch being felt at Durand for coal. Every car of commercial coal reaching that junction is confiscated by the railroads for their own use. At that, the roads, it is said, have not enough fuel.

Because her physician advised it, a Livingston county woman allowed him to vaccinate her. It "took" like a house afire, and when she recovered, after being laid up for seven days, the woman sent a bill to the doctor for the seven days' lost time.

Frank Stout, the Huron county assessor, who has been missing since Dec. 28, has returned to his home. He cannot account for his actions, but it is said he went to Vassar and hired out to a farmer. After some days in his new employment he fell from a haymow and hurt his nose. This bled for a time, and his mind was suddenly restored.

Prices Lower.

In the official monthly crop report Secretary of State Warner says the temperature for December was two degrees below the normal. The precipitation for the month was practically normal. Correspondents generally agree that but little damage has been done to wheat. The ground was fairly well covered with snow during the month and the crop thus protected.

The average condition of live stock in the state, comparison being with stock in good health, thrifty condition, is: Horses, cattle, sheep and swine, 96 per cent.

The prices of farm crops are lower than one year ago, the decline being as follows: Wheat, 12 cents; corn, 8 cents; oats, 15 cents per bushel; hay, 20 cents per ton. The prices of all kinds of live stock are higher than one year ago. Fat cattle on the hoof are worth 29 cents more per hundredweight; while dressed pork is worth 63 cents per hundredweight less.

AROUND THE STATE.

A number of counterfeit dollars are in circulation at Escanaba.

Ellen G. White, the Advent prophetess—declares that Adventists must not huddle in Battle Creek, but scatter.

Mr. Pleasant is in darkness nights, the railroads having confiscated the coal which the lighting plant was depending on.

James C. Avery, a pioneer jeweler, who has resided in Grand Haven since the early fifties, is dead from asthmatic complications.

Leonard Lewis, of Ithica, was sentenced to from three and a half years for a crime against Minnie Pyle, 16 years old, a farmer's daughter.

Brown City's new grain elevator is ready for business and will be a great convenience to farmers in bringing it a market for farmers from all directions.

The severest snow storm of the season prevailed at Marshall Monday night. At train service time the thermometer registered 10 degrees below zero.

Alexander L. Parker dropped dead in the depot at Mulliken. He was a notary public and retired farmer. He leaves a widow in comfortable circumstances.

Jan. 20, 21 and 22 Battle Creek will entertain the Michigan Engineering Society, the occasion being the 40th anniversary of the founding of that organization.

Mt. Pleasant is up against it. Coal contained to the city lighting plant has been confiscated by the railroad company for its own use, and the city is in darkness.

Battle Creek reports soft coal selling at $5 per ton, with an extra charge of 50 cents for delivering, and a limit of half a ton to the customer. Anthracite is not to be had.

The "no breakfast" fad has struck Kalamazoo and many people are cutting out the morning meal. Battle Creek will take this as a direct stab at her chief industry.

Workmen excavating for a street railway bridge in Niles, Mich., have unearthed a human skull of native copper, probably "flonters" from the upper peninsula Veins.

The plant of the Commercial Travelers' Mutual Accident Association, of Battle Creek, burned to the ground Saturday morning with a loss of $75,000; insurance, $18,000.

Some of the saloonkeepers of Marine City are due for trouble. Complaint has been made against them for selling liquor to minors, and warrants will be issued soon.

A fellow at St. Clair forged the name of A. J. Gluckenderfer, on a check for $13, and the defense is made that if he spelled the name correctly he is entitled to the money.

A petition will be circulated by the Houghton and Hancock citizens that the Portage Lake merchants close their stores at 6 o'clock each evening, except Saturdays and Mondays.

Ambrose S. Crain, of Colon, said to be about to realize $10,000 from an industry which will utilize the result of years of experiment on his part, is an inmate of the county house at present.

A rear-end collision occurred on the Pere Marquette road at McCord, 6 miles south of Grand Rapids, Wednesday, by which two passenger trains were damaged and several persons injured.

