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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, JAN. 17.

Dirty and dishonest hands often wear clean gloves.

The eternal now is the time for everybody to be just.

He who knows himself best is modest, polite and generous.

A Gotham masher met a girl who had taken boxing lessons. He is now the very pink of propriety.

A Tacoma footblack has retired with a fortune of $60,000 and an ambition to become a gentleman of polish.

No householder can feel that he has been decently robbed when the front door is opened with a crowbar. It is only a step to the battering ram.

London expects to have a population of 16,000,000 in the year 1960, and it is time for England to begin enlarging its blooming island, don't you know.

Sixty-eight ministers have preached trial sermons in a Butler, Pa., pulpit and all have been rejected. What that congregation needs is certainly not nerve.

An Atlantic City man went to jail rather than kiss his wife. Had it been another man's wife there would, of course, have been no question of imprisonment.

When King Edward picked out the first woman to receive the Order of Merit he chose a nurse. This is a distinct slap at the profession of the "lady novelist." Will Miss Corelli remain quiet?

New York has launched a sensational theory that the country has more allurements to vice than the city. It is presumably worked out on the old minstrel theory of the little beetles making beats and the little bumble bees making bums.

An Illinois swain, while saying farewell to his sweetheart, was so startled by a shout from the girl's father that he fell off the porch, breaking his collar bone. He asks $2,000 damages. If he wins, this will establish a precedent which will mean millions a year to the courting industry.

A New York woman set the phonograph to playing her favorite tune and then gladly ran the gas. She's dead, now. We have known persons who would gladly have turned on the gas while having to listen to their favorite tunes played by a phonograph. They're alive and likely to suffer again.

Now they have discovered that alleged buttermilk sold in Chicago is a fraud and delusion, being a combination of acid and skimmed milk. What shall be said of the degeneracy of persons who actually go the limit of counterfeiting buttermilk? Let the penalties of the pure food law be imposed to the full extent.

The emperor of Austria has celebrated the sixtieth year of his reign by granting amnesty to all deserters from the army and to refugees from army service, inviting the latter to come home. The human military machine of former days are beginning to be felt in Europe as individuals who must be reckoned with as such in the future.

A Pennsylvania girl of 15, who was punished by her father for entertaining a young man to whom he and her mother objected, threw herself in the river and was drowned. Perhaps she was only anticipating the evil day. An Indiana girl of 17, who was married at 15, has killed herself because her parents did not interfere when the young man came a-courting.

This country will not suffer from the departure of hundreds or even thousands of immigrants who are now making their way back to the old world. These men know by their act that they did not come over here with the intention of becoming American citizens, but simply for the purpose of earning money faster than they could at home. It is not likely many of them will ever come back again, says the Baltimore American, and the United States will be better off without them.

Baron Fairfax, of Cameron, otherwise Albert Kirby Fairfax, of New York, has lately applied for naturalization as a British subject. He is the twelfth Baron Fairfax, and is a descendant of the sixth baron, who came to America and settled in Virginia. The mother of the present baron, described in the peerage as Lady Fairfax of Cameron, lives in Prince George county, Maryland. The baron, being only a peer of Scotland, will not have a seat in the house of lords. Sixteen Scotch peers, who also peers of the United Kingdom, are chosen by their fellow peers as members of the house of lords.

The occupation of the musician has become dangerous since the automobile has been introduced on the stage. One jumped the stage in his auto and knocked two links out of the trombone player, in addition to quieting the corneter.

A Greenville (Pa.) man has been sent to jail for attempting to break the leg of a pup. When such news breaks into the papers one realizes that the objections to capital punishment should be packed away in cotton for a century or two.

A dancing master has figured out that to learn to waltz requires practice equal to traveling 10,000 yards, or nearly six miles. And it need occasion no surprise if you travel a part of the way on your partner's feet.

Sardou, the famous French dramatist, is to witness a performance of a play which he has just finished. This is not only another blow to the Osler theory, but it also is a striking proof of the activity of faculties kept green by the constant stimulus of hard work.

LATEST NEWS OF MICHIGAN

REV. ALDINGER'S SERMON WAS STARTLING TO HIS CHURCH.

"WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"

He Said Jesus Was the Natural Son of Joseph and Mary, Was Deposed and Will Organize New Church.

Charging that the liberal interpretations of the Bible by Rev. Frederick C. Aldinger, pastor of the Lyon Street Church of Christ, Grand Rapids, are not in keeping with the teachings of the Disciples' denomination, the annual congregational meeting decided by a vote of 93 to 56 to remove their pastor.

The action was a surprise, inasmuch as two weeks ago the congregation took a decided stand in favor of their pastor against the protests of the deacons, whereupon 11 of the 13 members of the official board handed in their resignations.

Sunday Mr. Aldinger, speaking from the text, "What Think Ye of Christ?" declared to his astonished congregation that the accounts of the birth of Christ in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke were untrue, in the light of later scripture revelations. He said that Jesus was the natural son of Joseph and Mary and that at no time during his ministry did he claim existence prior to the manger of Bethlehem. In "New Wine in Old Bottles," another sermon on the same day, he declared that modern science and scholarship have created a new Bible and that Christ cared nothing for forms and dogmas, but looks only at a good life. He contends that we do not need to concern ourselves regarding the incarnation or atonement and places no emphasis on repentance, faith or baptism.

