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Our Forest Wealth.

In recent years there has been much agitation concerning the waste of the timber of the United States, and there have been many promises that the control of it should be handed over to the federal and state authorities. The division of forestry of the department of agriculture has wrought much good in this direction, but much remains to be accomplished. The most distressing feature is that the waste is mostly due to selfishness and want of forethought. The lumbermen have been working for years to lay waste the forests, and in spite of this there are thousands of acres of woodland which they have not thought worthy of their attention that affords a rich field for investigation. The trees which the lumbermen have taken are mostly the coniferous trees, the sugar pine and the redwood. And so eager have they been in demolishing these trees that they have ruined superb specimens of trees which were of far greater value for cabinet purposes. One of these is the laurel. It grows on the hillsides wherever there is an underground stream of water sufficient to moisten its foliage. In the valleys it grows still larger, and also along the banks of streams. This tree is without a rival in furnishing a wood which has great delicacy of coloring, shading from palest lemon to soft mauves and grays. The fine grain takes a high polish. Then there is the native walnut of California, which responds wonderfully to cultivation. In the valley and bottom lands it reaches a great girth and height in a surprisingly short period. It surpasses both the black and English walnut in the beauty of its wood, which is perhaps more beautiful in its coloring and marking than any other wood used for cabinet purposes. The sycamore, which has been proved by recent investigations in Egypt to be nearer to imperishable than any other known wood, grows everywhere in the canyons and valleys of the state, but, like the trees already mentioned, it has been constantly cut down for firewood. It is a sad fact that the same fate has overtaken those giant oaks, thousands of years old, which are the staple firewood in every country town throughout California.

Sensitive Instruments.

The lightning flashes of the human body, the electric currents that flow through the nervous system are being measured by Herr Einthoven, of Germany. He has invented an extremely sensitive galvanometer, whereby he has measured the electricity of the human body. The instrument, which can measure the millionth of an ampere, consists of a silvered quartz fiber stretched between the poles of a strong electro-magnet. When the faintest current passes through this fiber it moves in the direction of the lines of the magnetic field, and the movement can be detected and directly measured by a microscope, or it can be recorded through photography. The new instrument may be used to study the current of electricity that flows through the human nerves. The action of the heart has already been measured by Lippmann's electro-capillary instrument. It is well known that the muscular contractions in the beating of the heart produce variations in the electric resistance of this organ; this was determined by Waller in 1898. Einthoven claims now to have detected electric waves which correspond to the beating of the heart, and proved that the electric phenomena vary with every beat. The waves are similar in form to those of the cardiograph, invented by the late Prof. Marey, and were detected by the use of photography. Perhaps after a while Herr Einthoven will be photographing the whinings of a fretful baby.

No Face Reader.

Postal clerks have sold odd experiences. One of the amusing incidents is thus described: A pair of bushy whiskers shoved themselves into the money order window and the voice behind the whiskers said: "Gif me a money orter." The clerk shoved him out a blank application. When it came back, filled out, the clerk said: "Here, this isn't right. It's for Dresden, Germany, and you've got it on a domestic blank. You want a foreign blank." "Vell!" said the voice behind the whiskers, "vy didn't you gif me a foreign blank?" "Why didn't you ask for one?" "Mein goodness," said the voice behind the whiskers, "do I look like I vanted a domestic blank?"

It is said that some of the finest sardines in the world are caught off the coast of Japan, and the Japanese now have begun to can them. Perhaps in course of time the factories on the coast of Maine will be putting the little herrings in boxes adorned with Japanese labels, instead of sardines-can French, as now.

A scarlet tobacco plant has been evolved by a horticultural expert. If we just give the experts time enough they will probably come at us with a self-lighting cigar.

To make a political pie take a lot of gall, bluff, dough, pipe dreams, con, and such things and place between two crusts of nerve. Have the nerve good and stiff. Considerable mud should be added. Bake and serve in slices to anybody that will eat it.

A Montana man has discovered how to make potatoes grow in sawdust on the roof of houses. But this won't help much. What most people are waiting for is a kind of potato that will grow itself and then drop on the table ready to be eaten.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY CAUSED BY PLAYING WITH A LOADED GUN.

BOY KILLS HIS SISTERS.

A Severe Storm and the Damage It Caused in Various Towns—Onsted's Heavy Loss.

Killed His Sisters.

