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Every dog has his day, but he ought to cut his nights out. People need sleep.

Admiral Togo's official report is fully as emotional as the multiplication table.

Colombia has reduced its army from 11,000 to 5,000. Probably the privates were all discharged.

The president of Uruguay died a natural death the other day, probably much to his surprise.

Now is the time for spring poets to send in their achievements—to other papers than this.

Andrew Carnegie may also have had grave doubts as to whether the American drama is worth endowing.

Radium is now quoted at $12,600,000 per pound, with few bidders. The sales reported are all of small lots.

Man needs but little here below. A half pound of radium, for instance, ought to make almost any one happy.

Shamrock I. is in process of demolition to be sold as old junk. For it is jolly good junk, which nobody can deny.

The Red Cross society is probably the only important organization in the world that is sincerely anxious to lose its job.

Don't spend one moment hating an enemy; takes just that much time from the profitable occupation of loving a friend.

Degenerate old England! They are issuing insurance policies against twins over there. Here we give premiums on 'em.

Bacteria cannot live very long on gold coin. But this fact does not insure absolute immunity from disease for most of us.

Jan Kubelik has been mobbed by students. It is unfortunate for Jan that he isn't over here now to get the benfit of the advertising.

These jiu-jitsu pictures are very pleasant to look at, but isn't the other fellow ever to do anything but let us twist him out of shape?

They can talk more fight and do less fighting in the Balkans than in any place on earth, not excepting the headquarters of a pugilist.

King Edward is spending more money on household expenses than his mother did; still, everybody knows how the price of beefsteak has gone up.

One of the college professors claims that people who eat apples are virtuous. Has anybody ever noticed what a debasing effect peanuts have upon man?

Perhaps the Texas couple that were married on the roof of a skyscraper merely wished to emphasize their belief that their marriage was made in heaven.

Having demonstrated to its own satisfaction that apples will cure the liquor habit, science will now turn its attention to finding a cure for the slave to apples.

Some day perhaps some scientific sharp will walk up to the legislature with a proposition to cross the gypsy moth and the silk worm and make the moth pest useful.

A recent set of quadruplets in Kentucky has been named for Grover Cleveland, William J. Bryan, Mark Hanna and Theodore Roosevelt. There's a combination for you.

On account of the high prices of flour, restaurant-keepers are slicing the ham in the sandwiches a little thinner than usual, impossible as that may seem.—Washington Post.

Let the Japs take warning. Old Gen. Killemoff, the celebrated Col. Dragemoff and the redoubtable Maj. Blowemhighskyski are on their way to the front, with blood in their eyes.

Always lay your money on the girls' basketball team that has a girl for referee. In case of extremity, she can resort to weeping, and the mere man officiating for the other side is helpless.

The average small boy will sympathize heartily with little Miss Adele Quintera of New York, who ran away from her kind foster mother because she was compelled to wear good clothes all the time.

In promulgating their theory that apples are a cure for bad habits and bad morals the horticulturists wish it understood that they do not vouch for the apple's efficacy after it has been converted into hard cider or imported champagne.

Captain Ivkov of the Manchurian army has been shot for revealing secrets to the Japanese, and the Russian army organ announces simply that he has been "excluded from service." Exclusive Russian officers object to associating with spies.

From Georgia comes the pleasing report that all indications point to the most successful fruit season in melons and peaches for many years. How glad we ought to be that the price of cotton hasn't yet gone high enough to lead the Georgia farmer to plow up his peach fields and melon patches.

A bill to prohibit putting coupons in packages of tobacco and cigarettes has been favorably reported in congress. Young men who lack only 3,714 coupons of getting an automobile will have to smoke up or they will be left.

# THE MICHIGAN NEWS

## Showing What's Doing in All Sections of the State

### THE DAMAGE DONE.

**Reports From Various Sections of the State.**

The rise of the Saginaw river is doing extensive damage. The general situation about the city is similar to that of Monday. Reports from Tittabawasse river are to the effect that there is no sign of a break-up as yet, and that the ice is several feet thick. Between Saginaw and Bay City the ice is over two feet deep and it has been found that a liberal use of dynamite has little effect in clearing the channel. Down river reports are full of tales of suffering and exposure from water. The river is still rising in Zilwaukee and Carrollton. From Prairie Farm, a large tract of land containing 10,000 acres owned by the Pittsburg Plate Glass and Owosso sugar factory, comes the report that it has been found necessary to abandon the farm and remove 60 families to Chesaning.

