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FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN

You can't tell by the looks of a mouse how far it can make a woman jump.

The world could better-have lost a fleet of Petropavlovsks than one Veresthagin.

A Chicago girl is the latest American heiress to capture a Frenchman with a title. Great feat!

A "Parsifal" company got stranded in Buffalo the other day. Life is not wholly devoid of joys for Frau Wagner.

A recent duel in Gay Paree lasted two hours and fifteen minutes. People ought not to get as gay as all that.

There is only one hat that approaches that worn in Korea in grace, and that is the plug hat of the Caucasians.

A Cleveland baby was crushed to death by a whisky keg the other day. It isn't the first case of the kind on record.

The hero of a new novel is worth $400,000,000. It wouldn't be safe to bet that the author is worth more than $399.98.

Nordica's divorced husband wants to get her back. Evidently he wasn't wise enough to save anything out of his allowance.

The growing popularity of American "quick lunch" in England should shoot a gleam of joy over old Kruger's declining days.

A New York paper describes J. P. Morgan as "the man who was." But considerable of what was that belonged to him still "is."

If a young man doesn't get out of patience when he is trying to explain a baseball game to a girl it is a good sign that he really loves her.

Sea serpents have been sighted at Avalon already this season, but it will be remembered that prohibition does not obtain there to any great extent.

The sorrow expressed in Japan over the death of the brave Makaroff shows that human hearts beat under brown skins. A man's a man for a' that.

A Phoenix man dropped dead when invited to have a drink, but no strict moral can be pointed from this, as the man would doubtless have died sometime anyway.

Former President Jiminez of Santo Domingo has arrived in New York. He has not announced whether he will establish a fruit stand or become a St. Louis fair attraction.

If a merchant could subtract from the sales of any day of the year the business brought to him through advertising, that day would be easily the dullest day of the year.

The Trenton man who claims he hasn't slept a wink for ten years would have made his story more interesting if he had claimed also that his home was in Philadelphia.

High on the roll of heroes goes the name of Gunner's Mate Monson of the Missouri, who saved the good ship's crew by leaping into a hole of death and pulling the door shut after him.

The Emperor of Abyssinia is said to have 100,000 pounds of gold bullion in his vaults. His royal highness seems to have been overlooked somehow in the world's great diplomatic grab game.

The New York woman who says flirting is as necessary as it is pleasant will please pardon us for assuming that she speaks from experience and is not gladdening us with mere theoretical guff.

A minister in New Jersey delivered his Easter sermon in verse, and his parishioners have no other recourse than to deny him a vacation and force him to remain in the state through the mosquito season.

Young John D. recently said to his Bible class: "A man who is proud and puffed up is sure to fall." True. And a man who climbs too high on a slender pole is likely to break it off and run it into himself.

An erudite contemporary says that 27 per cept of the public school teachers in this country are men. It is probable that the average pupil would by the addition of the little letter "a," make them out "mean."

Smokers will read with regret the story of the fire that burned $300,000 worth of tobacco and fine cigars in the factories at West Tampa. But Aunt Hannah will say grimly that that's the only way that tobacco ought ever to be burned.

The negro who killed Andrew H. Green in New York says he has an agreement with the devil, who will stand by him, and that he is going to kill two more prominent men as soon as he gets out of jail, which makes it look as if he wouldn't.

A man, who has nothing else to do, writes to inquire, "what is a good cure for despondency?" Carbolic acid has been tried in quite a number of cases lately and has been giving general satisfaction, although there are doubtless many other antidotes on the market quite as efficient.

The Spanish premier's life was saved the other day by the gold braid on his uniform, which stopped an anarchist's blade. This is the most powerful argument that has ever been presented in favor of gold braid.

Michigan Building Dedicated.

The beautiful building on the great Exposition grounds in St. Louis, erected by Michigan, was dedicated on Monday. Gov. A. T. Bliss presided at the ceremonies and after Sousa's band had rendered "Michigan, My Michigan," the governor introduced Frederick B. Smith, of Detroit, president of the state commission, who made a brief address. He spoke of Michigan's efforts to construct a building in keeping with the stateliness of the other state buildings and said her portals were thrown wide open and her hospitality would be unbounded.

