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MICHIGAN EVENTS NOTED

AN EXPLODING TORPEDO CUTS THE THROAT OF A YOUNG WOMAN.

Things Done and Said in Various Parts of the State Which Are Briefly Told.

Seriously Injured.

Miss Mary Weisenmeier, aged 24, of Monroe, recently a nurse at St. Vincent's hospital in Toledo, was injured in a peculiar manner in that city. She had escorted a patient to the car when an explosion, presumably a torpedo, was caused by the wheels of a car. A bit of flying iron struck Miss Weisenmeier, cutting her throat and penetrating downward toward the lungs. Her condition is serious.

Miss Weisenmeier is the support of an invalid father. She studied evenings to be a nurse while clerking in stores in Detroit and Monroe.

Judge Miner's Ruling.

The attorney general's department, by the decision rendered by Judge Miner at Howell, has established the fact that the inheritance tax law applies to mortgages and contracts representing interest in property in this state, even though the owner was a resident of another state. The decision was in the case of the estate of Hosea Rogers, of New York, who had mortgages and contracts on a Livingston county lands of the value of $170,000.

Judge Miner held that the apparent intent of the inheritance tax law was to tax every such transfer of property within this state, and as ancillary administration of an estate requires the aid of the state's own laws, this was a just position to take. The peculiar circumstances are that the Rogers mortgages and contracts were the identical ones concerning which it was held that the general tax law does not apply to credits owned by non-residents.

It Happened All Right.

Clarence Hoverter, a traveling preacher, was exhorting a crowd to flee from the city as they would from San Francisco during an earthquake, because, he said, something surely would happen because of the sin in Adrian, when he was struck with many eggs thrown by the crowd. A policeman escorted him to his stopping place. Sunday night he arraigned churches and secret organizations and was also a target for eggs, but did not take warning.

Passed the Century Mark.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunbar, the oldest person in Ottawa county, died Monday evening at the county infirmary, aged 108 years. She was born in Antrim county, north of Ireland, and came to America to join her only daughter in Adrian 20 years ago. She retained her faculties until her final illness and often spoke of times in Ireland nearly a hundred years ago. When a child of 15 years old she witnessed the battle of Ballynahinch in County Down, Ireland. Until the very last the old woman spent the days in her chair, her only comfort being a clay pipe, which she smoked incessantly.

Want a Forger.

The state of Missouri has filed a requisition for Holbrook T. Estill, who was sentenced from Kalamazoo to the Ionia reformatory February 16, 1901, for forgery, and is wanted for similar offenses in many other states. Missouri authorities understood Estill's sentence would expire in August, but as it was for three to fourteen years, it is believed the requisition will be denied. Estill had a wife in the south, but married another at Dowagiac previous to his arrest.

Returned the Bible.

Alumni of the class of '76 U. of M. signalized their reunion Wednesday by returning to the University of Michigan the Bible which each of them numbered had taken from the chapel 25 years ago. The sacred volume was taken during one of the pranks of the class, when a horse was led into the chapel. In those days the boys wearied of rising early to attend the exercises. With the return of the book the class hopes for the forgiveness of President Angell.

Little Girl Missing.

Rosa Whalen, a 9-year-old girl, of East Jordan, whose father is dead, is missing, and is thought to have been drowned. Bessie Frasier, another little girl, says they were playing together Tuesday evening on the bridge, and that Rose fell off into the Jordan river. The current is swift, and the body would be swept into the lake. Searching parties have been unable to find Rose.

The school census gives Grand Rapids a school population of 27,551, an increase of 736 over last year.

Representatives of the reorganized church of the Latter Day Saints have voted to subdivide Michigan into three instead of two districts.

Charles Wood, who was convicted last November of committing perjury to secure a marriage license to marry Florence Newcombe and sentenced to from six to fifteen years' imprisonment, has been granted a pardon and released from the Ionia reformatory.

Dr. Anderson, of Royal Oak, has testified that the wife of Henry Preisel, a Troy farmer, is in a serious condition. Preisel is being tried on a charge of assaulting her.

