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Although nearly all persons are married by a clergyman, the marriage contract under the law is a civil agreement that may be made in the presence of a properly qualified layman, and may be dissolved only by the civil courts. To disclose how frequently the marriage contracts have been dissolved, the bureau of the census has lately begun to look over the reports of the divorce courts for the past 20 years. The information thus obtained is to be used in the creation of sentiment in favor of uniform marriage and divorce laws throughout the whole country. Such uniform laws are urged on the ground that they would prevent easy divorce and make it impossible for a man or a woman who had grown tired of a wife or husband to go to some state which has lax laws, and there secure freedom to marry again. But this does not go far enough in setting forth the reasons. Lax divorce laws and easy divorce threaten the stability of society itself by undermining the family. To say that the family is the unit of the existing social organization is to utter a commonplace, but it is so common that it is overlooked by those who make up the divorce colonies of the various states. The whole social fabric rests on the trinity—, or shall one say the unity—of father, mother and child. Nearly all laws grow out of the necessity of protecting the family in its work of rearing the young and preparing them for their union in new families. The rearing of a family is the incentive behind the efforts of practically every sane and healthy man and woman. The fathers and mothers are sentinels round the camp of the younger generation, guarding it from foes both seen and unseen. All creation conspires for the protection of the young, and the family is one of the agencies through which that divine cooperative work is done. There may be justifiable reasons for the breaking up of a home through divorce. If so, they all take their origin in the violation of the obligation by one party or the other to the marriage contract. But such breaking up is a social tragedy, says the Youth's Companion. No law that can be passed will make the unfaithful loyal to their obligations, but something can be done to make men and women understand the hideousness of their conduct when they seek to break the most sacred contract ever entered into between two human beings.

Men, Women and Meals.

When men suppose that dinner goes on whether they are at home or not, they labor under a curious misconception. Arthur Pendenys, writing about this melancholy fact, declares: "Some one once said that an ordinary woman's favorite dinner is an egg in a drawing-room. All women have a passion for something on a tray. To the masculine mind things on a tray are unsatisfying; but to the feminine body they embody the very manna from heaven." It is easy to understand that Arthur Pendenys, or any other "masculine mind" might have trouble in comprehending the why and wherefore of this debilitated taste; but no woman would be at a loss to explain it. It comes from the fatigue which woman suffers as the result of her colossal task of feeding man. To nourish the human race is the appointed work of woman. At the very inception of life, says The Reader, this is her labor, and never can existence be so fine, so free, so heroic or so beautiful, that she must not pause three times a day—or more—to bend her mind to the menu that shall please her lord. She has been accused of writing no epics; it is said that she is incapable of composing an oratorio, of designing a cathedral, or conceiving an heroic statue or painting a picture of the first quality. The retort is that she might have done something of the kind if the men had not been hungry so frequently and so insistently. To be the nourisher of the human race is an undertaking so prodigious that it is a marvel that the mere exasperation of being chained to the larder has not made fiends or lunatics out of women—and fresh meat to countess, their sufferings in this regard have points of similarity. Is it any wonder, then, that with the everhungry man out of the way, the woman seeks escape from the tyranny of food, and "eats strawberries by moonlight on a flowery bank?"

The czar has decided now to give to the peasants the lands belonging to him and to the government. His action recalls the pictures of the desperate travelers in the Russian sledges, throwing over whatever they can lay their hands on to delay the fierce rush of the pursuing wolves.

Over in Germany somebody has found out how to make cigars that are free from nicotine. They found out how to do that long ago in the Connecticut cabbage belt.

Scientists have discovered that the memory is stronger in summer than in winter. Among the worst foes of memory are too much food, too much physical exercise and, strangely enough, too much education.

A rich Pennsylvanian has hired a trained nurse for his sick bulldog. The strange part of it is that this millionaire doesn't live in Pittsburg.

The dentist who charged only $100 for pulling one of Mr. Rockefeller's teeth missed his opportunity.

MICHIGAN EVENTS NOTED

PISTOL AND POISON CAUSE TWO DEATHS AND SORROW IN TWO HOMES.

