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Battleships appear to be equally dangerous to their crews the world over.

Tibet will be benevolently assimilated in time if Col. Youngbusband's ammunition holds out.

Most of the Russians have pretty good bunches of whiskers; still the Boers weren't very lucky.

There is a corner in cocoanuts. This will make it additionally hard for some people to get a head.

The chorus girl who gave a $5,000 dinner has a rich uncle. He must be a regular old angel of an uncle.

The phrase "wise money" is often heard at the race track. It is never so much in evidence as the foolish money.

A Baltimore young man claims to be able to talk 65,040 words an hour. His political debut can not be long postponed.

The case of William Apple, charged with throwing an apple through a street car window, should be probed to the core.

The Sultan of Turkey is demonstrating the possession of a backbone. Which brand of breakfast food has he been taking?

Cossacks were great fighting men once upon a time, but against machine guns their advances may have little impression.

John L. Sullivan is extracting some consolation from the fact that he is one of the most conspicuous of the Frightful Examples.

Even though there are only 249 elective courses now at Yale, there is no great rivalry among the students there to take them all.

Perhaps when we get down to the real truth finally we shall learn that somebody cracked a paper bag in the vicinity of King Alfonso.

Prof. Langley says that if he had $25,000 more he could fly. The aeronaut age man, if anybody should give him $25,000, wouldn't want to fly.

It is rather late for Connecticut to begin kicking about being called the Nutmeg state. Has she no regard for tradition or the wisdom of the ancestors?

A man may be footless and legless and still succeed in climbing to the top, which is victory, if he is but the happy possessor of a ladder-head.—Judge.

The folks who do the loudest talking about the desirability of an aristocracy of brains would never be invited anywhere if it should become a reality.

Guess the politics of the Kentucky man who has named his four children for Grover Cleveland, William J. Bryan, Mark A. Hanna and Theodore Roosevelt.

Yale has cut down the number of her electives from 263 to 249, but the football elective and the rowing elective and the baseball elective are still all there.

Smart society in the East has a new amusement. Harry Lehr appears with a lap dog decked in five different shades of ribbon. The game is to pick out the dog.

According to the census there are 40,000,000 cats in the United States. And sometimes it seems as if the entire feline outfit was convened for debate in one backyard.

Columbus boys have formed a club for mutual protection against the girls' leap year club. This, however, does not in any way weaken our confidence in the Columbus girls.

A Chelsea couple has saved up money enough to take either the wife or the husband to the St. Louis fair, but not both together. The wife is a club woman. Which of the two will go?

The evangelist who has predicted that the world will come to an end in 1904 needn't be afraid that many of the people to whom he said it will give him the laugh when the time comes.

A woman in New York sues for separation on the ground that her husband never kissed her. This is a point upon which intelligent comment cannot be made without seeing the plaintiff.

Hetty Green is going into society for the pleasure of her daughter, but she will probably have the bulldog trained so that he will be able to scent a bogus foreign nobleman the moment he sets foot on the landing.

An active Lowell (Mass.) man, eighty-four years old, attributes his long life and good health to the fact that he has never used tobacco or liquor, always eaten moderately, observed regular habits and never eaten late suppers. Of course, the scheme looks feasible, but what's the use?

Now that the picture of the most beautiful baby in Chicago has been published, you have the keen satisfaction of remarking how inferior she is in good looks to your own dear little Millicent or Mildred.

J. Pierpont Morgan is able to subscribe for a $130,000 set of Dickens' works, notwithstanding the merger decision and several other things that are supposed to have happened to him during the last few months. He must have saved something for the rainy day.

FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN

Andrews' Checks Are Good.

In an opinion filed Tuesday the supreme court held that the funds of the Detroit board of education, amounting to $464,000, and those of the library commission, amounting to $38,551.60, on deposit in the City Savings bank when it failed, cannot be considered special trust funds to be paid from any assets of the bank. The order of the circuit judge denying the petition of the school board and library commission, was affirmed.

The supreme court also rendered a decision in the famous case of the Union Trust Co., receiver of the City Savings bank of Detroit, against the Preston national bank. The plaintiff brought suit to recover a balance owing by the Preston National. The latter endeavored to offset its indebtedness by a check of Frank C. Andrews for $100,000, certified by the City Savings bank and accepted by the Preston National.