Seymour Phillips, a giant in stature, quarreled with John Kruna, a youth, and threw him into the Kalamazoo river, where one boy narrowly escaped drowning. Phillips was fined $10.

Joseph Sollisky, a Hungarian, a steel rail gang laborer on the Northwestern road, near Bessemer, was cut to pieces Sunday by a passenger train which overtook him as he walked on the track.

The Ladies' Hospital association of Pontiac has raised $6,000 and will have ground broken at once for the $10,000 hospital.

John Henry Murphy, aged 55, well known in western Michigan as a traveling salesman for a monument firm, dropped dead of heart trouble in a Grand Rapids hotel Tuesday morning.

The state land department denies the statement that speculators bought large tracts of state lands at the recent sales. Most of the purchasers were settlers. The receipts of the sale were $21,000. Nearly all the lands sold had been carried for years on the delinquent tax lists of the state.

THE INHERITANCE TAX.

"San Francisco reports," says a contemporary, "that a number of persons who suffered from various ailments previously to the earthquake and fire in that city find themselves completely cured. One paralytic, who for 15 years had been crippled by his disease, is now 'entirely cured,' and numerous other recoveries have been recorded." Nor should it be forgotten that among the ailments cured by the earthquake is celibacy. There is evidence of many well authenticated instances of San Francisans 'earthquaked into matrimony.

The doctors veritably threaten to leave us with nothing on earth fit to eat or drink. The latest raid on the works of the Almighty is by a Buffalo doctor, who proclaims that the strawberry, that most toothsome and delicious of all the little fruits, is a breeder of insanity, which, he says, increases largely during the strawberry season. Well, there are worse kinds of insanity, so bring on the strawberries.

Justice Whitehouse told a newspaper man at Augusta recently that in 1,200 or more divorce cases he has never had a club woman appear before him for a divorce. "The kind of women who belong to clubs," he said, "are not the kind of women who have domestic difficulties to settle in court. And yet, if we are not mistaken, at the last meeting of the National Federation of Women's Clubs in California arrangements were made to publish a pamphlet giving women directions for obtaining a divorce.

They have a new designation for the president in congress now. They do not speak of him as "the president" or as "the man in the White House." Instead they say: "The man up at 1600," and the explanation of it is that the White House is 1600 Pennsylvania avenue.

Nothing serves better to indicate the passing of the old order in the town than the report that the Indian police are after the Indian outlaws of the Cherokee nation.

JACKSON PRISON.

Are the Prisoners Resentful of Whole-some Discipline? Seems So.

The recent fire in Jackson prison—the fourth within as many months—adds to the conviction that the convicts are endeavoring to burn the prison piecemeal, in retaliation for the deprivation of privileges under the Armstrong regime.

The wagon shop was first burned to the ground, entailing a big loss. Then followed fires in the tailor shop, in the engine room, and last the shop of the Trade Table Co.

The last fire broke out at noon as the convicts were being marched to the dining room for the midday meal. It originated in the packing room of the factory, where the chairs, which are principal product of the company, are prepared for shipment. Before it was brought under control it had destroyed probably $2,500 worth of stock and damaged the building to the extent of $2,000.

Warden Armstrong has been drawing the lines of discipline very much closer at the prison. He has proceeded on the theory that good conduct cannot be purchased by privileges; that liberal treatment should first be earned by good conduct before it was granted. Some prisoners have taken exceptions to his attitude and there has been more or less trouble.

The new warden has stood firm, has administered the affairs of the institution on a strictly non-partisan basis so far as the employment of officials is concerned, and has been doing his utmost to carry out the ideas he considers necessary for the well-being of the institution.

So far he has declined to talk for publication, but it is generally known that he believes there are a good many things in connection with the administration of the prison which require radical revision.

There is no direct evidence that the fires have been set by prisoners, but the circumstantial evidence is pretty strong. Those who know the warden best believe that the manifestations of insubordination will have but one effect. Mr. Armstrong is not wholly in accord with the rule of the board abolishing corporal punishment. It is believed, and it may be that the strap will find its way back to the prison if discipline cannot be maintained in any other way. It is not to be inferred that as a general thing the prison is now lacking in discipline, but with several hundred prisoners working in shops it is difficult to guard against the vindictiveness of a few prisoners who perhaps believe they can force more liberal rules.