LITTLE GIRLS VICTIMS

Boy Shoots His Little Cousin With Revolver—School Girl Takes Poison in Presence of Playmates.

A Detroit Tragedy.

Two deaths, of an old man and his little granddaughter, in one family, a boy under arrest in connection with the killing of the little girl, a sick father who does not know how he is to meet the expenses of his daughter's funeral or of the expected entry of his eleventh child upon this world's stage, are the features in a Detroit tragedy which concerns the careless use of firearms, and a boy whose stories do not hang together. Eddie Lau, 14 years old, who has something of a reputation as a fighter in his neighborhood, is in a cell awaiting the investigation into the death of his cousin, Martha Kracher, the cousin, 13 years old, is dead of a bullet wound accidentally inflicted by the boy Sunday while he was showing his father's revolver. Mr. Lau and Mrs. Kracher, the parents of the principals in this children's tragedy, are called also to mourn the death of their father, Jacob Miller, 72 years of age, whose funeral was held Monday.

Anthony Kracher, the little girl's father, has been sick for two months, and constant drains upon his resources by sickness and the demands of a large family, have left him at his wits' end to meet the expenses of his present emergency.

There were 10 children in the Kracher family until Martha was killed.

Eddie Lau killed his cousin with his father's revolver, taken from the house to protect Eddie from fancied fears of a gang of boys whom he had at various times thrashed individually.

Eddie had told conflicting stories to the police about his possession of the revolver.

No Known Cause.

"Girls, I'm tired of living. I'm going to drink this poison and die." Bessie Gerardy, 12-year-old daughter of Theodore Gerardy, a well-to-do farmer, living four miles north of Vernon, emptied a vial of nux vomica into a cup partially filled with water, at the school pump, Monday morning, and drank the poison in the presence of a dozen of her playmates.

Her face wore a bright smile as she swallowed the poison.

"You're only fooling us," cried her playmates.

A few minutes later the little girl was seized with convulsions. She writhed in pain and was carried into the school building. Dr. Norris, of Corunna, was summoned, but arrived only 15 minutes before the girl died.

Bessie was a bright girl, popular with her playmates, and of an apparently happy disposition. No cause is known for her suicide. It was said that she quarreled with a girl friend, but this is denied. Two sisters and a brother and her parents survive.

Near Jail Delivery.

The Kalamazoo jail is surrounded by deputy sheriffs every night, each armed with a rifle. They will continue to guard the jail until Walter Smith, slayer of 17-year-old Goldie Moss, is removed. These guards were placed when Sheriff Shean received a tip that Chicago pals of Smith were in the city, planning to secure the release of the prisoner. Smith is alleged to be one of the most desperate negroes in Chicago. Chicago negroes have been here a number of times to see Smith and have spent considerable time with him. They have learned the interior of the jail.

Continued Increase.

The increase in the earnings of Michigan railroads is continuous. Every month shows larger earnings than the corresponding month of the previous year. During August, according to a report by Railroad Commissioner Atwood the earnings of Michigan railroads were $5,216,923.98. This is $306,904 more than was earned during the month of August one year ago, and is probably the largest amount of earnings ever reported for a single month. Up to September 1 the railroads of Michigan had this year earned $35,887,600, which is over $3,100,000 more than was earned in the same period last year.

Wife Was Shrewd.

Mrs. Rose Vamfle, of Detroit, came to an agreement with her husband by which he was to pay her a certain amount weekly, but she alleges he is behind $160. She learned he had been arrested on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, and immediately garnished the money and gold watch taken from him by the police. The police department made a disclosure to Justice Ott Thursday that there was over $25 found on the man. Justice Ott laid the case over for further consideration.

Nearly 3,000 more arrests were made by Detroit police last year than were made the year before, when there were 8,837.

Frank Armstrong, a university student, was fined $13 80 for pulling a trolley off a feed wire during a student jamboree.

Maxim Gorky and his wife, Madam Andrewsky, arrived at the Soo, Saturday, on the steamer Juniata on a pleasure trip, accompanied by their interpreter. They wouldn't talk.