President D. R. Francis, of the Exposition, responded and welcomed Michigan in the name of the Exposition.

The keys of the building were then delivered by the contractor and accepted by Ralf H. Smith, secretary of the state commission.

Other addresses followed by Hon. Chase S. Osborn, of Sault Ste. Marie, and J. L. Hudson, president of the Detroit Board of Commerce. Mr. Osborn's address was replete with historical reference to Kairs, even back to the palmy days of the Nee Pissashians and paid a glowing tribute to the state. "Michigan," he said, "keeps step with all of the states in our splendid sisterhood, just as she was in battle array with the national columns and with all the earth; with nature and with God. * * * Michigan, with its fruit and its flowers, its farms and its gardens, its iron and its copper, its coal and its stone, its sugar and its salt, its timber and its cement, its leather and its cloth, its furniture and its glass, its sweet water and pure air, its working places and its resting places, its pelagian lakes and its petfluciel streams, its iridescent skies and evanescent troubles, here greets its sisters and wishes them aloud."

Women Will Illustrate.

There is great interest in a street cleaning experiment undertaken by the women of the Kalamazoo Civic League which began Monday morning, and continues for six weeks. The portion of the street to be kept clean lies in the heart of the business district. Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane, chairman of the public health committee of the Civic league, is in active charge of the work, and Mrs. Howard Murray Jones, wife of the pastor of the First Congregational church, president of the league, and Mrs. A. J. Mills, wife of Judge Mills, are honorary members. Mrs. Crane visited the merchants on Main street, Friday, and asked them to sweep off the walks in front of their business places at least once each day and to scrub off the walks with soap at least once each week. All agreed to do so.

Honor the Dead.

Department Commander D. B. K. Van Raalte, in his general orders for the observance of Memorial day, urges the comrades of the G. A. R., by their devotion to the memory of the soldier dead, to make it impossible for others to turn the day into a season of sport, pleasure or financial gain.

"Posts are requested to attend church services Sunday, May 29, the day before Memorial day. It is suggested that the comrades appear in uniform with badges and colors, inviting the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and kindred patriotic organizations to join in the service.

The post chaplains are directed to report the number of graves decorated to Department Chaplain Putnam.

Search for Nichols.

A party started from Negaunee Sunday to search the woods for the body of Stephen Nichols, who mysteriously disappeared November 12 last, while hunting deer. It is thought he may have been accidentally shot by a careless hunter, who hid the body to cover up the deed. A heavy snowstorm coming up that day destroyed all traces of him. Although there is from a foot to two feet of snow in places in the woods, his relatives and friends are hopeful of success. Should the search prove unavailing Nichols' parents will make application for the $1,000 insurance policy which he carried in the Maccabees.

The Machine Worked.

A singular and very embarrassing accident happened on a farm south of Battle Creek Saturday. While a farm hand was working a corn shredder, he, in some unknown manner, got caught in the mechanism. When the trouble was over he had nothing left on him except his hat, shoes and socks. As cruel fate would have it, a bevy of pretty young ladies from the city were visiting at the farm house and had just gone out in the field to "see how acorn shredder worked." They saw. The man received no injury except to his feelings.

Great Cash Balance.

The receipt by Auditor-General Powers of more than $1,200,000 from railroad companies in payment of taxes sent the balance, in the state treasury at the close of April up to $1,557,349.58. A deep cut will be made in this balance on May 10, when the semi-annual distribution of primary school money will be made among the counties of the state. This apportionment will be on the basis of 60 cents per child of school age—between 5 and 20 years.

By catching his foot in a guard rail at Bath, Ambrose Mosher, brakeman on the Michigan Central southbound freight, was thrown over and injured so that he died Tuesday. He was 22 years old and resided at West Bay City.

Lewis Schoorr, of Richfield, a day or two ago set fire to a marsh on his farm, and after the blaze got to burning well the wind changed, and blew it directly toward a new fence. Mr. Schoorr made a gap, but the fire got there first and burned twenty rods of fence that he had just finished building.