It was held in the court below that the check was invalid in the hands of a bona fide holder, but the supreme court reverses this decision and orders a new trial. The opinion is by Judge Carpenter, and is signed by other justices save Judge Grant, who did not sit.

Banker Gone.

John McNair, aged 72, the financial head of the firm of Carson & Ealy, bankers, at Caro, died suddenly of heart failure. Mr. McNair with his wife had been spending the winter in Nevada. Returning he reached Chicago during the blizzard of a week ago, and came down with a muscular rheumatism. He was able to reach Caro before being compelled to take to his bed.

Mr. McNair's home was in Sheffield, Pa. He was reputed to be a very prominent and wealthy man. A retired leather dealer, whose estate is believed to be worth $1,000,000, J. M. Ealy, of the firm, his son-in-law, and W. H. Carson, of the same firm, died only a few weeks ago. The firm had branch banks in Fairgrove, Reese, Akron, Millington, in Tuscola county, and at Clifford, West Branch and East Tawas.

$200,000 Fire in Auto Plant.

A disastrous fire with spectacular and sensational features occurred in the plant of the Cadillac Automobile Co., Cass and Amsterdam avenues, Detroit, shortly after 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. The employes had only fairly begun their duties of the day, when the alarm of fire was raised. Instantly the windows of the large three-story building were alive with frightened humanity, and as the flames shot out from the center of the structure, panic seized the 500 or 600 employes, who made their escape as best they could, many leaping through windows or jumping from the second or third story to the ground. Only one man, Martin Gorman, foreman of the frame room, was severely burned, his wife then and one girl were hurt by falls.

An Insane Murderer.

A murderous assault made last Thursday night by George Montague, a patient of the Michigan asylum, on Dingenus Vanthoff, another patient, resulted in the death of the latter Saturday night. The affair is being investigated. The assault occurred at the Brook farm, where the patients of the asylum supposed not to be dangerous are colonized. The patients in the colonies are usually afflicted with some mild delusion and are allowed greater freedom than is the case in some other departments of the asylum. This made possible the murder of Vanthoff.

Huntley Is Doomed.

In an effort to relieve Edward Huntley, the paroled convict, of the terrible pain caused by the reopening of an old wound in his side, received in a desperate attempt to escape from Jackson prison in 1892, Detroit doctors operated on him Tuesday. Huntley's intestines had grown together in a peculiar way, causing intense pain, which led to the administration of morphine, and in this way Huntley became a morphine fiend. He is also suffering from tuberculosis, and no hope for his ultimate recovery is held out.

The School Money.

The semi-annual apportionment of primary school interest money to be made May 10, will be on the basis of 60 cents for each child of school age. Last year the total apportionment for the year was $3.10 per capita. The May apportionment was the same as this year, but that of November was $2.50 per capita. The railroad taxes come in now, and go into the November apportionment, which is always the largest. The probabilities are that this year's apportionment will equal that of last year.

Two Were Killed.

A dynamite explosion occurred in the house of Wm. Francis, near Corunna, Tuesday morning. He was terribly torn and bruised and will die. His baby is dead, and his wife and two other children are badly injured, but will recover. Francis had 25 pounds of dynamite for blowing out stumps, and placed a quantity in the oven to dry. The cause of the explosion was not known positively. The house, which was a log cabin, was completely wrecked. The explosion was heard two miles and attracted help at once.

A reward of $100 is offered for information of the 17-year-old son of Dennis Drow, of Frankfort, who is missing.

All the anti-adventist religious fanatics who stirred up Battle Creek were released from the county jail Saturday, with the exception of Heige T. Nelson, their leader.

In a jury in the circuit court at Pontiac on Wednesday gave Archie McFeeters, of Detroit, a verdict of $300 against the Detroit United Railway for injuries alleged to have been received while a passenger on one of the company's cars.

Although 97 years old, Laben Emery, the veteran whipmaker of Michigan makes his own living. For more than 80 years he has made and sold whips of the buckskin variety and is today believed to be the only maker of this style of whip now living.