The suffering of the flood victims in Grand Rapids will now be aggravated by the failure of the gas suplpy. During Monday night all the gas mains leading to the west side filled with water, and there is no possibility of their becoming opened for use before the flood completely recedes. The result will be very serious, as gas was being used extensively for heating and cooking. The Grand is receding very slowly.

The worst flood ever experienced by Bay City inundated the city. Hundreds of boats were busy Monday evening rescuing people from the middle ground and the southern suburbs and taking them from the upper stories of tottering buildings. Every factory on the river front is shut down. Thousands of workmen are idle.

In Kalamazoo the factories are shut indefinitely. The work of relief is well organized. Many small towns not directly affected by the flood are cut off from communication by the suspension of railroad traffic. Richland reports no daily papers received from Kalamazoo since Thursday, and other towns are similarly affected. The railroad situation shows little improvement.

Apparently the flood danger is past in Flint. The river is falling and the factories which were closed by the flood have again resumed. Water flows unimpeded under the bridges and the lowlands are draining off, leaving great masses of ice stranded to show where the water had reached. Above the city is a mass of ice almost 10 miles long, which threatens to move down, but with the water lowering rapidly the danger of further flood damage is practically over.

Black river is at flood stage. At Albert Beard's mill and stock farm, southeast of Fargo, it was by great labor that his 20 horses and 50 head of cattle were saved. All his hogs were drowned, and from five to six million feet of logs floated down stream. Other farmers along the stream are reported as losing all their stock, the water rising in the night and drowning them in their stalls.

Battle Creek is making strenuous efforts to recover from the worst blow she ever received. Her flood experience has been more costly than any two of the largest fires that have characterized the city's past. But if she can recover with a mere property loss and avoid the sickness that threatens among the flooded homes she will be satisfied. That the poor will be cared for is apparent, as churches, factories, institutions, and the city are backing relief committees. The extent of the wreck could scarcely be believed were it not possible to see the path of ruin.

**Condition in Grand Rapids.**

Although the water in the Grand river above Grand Rapids has receded slightly, it remains stationary in the city and the suffering among west side residents is intense. Although the city was in total darkness, the work of rescue was continued all Sunday night and hundreds of persons were taken to the places of entertainment which have been provided. The relief fund has reached an amount sufficient to attend to the bare necessities. It is estimated that 2,500 houses are now surrounded by water, in some places 12 feet deep. The work of taking people from submerged residences was undertaken often at great personal risk. Many householders refused to leave until forced to do so by the water, which reached the second stories. School houses and churches have been transferred into relief stations and every charitable organization in the city is busy caring for the homeless. The magnitude of the disaster is such that none of the usual methods of relief have been effective.

**The Railroads Suffer.**

With miles of their tracks still under water and embankments washed away in dozens of places, Michigan railroads are struggling with a condition almost as serious as that caused by the heavy snow storms during the winter. Freight is rapidly accumulating in the yards, and traffic is nearly paralyzed. Conditions were at their worst Saturday and Sunday, and Monday morning a slight improvement was reported. The express companies began on Saturday accepting goods for shipment only with the understanding that all responsibility for delay or damage, must be assumed by the owner on arrival.

**Are They Starving?**

Sheriff Furner is afraid his antiadventist prophets in the Battle Creek jail may starve to death. None of them have eaten a thing since last Saturday, unless they had food hidden in their pockets. The sheriff brings in three meals a day to them, but they will not touch jail fare. They demand nuts, fruits and the like, and the outcome is a source of wonder. All of the prophets are thin, and do not look as if they could stand fasting.

Grip is epidemic at Escanaba.

Mrs. Greenwood, of the state public school, crushed her finger in a cupboard door, and died from blood poisoning.

Mrs. Arthur Drain was sentenced to serve 30 days in Owosso jail for using indecent language in the presence of children.

Helge Nelson et al., prophets, were sentenced to another 30 days in Marshall jail for disturbing a religious meeting in Battle Creek.

Daniel E. Pagelson, of Grand Haven, has been appointed vice consul for Michigan to Norway and Sweden, succeeding his father, who held office for 30 years.

**A Very Narrow Escape.**

The fact that the Michigan Central fast mail train going east was six minutes late out of Buchanan about midnight Thursday night saved what would have probably been a most disastrous wreck, involving the lives of hundreds of people. It was a narrow escape, and the salvation of the passengers was due to the presence of mind of Conductor W. Curtiss, of Jackson, who was in charge of the freight train that plunged into the big washout in the track four miles west of Niles, only a few minutes before the passenger train reached the spot. Had the passenger train been on time it would have reached the washout first.