While he lay critically ill in the house, the residence of Judge J. G. Ramsdell, Traverse City, caught fire. The judge was safely removed to another residence. The house was burned.

The Mason County Medical Society wants the supervisors to establish a county hospital and the board has appointed a committee to look into the matter and report at the board's April meeting.

Frederick A. Platt, of Flint, who will be tried in the circuit court for embezzlement, made restitution to all stockholders in full, wiping out by the aid of friends the last of the $40,000 defalcation.

F. F. Bowen, a prosperous farmer and justice of the peace, master of Tecumseh grange and one of the most widely known men in northern Lenawee, died at Tecumseh of pneumonia, aged 55 years.

A Menominee physician, who attended John Smith, a sufferer from asthma, left some medicine bearing the directions, which were to be used at long intervals. Smith, who is a man old enough to know better, instead of following instructions, took the whole bottle at one time, and though two full doctors worked over him for hours, it is doubtful if he will finally recover from the effects of the dose.

Mrs. J. W. Roberts, of Mt. Pleasant, has recently returned from the Klondike, bringing with her a collection of pelts which have been fashioned into rugs and are worth $1,000. She shot most of the animals.

A burglar who is too careless to ever succeed in the business, visited Anson Harmon, of Saline, the other night. He stole two pocketbooks from Harmon's room as the latter slept, and taking them out on the porch of the house, went through them, took $75 in bills from them, and then went away, leaving the pocketbooks lying there. When Harmon found them in the morning he was tickled to discover that the careless thief had overlooked one compartment in which was $70 in Uncle Sam's good money.

W. J. O'Brien, a switchman, was instantly killed Saturday morning in the Pere Marquette yards in Saginaw.

A lot of counterfeit silver dollars are circulating in Escanaba. "If you should happen to get one," says the Iron Port, "bear in mind that it will pay your subscription to the Iron Port for six months."

Ann Francis, an Indian woman, now living in the Northwest territory, has begun suit to test the title to 640 acres of land in Monitor township, claimed to have been conveyed to the Indians by treaty in 1827.

Flint is claimed to be one of the best drummer towns in the state by a prominent hotel man of that place. Over 120 drummers go to Flint every week and the goods they sell, it is said, would stock a metropolitan department store.

Mrs. Eliza Rose, aged 90, lives at Coldwater. She had had no tiding of an older sister in 40 years and believed her dead. She has discovered that the missing sister is living and a nephew has planned a reunion for the old ladies.

Rev. W. B. Coombe, Methodist, who visited saloons in Saginaw, obtaining evidence by which saloonkeepers were recently convicted of violating the laws, was assaulted by a bartender. The minister was not seriously injured.

William Mickenwack and Mike Geluzoci engaged in an altercation at Grand Rapids and Mickenwack was stabbed five times with a pocket knife. He was taken to a hospital and may survive. Geluzoci is in custody.

By the death of his brother in New York city, Ellis Kingsley, 64 years of age and an inmate of the Shiawassee county home for the past 11 years, will receive a legacy which will enable him to spend the remainder of his life in comfort.

The blacksmiths of Lapeer, Dryden, Metamora, Thorneville, Almont, Imlay City, Attica, Romeo, Capac, Brown City, Oxford and Leonard have formed a combine and have adopted a new scale of prices. The prices were raised 20 per cent.

A log train on the G. R. & I. south bound from Reed City to Cadillac jumped the track and was wrecked at Edwards. Five cars were piled up and the engine thrown across the track. Engineer Beesley, of Cadillac, was seriously injured.

A congress of the Anti-Saloon League will convene in Lansing on Feb. 9, and will continue three days. Among the prominent speakers who will be present and address the meeting are P. A. Baker, of Columbus, O., and Col. E. F. Hiller, of Indianapolis.

