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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, MARCH 17.

Bank notes are great germ carriers. Burn your money.

There are times when the Ohio river is this country's yellowest streak.

Just think of it! Good, pious Massachusetts has outgrown the state prison at Charlestown.

George Ade gets $2,000 a week, and the dyspepsia thrown in on the side—the inside, in fact.

The grief of Japan over Russia's internal troubles is not inconsolable. It is wholly under control.

The Savannah News wants "clean paper money." We can clean up all we can get hold of, as a rule.

A New York woman wants to know why married life is "dull." Certainly not for want of "sharp" answers.

Col. Astor lost six $1,000 bills in a theater the other evening. Most of us couldn't be so careless if we tried.

Come rest in this bosom, my own stricken trust, when the other states tell you to get up and dust!—New Jersey.

A New York dentist accepted a commission to repair the molars of a prize bull dog. Notice of funeral hereafter.

Wonder that nobody has yet suggested the advisability of employing Digger Indians to dig the Panama canal.

William Dean Howells is 68, but it would take two or three strong men to hold him for the chloroforming process.

The woman who sold one of her fingers for $500 had already given her whole hand away to a man for the mere asking.

A contemporary alleges that the giraffe can kick harder than any other animal. What's the matter with a defeated candidate?

An eastern paper refers to her as "old Mrs. Chadwick." She undoubtedly deserves punishment, but ought it to be as severe as this?

Authoress of one of the brochures on "How to Manage Your Own Husband" has had her better half arrested on the charge of wife beating.

Not a few people will sympathize with the boy who, when he was asked what he would like to be when he grew up to be a man, replied: "A centenarian."

They are naming race horses, cheap cigars and corn cures after Kuroki. But we refuse to pity him. He was warned before he started out to become famous.

A Los Angeles florist has developed the green carnation at last, but probably it will never appeal to so large a percentage of the public as the green apple does.

Mr. Edison's doctor has ordered him to quit thinking for the next few months. Let him butt into the Four Hundred and he'll give up the pernicious habit forever.

The examiners found $100 in cash in a Chicago bank which was capitalized for $1,000,000. No explanation is offered as to how the officials of the bank happened to overlook it.

"Bachelors and club men are the bandits, guerrillas and outcasts of society," says Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler. The doctor seems to be almost as elephantine a joker as Prof. Osler.

The Santo Domingo revolution is said to have been suppressed. One half of the revolutionary army has fled to the mountains and the other fellow has secured a job on the police force.

It appears that when Max Lebaudy set up in business as emperor of Africa he hired a poet laureate. We are sorry to have to add that he did it merely because he could get one cheap.

Miss Jennie Crocker of San Francisco has just reached the age of 18 and come into possession of $5,000,000. Titled foreigners will please file photographs of themselves with their applications.

Search the scriptures! A pious citizen persistently refused to pay his taxes until the collector referred him to the concluding portion of the seventeenth chapter of the gospel according to St. Matthew. Then he paid up.

It was a "make-up" man with a highly developed sense of humor who placed close to the item touching Millionaire Arbuckle's 50-cent-a-day hotel for working people the four-liner in which John D. Rockefeller declares that we live too fast and eat too much. Is the oil magnate interested in the coffee king's scheme?

When the shoe manufacturers, in convention in New York, announce that the women of the future will have bigger feet, they mean, of course, only that they will wear bigger shoes.

A Chicago judge has placed the price of hugs at $1. This decision, however, does not prevent persons from privately agreeing on a different price, and a man who has the proper magnetic and diplomatic qualifications can probably succeed in securing terms much more advantageous than those handed down by the court.

John L. Sullivan opines that there is one more fight in him. There is, but the adversary has a pretty general reputation of never getting knocked out in his final bouts with mortals.

NEWS OF MICHIGAN

THE BENTON HARBOR COLONY OF FLYING ROLLERS SECURE CONVERTS AND RICHES.

BENJAMIN AND MARY ARE COMING WITH THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE.

THE ALASKA MURDERER, BALL, SUPPOSED TO BE MAINS, FORMERLY OF BATTLE CREEK.

The Millennium Now.

The Flying Rollers, of Benton Harbor, say the millennium is coming this year. They are religious enthusiasts, even letting their beards grow untrimmed; eat no meats nor fats of any kind, including milk, butter and cheese; wear no clothing made of mixed materials, and in the performance of all their daily tasks and religious ceremonies follow absolutely the dicta of Benjamin and Mary, who are now at the head of the 300 odd "converts" en route from Australia, who are to be received with a brass band and a great blare. Benjamin Prunell rules the House of David like a king. He is alike the temporal and the spiritual head of this strange flock and he teaches them that the gathering of the 144,000 chosen of Israel will take place very soon and then the end of time will come and they will be transported upward beyond the skies.