Two men laid down their lives in the wreck of the freight train—Edward French, engineer, and Frank E. Young, head brakeman. Fireman Ross Moses was severely injured. They lived in Jackson. The engineer and brakeman were scalded to death, and the fireman was saved from a like fate by being buried in the coal of the tender, although his injuries are very serious and he may die.

**Horton in the Field.**

George B. Horton, of Fruitridge, announces himself formally as a candidate for the Republican nomination as governor of the state. Mr. Horton asks for the suffrages of the people on a platform which declares:

1. For a reform of primary elections, so that the nomination of state officials shall be by direct vote of the people by the Australian ballot system. This part of the reform is more important, he holds, than that abolishing nominating conventions for township and county officers.

2. The ad valorem system of taxation now employed for all property in the state should be continued; it has proved itself in practice.

3. A reasonably progressive and business-like economy in the management of all state institutions.

**The Escanaba Epidemic.**

Escanaba is in the throes of one of the worst epidemics of disease ever recorded in the upper peninsula. There is scarcely a family in the city that has not at least one member ill. The physicians are working day and night in their efforts to properly care for patients, and some of them are obliged to refuse to respond to new calls, already having all they can possibly attend to. The sickness is due to a variety of ailments and maladies, but by far the most prevalent diseases are typhoid and what the doctors style "winter cholera." Of the former, it is conservatively estimated there are 200 cases. The great bulk of the sickness is attributed to poor water.

**A Real Hero.**

A feature of the Michigan Central wreck, in which Engineer French and Brakeman Youngs of Jackson were killed last Friday morning, was the heroic action of Fireman Ross Moses, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Moses, of Niles, who, terribly scalded and in a nude condition, braved the storm to flag a freight train which was bearing down upon the wreck from the rear. His face was scalded and his nose literally cooked by steam and hot water, his hands, arms, neck, thighs and feet were terribly burned, and about half the time since the accident he has tossed about in delirium. However, he appears now to be on the road to recovery.

**Damage Suits Coming.**

Attorney Ira A. Beck, administrator for the estates of Otto and Emma Berry, Battle Creek victims of the Iroquois theater fire, Chicago, has decided to commence suits to the extent of $20,000 against the owners of the theater, the construction company, and the owners of "Mr. Bluebeard, Jr." The step is to be taken upon the petition of their father, Charles A. Berry. Whether James Henning, who lost his four children and later his wife, in the holocaust, will start a suit is as yet unknown.

**The Fair? Where?**

The delegations from the various cities anxious to secure the permanent location of the state fair, poured their glowing tales into the ears of the executive board of the State Agricultural society at Kalamazoo Thursday. No decision was announced, however, the board concluding to wait awhile longer. A contributory influence in this direction was the announcement by Gov. Bliss that he felt it his duty to recommend an appropriation for a permanent location in his outgoing message to the legislature.

**The Sad End.**

Miss Anne Dye, of Muskegon, committed suicide in Washington. She had been crazed, it is believed, by numerous deaths in her family. She was the daughter of Gen. Wm. McIntyre Dye, formerly military instructor to the emperor of Korea. Her father, mother and brother died within a short time of each other. She was the only one who saw her father's body after his death and the funeral was held at dead of night by the general's orders.

Louis Belanger, aged 18 years, of Ann Arbor, died Monday as a result of dropping a cleaver on his foot. Blood poisoning set in, and the foot was amputated in vain.

Thomas Scanlon, Claude Ross and William Truedell, three Detroit young men, who robbed stores and Randall's photograph gallery in Ann Arbor, confessed their guilt.

The Dimondale creamery is doing a rushing business while the condensed milk factory in Lansing is under water. It is taking in 12,000 to 14,000 pounds of milk a day.

J. W. Stockwell, who was sent to state prison from Genesee county a little over a year ago for eight years for obtaining money from Jacob Raquet, a Saginaw brewer, has petitioned the pardon board for a commutation of his sentence.

The New York Life Insurance Co. refuses to believe that George Kimmel is dead, and for that reason will not pay the life insurance policies assigned by him to the now defunct First National bank of Niles. Kimmel disappeared from Arkansas City, Kansas, about seven years ago.

Jacob Michael Seroor, the Syrian peddler recently arrested by the Michigan Central, charged with stealing some goods shipped to Grayling, while in transit, is nevertheless pressing his suit for damages for the lost property. Owing to the legal complications involved, much interest attaches to the trial.