All but one of Charles Montague's creditors have accepted the Caro bankrupt's settlement at 50 cents on the dollar, 25 cents to be paid in cash, 12½ cents in one year and 12½ cents in two years. The objecting creditor is the Wm. Barie Dry Goods Co., of Saginaw, whose claim is $650. Referee Barrick will report to Judge Swan in favor of affirming the settlement.

DETROIT GETS THE FAIR.

$1 Buildings Are Not Ready on Time, Will Be Held at Pontiac.

Detroit gets the state fair. This was the unanimous decision of the location commission at the meeting held after lunch Wednesday. Only one ballot was taken on reassembling. It was agreed that in case Detroit could not get the buildings ready this season Pontiac should keep the fair for the present year.

A Mother's Grief.

The badly decomposed body of little Georgie Neal, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Neal, who was drowned in the Battle Creek stream Saturday, March 5, was recovered Saturday evening about one-half mile from the point where he was drowned, near the old Abbey tavern in two feet of water at the end of a sandbar. A searching party composed of business men and citizens generally was to have started out tomorrow morning in search of the body. The mother of the child is nearly crazy with grief and all attempts to pacify her have been in vain.

MICHIGAN NEWS NOTES.

Lansing jail has no occupant.

M. A. C. enrollment nearly 1,000.

Northville's only colored resident is dead.

A Holland man preserved honey 12 years.

Experts think gold may be found near the Soo.

Nineteen horses were burned in a Muskegon fire.

Out of 34 cases of pneumonia at Battle Creek, 32 died.

John St. John died at the Soo from drinking wood alcohol.

Marshall will have a "home coming week" August 15 to 20.

Traverse City will bond for $20,000 for a new school building.

Cass county will have complete rural free delivery May 16.

Two Mormon elders are holding street meetings in Dowagiac.

A parsnip raised on a Hopkins farm measured 23 inches in diameter.

Ex-Mayor Scott, of Hancock, will take his first vacation in 30 years.

Hillsdale county will issue bonds for $25,000 for a new county poor house.

One hundred miles of ditches have been dug in Kent county this season.

A Grand Rapids man had several boys arrested for calling him "Billy Goat."

Washington Davis, of Whitesburg, lived fifty years on the farm where he died.

A Baraga young woman threw over her sweetheart because he couldn't whistle.

The janitor of e Lansing church put kerosene oil in the stove with the usual result.

Bert Wetherbee, of Owosso, committed suicide Wednesday by swallowing carbolic acid.

The repair shops of the Lake Shore railroad at Hillsdale are to be removed to Adrian.

The business of Grand Rapids is in a bad way owing to the general strike of the teamsters.

Mrs. Anna Shaw, of Hart, brought suit against her father for $676 housekeeper's wages, and won.

Two Indian girls who ran away from the Mt. Pleasant government school were found at Remus.

Mason has won out in the contest for the location of the new normal school class for Ingham county.

G. C. Pond, a well known Jackson pioneer and president of the Jackson State Savings bank, died Thursday, at the age of 81.

The contract for the erection of the new Western Normal school at Kalamazoo has been let to Rickman & Sons, of Kalamazoo, at $55,000.

Last year at this time plowing was quite well advanced in all sections of the lower peninsula; oat seeding was general and early sown oats were germinating.

The management of the Island City Pickle Co., of Eaton Rapids, has announced its intention of planting 100 acres of cabbage to be made into sauerkraut in the fall.

The trial of Dr. W. E. Newark began at Charlotte [illegible] Monday. He is charged with having caused the death of a Marshall woman by means of a criminal operation.

The car barns of the Grand Rapids-Grand Haven & Muskegon railway, in Grand Haven, were burned, destroying two dummy locomotives and several passenger coaches.

Navigation was opened at Algonac Saturday by the arrival of the steamer Rand with 200 tons of hay. She ran aground entering the harbor, but was released by a tug.

Work will be resumed as soon as possible at all the properties of the consolidated company at the two Soos, now that the loan bill has passed the Ontario legislature.

Relatives of Ernest Kitchen, of Peninsula township, are searching for him. About two weeks ago he came to Traverse City and sold a horse since which time he has not been seen.