These people, like all who join the colony, give up all their possessions to the haughty leader. Benjamin, proud, dictatorial, self-satisfied in the homage paid him, when at the House of David, as he calls his community at Benton Harbor, walks around surveying the wealth and extent of his possesion. Fruit farms, building lots, fine residences and store property have been given over to him and Mary in absolute deed by the faithful as they enter into the chosen land. Even his most trifling wish is gratified and his followers guard the person of their leader with unmistaken zeal. Surrounded by his inner council, most of whom are women, Benjamin rules as a tyrant. There is no appeal from his command.

Shot At the Sheriff.

Ed Dempke, aged 21, broke into the Sand Creek postoffice recently, it is alleged, and stole $40 worth of goods and a quantity of stamps and loose change. On Monday last a portion of the goods was found in the homes of Dempke's friends. Tuesday morning Dempke purchased a large quantity of loaded cartridge shells in Hesperia for the Winchester he carried, remarking: "I am going after bigger game than rabbits."

In the afternoon Under Sheriff Allen and a posse located Dempke in a hut in the woods northeast of Sand Creek. When they attempted to enter he drew his gun on them, threatening to shoot the first man who stepped inside.

"It is revolvers against a Winchester, and I have the Winchester," he said.

During the parley Dempke leaped through the window and from the woods fired five shots at the officers, who replied with one revolver shot. No damage was done on either side, and the fugitive then took to the swamp, which he knows thoroughly from lifelong acquaintance. The posse searched for him until today and have now returned temporarily from the chase.

Dempke has served time in prison and declares he would sooner die than be captured.

A Mysterious Death.

The mysterious death of William Shubael Goodspeed, aged 18, who fell upon the street in Flint Wednesday night and died three hours after being taken home unconscious, is still mystifying the physicians who conducted the post-mortem. The heart, lungs, brain and stomach were found in good condition, except the lungs, which showed a slight discolor. Some of the symptoms led one of the doctors to believe that he died from morphine poisoning. At the time that Goodspeed fell and was assisted up by a passerby, he was smoking a cigar, which, he informed those who went to his rescue, had made him deathly sick. A portion of the brains, lungs and stomach were sent to Ann Arbor for analysis.

To Identify Him.

Robert Ball, supposed to be Charles R. Mains, ex-attorney of Battle Creek, with a notorious career in Michigan and California, has been held without bail for his appearance before the federal grand jury April 24 at Ketchikan, Alaska. Mains, or Ball, is charged with the murder of his former business associate, William Deppe, on Fox Island, southeastern Alaska, last January. Photographs of C. R. Mains, sent from Battle Creek, are almost positively identified as being Ball, but it is practically certain that Battle Creek will send some one to Alaska to identify the man.

George A. Hasty, the bookkeeper for the Lansing State Savings bank who committed suicide Friday evening by blowing off the top of his head with a gun, did so because he was $2,300 short in his accounts. He was treasurer of the Masonic Temple association and had pocketed some of the funds. Plans were on foot for a settlement of the shortage and the retirement of Hasty when the deficiency was discovered this week, but he preferred death to facing the disgrace.

St. Joseph citizens are indignant at the board of works, because the city has been in darkness for several weeks.

Old Andrew Thompson, the Montague hermit who was found a few weeks ago in a starving condition in his old hut, with $750 in his possession, is dead.

The first of the large steel steamers being built at the Bay City shipyard will be launched on Saturday, March 18. Crews are working day and night to get the boat ready for the launching, as the room is needed for another boat.

The last will and testament of Samuel J. Tilden, democratic candidate for president in the famous Tilden-Hayes campaign, has been presented for record in the office of the register of deeds of Marquette county. The will was made April 23, 1884, and Mr. Tilden's death occurred Aug. 4, 1886. Mr. Tilden was interested in Marquette county mineral properties.

STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

Martin Egelkroud, a 10-year-old Battle Creek boy, lost the sight of both eyes by the explosion of a toy cannon. The physician says there are 1,000 bits of shot in his eyes and face.

The will of the late Charles H. Hackley has been admitted to probate, and 30 days given for an inventory. The estate is estimated to be worth between $6,000,000 and $10,000,000.

Dennis Smith, who escaped from the Marshall jail Tuesday night by digging a hole through the brick wall, was recaptured north of Bellevue, where he was hiding with relatives.