**STATE NEWS NOTES.**

Fruit growers of Berrien county may organize.

Maple sugar is a short crop in Berrien county.

A Stephenson man killed six wildcats this season.

Mrs. Sarah Kark, of Vermontville, is 101 years old.

L. S. Dunham will start a big sheep farm south of Alpena.

Branch county supervisors allowed $900 for smallpox bills.

A Grand Rapids man pleaded guilty to raising $1 bills to $5.

Valuable dogs are being poisoned in Jackson and Kalamazoo.

Finnish settlers will occupy a big tract of land near Lake Linden.

The Menominee police department made 222 arrests during the year.

A proposed factory for Kalamazoo will be operated by compressed air.

The Riverside Manufacturing Co.'s new plant burned Monday. Loss about $2,000.

Bronson voted against a proposition to bond the city for $18,000 water works.

A North Adams bulldog had to be killed before he would release his hold on a hog.

A two-year-old Grand Rapids girl is in a precarious condition from swallowing tacks.

Men in the Pere Marquette mines, Bay City, have been sent home owing to an outbreak of smallpox.

Delbert Mahler, of North Bridgewater, broke his leg and dislocated his ankle, scuffling with another boy.

Rev. S. Louise Haight last week married the first couple ever wedded in the Benton Harbor Universalist church.

If a bill now before congress passes to pension soldiers who received rewards for bravery, Alex. McHale, of Muskegon, will receive $48,000.

Charles Williams, of Flint, drank wood alcohol by mistake Monday night, but by going to the Flint hospital when he began to feel the effects escaped serious consequences.

Geo. M. Thomas, for 12 years manager of a Carson City stave mill, is missing and his brother has offered $200 reward for information leading to the discovery of his whereabouts.

The Andersonville monument commission has arranged that the trip to dedicate the monument shall start from Detroit May 28 on a special train. Gov. Bliss and staff will attend.

Myrtle Haller, a 16-year-old Port Huron girl, took carbolic acid with suicidal intent Tuesday evening, because she was refused permission to attend a certain party. Her life was saved.

John Jones, aged 21 years, of Benton Harbor, a brakeman on the Pere Marquette railway, was dragged 300 feet under the wheels. It was necessary to amputate both legs. His death is feared.

While helping to repair the bank at a Flint dam, Ed White fell in and was carried down stream a hundred feet under water. He was struck on the head by a cake of ice and badly cut. He was rescued.

Jurors Perry Gulick, of Williamston, and Ernest Lyons, of Mason, have informed the Ingham circuit court that an attempt was made recently to improperly influence them. An investigation will be made.

Gen. W. T. McGurrin has received a letter from Gen. Bates, of the regular army, stating that it is possible that a regiment of infantry and several troops of cavalry will be sent to the next state encampment.

One of the worst typhoid fever epidemics ever known in the northern peninsula is afflicting Escanaba. There are 200 cases in the city. In what way the water supply became contaminated is not known.

While digging out some coal from the tender with a pick, a fireman on a Grand Trunk engine discovered a keg of dynamite which had been concealed in the coal. Special agents are investigating the mystery.

Eight hundred tickets had been sold for the Democratic banquet in Grand Rapids, but the money will not be returned to the purchasers. Instead, it will be turned over to the relief committee and used in caring for the flood sufferers.

In a lecture on "The Northern Securities Decision," Prof. H. L. Wilgus, one of the best lawyers at the University of Michigan, commended the supreme court's decision and severely criticized the dissenting opinion of the minority.

The oldest civil war veteran in Berrien county, Capt. Thos. H. Botham, aged 96, died Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. V. Lynch, St. Joseph. While serving in the civil war, Capt. Botham gained honor and promotion by capturing 12 confederates single-handed.

The fishermen at Iceburg have been scattering for home the past two days, and hardly a score remain of the 250 or more denizens of that picturesque village of fishing shacks. The annual story of fishermen drifting away into Lake Huron with the ice floes will probably not be duplicated this year.

Dr. E. G. Cole, of Durand, a very prominent citizen, has refused to pay his electric light bills until he is convinced that the meters of the municipal plant are properly read. The city has threatened to cut the wires leading into his house if the bills are not paid, and the doctor has dared the city to do it.

Gov. Bliss has paroled Edward Roach, sent to Ionia on a 12-year sentence June 10, 1897, for an assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Having lost $500,000 and fearing they were about to lose their home in St. Louis, John B. Altman and his wife decided to die together in New York, and turned on the gas.