Navigation through the Straits of Mackinaw is now open, although no boats are ready to make the passage. There is a large ice field along the east shore of Lake Michigan.

The farm house of John Nicholson, the Alpena lumberman, at Long Rapids, was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. Neighbors saved the other buildings. The loss was $2,500; no insurance.

Seven members of the family of H. Hendricks, of Beaver township, are ill with smallpox in a mild form. The health officers report this to be the largest number ill at the same time in any one family.

More Paroles Granted.

Gov. Bliss granted paroles in the following cases today: John W. Weaver, sent from St. Joseph county April 6, 1893, to Jackson prison for 20 years for murder, second degree.

John Henry, sent from St. Clair county Feb. 5, 1901, to Marquette prison for five years for larceny.

Irwin Mattison, sent from Kalamazoo Dec. 12, 1900, to Jackson prison for five years for horse stealing.

John Lynch, sent from Calhoun county May 12, 1902, to Jackson prison for three years for grand larceny.

Albert Cook, sent from Monroe June 8, 1901, to Jackson prison for 10 years.

A commutation of sentence was granted in the case of Frank Smith, sent from Ingham county in June, 1900, to Jackson prison for five years for stealing wood. His sentence would expire in June, but he will be released at once.

Shockingly Mangled.

John A. Wallace, a law student 6ft deep in the elevator shaft in the Monadnock building, Detroit, Friday morning and was instantly killed. His face was smashed almost beyond recognition, and the left side of his head was shattered so that the skull seemed to be in several small pieces. Many bones in the victim's body were broken, and his hands and fingers were crushed and twisted. Wallace came to Detroit from Traverse City years ago and began the study of law. He was a well-known student at the Detroit College of Law, and would have graduated and been admitted to the bar in about another month. He was generally liked, and was a great favorite with his classmates.

Married the Driver.

Police interference delayed the marriage of Miss Maude Denning, daughter of Mrs. Martha Denning, a wealthy Oshkosh, Wis., resident, to Louis Wagner, driver of the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek Menominee on a late train Monday night. The girls mother learning of the elopement called the officers by telephone and gave the description of the couple. Fatally objections to the cause," Tuesday morning the daughter told her mother that she would marry Wagner or commit suicide. She defied the parental objections and they were married by Justice Nasen.

MICHIGAN NEWS NOTES.

The headquarters of the anti-saloon league will be removed to Detroit.

The East Norrie mine has closed and 100 men are out of employment.

The postoffice at Hickory Corners was burglarized Sunday night and $50 taken.

Alice Davis, aged 1 years, was drowned in the Shiawassee river at Owosso Monday.

Measles have become epidemic at Jonesville. Fifty cases were reported to Health Officer Dittmore in two days.

The Hotel Montague, Carey's big hostelry, is closed up, the result of the complications following the Montague failure.

Mrs. Pearl F. Norton, of Grand Rapids, died suddenly in a sleeping car while en route from Knoxville, Tenn., to her home.

The 3-year-old son of Alexander Briggs, of Nottaway, swallowed carbolic acid by accident and its life is despaired of.

Gens Fred W. Green and J. C. H. Kidd are making a northern tour to locate a site for the National Guard encampment.

Mary Lytle died at Alpena Tuesday at the age of 104. She had always been in fairly good health up to a few months ago.

J. O. Zabel and S. A. Foster have been granted a franchise through Dundee village for an electric line from Petersburg to Jackson.

Free beer in Charlotte Monday marked the overthrow of the local option law. Five saloonists bonds have been accepted by the council.

For an old combination of occupations a Cheboygan man has it. He is a jeweler most of the time, but does boiler repairing as a side line.

The body found in a ditch at Port Huron last week is believed to be that of Julius Pollick, a Bay City laborer who has been missing for some time.

Adelbert F. Stevenson, of Flint, has returned from a four years' trip around the world on the U. S. S. Raleigh, his enlistment having recently expired.