A year ago C. E. Hasse, a saloonkeeper of Mason, made $4 profit on a hard drink. Then a prohibition fiend left the wouldn't drink anything for a year he, Hasse, would buy him a suit of clothes. Ready lived up to his agreement and on Monday Hasse bought him the clothes.

Last year a Hastings man put a penny into a box every time he gave away a five-cent cigar. When he opened the box at the end of the year he found therein $7.45, indicating that he had given away 745 cigars at a cost of $37.25. He also smokes six or seven cigars today himself.

In the case of the First National Bank of Chicago vs. Joseph W. Sheldon, receiver of the defunct First National bank of Niles, the United States circuit court, at Chicago, has decided in favor of the defendant. This means that the Chicago bank loses about $3,000 paid on drafts issued by the defunct local bank.

At Albion the complaint is rather of short weight than scarcity of coal though nobody can get a large order filled. There has been coal in small, but numerous lots for all. The coal dealers have been doing some whylocking in the matter of measure, however, if reports are true.

Southern Michigan seems to have had the worst of the present cold spell. Correspondents report the mercury from 12 to 20 degrees below zero, the roads blockaded by immense drifts, and business generally suspended. North of the center of the state, apparently, the storm and weather has been less severe.

Over in Livingston county a man was "swindled afford" to take a paper made a practice of borrowing his neighbor's. The other day scarlet fever broke out in the family of the lender. The paper borrowed the paper just the same and now four of his children are down with the disease. There's a lesson in this story.

Charles Yeter, while sawing wood on a power saw in the woods, let his hand get too close to the saw and the fifth and three fingers were cut off. He picked them up in the other hand and hustled to a physician, who sewed them back in their original places and told Yeter he probably would not lose the use of them, thanks to his prompt action.

Patrons of the Detroit, Plymouth & Northville electric road, who last winter complained of cold cars, are now exposed to the opposite extreme. It is said the company now uses a live wire under the cars with which the cars are cushioned, and the heat is increase in proportion to the speed of the cars. When at full speed it is claimed the passengers prefer to stand.

The annual debates for the election of a University of Michigan team to meet Wisconsin, the law debate resulted as follows: Edward Sonnenschein, Chicago, first; Alfred Henry, Marion, Ind., second; E. D. Ferry, Ft. Dodge, Ia., third. The lit team follows: C. E. Parry, Ann Arbor, first; J. F. Kohn, Cleveland, O., second; G. A. Malcolm, Commerce, Mich., third.

Two deeds filed by Sarah Grewett, of Mt. Pleasant, cover 1,280 acres of land in the heart of Flint. As the deeds were executed more than 20 years' adverse possession, the property owners do not take enough interest to attempt to secure an injunction preventing the recording of the deeds.

The Johnson Cooperage Co., at Niles, have shut down, being unable to get fuel, and 90 men are thrown out of work.

Fred McCarty, known as the "Second Tracy," was captured at Muskegon by detectives in a pool room. McCarty is wanted on a charge of desertion from the navy after serving but 35 days in April, 1901. Some months ago, after he had deserted, he was captured in his room at his boarding house and asked to be allowed to step into an adjoining apartment to get his hat. He appeared a few moments later with a gun in each hand, held up the officers and effected his escape.

Cass county will vote on local option in the spring.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

Millions of Profits.

The hearings before the senate committee on the District of Columbia, which is investigating the alleged coal combine in Washington have developed that there is a conspiracy between the coal trust and the independent operators, and that it is resulting in effective extortion in the Washington coal combine, but in many cities of the east.

The coal trust formerly handled all the coal which was sold in Washington. Now it is handling less than 50 per cent of the coal, and the independent operators are doing the business.

The leading company, which is the master spirit in the combine, recently sold to one firm here 1,000 tons daily. Now it is sending two or three tons a day. The reason for this is that the Reading Co.'s coal is being sold through the independent operators at $1 a ton. That which is sold as Reading coal brings only $7 a ton. The difference represents the profit. It is understood that the trust is really using the independent operator as its agent and is thereby enabled to make the tremendous profits.