Jas. N. Abeel, the young "masher" who, by impersonating J. Ogden Goelet, Jr., in New York and thus won the affections and promise to wed of Miss Eleanor L. Anderson, has been assessed $75,000 damages by a New York jury.

Probably the first case of its kind—suit by an insurance company to recover from an electric lighting company on losses sustained through defective insulation—has just been decided by a jury in the New York supreme court. Damages were awarded the insurance company as claimed because several witnesses told of having seen the burning electric light wires.

A tornado swept through the farming district of Carruthersville, Mo., Monday night, wrecking houses and barns, and costing at least six lives, blotting out the entire Schumaker family and killing Wesley Miller and his wife.

# NEWS OF THE WORLD

## A Brief Chronicle of All Important Happenings

**Russians Took The Offensive.**

Gen. Kuropatkin, in his first report to the emperor from the scene of war, announced that offensive land operations had taken place against the Japanese upon the sixth anniversary of the occupation of Port Arthur by the Russians. These operations took the form of a cavalry attack by six companies of Cossacks against four squadrons of Japanese cavalry near Chong-Ju. After a half hour's sharp fighting the Japanese retired.

**Here Are Two Stories.**

A telegram received in Tokio from New Chwang says that at 3 o'clock Sunday morning the Japanese succeeded in sinking four steamers at the mouth of Port Arthur harbor. A flotilla of destroyers convoyed the merchantmen, which were subsequently sunk, and rescued the volunteer crews. Later the Japanese battleships bombarded the town and its defenses.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: "It is stated that one Russian torpedo boat was sunk in the eng[illegible] at Port Arthur Sunday mor[illegible] it is thought the vessel can[illegible] floated. Under cover of darkness V[illegible] Admiral Togo made another desperate attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet in Port Arthur, but he failed again, and when after daylight Vice Admiral Makaroff steamed out to give battle, the Japanese commander sailed away. The Japanese sent in four fireships, preceded by a torpedo boat flotilla. The fireships were armed with Hotchkiss guns for the purpose of keeping off the Russian torpedo boat destroyers. The enemy's attempt was discovered by means of the shore searchlights and a heavy fire was opened from the batteries and from two gunboats which were guarding the entrance to the harbor. The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Silni was outside on scouting duty and to the dash and nerve of her commander, Lieut. Krinizky, is chiefly due the complete defeat of the plans of the Japanese. He at once made straight for the oncoming ships, under a heavy fire from the Hotchkiss guns, and torpedoed the leading ship, which sheered off, followed by the others, three of them being piled up on the shore under Golden Hill and under the lighthouse.

The Silni then engaged the entire six torpedo boats of the enemy, coming out from a terrific fight with seven killed and her commander and 12 of her complement wounded. On the Japanese side only one boat's crew were saved. In addition, according to unofficial reports it is believed that the Japanese lost two torpedo boats.

**Change in Plans.**

The Russian war office is in receipt of persistent reports that the Japanese are preparing to land on neutral Chinese territory, on the west coast of the Gulf of Liao-Tung, either at Tien-Chiao-Chang, in Kin-Chow bay, or at Shan-Hai-Kwan. Information conveyed by Russian agents seems to coincide with other information indicating a complete change in the Japanese plan of campaign or of its entrance into a second stage practically involving the abandonment of further heavy landings of troops in Korea. According to advices received by the government, there are only about 70,000 Japanese troops in the hermit kingdom at present. They may make a diversion at Possiet bay in the direction of Vladivostock, but their main objective will now be to the Gulf of Liao-Tung. The international complications which might arise out of a Japanese landing on neutral Chinese territory have received careful consideration. A high Russian official said:

"It would have worse consequences for other powers than Russia if Japan should enter neutral territory, for such a step would obviously be for the purpose of inveigling China into the fight. If Japan should be successful in this, there would be an uprising against foreigners which would be tenfold greater than the Boxer affair. The mere possibility is pregnant with all sorts of dangers, but we can hardly believe that Japan will venture to violate the neutrality of China, as she did that of Korea."

**Burton's Conviction.**

The conviction of Senator Burton, of Kansas, of having accepted compensation to protect the interests of the Rialto Grain & Securities Co., of St. Louis, against exclusion from the mails, if sustained by the higher court means that Senator Burton will lose his seat in the senate and forever be prohibited from holding any office of public trust. Each count constitutes a separate defense and Senator Burton could receive a penitentiary sentence of two years or a $10,000 fine on each count. Senator Burton's conviction is the first under this section of the statute which was enacted by congress in 1864.