Miss Ada Clark, of St. Joseph, has become insane through brooding over being arrested for shoplifting. A year ago Miss Clark created a sensation by eloping with a street carnival company.

Little Mary Vigue, of Porterfield, was crushed to death under a tree that was left partially cut. Leaving the tree in its dangerous position was the careless act of a cousin of the little girl.

While making a flying switch at Traverse City, Charles Deyo, a Pere Marquette brakeman, fell under the train and had both arms taken off, one at the wrist and the other above the elbow.

A quantity of frozen dynamite, with two explosive caps lying near, was found on the tracks of the Houghton county street railway, supposed to have been placed there by strike sympathizers.

George Scotts, a wealthy farmer of Mooreland, Muskegon county, and Mrs. Pelton, of Owosso, who were brother and sister, died within two hours of each other. Neither knew that the other was ill.

Thomas Payne, the aged farmer sent to Jackson last fall to serve a life sentence for the murder of his young wife, is said to be dying of dropsy. His two children have been taken to Jackson to see him.

Mrs. Abbie W. Smith, aged 94 years, is dead at her home in Kalkaska. She and her husband celebrated their golden wedding in 1882, and she lived to see one of her daughters celebrate her golden wedding.

Blind Dan Watkins, who sells cigars on the street corners in Battle Creek, was robbed of his day's earnings by having beer checks substituted for his money by a man under pretense of making change.

Elmer Hardy, who shot his wife in Marion one month ago because she refused to live with him, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to not more than six and not less than four years at Jackson prison. Mrs. Hardy is recovering.

Helpless from paralysis, except in one arm and hand, seated in a low rocking chair, Jacob Pratt, of Three Rivers, has started for Eureka, Cal., to make his home with his daughter. It is doubtful if he reaches his destination alive.

The report of Assistant Adjutant-General Wyckoff, of the Michigan department, G. A. R., for the last six months of the past year, shows that 234 members died. The net decrease in membership was 663. The membership was 12,282.

The monthly crop report of the secretary of state shows February to have been over five degrees colder than the normal. Wheat was well covered, however, and of 700 correspondents, only 57 reported that any considerable damage had been done.

A farmer living near Lake View captured a silver gray fox and has prepared the skin for market. The silver fox fur is the most valuable of all furs on account of its rarity, and this is said to be a magnificent specimen, with tail fully two feet long.

The law and order league of Escanaba has laid out an extensive program of activities to be used as a factor in the coming spring election. The league has sent letters to the saloonkeepers of the city calling their attention to the laws governing the liquor traffic.

Within the last six months 234 of the veterans of the civil war have died, and enough more have dropped out of the G. A. R. organization on account of phyisicial inability to attend to deplete the membership by 663 in Michigan. The total membership is now 12,282.

Mrs. Mary Tebault, daughter of John Corn, one of the old Menominee Indians, lay down in front of the stove to take a nap. The intense heat of the stove ignited her clothing and she woke to find herself a mass of flames. She lingered in agony for several hours, but finally died.

A party of Centerville villagers were discussing the reported theory of Prof. Osler that men over 60 should be chloroformed. "I never felt better in my life, even if I am 72 years old," said Wm. H. Smith. A few hours later, while splitting wood, he sank to the ground, dead of heart failure.

Attired in his inauguration frock coat, Gov. Warner joined other passengers in fighting fire on a bridge on the Pere Marquette railroad near Howell. The engineer had ran the train across the bridge before stopping. The river was frozen and the fire was extinguished with difficulty.

More serious results than was anticipated may come from the stabbing affray incident on the "hair cutting" campaign between the freshmen and the sophomores of the U. of M. It has been disclosed that the two students stabbed by the as yet unknown freshman are H. H. Corson, of Birmingham, and L. A. Warren, of Edmore.

The Moore Co., of Port Huron, and W. A. Boland, of Jackson, have not reached a compromise over the construction of the new electric road between Jackson and Lansing, both claiming the right to build the road and both are making surveys and getting material on the ground. The fight may result in the building of two roads.

Judge Wheeler, of the United States circuit court in New York, has decided that the government will have to refund $5,000,000 to the American Refining Sugar Co. (the sugar trust) for duties paid on raw sugars imported from Cuba.

It is proposed to increase the salaries of the police force of Grand Rapids $60 on an athletic basis. The raise is to be granted officers who have reached the age of 50 years and has made 200 scores three succeeding years in the civic athletic contest held each year. The corpulent members of the force look forward with horror to drill days.