While eating her lunch under a tree, Mary Hussbeck, aged 11, daughter of Joseph Hussbeck, of Menominee, was assaulted by an unknown young man. She fought strenuously, and her face was cut and bleeding and part of her clothing torn off when she escaped.

Carl Finck, aged 20, was buried alive by a cave-in at a gravel pit where he was working alone, six miles south of Quincy.

Judge Martin Van Den Berg, the famous "marrying justice" of Muskegon, advertises that he will give a fine cabinet photo of himself to each couple who comes to him to be married.

For the first time in the history of Bay City a woman conducted regular Sunday services. Miss Bessie Fox, daughter of Ald. and Mrs. C. L. Fox, aged 23, and very good looking, occupied the pulpit in the First Congregational church.

MICHIGAN IN BRIEF.

Many petty burglaries are alleged to have been committed by James Hiscox, aged 27, arrested in Fenton.

The Standard Fish Co. shipped 4,000 live carp to New York in a car, wasca was made for the purpose at a cost of $5,000.

Gov. Warner has been invited to participate in the campaign in Illinois and Ohio, but he will be unable to accept.

Joe Hiscox, of Fenton, arrested on the charge of petty burglaries, drank poison in the jail, but a physician saved his life.

Harrison Breed, a noted hunter and trapper, of Mason, died Wednesday, aged 60. He is survived by a widow and three children.

John Watson, aged 73, watchman on the Grand Trunk at Grand Haven for 25 years, and for 40 years an employe of the road, died Wednesday.

George Kalmbach, of Jackson, was fined $7 with 30 days in jail and $9 additional days if the fine is not paid, for shooting one of the Loomis park squirrels.

Miss Viga Fench, aged 16, of Menominee, one of those injured in the collapse of the footbridge at Oconto Falls, is dead. In all, two are dead and twenty-eight injured.

The state has rested its case in the Fred Sessions murder case now on trial in Allegan. He is being tried for the alleged killing of his brother-in-law, Manley Buchee, at Fennville.

After an absence of 40 years from his home, spent in prospecting, Henry Smith, aged 67, has returned to Kalamazoo to find all his friends and relatives dead. He was sent to the poor house.

A story reaches Battle Creek from Brantford, Ont., that W. G. Sands, a former employe of the Advance Thrasher shops, has been left an estate valued at nearly $400,000, by his grandfather.

Fire in the warehouse of William Curtis and at Gulgrich Bros.'s grocery store simultaneously at 1 o'clock Saturday morning did $1,000 damage. Circumstances indicate that both fires were incendiary.

An option on the water rights of Paint creek and Stringy lakes, near Oxford, has been secured by Detroit capitalists, and they will form a company to build a power plant and develop the water power.

J. H. K. Hinckley, aged 72, for 56 years paymaster on the Lake Shore, died in Chicago. He had become a stockholder in the road by over a half century of steady employment. He will be buried in Adrian today.

Dr. S. W. Van Sickle, for many years a resident of Saginaw and one of the widest known veterinary surgeons in eastern Michigan, died in Saginaw Monday morning after a few days' illness from congestion of the lungs.

Miss Madelon Paterson, daughter of ex-Mayor W. A. Paterson, of Flint, was attacked by a ruffian while returning home from a call last night. She screamed, broke away and ran to the home of ex-Mayor D. D. Aitken for refuge.

S. A. Baker, of Kansas City, Mo., 56 years ago delivered an address on education in representative hall to the Michigan legislators. He has just written for a copy of the speech. It was found among the state records. Baker is now 92 years old.

"I am going to die within the next week," said Mrs. Gilbert Delisle, of Flint, to her husband. On the following day she was dead. She had tuberculosis. Saturday afternoon her little six months' old daughter died from an attack of cholera infantum.

Two months ago Minor Wells, a farmer living near Flint, was in a local saloon and broke his leg in a peculiar manner. He turned to walk to the bar, when the bones in his lower right leg snapped like a pipe stem. To record of the bone is attributed the strange fracture.

Della Keller, sent from Mackinac county to Jackson prison for from one to three years, has been ordered transferred to the Detroit house of correction. Judges frequently send women convicted of crime to Jackson, there such a thing never occurred within three months. There are no accommodations at Jackson or Ionia for women.

