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MICHIGAN EVENTS NOTED

LIGHTNING KILLS MOTHER—BABE IN HER ARMS ESCAPES.

DIES OF HYDROPHOBIA.

Sisters Raced to Their Death—Notes and Incidents Gathered From Various Points in the State.

Killed With Babe in Her Arms.

Sitting with her babe in her arms, Mrs. Charles Krantz was instantly killed Saturday afternoon by a freak lightning bolt which shot down the stovepipe of her residence in Ada township, about 12 miles east of Grand Rapids. The babe was slightly injured, but will recover, while the mother was fatally burned. Her skirt, shoes and hose were torn from her body, her lower limbs burned to a crisp.

The weather had been intensely hot and late in the afternoon clouds appeared. Charles Krantz was working in the field while his wife and nine small children were in the house, the mother attending to her household duties. When the rain began, he went to his home for shelter. He and the eight children were in the kitchen, while the mother was holding the little one on her lap in the sitting room.

Died of Rabies.

After suffering all the agonies incidental to a genuine attack of rabies, Mrs. Loretta Pringle, aged 70 years of Bay City, died of hydrophobia. Her last hours were especially painful to those who were compelled to be by her side.

Mrs. Pringle sustained a slight cut on her thumb about one month ago when she separated two dogs that were fighting. The wound healed readily and no bad results were suspected.

Saturday Mrs. Price was taken ill. Her ailment was not recognized as rabies on the first diagnosis, as the incident of her being bitten by a dog had been forgotten. Sunday heroic efforts were made to save the victim's life, but large doses of morphine had no effect to mitigate the woman's suffering.

Raced to Death.

Gertrude and Sigma Karlsen, aged 11 and 14 years, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Karlsen, of South Haven, were drowned Sunday afternoon in the bay, as a result of a playful race down a steep sand hill to the water, their momentum carrying them in beyond their depth. No one was near enough to rescue them, but several persons saw them sink. The bodies were found 25 minutes later, but life was extinct.

Only Four Survive.

Four survivors constitute the full remaining strength of Saginaw's two companies, 100 strong, in the famous "Fighting Fifth" that Michigan sent to the civil war, and these veterans will attend a reunion of the regiment at Owosso August 29. They are D. K. Halsey, sergeant of police; John Monroe, Francis Otto and Andrew Heinlein.

The two local companies were named the East Saginaw Volunteers and the Saginaw City Light artillery. Henry W. Trobridge was captain of the former, Peter and Henry Mindt of Co. K. They were mustered into service August 28, 1861, and fought continuously throughout the war. Out of the regiment of 900 men less than half returned.

Girl Wife Seeks Divorce.

Vera Hamilton Henniker, married at 13 years, a mother at 14, separated from her husband at 15 now at the age of 16 has applied for a divorce on the ground of desertion. She lives with her parents in Delta township, Eaton county. George Henniker, of Ingham county is her husband and he was aged 20 when they were married October 22, 1903, in Charlotte, after being refused a license in Ingham county. A girl was born to them December 23, 1904, and was later adopted by Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Hollis, of the M. E. church at Munith.

Lovers' Bodies Found.

The bodies of Guy E. Warner and Ella Squires, of Monterey, Allegan county, his fiancee, were brought to the surface of Reed's lake by the concussion in the water caused by the severe thunder storm Saturday night. They were last seen alive when they put out in a rowboat Thursday night.

Whether their death resulted from a suicide pact over despondency because of paternal objections to their marriage, or from accident, is a mystery. The bodies were found close together.

Phelan is Fat.

Rev. John Roderick Phelan, former pastor of the Baptist church at Cement City, is being charged with getting money on false pretenses, is growing fat and seems to worry little over his future. Phelan says he is not a radical church man and thinks there is no harm in smoking a cigar or taking part in a social game of cards, but he says he is much opposed to gambling. He has many visitors, who take him fruit and flowers.

James Rice, the 3-year-old Jackson boy who set fire to his clothing while playing with matches Wednesday, is dead. Death was due to inhaling the flames.

A man can make a dozen opportunities for success while he is waiting.

Mrs. Bertha Hennegar, of Big Rapids, aged 59, was killed trying to stop her son's runaway team. The tongue of the wagon was driven through her breast.

Eight young women were arrested while drinking in a Battle Creek stall saloon. Seven paid fines and the other was released when her husband called at the jail for her.

The amphibious habits of a Lansing auto with a bursted tire caused it to plunge into an artificial lake, pinning its driver, Ray C. Backus, in its works, and nearly drowning him.

In attempting to stop a runaway team of horses belonging to her son, Mrs. Bertha Hennegar, of Kewadin, aged 59 years, was knocked down and run over, receiving injuries that resulted in death. The tongue of the wagon was driven through the woman's breast.

Formaldehyde has been discovered in colored matter used by ice cream venders in the northern part of the state. One arrest has been made by the state dairy and food department. It is claimed that formaldehyde in quantities sufficient to be dangerous was found in crushed strawberries used by the dealer.

Sitting Bull, Jr., son of the famous Sioux warrior, is umpiring amateur ball games at a summer resort in Iowa. As he is a large Indian, when he makes a decision it goes. Amateur teams that are troubled with an inclination to "kill the umpire" frequently during the game might find a remedy in engaging young Sitting Bull, as no player has been discovered this season with an insane desire to kill him off.

A bulletin recently made public at the census bureau, in Washington, shows that 19,624,757 copies of daily newspapers, or one for every four persons, are turned out each week day in the United States. On Sundays the number printed is 14,539,521. The total amount charged for advertising in 1905 was $145,531,811. The capital invested in printing and publishing is $384,021,359.

The British lion has also a "Jungle" to roar in.

The United States mint in 1880 struck off a few four-dollar gold pieces called "stellas." Few are known to be in existence, but one of these few brought $260 at auction in New York recently.

The Atlanta Constitution quotes an English physician as saying that "silence will cure nervous women and delay the coming of wrinkles." The quotation may be authentic, but we are of the opinion that some editor made it up for purposes of his own.

This report that English cigarettes are being made of chrysanthemums and cascarilla bark is interesting, but it affords no light as to what some of the all-tobacco cigarettes sold in this country are made of.

A newly invented fuel in Pennsylvania is said to be much cheaper and better than coal. The composition is to be kept secret, which is the trouble with the whereabouts of the long-lost briquettes.

In New York the skyscraper line has been drawn at 42 stories. Even that amount of vertical transit strikes the suburban commuter as too much supplementary travel.

The London Tid-Bits says that the czar has the habit of spending more time in his study than almost any other ruler in the world. Well, he has a good deal more to study over.

There should be something doing when Prince August William returns to the paternal mansion after three years in an American college.

Soliloquy of the czar: Would that my generals had half the desperate valor of my anarchists!

Baron von Sternburg, German ambassador to the United States, in an address at the University of Illinois, showed that all the great leaders of nations, such as Frederick the Great and K'ang-Hi, the greatest Chinese emperor, have taught the same principles of citizenship. He drew an interesting parallel between the teachings of K'ang-Hi in the "Holy Edict" and the public utterances of President Roosevelt. It is a truth familiar to all students of comparative literature that under similar conditions men of moral purpose have much the same ideas. Devout scholars have always delighted in the fact that the noblest sentiments of Greek philosophy are not unlike those of the Bible.

Gen. Stoessel once boasted that the garrison of Port Arthur might die, but that it would never surrender. He is probably regretting now that he didn't stick to his earlier plan.

Henry Phipps, of Pittsburg, pays $500,000 a year for the use of a deer park in Scotland. Other Pittsburg millionaires have shown that he might put his money to worse use.

A Toledo balloonist whose airship caught fire at a height of 2,000 feet escaped by reaching a roof, but the flames caused the complete destruction of a house. Ballooning to the pole may turn out to be tamer than the general average.

The new automobile law in New Jersey restricts the speed to 12 miles an hour except on roads with houses at least 100 feet apart, where the rate may be increased to 20 miles. A fine of from $250 to $500 is the penalty, with Jersey justice to enforce it.

Uncle Sam still has open to entry 149,000,000 acres of land, or nearly one-third of the original public domain, exclusive of Alaska. Unless reports from the big northwestern territory are incorrect, there is good land there also.

For the first six months of 1906 the fire loss in the United States, including that at San Francisco, has averaged $2,000,000 a day. It is a colossal leak, but there is a hopeful announcement that fireproof material is likely to be cheaper than lumber.

BIG CORPORATION.

Sugar Companies Formed Into Michigan's Greatest Company.

Articles of incorporation for what will undoubtedly be, when all details are carried out, Michigan's largest industrial corporation in capitalization, magnitude of operation and annual output, were filed in the secretary of state's office in Lansing Friday morning. The new corporation is the Michigan Sugar Co., and the design is to consolidate under one management a number—at least seven—of the largest beet sugar making companies in the state. The initial capitalization of $62,500 gives no idea of the importance of the enterprise, but that the capitalization is to go well into the millions as the several other companies and plants are taken over is assured by the names of the incorporators and the plants to be acquired.

The companies which will be acquired by the Michigan Sugar Co., as far as can be learned, are the Peninsular Sugar Refining Co., of Detroit, and the Caro, the Bay City-Michigan Sugar Co., of Bay City; Sebewaing Sugar Refining Co., of Sebewaing; Saginaw Valley Sugar Co., of Saginaw; Alma Sugar Co., of Alma; Sanilac Sugar Refining Co., of Croswell; Tawas Sugar Co., of Tawas City. Other companies may be bought later and some large companies will continue to operate independently.

The incorporators are A. W. Wright, Alma; Arthur Hill, Saginaw; Wm. C. McMillan, Detroit; Charles B. Warren, Detroit; George Peck, Detroit; George B. Morley, Saginaw; Gilbert W. Allen, Detroit; N. B. Bradley, Bay City; Henry B. Joy, Detroit; W. L. Churchill, Bay City; Thomas A. Harvey, Saginaw; Watts S. Humphrey, Saginaw; Benjamin Boutell, Bay City; W. T. Knowlton, Saginaw; G. G. Scranton, Croswell; F. R. Hathaway, Saginaw.

The main office of the new company will be in Saginaw.

Labor Day.

Gov. Warner has issued his Labor day proclamation, designating Monday, September 3, as Labor day. It follows:

Our state has been made rich and prosperous by labor. Within the past hundred years it has brought forth the hidden treasures of our fields and mines, reared our villages and cities and bound them together with belts of steel. Excellence cannot be obtained without great labor, and labor conquers all things. Brawn and muscle have long been recognized as important factors in our progress, and it is eminently proper that the triumph of labor should be celebrated upon this day.

It is recommended that Michigan's establishments be closed and that all join with each other in the worthy observance of labor's holiday. The departments at the state capitol will be closed and state institutions will conform to the spirit of this declaration wherever it is possible to do so without detriment to the service.

The Alba Robbery.

In the arrest of Jos. Schwartz, alias Jos. Reiper, Jos. Harris and many other assumed names, the Saginaw police think they have made an important capture. He is suspected of the robbery of the postoffice at Alba, Antrim county, last October. An envelope from the department at Washington to the Alba postmaster containing $40 worth of postage stamps was found on the victim. A postoffice inspector from Chicago will investigate. Schwartz was taken from a train bound for Detroit on suspicion of blowing numerous safes in that city.

Chased the Burglar.

Kathryn Wilson, of Saginaw, awoke in the night to find a burglar standing over her. The screams of her roommate, frightened the intruder, who started to escape. Miss Wilson, who is an athlete and huntswoman, made after him with her rifle. He grabbed the rifle and held her at bay till he got out of the house and escaped. She called the police, but couldn't trace him.

The burglar was compelled to leave the loot he had gathered up in the young women's room.

MICHIGAN IN BRIEF.

Harold Randall, aged 9, adopted son of S. J. Randall, of Midland, was drowned while bathing in the Tittabawassee river.

Oliver Kelley, of Lansing, is under arrest charged with assaulting his blind wife because she extracted a dollar from his trousers while he was sleeping.

Joseph Seldon, Olivet, former national bank examiner, has been elected president of the Calumet State bank. He is also president of the First National of Calumet.

W. L. Wheeles, of Ortonville, who has not shaven for over 20 years, now has a beard eight feet long. He has it done up at home with hairpins and tucks it under his chin before appearing on the street.

The 14-year-old son of Mrs. John Lapointe, who was kidnaped eight years ago and was given up for dead by his parents, has returned to his mother's home in Dollar Bay. He could tell very little about his disappearance.

Robert Hytinen, a Finlander, living in Negaunee, was driven insane by sunstroke, stripped his clothes off and ran from his boarding house to near the pest house, where he was found in a comatose condition, lying in the hot sun. He was taken to the hospital, where he died.

Some one, to vent spite on Harry King, a Flint teamster, tried to strangle his horse with a chain by tying it up short to a manger.

Falling into a pail of scalding grease and water, the infant child of Wilfred Roy, a cook in a lumber camp at Stockpole, met a terrible death.

Lansing ice supplies will be exhausted by September 15, the icemen say. Then if they get ice from outside sources the price will soar some.

A black bass weighing 9½ pounds was caught in Long lake by William E. Shoemaker. The fish will be mounted and sent to the state game commissioner.

George Pierce, of Chicago, made an attempt to drown himself in the St. Joseph jail, Wednesday. He flooded his cell by turning on the faucet in the solitary cell where he was confined. The turnkey found the man standing in three feet of water. Pierce was being held as an insane person.

Because a charge of dynamite, placed under a stump, failed to explode, John Grody, a farmer residing near Bates, thought the cartridge was no good. To satisfy himself he laid it on a rock and struck it with a hammer. Grody is now resting unconsciously, but his physician thinks he has a fighting chance.

STREET SCENE IN VALPARAISO, CHILI.

Picture Shows One of Double-Decked Street Cars, on Which Women Are Conductors, Traversing a Narrow, Crooked Thoroughfare of Older Portion of the City.

G. A. R. ENDS ENCAMPMENT

ADJOURNS AFTER DECIDING ON NEXT MEETING PLACE.

R. B. Brown, of Ohio, Elected Commander-in-Chief—Fortieth Annual Parade Held.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The Grand Army of the Republic completed its fortieth encampment late Friday and adjourned to meet in Saratoga, N. Y., in 1907. The encampment, after an exciting debate, decided that a protest against the erection of a statue to Henry Wirz should be sent to Gen. S. D. Lee, the commander of the Southern Veterans' association.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The following officers were elected Thursday at the annual meeting oof the Grand Army of the Republic: Commander-in-Chief, R. B. Brown, Zanesville, O.; senior vice commander, William H. Armstrong, Indianapolis; junior vice commander, E. B. Fenton, Detroit; chaplain-in-chief, Archbishop John Ireland, St. Paul; surgeon-general, W. H. Johnson, Lincoln, Neb.

The new commander-in-chief was born in 1845, and has always lived in Ohio. He enlisted in the Fifteenth Ohio infantry at the age of 16 years and served in the Fourteenth Army corps in the Army of the Cumberland until he was mustered out in 1864. He then reenlisted and as a veteran soldier and served as such until the end of the war. He was a private throughout the first three years of his service and then became a non-commissioned officer. He has always been active and prominent in the work of the Grand Army. Mr. Brown is now editor of the Zanesville Courier.

Minneapolis, Minn.—For the fortieth time since its work in war was finished and its glory won, the Grand Army of the Republic was in line Wednesday. There had been many parades more gorgeous, many spectacles more dazzling and bewildering, but never was there in this country one more appealing and impressive than that which passed through the streets of Minneapolis during the morning.

Col. Charles T. Keeting, of New Orleans, was overcome by the heat and exhaustion and died an hour after reaching the hospital.

Thomas A. Martin dropped while marching in the parade and died on his way to the emergency hospital.

FLAMES SWEEP MESABA RANGE

Millions of Dollars' Worth of Property in Danger of Destruction.

Duluth.—Lack of wind is the only condition that prevents terrific spreading of the forest fires on the Mesaba and Vermilion ranges. The Mesaba is a veritable furnace as a result of the flames devastating the parched ground. Millions of dollars worth of property, including towns and mines, is in peril, and all depends on the direction and force of the wind.

People at various points are "backfiring" to prevent the encroachment of the fires upon towns or mining properties. Great apprehension is felt for the newer towns, or those about which the brush and forest still stand. Fear is also felt for many of the homesteaders north of the Mesaba range. There are hundreds of these.

The Mesaba and Vermilion ranges are covered with a pall of smoke.

Workmen Are Killed.

Charlotte, Mich.—Three Italian laborers are dead, two are dying, and 15 more are lying injured in the Charlotte house here as the result of an accident on the Michigan Central railroad two miles east of here. A work train crew was re-laying tracks and the engine backed into the train while the 50 laborers on the work train were eating their dinner.

Miner Slays Wife.

Pontiac, Ill.—Mrs. William Thomas, wife of a miner, was murdered by her husband Monday, who cut her throat from ear to ear and smashed her skull with a hatchet. The murderer escaped to a cornfield.

Negro Troops Moved.

Washington.—The negro troops at Fort Brown, Tex., have been ordered to Fort Ringgold, Tex., and company "B," Twenty-sixth infantry, a white company, has been ordered to Fort Brown.

To Rebuild Ruined Houses.

Sofia, Bulgaria.—The cabinet has decided to rebuild before winter and at the expense of the state, all the houses burned at Akkola during the recent fighting there between Greeks and Bulgarians.

Heavy Rain at Johnstown.

Johnstown, Pa.—An unprecedented rainstorm here Sunday that resumbled a cloudburst, flooded Moxham, the fashionable residence section of the city and caused thousands of dollars' damage.

LABELS FOR MEAT PRODUCTS

Chicago Packers Confer with Federal Officials at Washington.

Washington.—Representatives of the meat packing interests, principally of Chicago, were in conference Monday with Acting Secretary Hays, Dr. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, and Dr. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry of the agricultural department, about the labels for their products which they will have to use under the meat inspection law and pure food law.

Both the meat inspection and pure food laws provide for the use of labels on articles which come under these acts. The manufacturers, desire to make their labels fill the requirements of both laws. The meat inspection law will go into effect so far as the labels are concerned on the 1st of October, while the pure food law will not be effective until the 1st of next January.

It was discovered at the conference that the labels heretofore in use by the packers would have to be changed materially. The changes involve the consideration of a great masa of details, all of which had to be gone over at the conference. It was the opinion of the packers that they would be able to prepare their labels by October 1 so that they would conform to both the meat inspection and the pure food laws, thus avoiding the difficulty of getting out two sets of labels.

BIDS FOR COOLIE LABOR.

Panama Canal Board Ready to Employ Chinese.

Washington. — Specifications for bids to furnish Chinese labor for the construction of the Panama canal have been issued by the Panamanian canal commission. The basis for bidding is invitations for 2,500 coolies, although it is made clear that the commission may call for such additional numbers of Chinese laborers as it may need, should the experiment be successful, but the number shall not exceed 2,000 per month. All proposals must be received not later than ten a. m., September 20, at which time they will be opened. The usual conditions regulating the competitive bidding for government supplies is prescribed by the specifications.

Chinese laborers will be required to work ten hours each day. Overtime will be paid in excess of ten hours and for all the work upon Sundays or holidays at the rate of time and a half.

Extra precaution has been taken by the commission, in its specifications, to provide against liability for damages or indemnity on account of the death or disability of any laborer or employe by accident or disease. The contractor must accept the responsibility for any such damages maintained by legal claim.

Black Fiend Riddled.

Columbia, S. C.—"Bob" Etheridge, the negro who attempted to criminally assault the seven-year-old daughter of T. H. West, of Saluda county, was taken by the girl's father to the scene of the crime, where he was shot to death by a mob.

Pacifying Russia.

St. Petersburg.—Last week's statistics show that 58 officials were murdered and 43 were wounded in Russia proper, that 50 bomb stations were discovered, that six safes were rifled of money and that 63 persons were robbed.

Drowned From Launch.

Freeport, Ill. — L. W. Kaiser, Harry Sweeney and Oscar Denure were drowned here Monday by the capsizing of their launch in the Pecatonia river. Three companions were rescued.

Buried with Military Honors.

Washington.—With full military honors the funeral of Thomas H. Martin, former senior vice commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., who died suddenly at Minneapolis, at the recent encampment, occurred Monday.

Returns from Visit to Haakon.

Copenhagen.—Mr. O'Brien, the American minister to Denmark, returned here Monday from a visit to Stockholm and Christiana. He had a long, private audience with King Haakon of Norway on August 18.

Named for Congress.

Pottsville, Pa.—At the Republican primary election in the Twelfth congressional district, former Congressman Charles N. Brum defeated former United States Subtreasurer W. S. Leib for the nomination.

Changes at Fort Riley.

Fort Riley.—Six companies of the state militia of South Dakota and the Eleventh cavalry arrived Sunday to attend the army maneuvers. The Arkansas regiment left for home after a week's stay at camp.

SEVEN DEAD IN WRECK

RAILROAD LABORERS CRUSHED IN COLLISION.

ACCIDENT IN RAINSTORM

Sheets of Water Prevent Engineer Seeing Work Train Ahead of Him and Fatal Smash-Up Is the Result.

Johnstown, Pa.—Plunging through a blinding rainstorm at the rate of 15 miles an hour early Sunday, a fast freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad crashed into a slowly moving work train at Sang Hollow, killing seven and seriously injuring seven others of the work train crew. Three of the latter will probably die.

The work train had stopped at a water plug near Sang Hollow to take water. A Fort Wayne freight was following and, because of the driving rain the engineer was unable to see the work train until just before the crash.

The engineer of the freight jumped and received injuries from which he will die.

The fireman remained on the engine and was uninjured. When the freight engine crashed into the work train it plowed its way through the cars.

All of the laborers and others of the work crew were asleep, and those that were killed probably never knew they were struck.

The cries of the wounded, the burning cars, the overturned engines and the sound of escaping steam combined to make a most horrible sight.

The crew of the freight made an attempt to rescue the men from the cabin car, but owing to the fact that the doors were battered in on the wreck and the timbers were crushed so that entrance was impossible, it was some hours before it was found out how many were dead. Four men were dead when taken out. The others died after being taken to a hospital.

According to reports Engineer S. N. Woods of the freight train had increased the speed of his train just before the crash, that he might take water from the water pans along the track, and in so doing is said to have exceeded his orders.

BOOM CANNON FOR PRESIDENCY

Danville Convention Starts Move in Honor of Uncle Joe.

Danville, Ill.—Speaker Cannon's boom for the presidency was launched here Thursday when the speaker was renominated for congress by acclamation by the Republican congressional convention of the Eighteenth district.

In accepting the renomination for congress, Mr. Cannon made a long speech, which sounded the party slogan for the coming campaign. The speaker extolled the record of the Republican party and pointed to the nation's prosperity as a justification of its continuance in office.

Labor leaders have declared war on Mr. Cannon for his attitude to labor bills in the last congress. He replied to attacks of President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, regarding the anti-injunction bill and other measures.

BOYS FIRE INTO POWDER HOUSE

Two Lads Are Blown to Atoms by Explosion That Follows.

Yreka, Cal.—Two boys were killed and another fatally injured in a powder explosion one mile from here early Sunday.

Powder house No. 1, belonging to the Grant Powder company, on the line of the Yreka branch railroad was blown up.

In nearly every business house in Yreka windows were broken.

Remnants of clothing, a foot, particles of hair and flesh found on the hill indicate that two boys were blown to atoms.

Two Die in Burning Barn.

Larimore, N. D.—Two, and possibly three, men lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the livery stable of Thomas Kelly. Two bodies, neither of which has been identified, were recovered from the ruins. Thirty horses also perished.

Rockefeller Is Better.

Cleveland, O.—John D. Rockefeller, who last week was confined to his bed for a short time as a result of an attack of stomach trouble, was out Monday and came townstown to attend to some business matters.

Veteran Actor Dead.

New York.—Lewis Morrison, an actor, whose work as Mephisto in "Faust" gained him fame, died suddenly of shock Saturday afternoon at St. John's hospital, Yonkers, after undergoing an operation for a disease of the stomach.

Accidental Suicide.

Atchison, Kan.—George Baumgartner, aged 16 years, studying for the priesthood, accidentally committed suicide. He had in play placed a rope around his neck and accidentally stepped off a stage, breaking his neck.

Former Army Surgeon Dead.

Leavenworth, Kan.—Dr. W. R. Vanfuyl, who served in the Philippines as a surgeon in the United States army during the Spanish-American war, died of heart disease at his home here Sunday, aged 47 years.

Death of a Pioneer Packer.

St. Paul, Minn.—James T. McMillan, aged 70 years, a pioneer resident as well as a pioneer in the meat packing industry of St. Paul, died at his home here early Friday, after a long illness from liver trouble.

Illinois Mayor Dies.

Bloomington, Ill.—James S. Neville, mayor of Bloomington and member of the Illinois warehouse and railway commission, died suddenly Friday morning at two o'clock while visiting at West Baden, Ind.

COST OF RUNNING NATION

MONEY APPROPRIATED BY THE LAST CONGRESS.

Nearly a Billion Dollars Spent by Lawmakers—Big Sum for Pensions.

Washington.—According to a statement issued by Thomas P. Cleaves and James C. Courts, chief clerks, respectively, of the senate and house committees on appropriations, congress, at its last session, appropriated for the fiscal year 1907, $879,589,-853.16, representing an increase of $59,404,550.20 over the sum appropriated the last session of the Fifty-eighth congress for 1906. The largest item is contained in the appropriation for the post office department, the amount allotted being $191,695,-998.75. The next largest sum was given for pensions, the money appropriated amounting to $140,247,500, or nearly twice as much as was allowed for the support of the army and over forty millions more than was granted for the naval establishment.

Of the net increase of $59,404,550.20 over 1906, it is stated $42,447,200 was for the Isthmian canal, the balance being accounted for through the appropriations for the carrying out of the meat inspection law, the continuance of contracts for river and harbor work, the reorganization of the diplomatic and consular service, and the extension of the rural free delivery service.

On the subject of new offices and employments, Messrs. Cleaves and Courts say:

"The new offices and employments specifically authorized are 6,934 in number, at an annual compensation of $6,615,870; and those abolished or remitted are 5,285 in number, at an annual compensation of $4,010,109, a net increase of 1,649 in number and $2,605,761 in amount.

"Deducting from the net increase of 1,649 new salaries and employments, 163.6 additional employes for the postal service, there remain only 282 net increase in employments for all other departments and branches of the public service."

IGNORE GOVERNOR'S APPEAL.

Mob Shoots Negro in Presence of State Executive.

Columbia, S. C.—Within the shadow of the home of his victim, Miss Jennie Brooks, after having been identified by her, and after Gov. D. C. Heyward, who went to the scene of the trouble, had addressed the mob in vain, "Bob" Davis, the negro who on Tuesday murderously attacked, Miss Brooks with intent to commit assault and who afterwards outraged a negro girl 14 years old, was lynched at Greenwood about 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening.

Gov. Heyward reached the scene shortly after the negro had been captured. A platform was erected in a fence corner on the premises of the victim's father, from which the Governor addressed the mob in an effort to prevent the lynching. The governor beseeched the mob not to lynch Davis, but in vain. At the conclusion of his speech the governor was vociferously cheered.

The mob then removed the prisoner from the view of the governor and within a short distance of the home of his victim the negro was riddled with bullets.

It is impossible to estimate the crowd, as citizens from several counties had gathered at the scene and for two days had been in pursuit of the negro, but it is certain that hundreds of bullets were sent through his body.

HEAVY DAMAGE BY CLOUDBURST

Streets of Freeport, Ill., Flooded, People Taken from Homes in Boats.

Freeport, Ill.—More than $100,000 damage was done to Freeport Sunday morning shortly before daylight by a cloudburst that appeared in two or three portions of the city.

Streets became running streams and entire families were taken out of their homes in boats.

The Illinois Central and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads suffered disastrous washouts and traffic has been impeded all day on the Madison division of the Illinois Central.

Visible Supply of Grain.

New York.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, August 18, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, was as follows: Wheat, 31,949,000 bushels, increase 226,000; corn, 2,710,000, decrease 875,000; oats, 4,919,000, decrease 147,000; rye, 1,359,000, decrease 47,000; barley, 869,000, decrease 248,000.

California Wants Servants.

San Francisco.—The California promotion committee is trying to solve the servant girl question for California, and has sent instructions to its eastern bureau at New York to visit Ellis island and have the incoming women from European countries told of the advantages of California.

Wealthy Farmer Kills Himself.

Vincennes, Ind.—Joseph Robinson, a wealthy farmer, depressed by ill health, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver at the Despain hotel here. He leaves a family. He carried $20,000 life insurance.

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Cleveland, O.—John D. Rockefeller, who last week was confined to his bed for a short time as a result of an attack of stomach trouble, was out Monday and came downtown to attend to some business matters.

Celebrate Return of Mullahs.

Teheran.—The return of the expelled mullahs was made the occasion for great ceremony, the city being illuminated for three days and a holiday for four days. Crowds of people greeted them at a gate of the city.

Stensland Not in Mobile.

Mobile, Ala.—There is no truth in reports sent out from this city that a man believed to be Paul O. Stensland, the defunct bank president of Chicago, was seen in a house on the outskirts of Mobile.