With his 6-year-old girl dead in his arms and his 4-year-old daughter, wounded and dying, grasping him around the knee, Andrew Lumsden, of Alpena, ordered his 8-year-old son, Arthur, who accidentally shot them, to go for help. Lumsden left a loaded musket in a corner of the bedroom to shoot crows. The mother was at the home of her parents Saturday afternoon, and, unbeknown to the father, the children entered the house. While working in the garden Lumsden heard the report of a gun in the house. He rushed in, and Vina, the oldest girl, dropped dead in his arms, while Tena, aged 4, circled her little arms about his knee.

Stunned and helpless from the sudden blow, overcome by the awful tragedy, the father told his son to call his mother and a doctor. The little that could be done he attended to before the physican's arrival. The little boy said the girls were playing on the bed when he picked up the gun. It exploded, shot how he cannot say. Vina, aged 6, received a charge of shot in the heart and the other child's left jaw, chin, teeth and flesh were shot away. Mr. and Mrs. Lumsden have had ten children, but only two are now alive. They reside at Long Rapids, eight miles from Alpena.

Death and Damage by Storm.

The storm which passed over Lenawee county at an early hour Saturday morning did a great deal of damage by lightning. The chief damage was done at Onsted, where lightning followed the wires into the telephone exchange and caused a conflagration that burned up six business blocks and did $10,000 worth of damage. The fire occurred at about 5 a. m., and the village, being without fire protection except a bucket brigade, all business places on the east side of Main street with the exception of a blacksmith shop, were completely destroyed. Not over a third of the loss of about $10,000, is covered by insurance.

James Drummond, 32 years of age, residing on a farm northwest of Elkton, was instantly killed by lightning. The barn was not burned and his assistant, standing within six feet of him, was not injured. The barn was full of live stock, but was uninjured.

During the electric storm Saturday night lightning struck the house of Otis Dewey, on Washington Heights, Battle Creek. Mr. Dewey was seriously injured, and was in an unconscious condition when the neighbors arrived, but will recover. Five other members of the family were shocked, but not seriously.

With disaster to life and property a sharp electrical storm swept over Muskegon early Saturday morning. Very little damage is reported from the city, but advices from the country place the loss at several thousand dollars. A barn belonging to Mrs. William Nared, with a horse and two cows, was burned, the loss being $1,000. Mathew Hack, night fireman, and Edwin Mason, city editor of the local morning paper, narrowly missed being crushed, a twenty-foot beam falling at their feet. The steeple of the First Methodist church was demolished; loss, $1,000.

The home of Joseph Tyson, in Port Huron, was struck by lightning. The bolt miraculously missed Mr. and Mrs. Tyson, who were standing in the kitchen at the time, and killed the family dog lying at their feet. Part of the house was riddled.

Hailstones an inch in diameter fell in Lansing during the severe storm. Considerable damage was done to greenhouses. Lightning struck the barn of Fred Oppenlander, killing a horse and damaging the barn. At Shaftsburg, the Congregational church was struck and set on fire, burning it to the ground, causing a loss of about $3,000, with $2,000 insurance. At Pine Lake slight damage was done to the schoolhouse.

The large barn of Ed Upright, of Benton, was burned Saturday morning by lightning. E. Krebs, of Walton, lost three horses and Allen Whelan, of Chester, several head of stock. The residence of Carl Nye, of Walton, was struck, the juice shattering the bed, in which he was sleeping, to splinters. Lightning did considerable damage in Benton county Friday night, several farm buildings being struck. One, owned by Ed. Upright, of Benton, was destroyed with all its contents. Archie Krebs and Allen Whelan, farmers, living near Charlotte, lost several cattle. Lighting struck the home of Earl Nye and the bed in which he and his wife were sleeping was torn into bits, but both escaped injurey. The home was badly damaged.

Mrs. John S. Porter, wife of City Assessor Porter, well known Republican politician of Saginaw, died at Springfield, Mass., where she was visiting her sister, Mrs. L. C. Hyde. She had been in declining health for some years.

A brass band with 40 young women as musicians is being organized in Bay City.

Two and a half inches of rain fell in Coldwater between 9 o'clock and midnight Sunday night. This establishes a record in the city. No damage is reported, but the road is gravelly.

The petitions to place the name of Charles H. Kimmerle on the Democratic ticket as a candidate for lieutenant governor is 700 names short of the required number. Unless that many more are received by May 28 the nomination will go to the convention.

Otto J. Seeman, of Saginaw, died while asleep in bed, of neuralgia of the heart.