The 3-year-old son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. John Reldesky, of Wilson township, fell into a tub of boiling brine, and died in a few hours after terrible suffering.

On account of the building committee of the Oakland Board of Supervisors will meet at Pontiac to open bids for the construction of the new court house at Pontiac.

As a result of energetic action on the part of the Women's Civic League an anti-spitting crusade has been started at Kalamazoo, with the backing of the common council.

Mrs. Clarence Rice, of Muskegon, was cured of the charge of receiving stolen goods, proceeds of the robbery of the Old National bank of Grand Rapids by her son.

Robert Aevins, a Maple Grove stock buyer, was thrown from a horse near his home. He was picked up unconscious and taken home where he died Thursday morning. He was a man about 40 years of age and formerly had a number of years' duty in the Philippines, during which time he was riding an embroken mustang.

Adjt.-Gen. George H. Brown has notified the governor's staff and the state senate and house committees in charge of the memorial to Michigan soldiers who died in Andersonville prison, Ga., that the party will go south on a special train, reaching Andersonville in time for the dedication of the monument next Memorial day.

Sometime during Wednesday night, some mischievous high school scholars gained entrance to the Flint school building and brought forth a skeleton from the museum, attached it to the rope of the flag pole and left it dangling in midair.

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

Big Rapids has decided to have a street fair this summer.

Diphtheria was reported from 28 places, typhoid fever from 44 places, pneumonia from 61 places, measles from 88 places, and smallpox from 97 places in the state last week.

James Morrow, of Detroit, his wife, his aged mother and three small children, one of them still at its mother's breast—are all stricken with diphtheria in its malignant form.

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.

Sylvester Cargill, an Adrian carpenter, fell from a scaffold Thursday, breaking his back. His wife died recently and his son was killed by the accidental discharge of a revolver.

The University of Michigan has conferred 2,500 degrees in the last ten years. The smallest number in any one year of the period was 503 in 1897, and the largest number 896 in 1903.

The boarding house of Herman Richards at Pine Lake was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning and several lodgers had to jump from windows in their night clothes to escape.

Neighbors of William Lyons, of Lenawee, believe that the young man escaped to Canada on Saturday night, April 23, by means of foul play, and will ask the authorities for an investigation.

The State Board of Pardons has denied applications for clemency in a number of cases, the most notable being that of Frank Hayes, the young Detroit murderer, who is serving a life sentence.

Pomona and Occidental lodges of Free Masons at St. Joseph, both old landmarks, have decided to consolidate, making what it is claimed will be the second largest Masonic lodge in the state.

The circuit court jury has rendered a verdict of no cause of action in the case in which George A. Blye sought to recover $5,000 from the Lansing Wheelbarrow Co., for injuries sustained as an employe.

J. Hayes, of Arenac, has been brought to Bay City hospital for treatment. He fell recently, injuring his hip slightly. Blood poisoning set in and amputation of the leg at the hip may be necessary.

The two-year-old son of Benjamin Fox, of Grand Rapids, took down a bottle of carbolic acid and swallowed the contents. The child died Sunday morning, living about half an hour after swallowing the poison.

Neal Miller, an old United States consul at Sarnia, suffered a stroke of paralysis while seated at his desk and is in serious condition. Mr. McMillan was formerly state oil inspector, and is well known all over Michigan.

Thirty-six were elected of the 100 citizens' committee on the state fair, and from these half a dozen will be selected for the executive committee of the agricultural society to choose the fair dates for 1904. May 6.

Navigation in the Soo passage is now open from Lake Huron to Sault Ste. Marie, a small fishing tug having reached Sailors' Encampment from Detroit. The river between the Soo and Encampment has been open several days.

Mrs. William Myron, of Grant town ship, took a dose of a proprietary remedy on Monday and died soon after, the symptoms indicating arsenic poisoning. Mr. Myron also took a dose from the same bottle, but his life was saved after a long struggle.

The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Dutz, of Lansing, was fatally burned Sunday. Mrs. Carr went down stairs for a pail of water and rushed back on hearing the child's screams and found it impossible to get through the burning hallway to his aid.