Mrs. Hester Coe, of Gaylesburg, 76 years of age, is dead. She belonged to a family of eight children, four of whom are still alive, the eldest being 78 and the youngest 70 years of age.

Ice field at the head of Lake Superior extends 50 miles out from Duluth, a condition unprecedented at this time of the year. Last year navigation opened sometime before this date.

Harry W. Franks, one of the crew of the ill-fated U. S. S. Missouri when the terrible explosion occurred, was formerly employed as a piano finisher in Detroit. He was 25 years old, married and had been in the navy four years.

Mrs. Amelia Henry dropped dead of heart disease while attending services at the First Baptist church, Battle Creek, Sunday night with her daughter. The affair created intense excitement in the church, and the service was broken up by the incident.

Cock fighting and gambling while in the Philippines are alleged to have been the causes of the downfall of Lieut. Frank Pratt, the former Flint United States infantry officer, who was sentenced to dismissal from the army and a year's imprisonment for duplicating vouchers and other offenses. He was once a resident of Flint.

Judd Cleveland, of Colon, caught his hand in a corn husker ten days ago and died Sunday night of lockjaw.

Branch county farmers say that their beef, which came through the winter all right, are dying off in great numbers. The fish in the shallow lakes of the county have also died by thousands.

While Pontiac regrets that it could not retain the state fair, general satisfaction is felt that it went to Detroit instead of some other city. There is a balance of $15,000 on the Pontiac grounds.

William V. Hood, aged 75, is dead at his home in Lincoln, Ill. He served in the First Michigan infantry and the Fourth Michigan cavalry, and was a member of the troop that captured Jefferson Davis.

A farm for Angora goats has been established in Chippewa county, half a dozen of the female having been wintered there. It has been heretofore believed that the goats could not stand the climate.

The board of control of the Odd Fellows' home at Sandusky on Saturday signed the papers by which Cooley Park at Jackson passes into the order's possession for the location of the new state home for feeble-minded.

Charles Tackett, a farmer near Saginaw, drank laudanum in a Saginaw saloon Wednesday evening and died shortly afterward. He was a single man and had been drinking heavily for a couple of weeks past.

The home of Samuel Thomas, near Copemish, burned to the ground Saturday. Mrs. Thomas was in the woods at the time, and all of her children escaped, while a little boy aged 9 months was imprisoned and was burned to death.

Everett Munson, for many years a clerk in the Hood Flouring mills, of Greenville, and well known to the traveling public, was found dead on the floor in his room Monday morning wrapped in his bed quilt. He was 35 years of age and leaves a widow and four small children.

Fr. Louis Van Driss, who instituted St. Mary's parish in Lansing, and who was its priest for twenty-seven years, leaving in 1891, is dead in Belgium, his native country, where he had retired to a home for priests. His age was 70. He was known all over Michigan.

Mrs. May Judy, of Grand Rapids, was excessively fond of candy and has eaten great quantities for years. Sunday she ate a box of bon bons and died a few hours later. The coroner's investigation of the case resulted in a verdict that death was caused by excessive candy eating.

The saloon ordered by the common council of Leslie a week ago for closing the three saloons on May 1, has been reconsidered and the bonds were accepted, as it was found there was no irregularity in the proceedings. Besides, the village feared a big law suit for heavy damages.

Charles Berry, the only surviving member of the Berry family of Battle Creek who were in the Iroquis theater fire, is home from Chicago, where he has been in a hospital. His face, ears and hands will be scarred for life. Berry was an important witness in the coroner's inves igation.

News has been received in Saginaw by cable of the sudden death at Vienna, Austria, of W. C. McClure, a well-known lumberman of that city. He was touring Europe with his wife and daughter when stricken down with heart failure on Sunday. The body will be brought home. The first steamer of the German-American Co-operative sugar factory of Bay City will erect a mammoth sugar storage warehouse the coming summer. Heretofore the output from Bay City has been shipped to western markets about as soon as produced, thus lowering the price. Hereafter the product can be held for a raise.

E. D. Conger, editor of the Grand Rapids Herald, will probably be the next person to be tried in connection with the water fraud. Ald. Johnson's case was scheduled to follow the Burns trial, but it will not be ready. Assistant Prosecutor Ward says no more water deal cases will be taken up until the May term.