**From White to Black.**

David S. Husted, a wealthy recluse, is dead at Greenwich, Conn., from Addison's disease, a rare ailment, which causes the skin to turn black. His diet for 20 years had been bread and milk. Many years ago Husted was sued on a charge of setting fire to a neighbor's barn. He spent thousands of dollars in fighting the case, became estranged from his fiancee, and since then had lived almost apart from every person except his physician.

Col. Frank J. Hecker and the other canal commissioners lined up at the White House for orders Tuesday. President Roosevelt gave them a lunch and then told them to remain at the isthmus at least a month after they arrive, also to establish a civil government over the five-mile-wide strip on each side of the canal, with one commissioner at the head. Col. Hecker has been suggested for this place.

After two weeks of preparation, a surgical operation for the removal of the tongue has been successfully performed upon Thos. Maguire, a well known New York theatrical treasurer.

Indictments for manslaughter have been ordered by a New York grand jury against Pole and Schwandtner, iron contractors, and Eugene C. Allison, secretary of the Allison Realty Co., who had taken over the title and construction of the collapsed Darlington hotel.

Milwaukee harbor is filled with ice to a depth of 40 feet, according to the weekly report of ice conditions by the weather bureau.

By an automobile upset in Central Park, Miss Florence Baker, a New York society belle, was killed and Solomon Strook seriously injured.

**Russia's Object.**

The text of the czar's message to Viceroy Alexieff notifying him of the appointment of Gen. Kuropatkin to the command of the Russian troops in the far east and of Vice-Admiral Makaroff to command the fleet at Port Arthur not only clearly defines the latter's position but specifically announces Russia's aims. The message follows:

"The importance of the impending struggle, which is intended to finally assure the predominant position of Russia on the shores of the Pacific ocean, and foreseeing that it will be necessary for you as my lieutenant to transfer your residence to a more central position, for instance Harbin or some other place of your choice, I have found it expedient to send to your assistance Gen. Kuropatkin for the direction of the land forces, with the rights of army commander, and Vice-Admiral Makaroff for the direction of the sea forces, with rights of fleet commander. I am convinced that the appointment of these independent, responsible commander-in-chiefs will enable you as my lieutenant to discharge the difficult and historic task which has fallen to your lot."

**Rural Mail Carriers Pay.**

The house voted to increase the salaries of rural mail carriers from $600 to $720 a year, by reinserting in the postoffice appropriation bill an amendment to that effect. The amendment was substituted for the one voted out on a point of order the previous day, and differs from it in that it prohibits the soliciting of business or the reception of orders by carriers from any person, firm or corporation, but permits the carriers, under certain restrictions, to carry merchandise for hire and upon request of patrons residing upon their respective routes. This prevents carriers taking subscriptions to newspapers, which was a remunerative side line in many sections.

Every effort made to amend the section was voted down.

The Rural Carriers' association wanted a sliding scale, $600 for the first year, $720 for the second and $850 for the third, but this was beaten, as was also Representative Gardner's amendment giving them 15 days' furlough each year.

**Ten Thousand Homes Invaded.**

White river, overflowed West Indianapolis and covered the first floors of 1,000 houses. There are 25,000 acres of farm lands under water. West Port has been totally abandoned, the inhabitants going to the highlands back of the valley. Reports from cities on White river and its tributaries place the estimate of flood losses north of here at $1,000,000. One-fourth of this damage was in Madison county. Peru reports $100,000 loss and Muncie the same. Ten thousand persons have had their homes invaded by the flood.

**Rural Carriers Pay.**

Increased pay for rural carriers is likely to be stricken out of the postoffice appropriation bill in the house on grounds of being new legislation. Reps. Townsend and Loud have amendments to offer increasing the salary to $850. Still another chance remains, if the raise is refused in the house, for the senate to grant the increase. Satisfied that a suitable mail boat for the Detroit river service can be obtained for $4,500, Senator Alger is unlikely to seek a greater sum.

**From Age to Boyhood.**

A blow from a falling sapling knocked 40 years out of the life of Edward Smith, of Towanda, Pa. He was felling a large tree which knocked down a sapling. Smith was struck on the head and a deep gash cut in his forehead. He was unconscious for some time. When he recovered he had lost all memory. He is a boy again. He wants to play and wander about the farm as he did when a youngster. No memory of his young manhood, of his marriage and his life since then remains.