William F. Notely, the first president of the First National bank of Vicksburg, has sued the bank for $1,000 salary while he acted as president. He says when a new president was elected he was given no money for what he had done for the bank. He was re-elected president in January. Because of offending the directors he was discharged.

Moses Berg, an employe in a Saginaw tannery, was the victim of a serious accident Saturday morning, necessitating amputation of the right arm above the elbow. Berg, who is 70 years of age, was working at one of the machines which strip the hair, when his arm was caught in the machinery and before it could be stopped the member was terribly lacerated.

Scott Waldo, a Williamston business man, called to St. Louis, Mo., by the death of his sister, Mrs. H. B. Calkins, died there in a hospital.

Pickands, Mather & Co., a big business at the Southern Michigan fair. W. P. Robbins, a well known lumber dealer, was robbed of a $200 diamond and a dozen smaller robberies are reported from $40 in cash down.

Believing, as he claims, that his wife, from whom he separated in Boston, was dead, Charles Sherman, a Port Huron sailor, married a widow, Anna Schmude, two years ago. His first wife alleged desertion, and he may have to face a bigamy charge.

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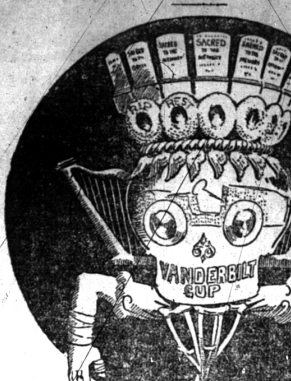
DESIGN FOR THE VANDERBILT CUP.



BIG STEAMER WAS DRIVEN ON THE ROCKS FOR LOOT

Trans-Atlantic Liner, Sirio, Wrecked by Its Crew Last August, to Cover Stealing of Cash from Strong Box —One Hundred and Fifty Lives Sacrificed to Greed of Villains.

Cartagena, Spain.—Evidence tending to prove conclusively that robbers sacrificed the lives of 150 persons and wrecked the big trans-Atlantic steamer Sirio in order to steal $500,000 was discovered Monday.

The strong box of the steamer was uncovered in the wreckage and opened. It was found to be empty, although hermetically sealed when discovered.

A tremendous sensation has been caused by the discovery. The secret service agents of the government intimate that members of the steamer's crew are under suspicion and that arrests are likely to follow. The assistance of the Italian government will be asked in clearing up the mystery.

It is declared that a conspiracy existed among the suspected members of the crew and that after looting the strong box and sealing it again they deliberately wrecked the steamer that they might have a chance to land with their rich booty.

Whether the robbers actually escaped with the great load of gold is yet a mystery, but the authorities have unearthed a clew showing that a small boat landed several mysterious men near the scene of the wreck long before any passengers from the wrecked steamer reached shore.

Their descriptions have been obtained and the authorities are engaged in tracking them. It is believed they were the robbers and that they had the gold in the boat and everything else in readiness for departing from the steamer the moment of the wreck, thus escaping the panic and crush that followed.

The Sirio was wrecked last August on Romigas island. It was on a voyage from Italy to New York. It carried several hundred Italian emigrants. In its treasure hold was a strong steel box in which $500,000 was being transported to the United States. The box was hermetically sealed on leaving the Italian port and was supposed to be proof against robbers, even if perchance they were able to get to it.

Strong Box Sealed, But Empty.

When the box was reached by divers it was found to have seals intact. When the box was raised, however, and the seals were broken, the gigantic robbery was discovered. It is believed the robbers figured that their disappearance would not raise suspicion if the steamer were wrecked and there were lost, and that they deliberately connived to drive the vessel on the rocks.

The authorities have learned, it is said, that half a dozen men escaped from the island while the horror of the disaster was on everybody's tongue.

DEAD AT BLUEFIELD MAY BE 70

Twenty-nine Bodies Have Been Recovered From Pocahontas Colliery.

Bluefield, W. Va.—Twenty-nine bodies have been recovered from the west fork of the Pocahontas Collieries company mine at Pocahontas, Va., and a conservative estimate places the total number of dead at 70.