The boiler exploded in a portable mill near Standish, wrecking the mill and scalding Otis Purser so badly that his life is despaired of. The other workmen escaped unhurt.

Jacob Oosterhoudt, of Battle Creek, will probably lose his sight as the result of a gasoline stove explosion Saturday morning. Jacob tried to carry a flaming stove out of doors, and the upper half of his face was horribly burned. The fire damaged the residence about $500.

Strike Was Costly.

The longshoremen's strike, while of short duration, has caused a total loss nearing the $2,000,000 mark. Of this sum vessel men are down for half a million in freights; longshoremen and other workers who were forced out by the embargo on traffic contributed over $500,000, and the rest is made up of losses from diversion of traffic and demoralization of business from which it will take commerce a long time to recover. Millions of bushels of grain have gone to the Gulf of Mexico or direct to the Atlantic seaboard, which under ordinary conditions would have gone down the lakes. The merchandise lines have suffered in the same way, and it will take a considerable period before the traffic will flow back in the old channels. Some of it will never come back, the loss being permanent.

The Constable Was There.

Arthur Mayhew had been a fugitive from justice since April 26, when a warrant was issued for his arrest on a charge of larceny from his employer, G. H. Story Sawyer, in Northfield township. Mayhew was arrested at Williamston two weeks ago, but he hoodwinked Constable Moore into allowing him to go into the house to get good-bye and he skipped. Mayhew grew lonesome, however, and wrote his wife to meet him at a certain place on the Agricultural college campus. Constable Leatherman heard of the tryst and was at the spot and nabbed Mayhew. He pleaded guilty and was sent to the Detroit house of correction for 65 days.

Tired of Living.

The body of August Gunther, aged 72, was found in the river near the Court street bridge, Saginaw. About the neck was a rope to which was tied a stone, but the latter was not heavy enough to keep the body down, and it would appear and disappear as it floated along. The old man had been missing since May 2, when he was last seen near Green's bayou carrying a rope, and the discovery of the body with the stone around the neck leads to the belief that he committed suicide.

A Queer Sentence.

George Pullman, of Big Rapids, convicted of forgery, has been given an indeterminate sentence to attend the Ferris institute. Pullman is 24 years old. On May 3 he sold two bags of oats to the Darrah Milling Co., for which he got grain tickets crediting him with three bushels and 28 pounds. This ticket he raised to 43 before getting his pay check. Judge Palmer says the reform ideas thinks there is a chance to make a useful citizen out of Pullman.

MICHIGAN IN BRIEF.

Ann Arbor has 36 saloons.

H. W. Rugg, of Benton Harbor, aged 76 years, dropped dead while chopping wood.

Fred Crain, of Lapeer, lost a thumb and injured his fingers while sharpening a lawn mower.

Mrs. Catherine Hallock, of Galesburg, widow of an 1812 veteran, is ill, and hearty at 100.

McCords is infested with snakes—principally blue racers—some of which measure six or seven feet in length.

Coal has been found three miles southeast of Indian River and options have been secured on all the surrounding lands.

Two Fostoria boys, aged 4 and 7, while playing with matches in B. W. Collins's barn, accidentally set on fire some loose straw, burning the barn to the ground.

While setting out shade trees on the Menominee high school grounds workmen uncovered the site of an old cemetery whose existence had become almost forgotten. The school house is said to be built directly over the old cemetery.

Lawrence Krier, of Muskegon & Pere Marquette brakeman, was killed near Bangor Tuesday. He has a mother and sister whom he supported. He fell between the cars from the top of a fast freight and was badly mangled.

James A. Coye, of Grand Rapids, surveyor of customs for eight years, a politician with a state-wide reputation, died of heart disease at his home Tuesday. He was standing beside his bed when he suddenly fell over and expired before medical aid reached him.

C. W. Houghtaling, who was found dead in a Battle Creek hotel, was a respected citizen of Lake Odessa for 17 years, during all of which time he sold farm machinery. The past three years he had been a travelling salesman. He leaves a widow and two small children.

Rather than divulge the name of the Muskegon saloonkeeper from whom he bought a can of beer, Elsie Everett, aged 15, said he would go to the Lansing industrial school, and he was taken there. He is a confirmed drunkard at 15, and with another companion was caught imbibing in an alley.