A collision between the north and south bound freights on the Mackinaw division of the Michigan Central at Cheney, 90 miles north of Bay City, wrecked two engines and a number of freight cars. The crews of the trains saved their lives by jumping.

SITUATION IN THE EAST

THE REMNANTS OF KUROPATKIN'S ARMY MAY BE WIPED OUT.

THE LOSS OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN ON BOTH SIDES IS CLAIMED.

OYAMA, THE GREAT FIGHTER, KUROPATKIN, THE MASTERLY, ON RETREAT.

Field Marshal Oyama, reporting Sunday, says:

"Prisoners, spoils and the enemy's estimated casualties against all our forces in the Shakhe direction follow, but the prisoners, guns and spoils are increasing momentarily. The prisoners number over 40,000, including Gen. Nakhimoff. The killed and wounded are estimated at 90,000. The enemy's dead left on the field number 26,500. The spoils include two flags, about 60 guns, 60,000 rifles, 150 ammunition wagons, 1,000 carts, 200,000 shells, 25,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 75,000 bushels of cereals, 275,000 bushels of fodder, 45 miles of light railway outfit, 2,000 horses, 23 carloads of maps, 1,000 carloads of clothing and accoutrements, 1,000,000 rations of bread, 70,000 tons of fuel and 60,000 of hay, besides tools, tents, bullocks, telegraph wires and poles, beds, stoves and numerous other property.

"No report from the Singking direction has been received."

Gen. Kuropatkin, in a dispatch to the czar, dated shortly before midnight Saturday, says:

"From February 28 to March 11, inclusive, 1,190 officers and 46,391 men are missing from roll call."

A dispatch from Gen. Kuropatkin dated March 11 says:

"The enemy is receiving considerable reinforcements. Examination of the wounded and prisoners shows Gen. Nogi had almost entirely fresh forces. The Japanese are always able to keep their forces up to full fighting strength because of the ease with which they are able to transport troops from Japan."

The Retreat Described.

Kuropatkin's dispatches to St. Petersburg say:

"The retreat of the army was very dangerous and especially trying for those corps which were some distance from the Mandarin road. Our troops are very brave.

"The Japanese penetrated far into the mountains in the direction of Tawan. They threatened our troops but thanks to extraordinary efforts our armies are out of danger.

"The enemy cannonaded the route of our retreat from the east and west. The eastern Mandarin road was bombarded at two points near Tawan and the Pu river.

"The reason the Japanese advanced so easily from the south is that the Hun river, which covered our position at Mukden, was frozen over.

"Gen. Zerpitsky is wounded but remains at the front."

The losses at the defeat at Mukden are moderately placed at 200,000 men on both sides.

A Most Bitter Defeat.

For many miles all the approaches to Tie Pass are covered with troops, artillery and baggage transports pressing northward and twenty-five miles away the strong rear guard of troops, which is personally commanded by Gen. Kuropatkin, is retiring slowly, doggedly disputing with the pursuing enemy every foot of ground in order to cover the retreat of the remainder of the army.

The losses in this defeat, which is the most bitter yet experienced by the Russian army, by a moderate computation is not less than 200,000 men on both sides.

The Russians, in addition, sacrificed enormous quantities of munitions and stores, the greater part of which were set on fire before leaving Mukden.

A Brilliant Campaign.

Field Marshal Oyama's brilliant campaign against Fushan and Mukden, at once the greatest and the bloodiest in modern warfare, which egaged a round million of men in twelve days of continuous fighting, ending in the total defeat of the Russian forces and their dissemination into widely scattered bands, that are still fighting desperately against complete annihilation as they retreat in disorder into the Manchurian wilds, is regarded as stamping the Japanese commander as the premier military genius of the age.

Kuropatkin's Skill.

The retreat from Liao Yang has been considered the most masterly ever executed, but it is far overshadowed by this latest feat of the Russian general, who has taken personal command of the troops. After fighting for nearly three weeks, losing in killed, wounded and missing, probably a third of his army, or nearly 100,000 men and a fourth of his artillery, Kuropatkin gathered together what was left north of Mukden and took them towards Tie Pass through a rain of shrapnel which was thrown on them from both right and left. This he seems to have been able to accomplish by resorting to the same tactics which saved his army at Liao Yang.

Nevada is now the haven of gamblers, all that is required being a license, as the law forbidding ground floor dens has been repealed.

A destructive prairie fire has swept over the vicinity of Ellendale, N. D. Hundreds of cattle, thousands of tons of hay and many farm houses were destroyed.

Robert Kidney, an aged miser living near Port Byron, N. Y., was murdered in his lonely cabin. The assassin overlooked $1,800 in gold and several hundred dollars in bills.