The rescuing party reached the scene of the explosion but the immense amount of debris and wreckage has hampered the search for bodies. There is no evidence thus far of fire.

Raton, N. M.—A disastrous explosion occurred early Friday in the Dutchman coal mine at Blossburg, a small camp five miles from Raton, in which 15 miners are supposed to have lost their lives. Three bodies have been recovered.

BRIDGE OVER FALLS COLLAPSES

One High School Student Killed When Crowded Structure Gives Way.

Menominee, Mich.—While a party of 25 students of Oconto, Wis., high school were standing on a foot bridge at Oconto Falls, Wis., Friday watching the falls, the structure collapsed, hurling the whole party 40 feet into the stream. William Ballou, aged 14 years, was killed and Viga Sentil, Hazel Denfizen and Frank Donlevy seriously injured. Prof. Newcomb, the instructor, was badly hurt, and several others were slightly injured.

New Missouri River Line.

St. Louis.—The steamboat Thomas H. Benton, Capt. Alexander Stewart, departed Sunday for Kansas City on its first trip in the Missouri River Packet company's newly inaugurated schedule between St. Louis and Kansas City.

Deny Royal Engagement.

London.—An emphatic official denial of the reported betrothal of Grand Duke Michael, brother of the emperor of Russia, and Princess Patricia of Connaught, niece of King Edward, was issued here Sunday.

Old River Captain Dead.

Watertown, N. Y.—Capt. William N. Visger, aged 49, owner of the passenger steam yacht Idler, and one of the best known St. Lawrence river steamboat men, died suddenly Thursday at Alexandria Bay of heart failure.

Opens Wisconsin Campaign.

Milwaukee.—The Democratic state campaign opened here Thursday night when John A. Aylward, the candidate for governor, spoke on the principles of his party before an enthusiastic gathering in Pabst theater.

NEWSPAPER MAN IS SHOT DEAD

Receives Bullet in Brain From Stepfather of His Sweetheart.

Minneapolis, Minn.—William Dowell, a prominent local newspaper man, was shot and killed Sunday afternoon by John Quirk, because of attentions to his step-daughter, Miss Bessie Squires.

The shooting occurred at the Quirk residence, 901 Chicago avenue, just as Dowell and the young woman were entering the house. One bullet was fired which took effect in the man's brain.

Quirk calmly awaited the arrival of the officers and was taken into custody. Dowell was taken to the city hospital, where he expired in a few minutes. Quirk seemed pleased when told that his victim was dead.

WOULD INDICT BANK WRECKERS

Depositors in Spring Valley Concern Want Guilty One Punished.

Spring Valley, Ill.—A largely attended meeting of depositors of the Spring Valley National bank which it is alleged was wrecked by its president, Charles J. Devlin, in July, 1905, was held in this city Sunday. A committee of three business men was appointed to call on L. M. Eckert, state's attorney of Bureau county, and endeavor to secure the indictment of those responsible for the bank's collapse.

Iowa Opera House Destroyed.

Waterloo, Ia.—Fire Monday destroyed Brown's opera house, Klinefelter's livery barn, St. Mark's Episcopal church, First Lutheran church and C. F. Brown's house and barn, entailing a loss estimated at $70,000.

Cuban Editor Visits President.

Washington.—Secretary Root accompanied to the White House and introduced to the president Nicolas M. Ribero, editor of the Diaro de la Marino, one of the old Spanish conservative newspapers of Havana.

Lawyer Politician Dead.

Topeka, Kan.—Gasper C. Clemens, a native of Ohio, one of the most able constitutional lawyers in the west, died of pneumonia at his home here, aged 59. He was prominent in state Populist politics.

Vanderbilt's Horse Is First.

Paris.—W. K. Vanderbilt's Maintenon won the last great classic race of the season at Longchamps Sunday, the Prix du Conseil Municipal of $20,000, beating J. Lieux's Pasta Gorda by three-quarters of a length.

STANDARD OIL SUIT BEGUN AT FINDLAY

CASE IMPORTANT FROM LEGAL POINT OF VIEW.