Lewis Evard, of Quincy, attempting to rescue his horses from a burning barn, was overcome with the heat and smoke and nearly lost his life. Being only about half-dressed and barefooted he sustained burns which have since confined him to his bed. The barn, 32x92 feet, and basement, was destroyed with its contents, causing a total loss of $2,500 with $1,100 insurance. A flock of 50 sheep and 40 lambs in the barnyard succumbed to the heat.

Ed. Dillard, of Grand Rapids, was found guilty of murdering Mary Burden after the shortest murder trial on record.

Peter Revoir, aged 70, and Miss Vida Smith, aged 22, both of Arcadia township, were married by Justice Wright, of Lapeer.

Three thousand dollars of Mason's sinking fund which has been lying idle in a bank will be invested in 4 per cent school bonds.

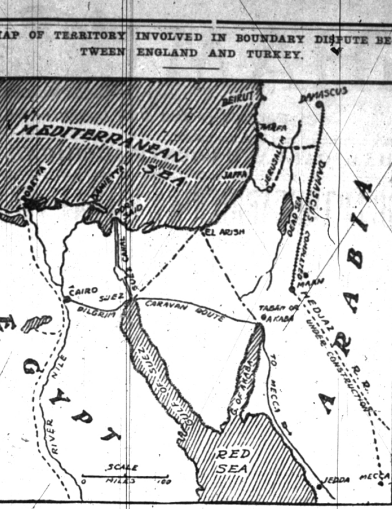
The first car of the South Bend & Southern Michigan electric line reached St. Joseph Sunday evening, thus connecting St. Joe with Niles, South Bend and Goshen.

John T. Shaw is erecting a beautiful log cabin in Bloomfield hills.

While entertaining a party of friends at a dinner in a Detroit cafe Friday night, Charles L. S. MacNair suddenly arose from his chair, took an uncertain step toward the door and fell to the floor dead, without uttering a word.

James M. Moorberger, aged 62, a rural mail carrier out of Hart, has been arrested by the United States authorities, who allege that because of the infirmities of age he was unable to accomplish his work and would destroy what mail he had left over.

MAP OF TERRITORY INVOLVED IN BOUNDARY DISPUTE BETWEEN ENGLAND AND TURKEY.



PAPER TRUST SURRENDERS

MEN WHO REFUSED TO TESTIFY OBEY THE COURT.

Decree Is Entered for Government in Proceedings Against the General Company.

St. Paul, Minn.—The United States government Friday secured an unconditional surrender of the paper trust in the United States circuit court, before Judge Sanborn.

The attorney general began a suit December 27, 1904, to dissolve a combination between the General Paper company and 23 other defendants on the ground that an agreement had been entered into by them in restraint of interstate commerce.

Attorney Kellogg, for the government, and Attorney Flandrau, for the defendants, appeared before Judge Sanborn sitting as a circuit judge, and Mr. Kellogg moved that the mandate from the United States supreme court affirming the order that the witnesses must testify be filed. Judge Sanborn ordered the mandate filed. The witnesses then appeared before the United States examiner and offered to testify. The defendants then withdrew their answers. Mr. Kellogg announced that the government did not care to examine the witnesses and moved for a decree in favor of the government.

Judge Sanborn ordered that the decree be entered for the government for the relief prayed and that the decree be settled June 16. The proceedings before the court and the examiner were then adjourned.

The three witnesses who refused to testify, C. I. McNair of the Northwestern Paper company, A. C. Bossard of the Itasca Paper company, and B. F. Nelson of the Benaplin Paper company, paid into court $100 fine assessed against them for contempt of court for refusing to answer questions put to them at a former hearing.

As a result of the smashing of the trust the price of white paper has fallen from $2.35 per 100 pounds to $1.85. Competition has been restored, but it is understood a new combine will be formed which threatens to increase the price to $2.50 per 100 pounds.

MURDER RUSSIAN OFFICIALS

Admiral Is Stabbed by Workman, While Police Captain Is Victim of Bomb Thrower.

St. Petersburg.—Vice Admiral Kuzmich, commander of the port, who was extremely unpopular with the workmen, was assassinated here Monday by workmen whose May demonstration he had attempted to stop. The admiral was killed at the new admiralty works, a government institution. About 9:30 a. m. the admiral was emerging from a small shop in the works when a workman, who had been concealed around the corner of the building, leaped on Kuzmich from behind and drove a dagger into his back. The assassin fled into a large forge, where he was lost among the men employed there.