If the same extortion is being practiced elsewhere as in Washington, the extra profits to the coal trust and the independent operators is approximately $20,000,000 a week. The senate committee is having difficulty in securing the attendance of the coal trust operators who have gone into partnership with the coal trust for this emergency.

King Alfonso Shot At.

As King Alfonso, Dowager Queen Christina and the court were returning from church Saturday afternoon a man named Lazaro Alonzo Ramos de Feito, fired a pistol at one of the carriages in the royal procession. The bullet went wild and no one was injured.

The escort of civil guards threw themselves upon the would-be assassin and overpowered him.

Duke Almodovar del Rio, who rode in the grand chamberlain, the duke of Sotomayor, at which carriage he had aimed. He was searched and in his pockets were found official letters marked "registered" and addressed to President Roosevelt, King Edward, the emperor of Germany and the president of the high court of justice at Mexico, and also receipts for a number of registered letters and a visiting card of the mayor of Madrid.

Opposition Withdrawn.

Resolutions were passed by the American Beet Sugar Association at its meeting in Washington Thursday, withdrawing entirely its opposition to the ratification of the Cuban reciprocity treaty, but recommending that the treaty be amended to express in positive language what is now held to be secured by it to the best sugar manufacturers of the United States, viz., that during the period of five years covered by the treaty no sugar imported from Cuba shall be admitted to the United States at a reduction of duty greater than 20 per cent of the rates now imposed as provided by the tariff of July 24, 1897.

The association also adopted a resolution protesting against the unnecessary shipment of the sugar cane industries of the Philippine Islands by means of further tariff reductions.

Confiscated Ten Cars of Coal.

About 200 citizens of Tuscola, Ill., confiscated ten carloads of coal at the Illinois Central yards and it was distributed among the sufferers who are out of fuel. There is not a pound of coal in any of the coal yards, and when the people saw the loaded cars side-tracked here they determined to relieve the situation to some extent. Mayor Roberts threw no obstacle in the way and the board of health passed a resolution declaring that it was for the preservation of the health of the people. Business men, bankers and prominent citizens joined in the raid, but the coal seized was paid for, a committee being appointed to count the cars and hold it for the railroad company.

Pacific Cable Goes.

The first section of the Pacific Cable Co.'s cable was completed Thursday night, when the two ends were brought together in Molokai channel, 25 miles from Honolulu. The cable is about 2,000 miles nearer the parent continent. A large crowd had gathered about the cable station there, and the congratulations were received with cheers. Judge Cooper, representing Gov. Dole, who was absent from the island, sent a message to President Roosevelt announcing the opening and extending a greeting from the citizens of Hawaii.

Bible and Sunday Theaters

Judge Hazen, in the District Court at Topeka, Kans., decided that the Bible could be read in the public schools of Kansas and also that Sunday theaters could be held and Vaudeville without molestation. Both cases were vigorously contested.

Andrew Carnegie's offer of $1,500,000 for 50 branch libraries in Philadelphia has been accepted.

Edward Powers, a produce merchant, was killed early in the morning by footpads near his home in Philadelphia. Pa. A gold watch and $250 were stolen from his person.

Fire completely destroyed the eight-story building at Allen and East Houston streets, New York, which was occupied by Sayer-Smith & Ladew, manufacturers of leather belting. The loss is about $300,000.

A dispatch from Glasgow says: After several false alarms the Cunarder Campania has been definitely ordered. Each of them will have three screws and cost $6,250,000. It is stipulated that they shall be ready for their maiden voyage in June, 1905. The speed conditions have been modified somewhat, but the vessels must do 26 knots for six hours and 25 knots for two days' continuous steaming.

Mrs. Florine Henry, wife of P. S. Henry, a wealthy New York coffee merchant, and daughter of the late millionaire banker, Leonard Lewisohn, was burned to death in a fire that destroyed the family home. Alberta Erickson, servant, was killed by jumping from a fourth story window. Mr. Henry and two infant children were slightly burned.