SUPERSEDES GRAND JURY

Instituted by Information Instead of Indictment and Court Assumes Jurisdiction Setting Precedent for Antitrust Trials.

Findlay, O. — The Standard Oil company of Ohio and its alleged constituent companies, the Buckeye Pipe Line and Manhattan Oil company, faced a new method of attack Tuesday, when their trial opened before Judge Gideon G. Banker in the probate court of Hancock county.

The defendants are charged with "conspiracy against trade" in violation of the anti-trust law of the state. The novel features of the case are that the alleged combine is being tried in the probate court, and that the attack is made under the Valentine law, which holds that "the character of the trust or combination alleged may be established by proof of its general reputation as such."

Important Phase of Case.

If the manner of instituting the suit—by information instead of by grand jury indictment—and the jurisdiction assumed by the probate court are upheld in the higher state courts, the case will assume added importance, as indicating an easier and more direct method for action against alleged trade conspiracies.

Both the manner of bringing the suit and the jurisdiction of the probate court have been questioned by the attorneys for the defense, but Judge Baker has decided against them on all points, and no appeal can be taken on these preliminary questions until after the case has been tried.

WOULD CURB BIG FORTUNES.

President to Urge Reform in His Message to Congress.

Washington. — President Roosevelt has inserted in the preliminary draft of his forthcoming annual message to congress a recommendation that a law be passed imposing a national tax upon inheritances. The president first called public attention to this idea in his celebrated "muck rake" speech which he delivered at the laying of the corner stone of the office building of the house of representatives, April 14 last.

Therein he expressed the view that ultimately the United States would have to consider the adoption of some such scheme as that of a progressive tax on all fortunes beyond a certain amount either given in life or devised or bequeathed upon death to any individual—a tax so framed as to put it out of the power of the owner of one of these enormous fortunes to hand on more than a certain amount to any one individual. Such taxation should be aimed merely at the inheritance or transmission in their entirety of those fortunes swollen beyond all healthy limits.

SEES EVIL IN OWNERSHIP.

National Supervision Only Proper Method, Says President.

Harrisburg, Pa.—President Roosevelt broke the silence of several months to make an address at the dedicatory exercises of the Pennsylvania state capitol, especially attention to the problems involved in the centralization of wealth and of corporate power.

The president talked strongly on the subject of placing a curb on the stupendous fortunes of the country so far as they are given a free field in the business world, and declared for national control of the concerns that do an interstate business.

But he made it quite clear that he believes there is no necessity or reason for applying the principles to the extreme of government ownership of railroads. This he said was most undesirable and could only result in evil under any circumstances. He contended that the restrictions imposed by correct and conservative national supervision of these roads and of the large corporations would correct objectional acts and practices and make government operation uncalled for.

Coming Cabinet Changes.

Washington.—Two retirements from the president's cabinet are slated for the coming winter. They are those of Attorney General Moody, whose resignation will become effective about the 1st of December, and that of Secretary Shaw, who, according to present intentions, will retire on February. For one of these vacancies will be created the president will nominate George V. L. Meyer, American ambassador to Russia, but for the other he is not yet ready to announce a successor.

Jury Awards Girl $4,000.

Minneapolis, Minn.—A jury says Cora E. Kasson, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., who brought a breach of promise suit against Henry Klauser, proprietor of the Litchfield woolen mills, for $10,000, is entitled to $4,000.

School Girl Commits Suicide.

Owosso, Mich. — Bessie Gerady, aged 12, a school girl, committed suicide by taking poison Monday in the presence of four of her little schoolmates at the pump house of the country school in Venice township.

Hart to Control Customs.

Shanghai.—Sir Robert Hart, director-general of Chinese imperial customs, has issued a circular saying he has received assurances that his status with regard to Chinese customs will not be changed.

Mystery in Woman's Death.

Shelbyville, Ind.—Mystery surrounds the death of Mrs. Laura Ayres, 50 years old, a well-known and active church worker of this place, who was found dead in bed Sunday morning with a bullet in her brain.

SOLDIERS LAND IN CUBA

AMERICAN TROOPS NOW STATIONED AT HAVANA.

Nearly One Thousand Men Are Disembarked with Wonderful Promptness.