Warsaw.—While Police Captain Constantinoff was standing with two policemen and four soldiers, a young man threw a bomb into the group. The explosion of the bomb literally tore Capt. Constantinoff to pieces and severely wounded a policeman and six other persons. The assassin tried to escape and, firing his revolver, wounded a soldier. The other soldiers replied with a volley, killing the assassin and two other persons.

Supreme Court Recess.

Washington.—The supreme court of the United States Monday took a recess until next Monday, when after delivering opinions and hearing motions there will be another adjournment for a week, when the final adjournment for the term will take place.

To Force Strike Settlement.

Cleveland, O.—Coal operators of the middle district of Ohio, decided to support the aggressive policy of the Pittsburg Vein Operators' association to force a settlement of the coal strike.

Kills His Brother.

Montezuma, Ind.—W. H. Sylvester, president of the First National Bank of Montezuma, was shot and killed at noon Thursday in his home by his brother, whose mind is believed to be affected.

Treasurer Admits Shortage.

Newburyport, Mass.—James B. Feiker, treasurer of this city, who was arrested Thursday night charged with embezzlement from the city treasury, admitted Friday that his accounts are short not less than $85,000.

TRICKS OF STANDARD OIL.

Former Employes Tell of Deception Practiced by Concern to Beat Rivals.

Chicago.—An amazing story of Standard Oil corruption and bribery, of the systematic trailing of employes to commit deceitful practices, if not actual crime; wholesale debauching of human character—a story that disclosed a business record so black as scarcely to be credible in the twentieth century—such a tale was told upon the witness stand Saturday before the interstate commerce commission.

The story was the climax of a three days' investigation, during which former employes turned informers on Standard Oil. It was the day of the independent dealer, and if the record goes for anything he serves to even up a long score in which the debit side heretofore was largely in favor of the Standard company.

After hearing the revelations of enlarged crime committed to drive independent dealers out of business, of deceit practised to convince dealers that there was no difference in the Standard Oil products; of men's honor purchased by wholesale that Standard Oil monopoly might be strengthened and increased, of a well-kept school for crime which was, perhaps, no better and no worse than that of the celebrated Fagin of story-book fame, the commission adjourned to meet again in Cleveland May 24. In the latter city will be heard the independent refineries' side of the Standard's alleged oppression and similar, if not illegal, methods employed in securing a firm grasp upon the oil trade.

The commission also succeeded in securing the first evidence regarding the secret and mysterious six-cent rate which the Standard Oil company, according to Commissioner Garfield's report, enjoyed for years. Charles J. Smith, assistant secretary of the Illinois railroad and warehouse commission, declared that the rate had never been on file. H. E. Blowney, rate man for the Burlington, declared that his company had filed an application sheet with the interstate commission stating that Whiting took the Chicago rates.

TURKS EVACUATE TABAH.

Reply of the Porte to British Not Entirely Satisfactory, But Trouble Is Over.

Constantinople.—Tabah has been evacuated by the Turkish troops by order of the sultan.

The porte's reply on Friday to the British note agreed to the evacuation of Tabah and to the appointment of a commission for the delimitation of the boundary, but it was couched in such terms as to make it not acceptable to Sir Nicholas O'Conor, the British ambassador, and he has insisted on complete satisfaction being given before the expiration of the limit set by the British note. It is fully expected that this will be accorded.

Flays Salvation Army.

Philadelphia.—Before the national conference of charities and corrections Thursday a paper "Relief Work of the Salvation Army" was read by Edwin D. Solenberger, general manager of the Associated Charities of Minneapolis. He declared that the social relief work of the Salvation Army, as carried on through its homes, lodging houses and other agencies, is poorly administered, and that the so-called charitable work of the army is largely subservient to financial interests."

Long Term for Murderer.

St. Louis.—On a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree Elmer Stelzreide, 20 years of age, was sentenced in the circuit court to 99 years' imprisonment for the killing of his bride of seven months on February 16.

Life Not Given Up.

Kansas City, Mo.—Fred Gilbraach, a showman connected with a "Fighting the Flames" exhibition, was injured by the breaking of a pole which he had leaped from a third story window of a burning building.

Secretary Bonaparte Better.

Washington.—The navy department was advised Friday night that Secretary Bonaparte was able to go to his country home near Baltimore and will probably resume his duties at the navy department next week.

Two Killed in Collision.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—An incoming train on the Chattanooga Southern railroad struck a street car at a crossing near the city limits Friday. Two men were killed, one fatally injured, and several badly hurt.