Fire destroyed the Franklin house in Cheboygan Saturday morning, loss $5,500; insurance $2,000. The residence of Elizabeth Cobb adjoining was damaged, both house and furniture, about $600. Insurance on the house $500. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The weekly health report shows that there are 14 cases of diphtheria, 20 of scarlet fever and 14 of smallpox in Detroit. The deaths for the week numbered 108, of which 38 were of children under the age of 5 years. Six-ty-three births were reported, 26 boys and 37 girls.

Lloyd J. Lowry, of Chicago, has been in Sherwood the past three weeks investigating wells and springs on his father's farm. Mr. Lowry says oil exists in paying quantities and that a good flow of oil, and has already leased over 1,000 acres of land. A company will be formed.

The Ubly Times-Independent has paid the $40 salary of Editor Lansing, who is in the Panama Canal Co., the archives and documents of the company have been turned over to the United States representatives in Paris, and the $10,000,000 payment to the French republic will probably be made soon without any attempt to wait for the presentation of the old Colon fire claims by Colombia.

Queen Wilhelmina is in Naples in spite of the fact that her looks and figure gard, and not a trace of her sweet beauty of a few years ago is discernible in the sallow-faced, stooping woman, who has long forgotten to smile. She arrived with her husband, Heinrich, in the same hotel with her to save appearances, but the queen's majordomo sees to it that he does not molest his wife.

Because he insisted on stripping the clothing from his person and his bed to make fires in his cell and did many other things, Harry W. Mitchell, of Battle Creek, who has been awaiting trial in the county jail on a charge of defacing property at the Hotel Bismarck, has been sent to the asylum.

The supreme court has upheld Auditor-General Powers in his refusal to pay vouchers allowed by state boards for services of attorneys for preparing desired legislation. The decision permits the auditor-general to recover such money expended by state boards, by deducting the amount from the funds of the boards.

The most remarkable state convention ever summoned in Michigan will assemble in Jackson May 18. It is to be a gathering composed of those survivors who took part in the civil war days for Gen. John C. Fremont for president, the first nominee of the Republican party. There are believed to be about 6,000 Fremont voters in Michigan.

A jury has finally been obtained to try George Parker, of Detroit, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, Emil Gaertner, in a duel. Six jurors in the now celebrated case, including the cost for the two previous juries, was $3,000, or $250 a juror.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

JAPS WIN FIRST LAND BATTLE.

The Japanese Storm Russian Position and Capture 38 Guns.

The first great battle in the Russo-Japanese war was fought at Chinlien Cheng, which is a town on the Manchurian side of the river. For over five hours the ground was most bitterly contested. The strongly fortified outpost on the north bank of the Yalu was attacked on the 28th ult. when 16,000 Japanese troops drew from cover a force of 30,000 Russians, and a titanic conflict followed. Owing to their superior force, the advantage at first was with the Russians. At the critical stage, however, Japanese reinforcements suddenly appeared. Fresh troops constantly arriving to reinforce the Japanese were successively thrown into the front of the fray, and finally in the face of a gallant charge by the soldiers of the nikado the Russian line broke, and the czar's troops retreated in confusion. The movement is thought to have been clever strategy on the part of the Japanese commander to conceal his real strength and lead the Russians to believe that they had to deal only with an advance guard.

The Russians were forced to abandon Antung Sunday. They burned the town and retreated to Feng-Huan-Cheng. The Japs now control the estuary of the Yalu.

The Japs lost about 700 killed and wounded. The Russians lost 400 men.

The Japs captured 38 quick-firing guns, 20 officers and many men.

The Russians made two stands.

A dispatch from London dated Tuesday says the Japanese have driven the Russians out of New Chwang and captured the town.

Gen. Kuropatkin says he has been killed in the fighting on the Yale river.

The fighting on the Yalu continued on Monday. The Japanese pursued the Russians, who resisted stubbornly. The Russians are rendered some artillery. The Japanese had about 3000 more casualties.