A clerical error by the election board of the Eleventh ward, Bay City, transposed the vote on commercial lighting and on the new courthouse, giving the latter it appeared that the lighting proposition had only 15 majority, when actually it had 137. The voting machine was unlocked and the correction noted.

A story comes to Cassopolis from Calvin township of a negro who was shot in the head with a 44 bull-dog revolver in a fight during the spring selection. The bullet is claimed was flattened so nicely by the contact with the negro's skull, that a small boy who picked it up passed it off for a half dollar on a local druggist.

The plant of the Grand Rapids company's dam at Constantine which secured a month ago, and upon which a gang of men with pile driver and sand hogs has been employed ever since, broke loose Saturday night and is as bad as ever. The island formed by the debris carried before the flood and deposited in the St. Joe above the power house has been named Armor island.

Charles Woodruff McKeown, a graduate of Albion college, of which institution his father was once president, has been sentenced to one year in prison in Waupun, Wis., for embezzlement. He has been an actor, promoter and minister, and served in the civil war. He stole the funds of an amateur theatrical entertainment he was promoting.

The extensive factory of the Lewis Spring & Axle Co. at Jackson was partially destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. The loss is $40,000, fully covered by insurance.

Frank Lee, of Flint, was struck by a Pere Marquette engine while walking on the track near his home. He was tumbled over in the ditch, but escaped with a skinned face.

Mallel Lake, a pretty Oakland county hamlet, has a class of school children which the teacher, Miss Porter, says constitutes a reliable human barometer. She clearly foresaw from their behavior the big snowstorm of a week ago.

A special meeting of the directors of the Eaton County agricultural society has been called for April 29. It is likely that the society will become a competitor to the state fair by opening its premium list to the farmers of the entire state.

Rena Lickley, the 16-year-old daughter of Newton Lickley, of Bird Lake, was killed while crossing the track to take the train at Pittsford, Thursday. She was a pupil of the Pittsford high school and was on her way to see the ball game between the University of Michigan and Hillsdale college at Hillsdale. The remains were badly mutilated.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

Alexieff Is Done.

Viceroy Alexieff has applied by telegraph to the Czar to be relieved of his position of viceroy in the far east.

It is expected the request will be immediately granted. While no official announcement has yet been made, there is reason to believe the above statement is correct.

The immediate cause of the viceroy's application is reported to be the appointment of Vice Admiral Skrydloff, one of Admiral Alexieff's strongest enemies and sharpest critic, as successor to the late Vice Admiral Makaroff in command of the Russian navy in the far east.

The Japanese legation in London is greatly interested in the announcement of Viceroy Alexieff's resignation. The opinion is expressed that if he had resigned six months ago there would have been no war, but now that hostilities are in progress the Japanese would have preferred to see Alexieff retain control.

The Russians Are Ready.

Advices from Mukden indicate that the Russians have completed the construction of their forces on the Muk-Jen-Liao Yang-Yalu and Mukden-New-Chwang lines. Forty thousand men are occupying fortified positions along the Yalu river and 200 guns posted in Taku Shan at the head of Korea bay, where the Japanese have threatened to make a landing. The Russians also occupy the banks of the Tumen river, from the Russo-Korean frontier, to Lake Tai Tji (Paik Too San), on the Manchu-Korean frontier, near the source of the Yalu. Detachments of Russian cavalry and light artillery hold the towns of Kio-Liu, Musan and Zundyan, along the river, and points on the east coast of Korea offering facilities for landings.

The Cost of War.

It is authoritatively stated that Russia's daily expenses in the war average $1,000,000, and it is estimated that a year's expenditures for the war will total $250,000,000. To meet this there existed a free balance of $85,000,000, which was increased by $115,000,000 by reductions of the ordinary budgets, leaving ostensibly $135,000,000 to be found. But a portion of the latter is made up by the increased earnings of the railroads owned by the government. It being in reality a question of bookkeeping, how the balance is to be raised does not yet have been determined. No foreign loan has been arranged and none is desired, if it can be avoided, as practically the total of the war expenditure will be raised in Russia. The ministry of finance believes it may be easy to float an internal loan late in the summer or fall.

The Tomb Desecrated.