THE PRESIDENT IS ASSAILED

BITTERLY ATTACKED BY SENATORS BAILEY AND TILLMAN.

Former Immediately Refutes Charges of Betraying Friendly Democrats—Cause of Accident.

Washington.—There was a series of sensational incidents in the senate late Saturday afternoon, which reached a climax when President Roosevelt took the extraordinary step of telephoning a direct denial of charges made against him and having his denial read in the senate.

The event is perhaps without precedent in the history of the republic. Senators Bailey and Tillman violated unwritten law by making a direct attack upon the president in debate. The president shattered all tradition by making a direct personal reply to the charges made against him.

The incidents included the reading of a written statement by Senator Tillman charging the president with betraying the Democratic senators who had agreed to stand by him on the railroad rate bill with the understanding that the president would cling to his original position against an amendment permitting court review.

Following this Senator Bailey indulged in a violent attack on the president. He charged that the executive had surrendered his position advocating "an effective measure," that he had abandoned his demands for tariff revision, that the president's arraignment of trusts had been made after his election and that before that time he had been "as silent as the grave" on the subject of regulating the railroads. The senator closed with this statement:

"Let us have no more talk in the senate and talk in the country about this iron man. He is clay, and very common clay at that."

Senator Tillman in his attack on the executive charged that President Roosevelt had asked ex-Senator Chandler to request that he rally enough Democratic votes to carry the Hepburn bill through and save it from any injurious amendments. He said he had conferred with the president and that after having fulfilled his part of the agreement, the president declined to keep his word.

Senators Dolliver, Clapp and Carter defended the president against these attacks, the former pointing to the president as "the most superb moral leadership the American people ever had." He also praised Senator Allison, who had, he said, been his guide and counselor throughout the whole consideration of the rate question. Mr. Carter said he believed the president had been consistently in favor of the house bill.

Senator Lodge, speaking for the president, said his own president had denied as unqualifiedly false the statement of Senator Tillman attributed to ex-Senator Chandler that Senators Foraker, Knox and Spooner were trying to defeat the rate bill by constitutional amendments.

A statement from ex-Senator Chandler was later given out by Senator Tillman in which the former reiterated the statements pronounced by President Roosevelt as "unqualifiedly false."

Washington.—A lengthy statement bearing on the rate bill incident in the senate was issued by the White house Monday evening. The president says that his own opinion that Mr. Allison's amendment in no way changed the scope of the court review as provided in the original Hepburn bill is also the opinion of Attorney General Moody and Secretary Root and Taft. He adds that as to none of the amendments did he shy to Mr. Chandler or anyone else that he should insist upon having them in the bill as a condition of his approval.

FOUR MAGAZINES BLOW UP

Fifty Tons of Powder Explode at Testing Grounds of Bridgeport Company.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 15.—Four magazines in the testing grounds of the Union Metallic Cartridge company in the northern section of the city, containing about 100,000 pounds of powder, exploded early Monday.

The concussion shook the whole city and caused great alarm among many persons, who believed there had been an earthquake. Windows were shattered, and in many houses crockery fell from the shelves, but no serious damage was reported.

Babes Burned to Death.

Pittsburg, Pa.—In a fire that destroyed the residence of Marcus A. Woodward at Clifton, this county, Saturday night, two children, Margaret, 21 months and Marcus, eight months old, were burned to death. Their charred bodies were found in the ruins when the fire had burned itself out.

Vesuvius Keeps Busy.

Naples.—Prof. Matteucci, director of the royal observatory on Mount Vesuvius, telegraphs that the volcano is in slight eruption. Thick vapors and sand are being expelled and the electrical phenomenon continues, but he says the situation is not grave.

Memorial Church Dedicated.

Richmond, Ind.—The Reid Memorial United Presbyterian church, erected here by Daniel G. Reid, of New York, at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars, was dedicated Sunday.

Coal Boat on Reefs.

Edgartown, Mass.—The New York barkentine Hattie G. Dixon, bound from Baltimore for Boston with a cargo of 676 tons of coal went ashore early Sunday morning on a reef to the southward of Skiffs island, and will probably be a total loss.

Japanese Diplomatic Changes.

Tokio.—The newspapers here assert that Viscount Hayashi, ambassador to Great Britain, has accepted the foreign ministry and Baron Komura the post of ambassador at London.

BEGIN WAR ON DRUG TRUST

Government Files Petition in Indiana Asking Injunction Against Alleged Combine.

Washington.—The attorney general Wednesday made public the following statement: "The government has today filed in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Indiana a petition for an injunction against certain associations, corporations and individuals, comprising what is commonly known as the 'Drug Trust of the United States.' The parties defendant, specifically named in the bill have voluntarily combined together to control the prices at which proprietary medicines and drugs shall be sold to the consumer through the retail druggists in violation of the Sherman antitrust law.

New York.—The Proprietary Association of America, one of the defendants in the petition filed by Attorney General Moody for an injunction to restrain certain associations, corporations and individuals from controlling prices in the drug trade, is holding its annual meeting in this city.

"How can they restrain us from doing what we are not doing?" asked President Cheney. "The whole thing is absurd. There is no such thing as a drug trust. The phrase is a misnomer—coined from ignorance of the real functions of the Proprietary association."

DEATH OF CARL SCHURZ.

Noted Publicist Passes Away at His Home in New York—His Career.

New York.—Carl Schurz, widely known as a publicist and former cabinet member, died at 4:35 a. m. Monday. Death was due to a complication of diseases following an attack of stomach trouble, which became acute on Thursday last, in spite of brief periods of seeming improvement. Mr. Schurz slowly failed and Sunday sank into a state of coma, which continued until the end.

Carl Schurz was born at Liblau, Prussia, March 2, 1829. He was well educated, taking a course of studies at the University of Bonn. He took part in the revolution of 1848, and was an adjutant in the army of the insurrection, and after the surrender of the forces of Rastatt, where his regiment had been garrisoned, he escaped to Switzerland. Schurz then spent some time in Paris and London, engaged in writing for the press and in teaching, and in 1852 he came to the United States. He lived three years at Philadelphia, and then went to Watertown, Wis., to live. During the presidential campaign of 1856 he made his first entry into American politics by making speeches in the German language in behalf of the Republican party.

DOWIE DOESN'T TURN CHEEK

Appeals to Judge Wright to Push Injunction Proceedings, Alleging Violation by Voliva.

Chicago.—John Alexander Dowie Monday took personal charge of seeking punishment of persons who caused disorder at his meeting in Shiloh tabernacle Sunday. He instructed his attorney, Emil C. Wetten, to draw Judge Wright's attention to the fact that the terms of the court order issued at the first hearing of the injunction proceedings against Voliva, to the effect should not be interfered with, had been grossly violated. He also ordered his councilors to announce that all negotiations for the appointment of a triumvirate were off and that the court proceedings should proceed.

Chicago.—Glory Hot in Zion tabernacle, with John Alexander Dowie feebly striving to quell a battle which a tirade of his own had stirred up, added another chapter to the recent historic events in the religious community on the north shore Sunday.

The trouble was precipitated by Dowie's statement that Mrs. Ruth Cantel had died because she was a rebel. He also affirmed he would have saved her had she asked for his prayers, rather than those of the rebel leaders.

Fire Ruins Naval Stores.

Gulfport, Miss.—The enormous plant of the New Orleans Naval Stores company and S. Shotts & Co. were totally destroyed by fire Sunday. The mills occupied by the rosin yards, warehouses, commissary and storage rooms being entirely swept by the flames. Loss was about $400,000, with $300,000 insurance.

Chicago Traction Companies Lose.

Chicago.—The traction companies in Chicago were left at the mercy of the city by the action of the United States supreme court Monday in denying the motion of the street railway interests for a rehearing in the "99-year rights" case decided two months ago.

Daughter Kills Her Father.

Jacksonville, Fla.—C. E. Hooks was shot and killed by his 17-year-old daughter Bessie. Hooks returned after a week's absence and had a violent quarrel with his wife. His daughter secured his revolver, he tried to take it from her and it was discharged.

Isle of Pines Treaty.

Havana.—The American executive assembly of the Isle of Pines has authorized S. A. Pearcey to proceed to Washington immediately to work for the defeat of the island of Pines treaty.

Masonic Temple Burned.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Fire Wednesday damaged the Masonic Temple at Washington Street and Capitol avenue to the extent of $15,000 and to the total loss of $25,000. Raper commandery and several blue lodges lost their paraphernalia.

Captain and Crew Drowned.

Cleveland, O.—The schooner Algeria sank about two miles off the harbor of Cleveland Wednesday morning, and Capt. Martin Eller and three of his men lost their lives.