MICHIGAN IN BRIEF.

Grant Brown, of Flushing, will succeed Harmon Wendell as state bank examiner.

Edward Priestl, a South Haven telephone lineman, died from a recent shock by a live wire.

Paw Paw property owners indorsed the proposition for bonding for $50,000 for an improved light and water works plant.

Samuel E. Bridges, a rural carrier, gets $362 dandelion for having been hit by a door opened by Nathaniel Calhoun, of Columbia.

George McCargar, formerly head of the Sullivan schools, died in New Mexico and his body will be brought to Charlotte for burial.

Through the backsliking of a rabbit at the Quincy mine, an eight-ton skip dropped down No. 6 shaft and killed Olaf Peitikann and Matt Lasli.

Instead of by the customary dance, the completion of C. C. Lamberson's large barn in Leslie will be celebrated by an all-day religious festival.

Ten thousand six hundred dollars have been subscribed for a Y. M. C. A. building at Bay City. Dr. D. H. Nelson has offered to donate a valuable site.

A new index for the compiled laws of the state has been prepared for the printer. The last legislature authorized the work. It will make a book of 500 pages.

Genesee supervisors have granted Sheriff Bigelow's request to appoint a mission to dam Flint river at Montrose for a new power plant to be erected in that village.

Carl Clarke, aged 20, left the home of his parents, near Lenawee Junction, to work to go out and see the world. He was drowned in the Maumee river at Toledo while bathing.

Guy Wanless, of Bay City, who planned to be married Wednesday, is sick with smallpox. He told his physician when first called that he had been struck by a baseball and wasn't feeling well.

Andrew Carnegie, after having once refused, has at last consented to increase his gift of $50,000 for a public library in Adrian. Writing from Skibo castle, Scotland, he has so informed Attorney General John E. Bird.

While awaiting transfer to the South Haven jail to serve a sentence for larceny, Frank Cuba picked a cell lock and escaped Saturday night. He claims to be only 16, but looks older, and the authorities think he is a professional crook.

Roger Williams, the queer well-to-do farmer who advertised for a wife some time ago, went to Adrian and married Mrs. Helen Paulette, whom he had known before advertising. Roger was a bachelor, but his bride was twice married before.

The disappearance of Mrs. Alice Benson, of Paw Paw, who has not been seen since Saturday, has caused a stir. She sent her baby girl to her mother, with a note asking her to "bring her up a Christian." Benson was killed in a quarry accident two years ago.

The body of Dr. William G. Hare of Bay City, drowned by the upsetting of his naphtha launch last week, has been recovered on the beach 16 miles from the scene of the catastrophe.

The body of the late Judge I. P. Christiancy will be removed from the neglected private burial ground near Dundee to Woodland cemetery near Monroe by his son, George Christiancy.

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Henry Krussell, aged 21, son of a Bear Creek farmer, dropped dead of heart disease in the railroad depot at Dundee.

Mrs. Mary Noble, an aged lady of Mixon, was struck by a Grand Trunk passenger train and thrown twenty feet. One arm was broken and one leg broken in two places. She has slight chances for recovery.

Elbridge G. Rote, aged 62, former Muskegon iron manufacturer and at one time head of East Saginaw and Bay City iron concerns, died suddenly from heart prostration and heart trouble at his farm South of Muskegon. One son, I. Justin Rote, is a Detroiter.

NAVE IN CATHEDRAL AT TRONDHJEM, NORWAY, WHERE KING HAAKON WAS CROWNED.

Cross Shows Where Throne Stood.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT MEASURES ENACTED BY OUTGOING CONGRESS

FEDERAL REGULATION AND CONTROL ALONG VARIOUS LINES EXTENDED — LOCK CANAL FOR PANAMA.

Washington. — Important measures extending federal regulation and control have been enacted at the first session of the fifty-ninth congress, now rapidly drawing to a close.