Mr. Aldinger says that his followers will leave the church when he does, and he also says that he will establish a new church here, where more liberal teachings and the modern interpretation of the Bible will be permitted.

Mr. Aldinger is a product of the Chicago university and an exponent of the broad theology taught by that institution.

Child Crushed to Death.

The four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Amstutz, farmers, residing near Eldridge, Oceana county, went to the barn to burn off the frost from the feed the stock and while she was caring for the horses he wandered into the pig pen. Seven hogs, started for the swill and in his fright he ran against a heavy wagon box, tiping it over on himself. Mrs. Amstutz, heard the feeble cries of her son and rushed to his assistance, but the frantic mother was not strong enough to lift the box and she hurried to the house for help, but when the box was lifted it was found that life in the crushed form was extinct.

Prayers for Mr. Glazier.

A letter was received from Mrs. Frank P. Glazier asking prayers for her husband and in compliance with the request they were offered at one of the series of union evangelistic meetings being held in the Court Street M. E. church, Ann Arbor. "I ask you to pray for him," said Evangelist J. B. Hubter to those present, "because he is now lying at the point of death and possibly before he has made no more mistakes than we ourselves have sometimes made."

Fought the Storm.

The car ferry Manistique was caught out in the big storm on Lake Michigan, and had a severe battle with the gale and the blizzard. She reached Manistique safely. The Manitique last week struck a rock outside of Manistique harbor and later sank at a dock at that port. She was then started for Milwaukee to receive repairs.

The steamer Nyack, of the Crosby line, which left Grand Haven Saturday night for Milwaukee, encountered a terrific blizzard in mid-lake and after battling with the gale, a heavy sea and thick snow, nearly 24 hours, was forced to put back into Grand Haven, where she arrived Monday evening. At one time the boat was in sight of the Milwaukee light.

Still a Mystery.

William Schimmel, found guilty of the murder of Martin Golden at the November term of circuit court, but which verdict was put aside by Judge Padgham at the time many Attorney W. A. Turner, of Muskegon, asked the court to make some final decision of Schimmel's case. Schimmel was in court ready for another trial. Prosecuting Attorney Coburn stated that there was no further showing to be made, and the judge ordered the discharge of the respondent. This closes one of the most sensational murder cases in the county's history and leaves the murder of the Dennison postmaster still a mystery.

Kalamazoo board of supervisors by 20 to 1 voted to call a special local option election in the spring.

One Indian is dead and three others are in a critical condition as a result of drinking tincture of aconite in mistake for Jamaica ginger. This ginger is a favorite medicine with the Indians about St. James for the cure of cold, and on being given a purchaser a few days ago the local storekeeper on High island sold them two bottles of aconite through mistake.

When her 16-year-old son looked in to the house through the window Wednesday and saw her lying unconscious over the gas stove, Mrs. Robert Tenney, of Lansing, was saved, by the son's breaking in the window and calling assistance.

A man representing himself to be a member of the Shipmasters' association secured considerable money from Port Huron citizens by his claims to be preparing a new marine directory. After making his collections he disappeared. It is probable that at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Shipmasters, to be held in Milwaukee, steps will be taken to apprehend the man and punish him. He secured $96.

Bay City, Saginaw, South Haven and Ionia have made formal applications for armories. Under the new law the state can allow $10,000 for each company of the National Guard.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Melvin G. Fenton has begun suit for $50,000 against the Pere Marquette Light & Power Co. He asserts that his right hand was crippled by a live wire.

T. T. Wilson, of South Boardman who killed his wife while drunk, was sentenced to not less than five nor more than 20 years in Jackson.

James La Duke, aged 11, of Buchanan, was bitten by a mad dog nine months ago and died, snarling and barking, after 25 hours' illness.

Alma college is happy. All the obstacles lying between having the M. I. A. A. track and field meet on Davis field next June have been removed.

South Haven supervisors rejected the petition for local option, holding that only registered voters could sign them. Less than half of the petitioners were.

Harry Duby, aged 10, of Saginaw, skated from the ice into a stretch of open water Sunday and was drowned. His companions are said to have disappeared.

An ordinance patterned after Detroit's will be introduced in Saginaw to put a limit on the saloon business. It will forbid saloons on certain thoroughfares.

Sidney Hines, of Midland, promised to refrain from cigarettes and liquor for ten years and was put on probation by Judge Wiest. He attacked a 14-year-old girl.

In the Hamilton club oratorical contest held at Chicago Saturday night the U. of M., represented by Stephen Downey, got second prize. Wisconsin was the winner.

Following the verdict of the coroner's jury which found that Daniel Corey was murdered Sheriff Sutton, of Ann Arbor, offers a $200 reward for the man's slayer.

Mike Daparon, of Lansing, is suing his father-in-law, