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The princess, of course, did not fire the shot, but it was heard around the world.

Radium is at last within reach of the masses. The price has fallen to $2,000 per grain.

Colombia's trouble about getting an army to the isthmus is a great argument in favor of good roads.

The Virginia senator who spent just ten cents in his successful campaign must have begrudged it awfully.

A lake of whitewash has been discovered in Jolo. There are some men out there who ought to bathe in it at once.

A Washington bard makes isthmus rhyme with strabismus. Yet some critics claim we have no more strong poets.

Perhaps if Herbert Spencer had been happily married he wouldn't have died of senile decay at the age of 83.

Where did that German army officer who is charged with 1,000 separate cases of cruelty get time for his meals?

A Toledo woman has been sent to the insane asylum because she read Emerson—which was evidence enough in Toledo.

Of more than 2,000 prisoners received at the Ohio state prison last year not one could repeat the ten commandments.

By fifteen minutes' active use of a snow shovel a man can pile up a beautiful reputation for public spirit among his neighbors.

Dr. Sargent found that champion Jeffries' right arm has shrunk a little since he examined him in 1899, but his reputation hasn't.

The Antiprofanity league requests you kindly not to swear. If you must say something to express your feelings, say "O fudge."

Perhaps the Chicago doctor who thinks bathing shortens life bases his theory upon the fact that tramps never seem to die off.

One day Russia considers Japan's proposals and the next day Japan considers Russia's proposals, but all this has ceased to be news.

Wos y Gil took $200,000 in cash with him when he left San Domingo. It pays to be president down there if one doesn't delay his departure too long.

Which writer of vaudeville sketches will be the lucky one to receive an order from Sara Bernhardt when she comes to America for her "last farewell"?

It would take the entire population of the United States 100 days to shell the corn crop by hand. Fortunately for all of us, the steam sheller was invented.

A story from abroad has it that a man has gone crazy from eating corn. Is the writer sure it wasn't a certain popular corn product that befuddled his brain?

A dairyman in New York state milks cows by electricity. But no device has been invented that will get good milk from a cow that has been visiting the onions.

The report that London court and society circles are greatly startled by the plan to establish a censorship of society morals can hardly be considered surprising.

King Victor Emmanuel's gift of $2,000 to the fund for the relief of the Macedonian refugees is from his private purse, but some would say he didn't earn the money.

What's this! Discord in the Doeme family? And yet both Mme. Nordica, the distinguished prima donna, and her husband, the fascinating tenor, have souls that are just chock full of music.

As proof that Russia and Japan are working harmoniously the ministries can point out that the two powers have even selected the same time for putting their respective fleets into war colors.

No doubt there are literary men who will have their doubts about the greatness of Herbert Spencer or the security of his fame. When did any one ever photograph him in various effective poses in his home?

A Massachusetts lady—who is also a spinster—made a burglar howl for mercy by biting him. When a Massachusetts spinster gets a man in a corner she is pretty sure to take advantage of the situation.

W. K. Vanderbilt thinks the salaries of preachers should be reduced. Mr. Vanderbilt seems to be rather ungrateful. A preacher did him quite a favor when he wanted to get married awhile ago and the laws of the Church of England almost thwarted him.

The state Supreme Court of Minnesota has decided that Ole Hedlund is entitled to $800 damages because his whiskers were pulled by Julius Cresein in a saloon. It is encouraging that the Minnesota Supreme Court is disposed to look with reverence upon whiskers, but why should a man who is old enough to have them hang around a saloon?

The miscellaneous loves of royalty in Europe are probably no more numerous and errant than they always were, but this is an age of newspapers.

20 KILLED; 40 INJURED.

Disasterous Wreck on the Pere Marquette Railroad Near Grand Rapids.

EXPLANATIONS OF THE CAUSE OF THE DISASTER ARE STILL VERY CONFLICTING.

The fast train that leaves Detroit at 1:20 p. m. met the train that leaves Grand Rapids for the east at 5:20 head on, at a spot between Oakdale, six miles east of Grand Rapids, and Fox, a station a few miles further east, Saturday, with the result that both trains were wrecked with attendant losses of life, injuries, and horrors, save that of fire, which usually accompany such disasters. The locomotives of both trains were simply a mass of twisted iron and steel. The mail and baggage cars, with combination smokers, were completely demolished. The heavy timbers from the smoker of the eastbound train had crashed into the front part of the day coach, and from the debris could be heard the agonizing cries of men, pinioned and unable to extract themselves.

There was not a physician on either train, but while the sufferers waited for the relief train from Grand Rapids, heroic work was done by Mrs. E. J. Cook, of Grand Rapids. This young woman was in the parlor car of the east-bound train, and was at first very nervous, but when she saw the poor fellows brought in with bruised heads and mangled bodies, she tucked up her skirts, rolled up her sleeves, put on an apron and demonstrated her ability as a trained nurse, while she modestly declared she would not permit her name to be published.

Two minutes' absence of a signal light caused the wreck. Supt. of Telegraph Weidman, of the Pere Marquette, had some difficulty in getting at the bottom of the matter, but finally secured the following:

"Both trains had orders to meet at Oakdale. The westbound No. 5 was not doing well as to time, so, to help out No. 6, the eastbound train, Dispatcher Halstead, at Plymouth, who handles all trains on the division, changed the orders to have them meet at Fox, a siding next east of Oakdale. The eastbound No. 6 signed for the change at Ninth avenue, about a mile out of Grand Rapids, and the westbound was to get her orders at McCord. No. 5 went on through McCord, and the operator immediately reported that she had passed the signal point. He went out and found his signal light out. It had been burning and showed red two minutes before No. 5 came through. The high wind had extinguished it."

The corrected list of the dead and injured in the wreck shows a total of 20 killed and 48 injured, as follows:

THE DEAD:

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Baldwin and son Louis, of Mulliken, Mich.
Lester Williams, Lansing; printer.
Mrs. Daisy Giles, Lowell, Mich.
Burt Myers, Lake Odessa.
Walter Jordan, Clarksville.
Joseph Hulim, Windsor, Ont. (colored).
Austin L. Wagar, 192 Sixteenth st., Detroit; baggageman.
Charles A. Stoddard, Detroit; engineer No. 6.
Charles A. Devine, Grand Rapids; parents live in Dexter, Mich.
William Helmrich, Detroit; baggageman.
F. M. Gillett, Burr Oak or Portland.
Wm. J. Burns, Detroit; fireman No. 5.
George Palmer, Detroit; American Express agent train No. 6.
Wm. Smith, Portland.
E. F. Coykendall, Lake Odessa.
A. F. May, Grand Rapids; car repairer.
Peterson (or Thompson), Sioux City, Ia.
Unknown Man, about 30 years of age had initials "A. J. K." on cuffs; weight about 150 pounds.

THE INJURED:

Gerrit Motman, Godfrey ave., Grand Rapids; internal injuries and hip crushed; dying.
Charles West, Saranac; both legs broken, left hand torn off, probably fatally injured.
John Post, Clarksville, Mich.; skull fractured, nose broken, injured seriously about body and hips.
Michael Maltburg, Hart; badly burned about legs, hand and breast.
Charles T. Chambers, Ionia; injured about head, face, body, hands and legs.
Frank Waterman, 886 Porter st., Detroit; engineer, train No. 5; seriously injured about head, face lacerated and internal injuries.
J. C. Woodworth, Salem, Mich.; injuries about head and body.
Edward Weigel, 565 Fifth ave., Grand Rapids; right leg broken and head injured.
George Niel, Fifth ave., Grand Rapids; conductor train No. 5; left leg broken and badly injured about body.
R. E. Gay, 247 Michigan ave., Detroit; head, body and right leg injured.
Mark C. Gay, 247 Michigan ave., Detroit; injured about head and body.
Harry Marcus, New York city, president of The E. H. Marcus company; left leg fractured and injured about the shoulders.
E. B. Moon, 322 South Division st., Grand Rapids, fireman train No. 5, injured about head and body.
Mrs. H. Kent, Grand Rapids; injured internally.
C. N. Botsford, Farmington, Mich., mail clerk, train No. 6, badly cut about the head.
Mrs. H. O. Gray, 947 Elm st., Grand Rapids; badly bruised about head and hips.
H. O. Branch, Sunfield; badly injured about head and shoulders.
George Crammond, pressman of the Evening Press, Grand Rapids; injured about head, leg, and collar-bone broken.
Andrew Sprague, Allegan; injured about head and body.
Miss Gale Sprague, Allegan; injured about head and body.
Claud Brown, Grand Rapids; leg injured.
Mrs. H. R. Streeter, Grand Ledge; badly cut about the head.
Howard Miner, 986 Elm st., Grand Rapids; left arm broken.
W. J. Barger, Muskegon Heights; injured about head and face.
Rev. James Humphrey, Pastor Church of Christ, Lansing; badly cut about face.
Timothy Qualey, 597 Broadway, Grand Rapids; seriously injured about back.
J. T. Gould, 26 Campbell st., Grand Rapids; badly cut about hands and shoulders.
John Ross, 313 Capitol ave. Lansing; injured about legs and arms.
Henry T. Bols, 252 Chestnut st., Grand Rapids; leg badly injured.
Ada Keller, Clarksville, Mich.; left leg injured.
J. Mischick, Polander; address unknown.
W. E. Rogers, Muskegon, Mich., brakeman.
L. H. Gossenmier, Lansing, Mich., cabinetmaker.
Thomas Draper, Dutton, Mich., blacksmith.
Richard Bonthett, Grand Rapids.
Andrew Gello, Muskegon, Mich.
Milton S. Crowl, Grand Rapids.
J. W. Moore, Detroit.
D. Meche, Foreigner, residence unknown.
Allen B. Wells, Big Rapids, Mich.
Peter W. Wierengl, Grand Rapids.
Seven others slightly injured.

The officials of the Pere Marquette railroad are working hard on the search for the real causes of the awful wreck at East Paris, in which 20 people lost their lives and 48 were injured.

The Pere Marquette people hold to the theory that the catastrophe was brought about by the blowing out of the red signal lamp at McCords, after it had been set by Operator Booth and only a minute or so before the westbound train dashed through at a mile-a-minute rate. The theory promulgated by General Superintendent Smith lays the entire blame upon the high wind blowing at the time, and assumed that everybody concerned, so far as the railroad employes may be connected with the wreck, did his duty.

Against the theory of the superintendent and the positive statement of Operator Booth, however, are the equally positive statements of Engineer Waterman, Fireman Moon and Conductor Neil, of train No. 5. These three men unite in declaring that when they flew through the McCords yards there was no red light on the signal board, but there was a white light in its accustomed place. They add that had there been no light at all, as claimed by the operator, they would have stopped to see what the matter was.

Sugar Making.

Dr. John Wesener, of Chicago, who has been in Owosso several days visiting relatives and studying the workings of the sugar factory, declares that, if machinery which he is building does the work he confidently expects it to do, he will revolutionize the making of sugar from vegetables. By pressure much higher than that used to extract sugar from beets, he will use almost any garden vegetable, carrots, rutabagas or turnips and by a process which, of course, is secret, will make sugar at a much cheaper figure than the beet factories are turning it out.

Bennett to Remain.

Edwin T. Bennett, former newspaper proprietor in Bay county, now serving a seven-year sentence in Jackson prison for manslaughter, will not be given a pardon. C. L. Fox received a letter from Gov. Bliss stating that he would not act in Bennett's behalf, as the pardon board had made no recommendation. The letter was a blow to Bennett's friends, who have been working hard in his behalf, as they were certain Gov. Bliss would release Bennett.

A woman of Lum sold thirty-seven turkeys that weighed 400 lbs.

Michael Finn, of Hancock, is serving his thirty-sixth year as city clerk.

Postoffice at Maywood, Iron county, has been discontinued on account of lack of business.

The requisition of the governor of Colorado has been honored for the return of H. E. Bennett, under arrest at Kalamazoo, charged with embezzlement. Bennett was ticket agent for the Union Pacific at a desolate station in Colorado, and he is said to have left the country on a ticket he issued to himself.

Christmas was not a particularly happy day for Lee Long, Cadillac's Chinese laundryman. Lee came to this country ten years ago and has been in his present location eight years. When he left his country he parted with a 14-year-old wife, and since then he has sent home to her about $2,000 and entertained hopes of returning soon and spending the rest of his life in ease with his wife. Now the news comes that she has committed suicide because she was lonely and her parents would not allow her to leave the city of her ancestors.

A Menominee farmer grew 22 tons of sugar beets on 1¼ acres of ground.

MICHIGAN NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mason county is spending $14,000 on roads.

The Wood camp school is closed by unruly boys.

A Quincy man caught 500 muskrats in three months.

Menominee fishermen are getting ready for winter.

One hundred persons visit the U. of M. museum daily.

Michigan Central building new ticket office at Battle Creek.

Muskegon's Sabbath Union is trying to put down the saloons.

Saginaw county is to be entirely covered by free rural delivery.

Arrangements completed for holding Farmers' Institute at Caro Jan. 22-23.

Freight business at Cadillac booming. Potato shipments amount to 400 cars.

David Decker, of Coldwater, fined $50 or 40 days in jail for over-driving horse.

Inmates of Ionia house of correction feast on venison confiscated by game warden.

U. S. army recruiting station at Houghton has been removed to Marinette, Wis.

A Kalamazoo woman named her house "The Club" and now he stays home nights.

At Lexington there is a man so mean that he steals the chimneys off the street lamps.

Linden Presbyterians have secured Rev. Albert Ross, of Huron county, as their new pastor.

Michigan editor announces article on "Hell and Who Will Be There." Many lawyers threaten libel suits if names are published.

Total of 36,183 words wired away from Cadillac during the trial of Mrs. McKnight for murder.

Blazing oil from a machine in the Three Rivers carriage works seriously burned Roy Gage, an employe.

Holland farmers have thousands of bushels of corn in field unhusked. Heavy snow stops operations.

Holland sugar factory will have paid $130,000 to farmers for beets when they close in two weeks.

Arthur Geer, of Mt. Pleasant, for shooting and wounding John Herring, was sentenced to Ionia for not less than six months.

Frank Swope, Benton Harbor, drunk. Abused wife until she jumped from second story window. Frank now in pen.

Conductor Armstrong, on the Michigan Central, was attacked by a crowd of drunks at Dowagiac and severely injured.

Edward Wagner, of Benton Harbor, worth $50,000, has job as motorman on electric car. Says he works because he likes it.

Since bonding proposition carried, Muskegon chamber of commerce trying to secure two big machine shops to locate there.

President Osmun, of Montague, resigns on account of being interested in electric line which will ask for right of way through streets.

Shelby has two merchants named Shirts and they are neither laundrymen nor gents' furnishers. One is a grocer and the other is a jeweler.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Kalamazoo County Husbandmen's club will be held in Vicksburg Wednesday and Thursday, January 20 and 21.

Over in Kalamazoo county there lives a woman whose birthday and wedding anniversary come on Christmas, and one present does for all three occasions.

Elmer Stowell, of Greenbush township, has recovered a verdict of $1,870 against the Standard Oil Co. He was injured by the explosion of a lamp last summer.

E. C. Roberts's elevator in Lapeer was burned Saturday afternoon to the ground with its contents. Besides the elevator a car belonging to the Michigan Central was consumed.

As a result of a spotter's recent visit to Port Huron thirst parlors on a Sunday and also on Thanksgiving day, warrants were issued for fifteen saloonists charged with a violation of the state liquor laws.

H. A. Whitney, superintendent of the poor in Battle Creek, asserts that 100 per cent more people have applied to him for help this winter with the excuse that there was no work to be obtained than last year.

The St. Johns council has granted a franchise to E. M. Hopkins for the proposed Ionia & Owosso electric railway through St. Johns. The terms are practically identical with those of the Lansing, St. Johns & St. Louis franchise.

The Kalamazoo Gazette-News is carrying on a crusade in that city for cleaner streets and alleys. The newspaper office is situated on Exchange place, which is claimed to be the worst street in town as far as uncleanliness goes.

Married one month, separated the next and applying for a divorce the third, is the brief marital experience of Mae E. Glestman, of Flint. Mrs. Glestman says in her bill that her husband did not give her a cent after their marriage.

Two Mormon elders have been distributing circulars in Holland, but thus far their proselyting is a failure. Their request for a school house in which to hold meetings was peremptorily refused, as the people have no sympathy with Mormonism.

Maj. Charles A. Vernou, who has been commandant at the Agricultural college for several years, will be relieved of that duty in a short time, his appointment as inspector of the Michigan National guard having been asked for by the state military board.

The Three Rivers electric lighting company has evidently finished stringing the city and will begin to string the wires today. If peace continues and the weather is favorable, it is hoped that the lights will be in working order by the last of the week.

A rascal named Storms stormed a jewelry store in Benton Harbor last week and was promptly locked up in the city bastile. Storms was evidently new at the business, as he tried to sell some of his ill gotten goods not a block away from the scene of his raid.

Attorney J. J. Zimmer will begin suit for $10,000 against Sheriff O. A. Holliday, of Eaton county, in behalf of J. Ward Copeland, the former hotel clerk whom a mob tarred and feathered because of his relations with a young woman who committed suicide there.

The charge against Chas. Osburn, the Saranac school boy, of shooting Jesse Hunter, a companion, "without malice or intent," has been changed to a charge of attempted murder. Clyde Segraff, a third boy, says Charles threatened Jesse just before the deed.