The railroad rate and the meat inspection bills will soon become laws, and before adjournment of congress both houses will have passed pure food bills which, though dissimilar in terms, are both based on the same principle of federal control. It is the present intention to try and adjust these differences before adjournment.

There has been no marked division on party lines in effecting the above results, the differences being only as to ways and means rather than as to policy.

Besides branching off into this new field of legislative endeavor, the present session of congress has made itself important in other ways. It has added one, and perhaps two new states to the union and by so doing has disposed of four territories.

Great results to the people are expected from the removal of the tax on denatured alcohol, and if predictions are fulfilled, heat, light and power are to be supplied by alcohol made from the cornfields of the country, from sugar beets and sugar cane, from fruits and other vegetation.

Decides for Lock Canal.

By a deft turn of legislative points of view, the questions which have perplexed congress for some time regarding the Panama canal have been settled. The president may dig a lock canal as fast as he pleases. A joint resolution was agreed to requiring canal supplies to be made of American manufacture.

Congress has not dwelt with the foreign situation to any extent. An act making a much needed reorganization of the consular service was passed. Nothing was done in the Santo Domingo controversy and the legislation affecting our colonial possessions was meager and unimportant, although tariff revision for the Philippines received the attention and approval of the house, and an act was passed revising the tariff collected by the Philippine government. A coinage act for the Islands also was passed.

Nearly Twenty Thousand Bills.

A large number of bills were introduced in the two houses. The calendar records that the number has reached nearly 20,000, 500 more than were introduced during the entire three sessions of the last congress.

Before increasing the number of acts passed, it is interesting to note that with all the strenuous exertions of an appropriations committee in the house, with a new chairman—Representative Tawney—it has been impossible to hold the appropriations down to much less than $900,000,000, although "economy" was the watchword from the start.

Although there has been an effort to prevent the enlargement of what is known as the "permanent annual appropriations," this character of expense has increased during the session to the extent of nearly $5,000,000, making a total permanent annual appropriation of more than $110,000,000. As it happened, the increase in this appropriation came in one day in the house. The meat inspection bill carried a permanent annual appropriation of $2,000,000, and the same day the house passed the bill adding $1,000,000 to a like amount annually for the support of the state militia. Measures were introduced on which action will be pressed at the next session to repeal a portion of the permanent annual appropriations of the government.

What Organized Labor Got.

Organized labor has succeeded in its requests of the present session of congress to the extent of securing the enactment of what is known as the "employers' liability bill." This enactment will make it possible for an employe to secure damages for his injury, notwithstanding his own negligence may have been in part responsible for that injury.

Another bill which has received the approval of the senate and will doubtless become a law before the end of the session is that limiting the hours of continuous service of railway trainmen to 16 consecutive hours' work, to be followed by 10 hours' rest. The much agitated eight-hour bill received a favorable vote from the labor committee of the house, but too late to secure action at the hands of congress. The anti-injunction bill was postponed in committee until the next session of congress upon a direct vote on that proposition.

One of the novel features of the lawmaking was the enactment of a measure to preserve the scenic beauty of Niagara Falls. This action was in direct response to a popular demand that the falls be not denuded of their beauty to serve the purpose of commerce which seemed to demand the transformation of the great cataract into a series of unornamental canals and power stations. The legislation was difficult to frame, but once set on foot found no opposition in either house. It was perfected in the house committee on rivers and harbors under the guidance of Chairman Burton, who introduced the bill.

Legislation for Navy.

Enthusiasts for the "greater navy" regard the legislation of the session as beneficial to the proper growth of that arm of the fighting force. The record shows that congress authorized the construction of the "biggest battleship afloat," with the provision that before the plans are submitted or bids received or accepted the plans of the ship must be submitted to congress at its next session. This provision was fought in the house with great zeal, and was carried but by a small majority.

Placing at the naval academy was given a further legislative rebuke by the passage of a bill giving the secretary of the navy discretion to dismiss or otherwise punish midshipmen at that institution.

CRIME OF HARRY THAW

JEALOUSY PROMPTS WEALTHY MAN TO MURDER.

KILLS FRIEND TO HIS WIFE

Architect, Who Had Befriended Evelyn Nesbit by Procuring Position for Her on Stage, Shot Down in Cold Blood.

New York.—Stanford White, the well-known architect, member of exclusive clubs and prominent in society, was shot and instantly killed by Harry Kendall Thaw, member of the Pittsburg family of millionaires and husband of Evelyn Nesbit, the actress at the Madison Square roof garden, Monday night.

Mr. White was an old friend of the Nesbit family and was instrumental in procuring a position on the stage for Evelyn, when she came to New York years ago and served for some time as an artist's model.

It was near the close of "Mamselle Champagne," a musical comedy, with which the garden was opened, that Thaw approached the table at which White was seated, with another man, and fired three shots from an automatic revolver into the breast of the architect.

Thaw was locked in the West Thirty-street police station, where he made a statement that the death of White was deserved for many reasons.

There is no doubt that jealousy, amounting almost to insane hatred, was responsible for the deed. In his statement Thaw mentioned several times the name of his wife, coupling this with characterizations of White that he was a blackguard and a scoundrel.

Mrs. Thaw was on the roof at the time of the tragedy. She had only time to rush out as the special policeman was leading her husband away a prisoner and throw her arms around his neck, crying, hysterically: "Oh, Harry! Harry! Harry!" when she collapsed and was taken away by friends.

The tragedy, while a shock to the friends of both men, was not altogether a surprise to them. They knew and have known for several years that against the architect Thaw had the most bitter feeling.

The feud dates back to the time when Thaw first fell in love with the young woman who is now his wife, and made no secret of his feeling. It had come to the ears of White, and his friends had often discussed it with him. Some had even advised him to be careful. But, declaring that there was no reason for animosity, the architect went about his business as usual.

PACKERS AND ROAD FINED.

Federal Judge at Kansas City Assesses Parties Guilty in Rebating Case $15,000 Each.

Kansas City, Mo.—Judge Smith McPherson, of Red Oak, Ia., in the United States district court here Friday morning, passed sentence upon the seven defendants recently convicted of making concessions and accepting and conspiring to accept rebates on shipments. Judgments in the nature of fines were assessed as follows:

Swift & Co., $15,000; Cudahy Packing company, $15,000; Armour Packing company, $15,000; Nelson, Morris & Co., $15,000; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway, $15,000; George L. Thomas, New York, fined $6,000 and four months in the penitentiary; L. H. Tagge, New York, fined $4,000 and sentenced to three months in the penitentiary.

The fine of $15,000 against the Burlington is on each count, the aggregate amount of the fines being $85,000.

Appeals were filed in the case and a stay of execution was granted until June 29 so they may be perfected. Before sentence was passed in the cases motions for new trials were made and overruled.

SENDS ICE MEN TO PRISON

One Year in Workhouse and Big Fine for Violating Anti-Trust Law in Ohio.

Toledo, O.—In common pleas court Monday, Judge Kinkade imposed the maximum sentence of $5,000 fine and one year in the workhouse on five ice men guilty of conspiracy in restraint of trade. The men sentenced are:

Joseph A. Miller, who was convicted; R. A. Beard, R. C. Lemmon, H. P. Breining and Peter H. Waters, who pleaded guilty. The judge said the sentences might be mitigated in the event the men made restitution.

The five men all of them prominent in business and social circles, were taken to the county jail to await the making out of the necessary papers to commit them to the workhouse, unless, in the meantime, they meet Judge Kinkade's requirements of restitution to the public.

City May Build Bridge.

Washington. — President Roosevelt Monday signed the bill authorizing the city of St. Louis, Mo., to build and operate and maintain a railroad, wagon and foot passenger bridge across the Mississippi river at that point.

Successor to Barnes.

Washington.—M. C. Latta, of Oklahoma, has been appointed assistant secretary to President Roosevelt to succeed Benjamin E. Barnes. Mr. Latta has several years acted as the president's personal stenographer.

Man and Wife Drowned.

Washington.—Edward R. Saalbach and wife were out canoeing in the Potomac river Sunday. Their boat upset and before assistance could reach them both were drowned. Saalbach was a clerk in the war department.

Result of Punitive Expedition.