Believing it was unoccupied, settlers on the Rosebud Indian agency lands in South Dakota, put the log cabin of Hans Olsen on bobsleds in the night and hauled it several miles across the prairies. Olsen and family looked out of the door in the morning. The house-

In the Kansas oil investigation it was brought out that the railroads had played into the hands of the trust by refusing to furnish tank cars except when the oil was consigned to a person who had storage facilities for the oil. This put many independent refiners practicaly out of business, it is asserted.

Charles H. Singer, a Grand Rapids mail carrier, who collects mail with a cutter, was caught between two cars and probably fatally crushed.

Maj. C. A. Vernou's inspection of 40 compnaies of state militia will be followed by four companies being mustered out of the service.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

At the session of the house Monday evening the nomination of Speaker Master for circuit judge of the Ninth circuit was observed by handclapping and a resolution expressing high esteem, etc. As Speaker Master will vacate his present position in case he is elected circuit judge, there is already some speculation as to his successor in the chair of the house. In this talk the name of Representative George Loud, of Detroit, is being used a great deal, as he retired from the race at the beginning of this session with the good will of Master's friends.

Another bill to amend the general liquor law has been introduced by Representative Stockdale, of Allegan. It provides that all druggists who sell liquor must pay the same tax as saloonkeepers.

There is a provision in a bill introduced by Representative Jerome, of Detroit, that liquor shall not be sold in drug stores.

Representative Beal, of Ann Arbor, has a bill which provides that the pharmacy board shall be appointed from the membership of the State Pharmaceutical association and requires a high educational qualification for applicants for certificates. The Jerome bill makes no such restrictions as to the members of the board and is more liberal as to the education necessary for druggists.

A bill introduced by Representative Fairbanks, of Mason county, would appropriate $15,000 for the completion of the physchopathic ward in the hospital grounds of the U. of M. and for the appointment of a "pathologist of the state asylums for the insane and associate professorr of neural pathology."

Representative Duncan Wayne, of Bradford, Midland county, introduced a joint resolution Tuesday afternoon to move the seat of the state government from Lansing to Detroit.

"Detroit is the natural capital of the state," said Mr. Wayne. "All railroads and street railways lead to Detroit. Get on any railroad, and you can reach the metropolis. Hotel accommodations, living accommodations, recreaton, everything is superior in Detroit. I think the joint resolution will pass the house."

Representatives Gordon, of Marquette, and Turner, of Muskegon, declare in favor of change.

The title and text of the resolution follow:

"A Joint Resolution Proposing an Amendment to Article II of the Constitution of the State.

"Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the constitution of this state be and the same is hereby proposed, that is to say, that Article II of said constitution be amended to read as follows:

'Article II—The seat of government shall within three years after the adoption of this amendment be located at Detroit, county of Wayne."

Then follows the provision to submit the matter to the people in the fall of 1906. The resolution, if carried out, would take effect about 1908.

The sum of $2,000,000 at least may be cut from the appropriations asked this year by the state institutions by the senate committee on appropriations composed of Senators Smith, Doherty, Lindsay, Jenks and Hayden. All warmly support Gov. Warner's economy policy. The appropriation bills now before the senate total $9,218,044.07. Two years ago $6,956,717.80 was appropriated and the amount this year might be cut down close to, if not below, those figures. "One million dollars," said Chairman Smith, "can be cut off without leaving our seats. A $450,000 addition to the capitol is asked for, $250,000 for a prison twine plant, and $40,000 for buying White Cloud hospital and sanitarium. Fads and extras will be cut down and we will save $2,000,000."

An increase of $30,000 a year in salary alone is the modest contribution of the four state normal schools in the line of "economy," and these increases have been approved by the state board of education.

Senator Rumer, however, thinks lighter sentences would save filling up the prisons to overflowing. One paragraph of his bill reads: "Every sentence of any person hereafter convicted of a crime, except of a person sentenced for life, or a child under 15 years of age, shall be left to the discretion of the court as hereinafter provided. The term of any prisoner so convicted and sentenced shall not exceed the maximum term provided by law for the crime for which the prisoner was convicted and sentenced, but may be for a shorter term, as the court may direct, and no prisoner shall be discharged until after he shall have served at least one-half of the term provided by law for the crime for which he was convicted."

The senate has passed Senator Linsley's bill which provides for the display of the United States flag on school buildings.

Representative Holmes endeavored to kill in committee of the whole the Bosley bill, providing a bounty of two cents a head on English sparrows. Action was deferred.