A company of Michigan lumbermen has under consideration the proposed erection of a box factory at Wells next spring and a tour of the state taking in the principal box manufacturing towns will be made next month to gain a few points on the condition of the business.

The Hutton family, of Northville, held its annual reunion Christmas at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hutton, this being the thirtieth consecutive year the children have met at the paternal home. During all that time the original family circle has not been invaded by death.

It is reported that in the vicinity of Caro there are 200 acres of sugar beets in the ground which were contracted for by the Peninsular Beet Sugar Company of that place. This crop would consist of about 1,000 tons, valued at $8,000 and will be a total loss to the growers, as the beets are worthless and the factory has closed for the season.

The unhappy Princess Louise of Coburg, who is still in a sanitarium in Dresden, is again mixed in scandal. Lonely and depressed, deprived of all amusement, every demand for which is met with a stern exhortation to make her peace with God, she lavished blandishments upon a young and handsome doctor in the sanitarium. Their relations were discovered and the doctor dismissed.

Samuel Peterson, sentenced from Menominee in February, 1901, to five years for arson, has been paroled by the governor, William C. Mabley, sent up from Detroit in 1900, for a 42-months term, has been given a pardon.

Ovid citizens say they have been done a gross injustice by the reports circulated to the effect that scarlet fever is raging in the vicinity and that the residents are terrorized by the alarming aspect of the epidemic. The local papers there claim that there are but half a dozen cases and these have been pronounced very light and that the schools were closed only for the holiday vacation, as is customary, and not because of the contagion.

Selah Canfield and John Rice, residents of Bronson township, have been arrested on a warrant sworn out by J. D. Relyea, a farmer, charging them with stealing three mink skins.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

The Canal Will Go.

President Roosevelt and the Republican leaders in Congress have not yet played their last card in the Panama canal game. The opposition of the Democrats in the Senate to the treaty, which threatens to prevent its ratification, will not be permitted to kill the canal project.

Taking Texas and Hawaii as precedents, in case the Senate rejects the treaty, the House will bring in a joint resolution authorizing the President to pay Panama $10,000,000 and the rental agreed upon in the treaty and proceed to build the canal under the Spooner act.

The Republican Senate and House leaders have practically agreed on this program to circumvent the designs of Gorman, Morgan, Bailey et al. in the Senate. A joint resolution requires the assent of only a bare majority, which the Republicans can give alone, while the treaty requires a two-thirds majority in the Senate, which cannot be secured without Democratic votes.

Sixty-four Killed.

The summing up of the results of the wreck of the Duquesne Limited on the Baltimore & Ohio, eight miles west of Connellsville, Pa., shows a total dead list of 64 and nine injured. All but a few of the 68 bodies have been identified and those who are still unknown were laid away in Hill Grove cemetery at the dawn of Christmas morning. Those who are still to be identified are mostly foreigners and it is doubtful if their identity will ever be known. Considerable money was found on the persons unidentified and tightly sewed in a belt on one foreigner was found more than $400, which was placed in the First National bank. Sums ranging from $100 to $300 were found and this like the balance has been put in the bank until perhaps some time a relative may be located.

To Butcher the Jews.

Trapped in Kishenev, 40,000 Jews wait in terror for the coming of the Russian Christmas day on January 7, when the brutal and inflamed Russian population of that town plans to begin the new slaughter that is destined to leave the place without a living Jew inhabitant.

The horror of the situation is almost beyond comprehension. No effort is made to keep secret the preparations for the wiping out of half the population of the city. Daily pamphlets calling upon the Russians to arise against the Jew on Christmas circulate from hand to hand, and the distribution is aided by the police and soldiers of the town. The Jews know the fate that is to be theirs, but cannot evade it.

"The British Widow."

"The British widow," who visited various cities, including Detroit, and played a hand organ on the streets for alms to support herself and her two little girls, is dying here, and her identity, which she so carefully concealed, has been revealed.

She is Mrs. N. S. Ingram, daughter of the late Dr. Matthew Collins, of Trinity College, Dublin. Dr. Collins was one of the most celebrated scholars of his day. Mrs. Ingram was born in Dublin and was one of the belles of that city. Her hair is thick and black and curly, her eyes are large and gray and her face tinged with color.

Mrs. Ingram lost all she possessed in operating a hotel in Johannesburg just before the Boer war.

Death of Mrs. Hoar.

Mrs. Ruth Miller Hoar, wife of Senator Hoar, who died in Washington Thursday night, was a daughter of the late Henry W. Miller, of Worcester, one of the city's leading merchants 50 years ago. She was the senator's second wife, and was married to him 41 years ago. Her only sister was Mrs. W. W. Rice, who at one time was a United States congressman from the Worcester district. Mrs. Hoar had been in poor health for several years, a heart affection having troubled her all of that time.

Heath Defiant.

Perry S. Heath says of the charges made against him in the postal scandal: "If I am to be persecuted and hounded because I am a friend of Senator Hanna, I am prepared to stand it all. No man whose friendship I enjoy believes one word of the cowardly charges that have been made against me under cover of vague generalities. I challenge Bristow and those acting with him to produce any evidence they have implicating me."

To Sell His Mother's Body.

William T. Smith, a negro, of Columbus, O., went to the office of the Ohio Medical College to sell the corpse of his mother, who had died a few hours before, because he had no money to bury her, and no funds for the holiday season. The dead woman was 52 years old, a widow, and Smith was her only relative.

Owing to Judge Hooker's illness, several important cases will not be passed upon until after the holidays.

A postoffice has been established at Bunyea, Wexford county, Michigan, with Drayton Seaman as postmaster.

Walter B. Solomon, of Hamilton, Ont., finds himself the legal husband of two wives. When he settled in Cleveland he got a divorce from his first wife and married again, but now the courts have set aside that divorce.

Virginia Jackson, an aged colored woman, died suddenly of heart disease in Chicago because she thought she had been poisoned. The coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that she "was not poisoned, but died because she thought she had been poisoned."

Five members of the Electrical Workers' Union pleaded guilty at Chicago to conspiring to keep witnesses out of the state. It is claimed that they paid Harry L. Perkus, an employe of the criminal court, $300 to falsify the records to make it appear that John Gallagher, indicted for assaulting non-union men, was acquitted. Gallagher has left the city.

Frank M. Burness, who confessed four murders, was sentenced to the electric chair by a jury before Judge Crane, in Brooklyn, and after the verdict was rendered wished the jurors a merry Christmas. Burness's fourth murder was committed Nov. 10 last.

CONDENSED NEWS.

A quarrel over transfers on an "owl" car at Chicago resulted in the fatal shooting of Conductor Joseph Dries, aged 50. The murderer escaped.

Philadelphia and its suburbs are estimated to have consumed 300,000 turkeys, weighing on an average 13 pounds apiece, on Thanksgiving day.

Capt. Dreyfus, accused of treason to his country, degraded, dismissed from the French army, and most bitterly punished, will have another trial, this time by a civil tribunal.

The balance of the marines from the United States cruiser Prairie, numbering 150, were landed in Colon Thursday and went by train to Bas Obispo station on the Panama railroad.

Two policemen in citizens' clothes, detailed to protect the non-union crew of a Chicago street car, were nearly killed by a mob which derailed the car. Both were found unconscious, and were taken to the hospital.

Jacky Smokalem, a widely known Swash Indian, killed his wife on the Puyallup reservation in Washington. Her chest and face were beaten into a pulp, and the Indian remained in his shanty with the corpse for 24 hours.

Cannibal Indians, the Seris of Tiburon island, in the Gulf of California, have gone on the warpath, are raiding ranches and committing depredations on the mainland. The Seris are said to be the fleetest runners in the world.

Failing to secure a warrant for the man whom he alleged had alienated his wife's affections, David G. Van Hourten, of Portland, Ore., went to a saloon and without warning shot and killed Albert Young, one of the proprietors.

Thursday, for the first time in a week, hearses carried the dead to the cemeteries in and around Chicago. The hearses were driven by non-union drivers, the livery owners abandoning the policy of pleading danger and withholding service.

When the anthracite collieries shut down for a holiday until January 4, the most successful year in the history of the region came to a close. Total shipments aggregate 50,000,000 tons, exceeding by 5,000,000 tons the best previous record.

James Abeel, the New York "lady killer," who is alleged to have impersonated J. Ogden Goelet, Jr., in an attempt to marry Miss Grace Anderson, of New York, will fight extradition at Niagara Falls, Ont., where he is held by Canadian officials.

Granville W. Garth, president of the Mechanics' National bank of New York, committed suicide by jumping overboard from the steamer Denuer on Christmas night, while en route from New York to Galveston on a four months' leave for his health.

Twenty years ago James Ackerson, of Fairview, N. J., and Amelia Northerman were to be married. The girl got angry because Ackerson whipped a horse too vigorously and broke off the match. This week they met again, "made up" and were duly wedded.

A kettle of gold coin found in the sand by a clam digger at South Yarmouth, Mass., has set the whole town treasure-seeking despite the cold weather. Even a horse and plow have been called into requisition. The coins found are much worn, apparently English productions, dated 1570.

Martha Cahill, aged 16 years, of Hoboken, has had 64 square inches of skin transplated from her back to her skull to supply the place of a missing scalp, torn off last Tuesday in the Hoboken Straw works, when her hair was caught by the shafting. The grafted spot will be permanently bald.

Convicted of murder in the second degree and then restored to his family, James Swaney will pass Christmas with his wife and 12 children at his own fireside near Haydentown, Pa., where the crime was committed. Then Swaney will return to Uniontown to receive his sentence and go to the penitentiary.

Wild west footpads are terrorizing Philadelphia's suburbs, men and women alike being held up. At Strafford they covered an aged watchman with revolvers and blindfolded him. The men then blew open the safe in the railroad station, which is also used as a postoffice, and took about $1,000 in money and stamps.

A play instead of a sermon was an innovation tried in Trinity German Lutheran church, Baltimore, on Sunday night. It was staged and managed by the minister of the church. The tone of the drama, which was in German, was highly religious. The admission fees paid by an audience which packed the edifice will be used in aid of the poor.

Elijah Dowie in his farewell to his Chicago followers, preparatory to his trip to Australia, said: "I am going to leave everything in Zion City and not steal away with either the lace works or the temple." Dowie spoke in a friendly manner of President Roosevelt and in his prayer asked that Mr. Roosevelt's enemies be circumvented and forestalled in "carrying out their mischievous plans."

Officers of the army are endeavoring to find Second Lieut. Floyd C. Miller, of the First Infantry, who, while engaged with troops on guard at the tomb of the late President McKinley, in Westlawn cemetery, near Canton, O., disappeared on the 4th inst, and has not been seen or heard from since. Miller is a native of Ohio. If he does not report in three months he will be recorded as a deserter.

It was announced at the forty-ninth convention of the University of Chicago that donations amounting to $1,350,000 had been received from John D. Rockefeller, founder of the university.

Hearses are again being used for Chicago funerals, but policemen are mounted on the seats to keep away strikers. About 100 striking livery drivers have asked for their old jobs. The dissatisfaction is most general among those men who were employed in the fashionable livery stables. These men made a great deal of money in tips and they are afraid that non-union men may take their places.

John D. Rockefeller, hearing that an old boyhood friend, Charles Austin, of Sioux City, Mo., was about to lose his farm by foreclosure, sent him a generous check, and the mortgage was cancelled.

Frank Andrews Talks.

Frank C. Andrews since his parole from Jackson prison has done some talking. If he gets permission from the governor he says he is going to Mexico where he professes to be a controling owner in mines that are fabulously rich.

"Attorney F. W. Whiting and myself will go to Mexico to straighten out the affairs of these mines and put things in good running order as soon as the necessary permit for the trip can be obtained from the governor. I have known all the time that there was all kinds of money awaiting me there. I look to those mines as one of the means of my rehabilitation."

Since making this statement he now says: "Yes, I have seen the report of my going to Mexico to develop Quebradilla mining properties and the story credited to Expert Accountant Hayes, in which he intimates that there is still a large sum of money that has not been accounted for, but I do not care to say anything about either and must refer you to my attorney, Mr. A. J. Groesbeck, who will be able to give out any information necessary in the matter. I do not want to prolong a discussion without his advice and really feel that he should do whatever talking is necessary."

Says Andrews Can't Go.

Governor Bliss states that it would be impossible for Frank C. Andrews to go to Mexico or any other place outside of the state without breaking his parole and giving Prosecutor Hunt a chance to act against him. The only two ways for him to get out of Michigan is through absolute pardon or by secretely leaving the state.

The attention of the governor was called to the statements made by Detroiters that they had not signed their names to the petitions which were presented to him asking for Andrews's release, but he said he believed the names to be genuine. However, he would look into the matter.

"I have nothing to regret," said Gov. Bliss. "All I ask is that the people will withhold their censure. Time will vindicate my action."

The Soo Park.

The deal between the government and the owners of the property in Sault Ste. Marie, is rapidly coming to a close. It is expected that it will be acquired by the government for about a quarter of a million dollars. This will move all the commercial docks down the river and will have a tendency to change the business of the city to the east end. It will give the government a continuous stretch of park nearly a mile in length all on the river front. Abstracts of the property are now in Washington, and as soon as this matter is attended to the deal will be closed.

Osteopath Certificates.

The newly created state board of examiners in osteopathy is directed by an order handed down by the supreme court to show cause why they should not issue a certificate to practice to David A. Mills, an Ann Arbor osteopath. The secretary of the board claims that the 90 days of grace provided for in the state law as the period for granting licenses without examination had really expired when the law went into effect. The attorney-general's department figures it out differently.

Five union men employed on Manistique, Marquette & Northern ferry quit on account of rule forbidding them to work with non-union men.

Blazzie Fiola, an Italian trammer, was killed in the Colby mine, Bessemer, a rock falling on his head. He leaves a large family in the old country.

Live Stock.

Detroit—Choice steers, $4 25 to $5; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs. average, $3 50 to $4 25; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 lbs. average, $2 75 to $3 50; mixed butchers and fat cows, $2 50 to $3 25; canners, $1 25 to $2; common bulls, $2 to $2 50; good shippers' bulls, $2 75 to $3 25; common feeders, $2 75 to $3 75; light stockers, $2 25 to $3 25. Milch cows, steady, $25 to $50. Veal calves, $3 to $6 50. Hogs—Light to good butchers, $4 45 to $4 60; pigs, $4 25 to $4 40; light yorkers, $4 50; roughs, $4; stags, 1-3 off. Sheep—Best lambs, $5 50 to $5 75; fair to good lambs, $5 25 to $5 50; light to common lambs, $4 50 to $5; fair to good butcher sheep, $3 25 to $4; culls and common, $2 to $2 75.

Chicago—Good to prime steers, $5 to $5 75; poor to medium, $3 25 to $5; stockers and feeders, $1 75 to $4; cows, $1 50 to $4; heifers, $2 to $4 75; canners, $1 50 to $2 40; bulls, $2 to $4 25; calves, $2 to $6 25. Hogs—Mixed and butchers', $4 40 to $4 70; good to choice heavy, $4 55 to $4 65; rough heavy, $4 25 to $4 50; light, $4 10 to $4 45; bulk of sales, $4 40 to $4 55. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $3 50 to $4; native lambs, $4 to $5 75; fair to choice mixed, $2 75 to $3 50.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit (actual sales)—Wheat, No. 1 white, 90c asked; No. 2 bid, 91c bid, December, 2,000 bu at 91 1-2c, closing 91c best bid; May, 5,000 bu at 88c, 5,000 bu at 88 1-4c, 10,000 bu at 88 1-2c, 5,000 bu at 88 3-4c; No. 3 red, 88c; by sample, 1 car at 89c, 1 car at 90c per bu. Corn—No. 3 mixed, 42 1-2c; No. 3 yellow, 45 1-2c per bu; market easy. Oats—No. 3 white spot, 2 cars at 38 1-4c per bu. Rye—No. 2 spot, 1 car at 60c per bu. Beans—Spot and December, $1 85 asked; January, $1 77 asked; February, $1 75 asked.

Chicago—Wheat—No. 3, 79c to 80c; No. 2 red, 82 3-4c to 86c. Corn—No. 2, 42c; No. 2 yellow, 43 1-2c. Oats—No. 2, 34 1-2c to 34 3-4c; No. 3 white, 34c to 37 1-2c. Rye—No. 2, 52 1-2c. Barley—Good feeding, 35c to 36c; fair to choice malting, 44c to 55c.

Marinette young men have formed a "consolation club," certificates of membership being issued only when it is shown that the applicant has been jilted by his sweetheart, and special privileges are granted to men who have seen their former loves married to rivals.

Ernest, the 18-year-old son of Charles Hoyle, who lives a mile east of Davison, was kicked by a horse. His nose was broken and his face badly cut about the eyebrows. Only the fact that the horse was without shoes saved him from a fracture of the skull.

The tallest building on earth is to be erected in New York, if the present plans are carried out. With five stories below the street level, forty stories high from the entrance to the top floor and surmounted by a sixty foot tower, the gigantic new building will have a total hight of 615 feet.

The state is incurring some pretty heavy expenses in defending the suit brought against it by the railroads of the state to set aside the railway assessment. It has now become necessary for the state to send a lawyer to California to take the testimony of witnesses whose presence here cannot be secured.