The silence of the authorities at St. Petersburg regarding the later details of the fighting on the Yalu river is interpreted ominously, but is explained by the fact that a few Japanese have got in the rear of the Russian position and cut the wires between Tai-Sun-Cheng and St. Petersburg.

It is officially reported in St. Petersburg that Admiral Togo made another desperate attempt to block the entrance to Port Arthur Monday night, but failed. The Russians fired on a section of the fleet to meet the attack and sank eight firesships and two Japanese torpedo boats. The channel is still clear.

After the sighting of Sunday on the Yalu the Japanese on Monday morning started to pursue the enemy through the mountains. The Russian forces are said to number 10,000 men. They sustained heavy losses.

Russia Says "Keep Off."

In the most categorical terms Russia has officially notified the world that she will not accept mediation to terminate the war with Japan. The official notification is contained in a circular issued by the ministry of foreign affairs to the Russian representatives with foreign powers, which is gazetted in the Official Messenger.

The circular denies the report that formal proposals have been made to the imperial government and begs to assign power to use its good offices to restore peace a denial which does not refer to the personal intimation addressed directly to the emperor by King Edward and King Christian, of Denmark.

As the climax of a religious revival unprecedented in the suburb people of Oak Park, Chicago, in a union meeting lasting until after midnight, have subscribed a fund of $25,000 to wipe off the debt on their $75,000 Y. M. C. A. building.

Congress Adjourns.

The fifty-eighth congress formally adjourned sine die Thursday afternoon. The Republican and Democratic view of appropriations made thus far by the fifty-eighth congress were presented to the house by Chairman Hemenway of the appropriations committee and Rep. Livingston of Georgia, ranking Democratic member of that committee.

"Good government housekeeping" is the caption chosen by Hemenway to represent his views.

"Congress that has done nothing but spend money," is the heading of Livingston's summary.

After reviewing the expenditures for the second fiscal year, Hemenway concluded: "The expenditures of our government in their aggregate as exhibited by the appropriations of congress are large, and by unthinking persons, and especially by misguided newspapers, are denounced as extravagant and yet, according to the very best authority, our national government is the most economically administered of any in the civilized world."

A table to substantiate this statement is given, showing the per capita expenditures of the leading nations. The highest given is New Zealand, where the per capita expense is $30.35, the lowest is the United States, with a per capita showing of $7.97.

The total appropriations made by this congress aggregated, according to Hemenway, $787,419,620. Of this sum $26,801,843 was to pay deficiencies for prior fiscal years, and $56,500,000 is set aside for application to the sinking fund. This leaves the total appropriation for the current expense $30.38, the lowest is the United States, with a per capita showing of $7.97.

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After the Coal Roads.

Attorney General Knox will begin suit immediately to dissolve the combination of coal-carrying roads and push the suit with the same vigor he displayed in the Northern Securities case. The proceedings will be brought in Philadelphia in the circuit court of appeals for the third circuit, and which is composed of one justice of the United States supreme court, two circuit judges and the district and the circuit judges of the circuit—Marcus W. Acheson and George M. Dallas of Pennsylvania and George Gray of Delaware.

The determination to take this step is a distinct setback for Senator Quay, who, notwithstanding his feeble health, made a special trip from Atlantic City Saturday to call upon the attorney general with the view of inducing a postponement of the legal test of the right of the coal roads to enter into secret agreement in the apportioning of the tonnage between the corporations which are alleged to have unlawfully merged their interests.

The preparations for the trial in Philadelphia suggest that the president was eager to have the case made earlier than was first intended, and it is known that no influence can dissuade him except a lack of evidence necessary to make the suit successful.

The court of inquiry into the battleship Missouri disaster, in which 32 lives were lost, finds that the explosion was due to a "flare back" caused by an inexplicable combination of oxygen with certain usually latent gases in smokeless powed. The officers and crew of the Missouri not only are relieved from all responsibility, but are warmly commended for their bravery in rescuing victims.

A fool election bet is being paid by D. P. Evans, of Bowling Green, O., who agreed that Tom L. Johnson would be elected governor of Ohio last fall, the loser to push a wheelbarrow across the continent from Cleveland to San Francisco and return, and also to make the journey without money. Evans expects to earn enough to pay his expenses en route.