Havana.—The first landing of American soldiers in the present occupation of Cuba was accomplished Sunday with marvelous promptness, and 500 men of the Fifth United States infantry and 350 men of the Second battalion of engineers are settled under canvas in Camp Columbia. The cruiser Brooklyn arrived here in the afternoon with 400 men on board, who were sent out to the camp early Monday morning.

Gen. Frederick Funston established his headquarters at Marianao, convenient to his command. Col. L. W. V. Waller, commanding the marines, has been ordered to report to Gen. Funston, and the entire force of regulars and marines will be under Funston's command until the arrival here of Gen. J. Franklin Bell, who will direct the distribution of the forces throughout the island.

Havana.—Although the surrender of guns has not been made compulsory, either by the provisional government or the disarming commission, rebel commanders have all given their followers to understand that it was expected and that the laying down of their arms was a matter of duty. The result of this has been that the number of rifles surrendered is larger, in proportion to the number of men disbanded, than the government expected. For instance, 800 rebels disbanded in Pinar del Rio province up to Friday, have turned in 600 guns. Gov. Taft regards this proportion rather better than the average. Reports from Santa Clara indicate that nearly all the guns of Gen. Guzman's command have been surrendered.

FIVE VICTIMS OF RAIL WRECK

Military Special Bumps Into Rear of Passenger Train.

Lansinburgh, N. Y.—Five passengers were killed outright and a score were injured in a rear-end collision between a regular passenger train and a military special on the Boston & Maine railroad, directly in front of Lansingburgh depot, north of Troy, about five o'clock Thursday.

The collision took place on a heavy grade, and sharp curve.

The passenger train was one that leaves Boston daily at 9:30 a. m. for Albany. It consisted of five cars, a baggage car, smoking day coach and two parlor cars, and was about one hour late when it reached Lansingburgh station, waiting there for a change of engines. The special, carrying the "special" name thundering along with 18 cars and crashed into the passenger train, smashing the last two cars which were Pullmans, like eggshells.

Both these cars were swept from the track and rolled down the embankment. The engine of the special kept on for a dozen yards and then turned turtle, the front end plowing into the ground and the car behind being telescoped by the tender.

ROOSEVELT MAY BE SENATOR.

It Is Rumored He Wants to Succeed Platt.

Washington. — Reports that President Roosevelt wants to be senator from New York, to succeed Senator Thomas C. Platt, are revived here. The president, on the authority of men intimate with him, not only desires to be senator from New York after he ends his present term, but frankly admits the ambition. Moreover, he considers the trend of things in New York politics at this time distinctly favorable to his ambition and so do his friends. He is being looked to more and more as the leader of New York Republican politics and is being consulted by State Chairman Woodruff and other leaders almost daily.

NEW STORMS IN THE SOUTH.

Three Tornadoes Visit New Orleans and Vicinity.

New Orleans.—Three separate tornadoes truck New Orleans and vicinity Friday, causing loss of life and great property damage in sections which a week before were more or less devastated by the gulf hurricane. The first tornado was at Pontchaoula, La., about 50 miles north of here, the second in New Orleans, and the third near Biloxi, Miss., about half way between here and Mobile, on the gulf coast.

Seven persons were killed in the cyclonic disturbances, according to reports which reached here from the country about New Orleans. Deaths are reported by both St. James and West Baton Rouge parishes.

Railway Machinists on Strike.

Atlanta, Ga.—Two hundred men employed in the Southern railway shops in this city laid down their tools Monday morning and walked out. The strike affects the entire Southern railway system.

Alleje Discharge of Union Man.

Evansville, Ind.—R. E. Kemper, a train dispatcher for the Louisville & Nashville railroad, was arrested on the charge that he discharged a telegraph operator because the latter joined the union.

Italian Women Storm Schools.

New York.—Believing the board of health physicians were cutting the throats of their children in a public school in the Williamsburg section of Broklyn, 1,500 women, nearly all Italians, stormed the school building.

Three Burned to Death.

Portland, Me.—Three of the seven children of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vanier, of this city, were burned to death Friday in a fire caused by the explosion of a lamp which had been accidentally overthrown.