Astonishing vandalism has been discovered at the family tomb of the Livingstons, on the ancient Livingston manor place on the Hudson. Thieves broke into the tomb and stole the body of the wife of Gen. Henry W. Livingston (Fighting Harry), famous half a century ago as the hero of an important episode in the colonist's lives igation.

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The Three Were Hanged.

Peter Neidermeier, Gustav Marx and Harvey Van Dine, the notorious car barn bandits and confessed murderers of eight men, were hanged in Chicago Friday. Neidermeier, the leader, was the first to die, the trap being sprung in his cell at 10:35. Neidermeier compelled his executioners to carry him to the scaffold. Weak and pale, but with a slight suggestion of a smile, the bandit failed to carry out his oft-repeated boast that he would die before reaching the gallows. Neidermeier appeared on the scaffold wearing a red rose, but without a coat.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Marx was led to the scaffold, neatly dressed and with a white rose as a boutonniere, which had been given him by his small sister the night before. He was pale, but his courage never left him while he stood on the scaffold. He made no statement. Two priests of the Roman Catholic church, of which Marx had become a member, accompanied him to the gallows. He repeated the litany with them, kissed a crucifix, after which the jailer adjusted the noose and sprang the trap at 11:17. He was pronounced dead at 11:34, his neck having been broken.

Harvey Van Dine was hanged a short time after the execution of his companion, Marx, who, but a few days before was a bitter enemy of Van Dine. They, however, were the best of friends in their last hours of life.

Incidents of Van Dine's execution were similar to those which characterized the execution of Marx. Like Marx, Van Dine was composed preceding his execution. With the Catholic priests who had accompanied Marx, Van Dine walked unfalteringly to the scaffold, attired neatly in black like Marx and wearing a white waistcoat and white rose.

The Russian Plan.

All trustworthy accounts from the main base of the Russian army, in Manchuria, support the view that Gen. Kuropatkin is clearing the country between the Yalu and the Liao Yang of every form of sustenance for men and animals, preparatory to a general movement inland. The Cossacks are being driven north in vast droves, followed by wagon trains laden with food and forage. The inhabitants are threatened with famine, and as many as are able are migrating in a northwesterly direction. This indicates that the Russian commander has elected to fall back to the mountainous region about Liao Yang, in order to draw the Japanese across the extensive foodless area, and thus to come into grips with the enemy under circumstances favorable to the Russian army.

Bryan Will Bolt.

Democratic senators and representatives are talking in much gossip over William J. Bryan's attack on Justice Parker in Chicago Saturday night. They are leaning to the opinion that it is Bryan's purpose to bolt the nominee of the St. Louis convention.

Bryan, when in Washington a few months ago, was telling these same senators and representatives that he'd support no regular ticket no matter who were the candidates or what the platform, but his Saturday night speech is taken as evidence that he has changed his mind and is determined to defeat the Democratic ticket if possible since he cannot have his way.

It's Our Canal.

The resolution of the Panama Canal Co. shareholders ratifying the sale of the canal to the United States was adopted almost unanimously. There were only two dissenting votes. The meeting then adjourned. This completes the transfer of the canal to the United States.

Hudson valley fruit growers lose $2 000,000 as the result of the extreme cold winter, according to advices from Kingston, N. Y. The failure of the peach crop has been conceded.

"Fighting Bob" Evans is on his way home from Port Said with the cruiser battleship Kentucky. This is the ship that Emperor William wanted to try to see last year superimposed turrets being a new thing to him. "Bob" couldn't gratify his majesty last year but by loading until the Kentucky overhung up with his yacht in the Mediterranean, the kaiser may gratify his curiosity this time.

Henry Eggert, a St. Louis miser who committed suicide to escape the privations imposed upon himself, was buried in a coffin trimmed with gold, which cost $1,000. Eggert left an estate of $150,000, and his nephew said his uncle was entitled to a lavish funeral.

The year 1903 stands as the high-water mark of prosperity in the anthracite coal trade. The total production was 66,351,713 tons, 6,000,000 tons more than that of any previous year, and valued at $152,695,448. The average price per ton was $2 302, a number of men employed, 154,483, and average number of days each man worked, 206.