A May blizzard at Cripple Creek brought two feet of snow and blockaded all traffic.

MOPING FOR THE WORST

The Unemployed Hero Fixes His Eye on the Carnegie Fund.

FROM THE STRAUL GLOBE

John W. Martin and wife of Toledo were found dead in their bed as a result of asphyxiation from illuminating gas. It is believed to be a case of double suicide.

Supt. Stewart, of the Bay City public schools, reports a large falling off in attendance during recent weeks, owing to illness among the scholars. The high school has suffered most.

There was an important conference at the White House Sunday night, between President Roosevelt and house and senate leaders. It is believed to have been on the subject of the coming campaign platforms.

John Sheehy, said to have been manager of one of Sir Thomas Lipton's stores in Limerick, Ireland, was arrested in New York as he stepped from the Belgian steamer Friesland from Liverpool, charged with embezzling a considerable sum from the famous yachtsman's establishment.

Because she voted for Reed Smoot for senator while she was a member of the Utah legislature, Mrs. Mary G. Coulter, of Ogden, a prominent Utah club woman, will not be allowed to make an address at the biennial convention of the National Federation of Woman's clubs, at St. Louis, on May 17 next. She is not a Mormon.

Officials of the health department report an alarming spread of measles. Many cases have proved fatal, being followed by pneumonia.

The Michigan Central railroad has placed a detective force on duty against ticket scalping by asking an injunction. The other railroads will follow with suits also.

Right before a lobby full of people, with bell boys, porters and clerks all about, two fellows walked up to the cashier's desk at the Hollenden hotel in Cleveland and looted the drawer of $250 while the woman cashier was away for a moment, and escaped.

Because their children by former marriages caused trouble, Former Gov. Robert L. Taylor, three times chief executive of Tennessee, has just secured a divorce from his wife, formerly Mrs. Alice Fitts Hill, of Tuscaloosa, Ala. The couple married three years ago.

A mouse brought on a panic in the Standard theater, Philadelphia. The little rodent caused a woman in the gallery to scream, and the crowd rose and began to rush for the exits. The actors urged the orchestra to strike up an air and calmed upon the frightened persons to be seated. Four children were painfully hurt.

The Big Fair Opened.

Representing a larger expenditure than any similar enterprise heretofore attempted on this continent, greater in its ambition and wider in its scope than any previous effort of its kind, the Louisiana Purchase exposition was formally opened Wednesday afternoon. The inaugural exercises could scarcely have been improved upon. They were simple and were carried through without a hitch of any description. The weather was simply perfect. The Michigan delegation, twenty-four strong, arrived in the morning and was met at the Wabash depot outside the grounds by President Francis and staff, and were escorted to the magnificent state building. President Francis set aside thirty reserved seats in the grand stand for the Wolverines and the entire delegation, including Gov. Bliss and staff, viewed the opening ceremonies. Gov. Bliss was introduced to the gathering by President Francis, and when his name was announced the vast multitude cheered long and loud.

Michigan was well represented in the parade of all nations, and President Francis again showed his appreciation for the executive of the northern state by placing his party in the main division of the procession.

Gov. Bliss and party also attended the banquet tendered the governors and commissioners by President Francis. Gov. Bliss when called upon to speak declared that he felt sure in saying that the Louisiana Purchase exposition was without a doubt the greatest exhibition of its kind he has ever had the pleasure of attending.

Gov. Bliss and party will remain in St. Louis for one week. The party is housed at the Washington hotel, an entire floor having been reserved for them.

CONDENSED NEWS.

German insurance companies have decided to abandon American business as a result of the Baltimore and Toronto conflagrations.

After throwing her two children, Willie, aged 5, Otto, aged 3, into Lake Erie at Cleveland, Mrs. Caroline Volkman jumped in herself. Boatmen succeeded in rescuing all three.

John Lortz, of Chambersburg, Pa., a farmer, weekly horse breeder and banker, has left $40,000 in his will to Wilson College, $30,000 of which is to be used fo the erection of a natural science building.