Cairo.—Three hundred and fifty Sudanese were killed and 110 captured by the punitive expedition sent from El-Obeid, to relieve the garrison at Taledi, which was attacked by native tribesmen early in June.

SAYS OIL KINGS ARE SAFE

LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF SECURING INDICTMENTS.

Minor Officials of Standard Combine May Be Convicted According to Washington Official.

Washington.—Although the department of justice has announced that it proposes to begin criminal proceedings against the officials of the Standard Oil, the intimation is given that it is doubtful if indictments may be found against such men in the Standard Oil company as John D. Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers and John D. Archbold.

An official of the department of justice has indicated that while the government would press the prosecutions vigorously, he did not have an idea that the officials of the Standard Oil company would be reached, in criminal proceedings, any more than the presidents of railroads, personally, are reached through similar proceedings.

"It may be," he said, measuring from the ground with his hand, "that we may get some of the officials half way up. We are not after mere clerks, but, if responsible officials have been violating the law, we desire to bring them to book."

Attorney General Moody had a conference with the president regarding the proposed prosecutions, but at the conclusion of the interview he declined to indicate when or where the proceedings of the government against the Standard Oil company would be instituted.

Mr. Moody has issued orders to the different district attorneys, and already has appointed special counsel for the government to continue the investigation. District Attorney Morrison, of Chicago, will resign his present position almost at once to take up this special work.

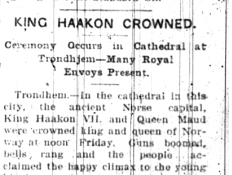
The Standard Oil company will be prosecuted as a corporation for violation of the Elkins law forbidding rebates, or the giving or receiving of discriminating rates. The method of prosecution adopted successfully at Kansas City before Judge Smith McPherson, which resulted in the conviction of the packing houses, is to be followed to a certain extent in the fight against the Standard Oil.

KING HAAKON CROWNED.

Ceremony Occurs in Cathedral at Trondhjem—Many Royal Envoys Present.

Trondheim.—In the cathedral in this city, the ancient Norse capital, King Haakon VII. and Queen Maud were crowned king and queen of Norway at noon Friday. Guns boomed, bells rang and the people acclaimed the happy climax to the young king's accession.

Princes and princesses from several of the royal families of Europe and envoys from the principal nations of



KING HAAKON VII.

Europe and America were present at the ceremonies, which were made picturesque and impressive by the ancient rites by which kings of Norway are made.

King Haakon comes of the ancient Oldenburg stock. He is the second son of Prince Frederick, heir apparent to the Danish throne, and with his brothers and sisters was reared in an unpretentious way in the old feudal palace of Amalienberg.

State Loses Railroad Case.

Madison, Wis.—The supreme court Thursday set aside the decision of the lower court which entered a judgment of $10,000 against each of four railroads for alleged incorrect reporting of gross earnings as charged by Railroad Commissioner Thomas.

Need Not Settle with Trust.

St. Louis.—Judge Ryan decides in favor of a purchaser who contended that he does not have to pay for goods which he voluntarily bought from a concern which, he alleges, is a member of a so-called trust.

Four Drown from Canoe.

Newport, Vt.—Four persons were drowned in Lake Memphragog late Sunday by the overturning of a canoe.

Booth-Tucker Is Married.

London.—Commander Booth-Tucker and Miss Minnie Reid were married at the Salvation Army's citadel, South Tottenham. Gen. Booth officiated. Only relatives and high officers of the Salvation Army were present.

Dead as Result of Beating.

St. Paul, Minn.—Roy O'Den died in the city hospital Monday as a result of a beating received from an unknown man in a box car several days ago while he was beating his way to St. Paul on a freight train.

Charged with Murdering Two.

Connellsville, Pa.—Michael Comata, a Slav, has been arrested on the charge of murdering Thomas Bosley and Robert Collins, Uniontown bricklayers, in a quarrel Saturday night. Comata is said to have confessed.

Lightship Is Replaced.

Kingstown.—Another lightship has been sent to replace the Coningsley lightship with which the White Star line steamer was in collision during a fog June 22, and which it transpires was severely damaged.