A bill to prevent the cutting of rates by corporations aiming to eliminate competition will be introduced in the house by Representative Bosley, of Calhoun. Mr. Bosley has received from Kansas a copy of the bill passed by the legislature of that state and directed particularly against the Standard Oil Co.

Calcutta advices state that 24,000 people died from the plague in India last week. The infection is making terrible strides in Burmah.

Gen. Von Meyer, American ambassador at St. Petersburg, has leased the famous Kleinmichel palace formerly occupied by Prince Pio, the Spanish ambassador.

The Connecticut supreme court has sustained the decision of the superior court against W. J. Bryan, who tried to get $50,000 from the Philo S. Bennett estate on the strength of a sealed letter in the will.

Rep. Bishop, of Ludington, and other members of the river and harbor committee, are going to Porto Rico and Cuba on a junket and the government has placed a big army transport at their disposal.

The body of William Barney has been found, frozen stiff, in his shanty near Hougton lake. He lived alone, and was one of the oldest residents of the section. The coroner decided he came to his death from heart disease.

Andrew Carnegie gets $64.40 witness fees in the Chadwick case, even though he was not called to the stand at all.

Considerable ill-feeling is manifested in congress over the failure of the senate to pass the pure food bill. Its untimely death is ascribed to the whisky trust, otherwise known as the "bottled in bond board."

NEWS OF THE WORLD

A WEALTHY BANKER CONVICTED LEADER OF A FIREBUG BAND

THE PRESIDENT IS SATISFIED THAT THE NAVY IS NOW LARGE ENOUGH.

CASSIE CHADWICK IS FOUND GUILTY ON SEVEN OF THE COUNTS.

Our Navy Will Do.

A difference of opinion exists between the president and general board of the navy concerning the number of warships and cruisers necessary to maintain the dignity and power of the United States. Admiral Dewey and Rear Admirals Clark, Converse, Capts. Sperry, Swinburne, Swift, Schroeder and Wainwright, who constitute the general board of the navy, are on record as advocating a much larger naval establishment than the president is now approving. The president has recently expressed his opinion that the forty armored vessels, which will be the size of our navy when the warships and cruisers ordered are completed, are ample to meet any emergency that may arise. He thinks the navy should be kept up to date, and that vessels should be replaced from time to time as they deteriorate with age or become outclassed.

Cassie Is Convicted.

Cassie L. Chadwick, tried in Cleveland, was on Saturday evening found guilty of conspiring to wreck a national bank, the jury convicting her on the seven counts left in the indictment. She will soon become an inmate of the Ohio penitentiary, where she served years ago for forgery under the name of Madame De Vere. Her attorney's will endeavor to obtain a new trial. Under the law she can be fined, on each count, not more than $10,000 or imprisoned more than two years on each count, or she may be fined a maximum of $10,000 and also imprisoned for two years on each count. When taken back to jail she wept copiously and after some minutes fainted. Her husband refuses to talk about the case. He has not been present at any time during the trial, and outwardly has manifested but little interest in it.

King of the Firebugs.

George E. Letcher, the wealthy Fayette (O.) banker, has been convicted of setting fire to a store in Montpelier to defraud the insurance companies, and incidentally destroying a whole business block. It seems incredible that a man of his standing should have been the leader of a band of incendiaries who have for almost a lifetime carried their depredations through three states, but his former confederates in crime swore positively to his guilt. No one to look at Letcher would take any stock in the charges that have been made against him, but it has been the story of Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde over again. In the daytime he was at his bank meeting the farmers, merchants and buyers of grain and cattle; at night, it is believed, he was the director of as cold-blooded a crew of ruffians as ever was gathered together.

It was only after two years' work that the authorities were able to uncover the operations of the gang, and it has taken two years more to bring them to justice. Over 40 indictments were returned by the grand jury two years ago, and since that time 18 men have been convicted and many have fled the country.

Letcher himself had left the country 18 years ago and gone to the northwest, and wherever he went there was a trail of burned buildings, but there was no absolute proof that he set the buildings on fire himself. Then he went to California and from the time he reached that state there has not been a breath against him. He entered into business there and has been doing well. His first wife was divorced from him, but he had married again, apparently happily, and was devoted to his children. And it was only when he had thoroughly established himself as a man of honor and probity that he was called upon to suffer for a crime committed in 1881.

The Special Session.

Many senators are indulging in speculation as to the length of the session required to take action on the Santo Domingo treaty, and whether party lines will be drawn when the convention comes to a vote. Thus far it has not developed that either party will caucus, and in fact so much indifference as to the fate of the treaty has been manifested except in small circles of both parties that it is not believed there will be any attempt to line up the forces. The opinion is expressed that the treaty will be brought to a vote by the end of this week, and that the special session may be adjourned sine die on Saturday.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS.