Mayor B. B. Brown was indicted by the grand jury Saturday on four counts, three charging false pretenses and one alleging forgery. All the indictments grew out of deals in the city departments. Alderman Thomas Flynn was arrested on twenty-three indictments charging false pretenses in the same connection. A total of fifty-two true bills was returned to Judge Voorhees in the district court, but the other names have not been made public.

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

How the Minneapolis poor fund was looted under the Ames administration was described during the trial of former Poor Superintendent Wm. H. Johnson, by his assistant, Charles H. Brown. In order to reimburse himself for the money he had spent getting the office and for what is cost him to go on Ames's bond, Johnson wanted to get even, according to the testimony, and so he and Smith repeatedly cashed orders ostensibly for groceries for poor families. The two men divided the spoils.

Already this year America has shipped 80,000 tons of agricultural implements into Russia.

Hopes and Fears.

Maj.-Gen. Pflug, in a telegram from Port Arthur formally denies the reports that the Japanese have crossed the Yalu river.

The Associated Press is able to announce authoritatively that the talk of mediation in the Russo-Japanese war was founded upon the personal desires of King Edward and King Christian of Denmark to avoid further bloodshed and end the conflict, but that the steps initiated have entirely failed.

The emperor, with the full concurrence of the imperial family, and his advisers, has firmly decided that only to reject all proposals looking to intervention, but to prosecute the war with all the resources of the empire until victory crowns the Russian arms.

It is said that the emperor, replying to Viceroy Alexieff's application for leave, has telegraphed his refusal, adding that he hoped the viceroy would be able to send good news soon.

All weak points on both the land and sea sides of Port Arthur have been so strengthened in the last two months that the impregnability of Port Arthur is now regarded as absolutely assured. The garrison has been considerably strengthened and the forts are provided with all necessary stores for more than a year. Complete confidence prevails with the troops, sailors and inhabitants in the ability of Russia to defeat any Japanese attack.

Russians Get Busy.

The Russian Vladivostok squadron, after a long period of inactivity, suddenly appeared off Gensan, on the east coast of Korea, Monday morning, and sank the Golo Maru, a Japanese merchant steamer of 600 tons.

A brief telegram received from Gensan says three Russian cruisers had entered the harbor and that they were still there when the dispatch was sent. Their arrival created consternation in the unprotected Japanese colony at Gensan.

It is thought in Tokio that this Russian naval movement was made in the hope of intercepting some unprotected Japanese troop ships. It is not believed the squadron will remain at Gensan long.

The conference agreement reached on the postoffice appropriation bill includes the adoption of the house provision relative to rural carriers which prohibits them from doing an express business or soliciting subscriptions from patrons along their routes.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending April 30.

DETROIT—Saturday matinee. Evenings at 8.—English Grand Opera Company.

LYCEUM—Matinees Wednesday, Saturday, 2:15. Evenings, 7:45, 9, 9:75.—Edwin Holt in "The Cardinal."

WHITNEY—Matinee 10c. All over 10c. Evenings 10, 20 & 30c.—The Whirl of Woman and Wine.

TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons 2:15, evenings 7:15, 8:30 and 10.

AVENUE THEATER—Matinees at 2:15; Evenings at 8:15.—Vaudeville.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

Detroit—Choice steers, $4 50@4 75; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, $3 75@4 40; light to good butcher steers, 800 to 1,000 pounds, $3 25@4 10; mixed butchers' cattle, $2 50@3 50; canners, $2@2 50; common bulls, $2 50@3; good shippers' bulls, $3@3 50; common feeders, $2 75@3; good to choice feeders, $3 60@4 15; light stockers, $2 75@3 36. Veal—Best grades, $6@6 50; others, $5 50@6; milch cows and springers strong, $25@50.

Hogs—Pigs steady; range of prices, light to good butchers, $5@5 10; pigs, $4 80@5; light yorkers, $4 90@5; roughs, $4@4 25; stags, 3-3 off.

Sheep—Best wethers, lambs, $6 50@6 65; fair to good lambs, $6 25@6 50; light to common lambs, $5@5 50; culls and common lambs, $3@4 50; best yearlings, $5 50@5 75; best handy weight sheep, $4 50@5 25; culls and common, $2 50@4; spring lambs, $3@8.