**Wall Street Excited.**

All Wall street and the downtown section of New York were thrown into unusual excitement Saturday noon by a fire which started in the building at 61 Broadway, occupied by the Morris European and the American Express companies. The flames spread to the adjoining building occupied by the Adams Express Co., but the fire was brought under control shortly after 1 o'clock, nearly two hours after its start, and at that time the loss was estimated by an underwriter at $400,000.

Influenza caused 352 deaths in New York the past week.

In an insane frenzy Rudolph F. Sigel, a son of the famous soldier, the late Gen. Franz Sigel, has tried to kill Mrs. Uriah, the elderly wife of a neighbor at Egg Harbor, N. J.

Exports to Alaska, exclusive of British Yukon consignments, amounted to $9,000,235 during 1903, according to the annual report of Capt. D. G. Garvis, collector of customs for the district.

After seven days' imprisonment in a coal mine near Henry, W. Va., the result of an explosion, Albert Cronkin has been rescued and taken to a hospital at Cumberland, where it is said he will survive.

The senate, it is said, will fire Mormon Smoot. The fact that the hoary-haired old president of the church, Joseph Smith, gloried in telling the investigating committee that he has five wives and 42 children, are the things that cause them to feel that way.

Seven murderers awaiting punishment are confined in the Chicago jail, together with 29 others awaiting trial on the same charge—a record-breaking number. The latest man convicted is Louis Peasant, who murdered Mrs. Mary Spilka for $300.

Louise Michel, the famous agitator, dying of pulmonary congestion at Toulon.

Adrenal chloride brought the dead to life at Cleveland. H. H. Reeves, suffering from grippe, had ceased to breathe, and his pulse beat was imperceptible, when the nerve stimulant was injected, bringing him back to consciousness and ultimately to recovery.

There was considerable excitement in the Jackson prison about 2 o'clock Monday morning when it was found that the shop of the Bromwell Brush & Wire Goods Co. was on fire. A general alarm was sent in, and all the engines in the city responded. The fire was gotten under control in the course of the day.

**Bridges Go Out.**

There is a washout three miles north of Mason on the Michigan Central railroad, which threw two freight cars into the ditch. The track is covered for 30 feet. This is the second washout in this vicinity within 24 hours. Trains are being sent around by Charlotte from Lansing. The embankment of the mill race was washed out below Scovill's, near Cross street, wrecking two bridges, and causing Deubel Milling Co.'s flour mill to revert to steam power. Thirty feet of the east end of Deubel Bros.' flour mill dam at Congress street went out this morning.

The Grand River at various points is rising rapidly and has already caused great damage. The ice is coming down in cakes two feet thick from ponds. Three dams are seriously threatened. Four bridges have already been carried away, one of them of iron. The basement of Eaton Rapids' two hotels and the sanitarium are flooded, making it impossible to heat those buildings. The court house is in the same condition. At Warner's woolen mills the stock had to be carried to upper floors from the basement and first floors.

**"Light of Asia."**

Sir Edwin Arnold, the poet-journalist who wrote the "Light of Asia" and other poems of the far east and during a visit to Japan became so infatuated with Japanese women in general and one in particular that he married her, is dead. Nothing is more romantic than the story of Sir Edwin's courtship of and marriage to Tama Kurokawa, of Sendai, Japan, who is now his widow. He met her during one of his globe-trotting expeditions, and, although he was old and she was young, the attraction seemed to be as mutual as it was instantaneous. Together they walked under the cherry blossoms and talked such sentimental things that when Sir Edwin wrote home about them, describing Japanese women as the "nearest approach to angels that there is on earth," his son thought the time had arrived to go get his father and bring him home—which he did. Sir Edwin after a time returned and the marriage took place.

**Cancer vs. Radium.**

The radium treatment for cancer has been entirely abandoned at the London Cancer hospital. It was never viewed with much hope there, and a few days ago the last unsuccessful experiment with it took place. Sixteen cases have been under treatment, the longest period of a single application having been three hours and the longest total time of application having been about 25 hours, and the only favorable result has been an occasional cessation of pain. On the other hand, several patients have complained of an increase of pain.

**Forty Thousand Perish.**

The latest available bubonic plague returns for the whole of India for the week ended March 19, show the appalling mortality of 40,527, an increase of 7,000 over those of the preceding week. In the Punjab and the northwest provinces each there is a death roll of 10,000 weekly. In the Bombay presidency the deaths number 8,500 and in Bengal 5,000.