Preparations are being made at Lakewood, N. J., the home of John D. Rockefeller, for the arrival of Dr. W. R. Harper, of the University of Chicago, Thursday to recuperate from the effects of the operation he recently underwent.

Joseph Berno, once a respected resident of Napoleon, O., accompanied by his paramour, has been on trial in Jackson for stealing $90 from a Kalamazoo man. He was sentenced to from two and one-half to five years in Jackson, while the woman, who was his accomplice, was given from one to five years in Detroit house of correction.

Oscar F. Johnson, caretaker of Wm. G. Brokaw's New York mansion, has confessed that he purposely caused the fire which destroyed paintings and other art treasures in the house worth $200,000, to hide the fact that he had robbed his employer of jewels and other property worth $15,000.

The band of Yaqui Indians in Mexico which recently held up and robbed the Mazatlan stage of $15,000 was overtaken near Tecuala by a force of rural police. In the fight that ensued three of the Indians were killed and two captured. Capt. Jose Maciel, of Acaponeta, was seriously wounded.

Abbott L. Einstein, Lillian Russell's son-in-law, and "Handsome Harry" Casey, leader of the Bedford avenue gang in Brooklyn, after attending a dance in Lyric hall, Sixth avenue, had a bloody fight at Sixth avenue and Forty-second street, to the delight of a large crowd. Einstein knocked Casey down, and both were arrested.

RUSSIANS IN ST. PETERSBURG ARE APPALLED BY GREAT DISASTER AT MUKDEN.

The magnitude of the catastrophe in Manchuria is now apparent to all. Where the curtain has been slightly lifted the picture of the awful retreat makes the flesh creep, recalling the scenes depicted in Tolstoi's "War and Peace," or Zola's "Le Debacle." The war office admits that the remnants of the army are still in danger.

Field Marshal Oyama holds a magnificant strategic position. Japanese flanking columns are in touch above Tie Pass and there may be a Sedan there. No adequate estimate of the losses has been furnished, but with the units captured on the left unaccounted for, the killed or wounded already total 65,000. The war office does not even know accurately what units were captured.

Gen. Linevitch's army, although scattered and confused, got off with the few losses. Gen. Kaulbars was the heaviest loser, leaving 28,000 prisoners in the hands of the Japanese. Kaulbars himself, with the remnant of his army, had a narrow escape.

Maple Rapids Bank Robbery.

The robbers who blew the safe in the Maple Rapids bank Tuesday night, securing $30, and causing the destruction, on account of the terrific charge of explosives used, of the plate glass window of a building opposite, stole a horse and buggy to get out of town with. When in the vicinity of Laingsburg they abandoned the rig, after unhitching the horse from the buggy. The tracks in the snow would indicate that the robbers were two in number, and two unknown men were seen going across the fields about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. A reward of $150 has been offered for their capture.

Victor Hugo must have had five legs, for Thomas Pays, a young Parisian, has just sold the fifth leg of a pair of trousers he claimed he had secured from the French author's old wardrobe.

Two unknown persons were drowned and Mrs. Clara Webb probably fatally hurt when the Seventh street bridge over Los Angeles river, Los Angeles, Cal., fell, throwing 15 persons into the water.

Lawrence, Mass., has the most unique strike in history. The "bug chasers," employed by the state and city to clear the parks of the nests of brown-tail moths, want $3 a day instead of $2.50.

Mamie Powers, aged 18, of East St. Louis, who became hysterical after an encounter on the street with a footpad who robbed her of $10, is dangerously ill, unable to recognize anyone and is quieted only by singing.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Catle market steady at last week's prices, the best price paid being $4 75 per cwt. Milch cows, best grades $35@45, others $20@30. The bulk of sales of veals ranged from $5 50@5 75.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $5@5 12½; pigs, $4 80@4 90; light yorkers, $4 95; roughs, $4 25@4 50; stags one-third off.

Sheep—Best lambs, $7 90; fair to good lambs, $7@7 50; light to common lambs, $6 50@7; fair to good butcher sheep, $5@5 25; culls and common, $3 50@4 50.

Chicago—Good to prime steers, $5 15@6 25; poor to medium, $3 80@4 80; stockers and feeders, $2 60@4 60; cows, $3@4 50; canners, $1 60@2 40; heifers, $3@5; bulls, $2 50@4 25; calves, $3@7.