Chicago—Good to prime steers, $5@5 50; poor to medium, $3 80@5; stockers and feeders, $3@4 35; cows, $1 75@4 40; heifers, $2 25@4 75; canners, $1 75@2 50; bulls, $2 25@4 10.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $5@5 25; good to choice heavy, $5 10@5 17½; rough heavy, $4 90@5 05; light, $4 80@5 05; bulk of sales, $5 10@5 15.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $4 75@5; fair to choice mixed, $3 75@4 60; native lambs, $4 50@5 50.

East Buffalo—Best export steers, $5@5 35; best, 1,200 to 1,300-lb shipping, $4 40@4 65; coarse, 1,050 to 1,150-lb butcher steers, $4 25@4 60; 900 to 1,000-lb butcher steers, $4@4 25; best fat cows, $3 75@4; best fat heifers, $4@4 25; fair to good, $3@3 50; common cows, $2 10@2 75; best fat bulls, $4 25@4 50; medium heifers, $3 75@4; light fat heifers, 700 to 800 lbs, $3@3 75; common stockers, $2 50@3 25; best feeding steers, $3 75@4; best yearling steers, $3 50@3 75; common stockers, $3@3 25; export bulls, $3 75@4; bologna bulls, $3@3 25; fresh cows and springers steady; extra milkers, $45@55; fair to good, $35@40. Calves—Tops, $5 50@5 75; fair to good, $5@5 25; grassers at $4; fair to good, $4 25@5 25.

Hogs—Yorkers, $5@5 05; pigs, $4 90@5; medium and heavy, $5 00@5 25; closed steady; 15 cars left over unsold.

Sheep—Best wethers, $7 20@7 25; fair to good, $7@7 15; culls to common, $5@6 75; best heavy lambs, $7; best shipped lambs, $6 25@6 35; mixed sheep, $6 75@6 90; fair to good, $5 25@6 50; culls wethers, $5@6 15; yearlings, $5 25@6 50; best clipped sheep, $5 75@6; culls and bucks, $3 50@5; ewes, $5 50@5 75;

Grain, Etc.

Detroit.—Wheat—No. 1 white, $1; No. 2 red spot, $1; May, 2,000 bu at 98½c; July, 2,000 bu at 88½c, 1,000 bu at 88¾c, 5,000 bu at 88¾c, 10,000 bu at 88½c; September, 5,000 bu at 85½c, 5,000 bu at 86c; No. 3 red, 98c per bu.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 56c; No. 2 yellow, 57½c per bu.

Oats—No. 3 white spot, 2 cars at 42¾c; No. 2 white, 2 cars at 41¾c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot nominal at 75c bu.

Beans—Spot and April, $1 75; May, $1 77; all sold.

Chicago (cash).—Wheat—No 2 spring, 86@95c; No. 3, 84@92c; No. 2 red, 92@94½c.

Corn—No. 2, 49½@50½c; No. 3 yellow, 51c.

Oats—No. 2, 37¼@37½c; No. 3 white, 39½@42c.

Rye—No. 2, 67@68c.

Barley—Common, 23@25c; fair to choice malting, 45@55c.

Before Justice Ginley, of Cleveland, would marry Charles Rhodes and Julia Kortun, he made them sign a pledge never to get divorced.

At Dover, Del., Mrs. Mary A. Powell confessed to the murder of her foster daughter, Essie Albin, February last. The girl's body was found in pieces. Jealousy is said to have been the cause.

John Lortz, of Chambersburg, Pa., a former wealthy horse breeder and farmer, now dead, has left $40,000 to Wilson College, $30,000 of which is to be used fo the erection of a natural science building.

After a life of poverty and suffering the Baroness Di Gallotti second cousin of the late Queen Victoria, has just died at Leadville, Colo., aged 64. At 14 she married an Italian count and in their distress the baroness took a position in grand opera. The baron died in 1874, and five years later the daughter of royalty married a poor lawyer. In their old age they experienced dire want.

The ice on Keweenaw bay was strong enough last Wednesday to support teams, and the event is only a thing at this time of the year is exciting the interest of the old inhabitants up that way.