Mrs. Anna T. Miller, convicted of conspiracy and misuse of the mails in an alleged attempt to blackmail prominent business men of Columbus, O., was sentenced in the United States court to 13 months in the penitentiary.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

Rep. Warner, of Illinois, introduced a bill appropriating $50,000 for a statue to the late Maj.-Gen. Frank Sigel, to be erected in this city.

Senator Perkins presented to the senate a communication from Gov. Sayres of Texas, tendering to the United States statues of Gen. Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin, to be placed in statuary hall, at the capitol to represent the state of Texas.

The house committee on judiciary by a vote of 8 to 7 decided not to favorably report the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution changing the inaugural day and date for the beginning and ending of congress which was passed by the senate at the last session.

Adjt.-Gen. Corbin has been informed that Lieut. O. Perkins, Fourth cavalry, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., has been absent from that post without leave since Dec. 30 last and that he spent whereabouts is unknown. His name will be dropped from the army lists as a deserter in case he fails to report for duty within three months.

President Roosevelt had a long conference with Representative Babcock, of Wisconsin, who has just returned from Cuba. Mr. Babcock told the president he was heartily in favor of the ratification of the pending Cuban treaty, particularly as he regarded ratification as a good stroke of business policy for the United States.

Representative Hay, of Virginia, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, had a conference with the president on the proposition to abandon the government transport service on the Pacific. Chairman Hull is opposed to the relinquishment of the transport service. He says that the United States now has the best transport service in the world and it is much cheaper in operation than any similar service by commercial lines would be.

ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Iowaguine has accepted Andrew Carnegie's offer of a $10,000 public library.

A portion of the plant of the Federal Mortgage Loaning Co., in South Chicago burned Friday. Loss, $150,000.

Goubil, the French inventor of submarine torpedo boats, has developed insanity and has been placed in an asylum.

Col. Wm. R. Morrison, former interstate commerce commissioner, is seriously ill at his home in Waterloo, Ill., and may not recover.

Sheriff Reese, of Bibb county, Ala., was assassinated by a negro at Belcher. The murderer is under arrest. The negro and his pal are caught.

Wm. D. Beckett, a prominent lawyer of Omaha, Neb., was found frozen to death in the country near that city. He wandered away from home while ill.

The Szycholski quadruplets were christened in Toledo Sunday. The mother says she has an aunt in Poland who has the mother of a quintette of boys.

Cholera is depopulating the Moro village on the east shore of Lake Lanao, Mindinao. The disease also prevails at Bacadal. At Machi the deaths average 50 a day.

A Chesapeake & Ohio Coal Co. official says that the soft coal miners in the West Virginia coal fields are preparing to strike for a big advance in wages about April 1.

John Koltey, policeman, was fatally injured, and five passengers seriously so, when a runaway street railway car in Pittsburg crashed into the rear of a stationary car.

Henry Phipps, of New York, has given $300,000 to establish an institution in Philadelphia, to treat and study consumption, with an additional endowment to provide a yearly income of $40,000, making the total $1,500,000.

Hilliard Probst and Ira Green were crushed to death while digging coal near Bellaire, Belmont county, Pa. The fire are sustained. Eggs are easy also, and supplies of poultry are large. An active demand is expected in case of sustained cold weather, but with mild weather there is little chance for much demand, in potatoes there is a fair demand, but fruits and vegetables are very scarce.

Detroit—Cattle: Good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, $3.75@4.25; fair to good heifers, 700 to 900 lbs., $3.25@3.50; good to choice cows, $3.00@3.50; good well bred feeders, $3.25@3.50; good well bred feeders, $2.75@3.25; light stockers, $2.75@3.25. Milch Cows and Springers—Good to choice cows, $35@50; common, dull. Veal Calves: Strong, last week's prices, $6.00@6.50.

Sheep: Best lambs, $5.00@5.10; light to fair lambs, $4.00@4.75; yearlings, $4.50@5.00; fair to good butcher sheep, $3.75@3.90; culls and common, $2.00@2.50.

Hogs: Light to good butchers, $5.30@5.35; pigs and light yorkers, $5.25@5.30; roughs, $5.00@5.15; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo—Cattle: Steady; veals, tens $4.75@5.00; common to good, $3.50@4.50; fancy export steers, $4.90@5.00; choice to prime steers, $5.40@5.80; poor to medium, $4.00@5.50; stockers and feeders, $3.00@3.75; fresh cows and springers, $25@45; canners, $1.25@2.50; bulls, $2@4.00; calves, $5.50@7.50; Texas fed steers, $3.75@4.50.

Sheep: Good to choice wethers, $5.30@5.65; good to choice heavy, $5.00@5.25; fair to good mixed, $4.75@5.00; culls and common, $3.00@4.50; lambs, $6.00@6.60; good to choice heavy, $5.60@5.90; rough to fair, $5.00@5.50.

Hogs: Heavy and mixed, $5.50@5.60; yorkers, $5.50@5.60; pigs, $5.40@5.50; roughs, $4.75@5.00; stags, one-third off; dairies, $5.50@5.60.

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Sheep: Good to choice wethers, $5.30@5.65; good to choice heavy, $5.00@5.25; fair to good mixed, $4.75@5.00; culls and common, $3.00@4.50; lambs, $6.00@6.60; good to choice heavy, $5.60@5.90; rough to fair, $5.00@5.50.

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18 BELOW AT MINNESOTA.

Zero Weather Prevalent All Over the Central West.

Seven degrees below zero was the record at St. Paul, Monday night. Moorhead, Minn., reports 18 below. Duluth 6 below. Lacrosse, Wis., 8 below. Fuel is scarce, and, although there is no great or actual famine, there is much suffering.

Zero weather prevailed in Kansas City at 7 o'clock Monday morning. Suffering because of lack of fuel is severe. Similar conditions exist at all points throughout this part of the southwest.

Two-teaths of a degree above zero was the record at Cincinnati, O., Monday morning. Fortunately Cincinnati has no coal famine.

The lowest temperature of the winter was recorded at Cleveland Monday, 4 degrees below zero. At other points in northern Ohio the temperature fell to 8 below. The scarcity of fuel in many quarters caused much suffering.

Michigan Will Not Oppose.

Senator Burrows succeeded in bringing about an amicable settlement of the Cuban reciprocity treaty trouble, which is entirely satisfactory to the best sugar interests of the United States and which secures the support of both Michigan senators. He had an extended conference with the president and the members of the senate committee on foreign relations and succeeded in convincing them that the future stability of the beet sugar industry demanded a definite reduction of the tariff for a fixed period. In other words, he demanded that, if the beet sugar manufacturers are to submit to a reduction of the sugar tariff, it should be a fixed reduction and for a definite period, in order that they might carry on their business without fear of further disturbance.

President Roosevelt is gratified over the settlement. There will be no more objection on the part of the beet sugar manufacturers and the only point to be determined is whether the Cuban government will accept the terms. It is believed that Cuba will be glad to do so.

Wife of a Drunkard.

The first notable case under the living wage act, which went into effect Thursday, came up in a London police court Friday, when Sir Charles Allen Lawson, the Anglo-Indian newspaper editor and writer, applied for a summons against Lady Lawson, whom he described as a habitual drunkard. The summons was granted.

The new act enables either a husband or wife to secure a separation in the case of habitual drunkenness, and allows the police to arrest an inebriate anywhere except in a private house, whether disorderly or not.

A direct freight carrying road from the Soo to St. Ignace will be at least in the near future. Such a line is likely to be announced, will be built early in the spring. The run will be made in a boat, with power from the Michigan Lake Superior Power Co.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT

WHITNEY OPERA HOUSE—Daniel Sully.
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WHITE'S MUSEUM—Vaudeville. Mat. 1 o and 2:30. Evenings 10, 2:30 and 8.
TEMPLE THEATRE AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons 1:30, 3:30. Evenings 6:30, 8:30 to 10:30.

THE MARKETS.

Grain.

Detroit—Wheat: Cash and deferred as this market were as follows: No. 2 white, No. 2 red, 72c sellers; No. 3 red, 71c; May, 70,000 bu at 79¾c; 5,000 bu at 79¾c; 10,000 bu at 79¾c; 20,000 bu at 79¾c; closing 79¾c bid; No. 3 red, 72c; No. 2 mixed, 71¾c; at 65c per bu.

Corn: No. 3 mixed, 46¼c; No. 2 yellow, 46c per bu.

Oats: No. 2 white 1 car at 35¼c; No. 4 white, 33¼c; 2 cars, 2 cars at 34c.

Rye: No. 2 spot, 53½c; No. 3 rye, 2 cars at 51½c per bu.

Chicago—Wheat: No. 2 spring, 73@75c; No. 3, 67@69c; No. 2 red, 71¼@73½c.

Corn: No. 2, 42c; No. 2 yellow, 42½c; No. 3, 32¾c; No. 3 white, 33@34½c. Rye: No. 2, 46c.

Produce.

Detroit.—Few changes are noted from day to day in the produce market. Commission men report only a fair trade and little change in prices. Eggs are easy, the demand, Butter is coming in with a fair degree of freedom, but no change is made, beyond quotations. Offerings of poultry are sustained. Eggs are easy also, and supplies of poultry are large. An active demand is expected in case of sustained cold weather, but with mild weather there is little chance for much demand, in potatoes there is a fair demand, but fruits and vegetables are very scarce.

Detroit—Cattle: Good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, $3.75@4.25; fair to good heifers, 700 to 900 lbs., $3.25@3.50; good to choice cows, $3.00@3.50; good well bred feeders, $3.25@3.50; good well bred feeders, $2.75@3.25; light stockers, $2.75@3.25. Milch Cows and Springers—Good to choice cows, $35@50; common, dull. Veal Calves: Strong, last week's prices, $6.00@6.50.

Sheep: Best lambs, $5.00@5.10; light to fair lambs, $4.00@4.75; yearlings, $4.50@5.00; fair to good butcher sheep, $3.75@3.90; culls and common, $2.00@2.50.

Hogs: Light to good butchers, $5.30@5.35; pigs and light yorkers, $5.25@5.30; roughs, $5.00@5.15; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo—Cattle: Steady; veals, tens $4.75@5.00; common to good, $3.50@4.50; fancy export steers, $4.90@5.00; choice to prime steers, $5.40@5.80; poor to medium, $4.00@5.50; stockers and feeders, $3.00@3.75; fresh cows and springers, $25@45; canners, $1.25@2.50; bulls, $2@4.00; calves, $5.50@7.50; Texas fed steers, $3.75@4.50.

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Joseph Cronin, non-union, and Frank Sanderson, union mill pushers, had a fierce fight with fists on the streets of Cleveland, and Cronin was then pursued by Sanderson into a moving street car, both still shooting and creating a panic among the passengers.

At a sokewalk at East Chester, N. Y., Thomas Evans, a big artilleryman from Fort Slocum, appeared on the floor, flourishing a knife. Others Tennessee a fight. In the melee which followed Evans was stabbed in the stomach with a baptbn, Wm. Smith had an ear cut off and an unknown was badly cut.

Fred Byrd, a colored boil boy at the Lexington Hotel, Chicago, was shot and killed Thursday night by Walter Edwards, another colored employe. The murder was committed in the corridor of the fifth floor, and nearly caused a panic among the guests on that floor. Edwards escaped. The murder was the result of a quarrel.

Mrs. Mary Kline and her infant child died in the San Francisco emergency hospital from the effects of burns received at their home. Before dying, Mrs. Kline declared that Mrs. Mary Davis had come into their room and thrown a burning lamp under the bed in which she and her baby lay.