Hogs—Butchers, $4 80@5 10; good to choice heavy, $5 05@5 17½; rough heavy, $4 85@5 05; light, $4 70@5 05; bulk of sales at $4 95@5.

Sheep—Good to wethers, $5 60@6 10; fair to choice mixed, $4 75@5 40; native lambs, $5@7 65.

East Buffalo—Best export steers, $5.25@5.75; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb shipping steers, $4.65@5.15; 900 to 1,000-lb shipping steers, $4.15@4.65; best fat cows, $3.60@4.10; fair to good, $2.50@3; trimmers, $1.40@1.60; best fat heifers, $4.25@4.75; medium heifers, $3.25@3.50; common stock heifers, $2.50@3; best feeding steers, 900 to 1,000-lb dehorned, $3.75@4; best yearling steers, $3.50@3.60; common stockers, $2.50@3; export bulls, $3.75@4; bologna bulls, $3@3.25; good fresh cows sold steady and common ones dull and draggy at last week's prices; there is no use shipping common cows here expecting any decent price for them; buyers will not buy them: good to extra, $40@50; medium to good, $22@32; common, $15@20. Calves: Best, $7.75@8.25; fair to good, $5.50@7.50; medium, $4@5. Hogs: Mixed and mediums, $5.35@5.40; heavy, $3.35@5.45; yorkers, $5.30@5.40; pigs, $5.25@5.30; roughs, $4.60@4.70; stags, $3@3.50. Sheep: Native lambs, choice, $8.50@8.65; fair to good, $8@8.40; culls and common, $6.75@7.25; best westerns, $8@8.40; mixed sheep, $5.75@6; fair to good, $5.50@5.75; culls and bucks, $3,50@4.50; yearlings, $6.75@7.25.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Cash wheat: No. 2 red, $1 18; No. 3 red, $1 12; No. 1 white, $1 18.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 50¼c; No. 3 yellow, 2 cars at 50¾c, 1 car at 51¼c, 1 car at 51c per bu.

Oats—No. 3 white spot, 3 cars at 34½c; No. 4 white, 1 car at 33¼c bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot, nominal at 86c bu.

Beans—March, $1 77; May, 1 car at $1 86; June, $1 88; July, 1 car at $1 91, 1 car at $1 92 per bu.

Clover seed—Prime spot, 200 bags at $7 75.

Chicago—Cash wheat: No. 2 spring, $1 10@1 15½; No. 3, $1 04@1 14½; No. 2 red, $1 13⅝@1 17. Corn—No. 2, 46¾c; No. 2 yellow, 47½c. Oats—No. 2, 32¾c; No. 2 white, 33c; No. 3 white, 31¾@32¾c. Rye—No. 2, 78@78½. Barley—Good feeding, 38@41c; fair to choice malting, 44@47c. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 26½; No. 1 northwestern, $1 39; Timothy seed—Prime, $3 05. Clover—Contract grade, $12 85.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending Mar. 18.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—Mar. 13, 14 and 15, "The Gentleman from Indiana."
LYCEUM THEATER—"Hanlon's New Superba." Mat. Wed. and Sat. Eve. 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c.
LAFAYETTE THEATER—The Byron Douglas Company. "The Private Secretary."
WHITNEY THEATER—Terry McGovern. Mat., 10c, 15c, 25c. Eve. 10c, 20c, 30c.
TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons 2:15, 10c to 25c; Evenings 8:15, 10c to 50.
AVENUE THEATER—Vaudeville—Afternoons 15 25, and 50c. Evenings. 25, 35, 50 and 75.

The total appropriations of the last session of congress were $818,478,914, according to statements by Mr. Hemenway, chairman of the house appropriation committee, and Mr. Livingstone, Democratic leader of the committee. The latter compares the appropriations of 1903-1906, which total $3,153,292,000, to those of 1893-1896 in Cleveland's administration, of $2,016,343,753. Mr. Hemenway says the public debt has been reduced to $1,280,295,997, and that $30,000,000 a year is being put in the sinking fund. Under Cleveland only $3,000,000 a year went into the sinking fund.

It is said that young Kingdon Gould, who used a gun to keep from being hazed by Columbia university sophs, has finally been caught and treated in true under-graduate style by a party of hazers.

In response to a petition claiming that a hanging on March 17 would cast a gloom over the St. Patrick's day celebration in St. Louis, Gov. Folk, of Missouri, has granted a respite of 30 days to Murderer Wm. Randolph.

W. H. Perry, of Kansas City, has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. He sold his vote, against the city charter, for 50 cents.