**CONDENSED NEWS.**

An explosion of natural gas in the Sharpe Hotel at Littleton, W. Va., caused the complete destruction of that building and a restaurant adjoining by fire and the death of Wm. Lawson, a guest, of Pittsburg.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien says it is reported that the Vladivostok squadron, under command of Capt. Reitzenstein, has returned to port with several prizes, including a Japanese warship.

**THE MARKETS.**

**LIVE STOCK.**

Detroit.—Choice steers, $4 50@4 90; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., $3 75@4 45; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 lbs., $3 25@3 85; mixed butcher's fat cows, $3@3 50; canners, $1 25@2; common bulls, $2 50@3; good shipper's bulls, $3@3 50; common feeders, $3@3 60; good well-bred feeders, $3 50@4 10; light stockers, $2 75@3. Very few good cows on sale; prices about steady with last week, $20@46. Veal calves, best grades, $5 50@6; fair to good, $4 50@5.

Hogs.—Light to good butchers, $5 35@5 50; pigs, $5 10@5 20; light yorkers, $5 20@5 35; roughs, $4@4 50; stags one-third off.

Sheep.—Best lambs, $5 75@5 85; fair to good lambs, $5@5 25; light to common lambs, $4 50@5; fair to good butcher sheep, $4@5; culls and common, $3@3 50; spring lambs, $9 50@10.

Chicago: Good to prime steers, $5 25@5 75; poor to medium, $3 60@5; stockers and feeders, $2 75@4 30; cows, $1 75@4 35; heifers, $2 25@4 75; canners, $1 75@2 60; bulls, $2@4 10; calves, $3@6 25; Texas fed steers, $4@4 60.

Hogs.—Mixed and butchers, $5 40@5 52½; good to choice heavy, $5 45@5 65; rough heavy, $5 20@5 45; light, $5@5 40; bulk of sales, $5 30@5 45.

Sheep.—Good to choice wethers, $4 50@5 25; fair to choice mixed, $3 50@4 50; western sheep, $4 60@5 30; native lambs, $4@5 60.

**Grain, Etc.**

Detroit: Wheat—No. 1 white, $1 02; No. 2 red spot, $1 02 bid; May, 5,000 bu. at $1 01; July, 3,000 bu. at 90¼c, 5,000 bu. at 90½c, 5,000 bu. at 90¾c, closing nominal at 91c; No. 3 red, $1 per bu.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 45½c; No. 3 yellow, 2 cars at 48c; No. 4 yellow, 1 car at 45½c; No. 3 white, 3 cars at 48c; No. 4 white, 1 car at 45½c per bu.

Oats—No. 3 white spot, 1 car at 44c; by sample, 1 car at 42c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot, nominal at 75½c per bu.

Beans—Spot, March, April and May, all nominal at $1 80 per bu.

Clover seed—Prime spot, 140 bags at $6 40; April, nominal at $6 30; by sample, 50 bags at $6 20, 40 at $6, and 25 at $5 75 per bu.; prime alsike, 10 bags at $6; by sample, 15 bags at $5 50, 20 at $5 per bu.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, 30 bags at $1 40 per bu.

Chicago: Wheat—No. 3, $5@97c; No. 3 red, 92@99½c. Corn—No. 2, 50¾c; No. 2 yellow, 51½c. Oats—No. 2, 38@38½c; No. 3 white, 39@41½c. Rye—No. 2, 68c. Barley—Good feeding, 38@39c; fair to choice malting, 45@55c.

**CONDENSED NEWS.**

The bubonic plague has appeared at Pretoria. One death has occurred.

Indianapolis is suffering from high water, and is at the same time without a water supply. The fires at the pumping stations have been put out by the flood.

War is spreading in the Cameroons, and the natives at Cross River, one of the points marking the British and German boundaries in West Africa, are said to have made an attack on the British customs station at Obokum, in Nigeria.

Capt. R. P. Hobson, of Merrimac fame, is seriously ill at his home at Greensboro, Ala., as a result of exposure and overwork in his campaign for the Democratic nomination for congress from the sixth Alabama district. All his engagements have been canceled.

Plunging into the Des Plaines river, Miss Louise Jackson, a school teacher, of Maywood, a suburb of Chicago, rescued one of her pupils, the little daughter of Samuel G. Kline, after the mother of the child had fainted and two boys, who had accidentally knocked the little one into the river, had run away.

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