Thousands of applications for positions in the construction work of the Panama canal are being made to the commission. It is stated, however, that most of the work will probably be done by contract.

Thirty thousand laborers and artisans are rushing the finishing touches at the St. Louis fair. More men are being added as rapidly as they can be obtained. Another ten thousand will be taken on before the end of the week.

A nervy mayor armed with a revolver has stopped rumbling in Council Bluffs, Ia. Mayor McCrae single-handed routed the fashionable Manhattan saloon an alleged gambling establishment and arrested 14 persons and seized the paraphernalia of the place. The mayor also raided three smaller establishments.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending May 7.

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

LYCEUM—Matinee, 25c; all seats, 35. Evenings, 10, 15, 25, 35.—The Governor's Son.

WHITNEY—Matinee, 25c; all 25c. Evenings 10, 25 & 50.—Within the Shadow of the Gallows.

TEMPLE THEATER AND ORCHESTRA—Matinee, 2:30. Doors 2:15. Doors 7:30. Evenings 8:15, 10c to 50c.

AVENUE THEATER—Matinee at 2:30; Evenings at 8:15.—Vaudeville.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

Detroit—Choice steers, $4 50@4 85; good to choice butchers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs, $3 75@4 40; light to good butchers steers and heifers, 700 to 900 lbs, $3 25@3 75; mixed butchers' cows, $2@2 50; canners, $1 25@2; common to good stockers and shippers, $2 50@3 75; Texas fed steers, $4@4 60.

Hogs—Mixed and Yorkers, $4 95@5; good to choice heavy, $4 95@5; rough heavy, $4 75@4 90; light, $4 70@4 95; bulk of sales, $4 90@4 95.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $4 75@5 40; fair to good mixed, $4 25@4 75; clipped native lambs, $4 25@5 90.

Grain.

Detroit—Wheat—No. 1 white, $1 08¼; No. 2 red spot, $1 02¾; May, 1,000 bu at $1 02, 2,000 at $1 02¾, 2,000 at $1 02¾, 2,000 bu at 88c, 5,000 bu at 88¼, 2,000 bu at 88 5-8, 2,000 bu at 88¾, 5,000 bu nominal at 88½; September, 2,000 bu at 85½, 10,000 bu at 85½; May 5 at $1 00¾; 2 cars at 99¾ bu.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 51c; No. 3 yellow, 52c; 2 cars at 55c; by sample, 46 at 47c, 2 cars at 46c, 1 car at 50c per bu.

Oats—No. 3 white spot, 5 cars at 43c bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot, 1 car at 71¾c per bu.

Beans—Spot, $1 89 nominal; May, $1 80 bid.

Chicago—No. 2 spring wheat, 87@92c; No. 3, 85@92c; No. 2 red, 89c@$1; No. 2 corn, 44½@45c; No. 3, 43½@44½c; No. 2 oats, 40¼@40¾c; No. 3 white, 44½@45c; No. 4 white, 39@40c; No. 2 rye, 70c; good feeding barley, 29@36½c; fair to choice malting, 45@55c.

Henrietta De Witt is charged with poisoning her 17-year-old daughter at Sidney, N. Y., to obtain $2,000 insurance on her life.

For the loss of his right foot while he was helping a train crew at a turntable at Chicago, William Charters, 11 years old, has been awarded $14,000 damages.

During a dash for liberty by convicts at the territorial prison at Yuma, Ariz., yesterday, two officials and five convicts were killed and one prisoner fatally. Supt. William Griffith was saved from death by a lifer. There were no escapes.

An office begging for a man is the situation with the Standard Oil Kingsworth, Conn. Congressman Sperry says he can get no one to accept the job. When the former officeholder found a cousin of his willing to be the finding of one citizen willing to accept. Before his appointment could be arranged he learned that the salary had dwindled to $1,200 a year with prospects of less with the establishment of rural free delivery, so he withdrew.

Three minutes sufficed for a jury to convict Jenny Simmons, a negro, of assault on and murder of a young white girl near Austin, Tex.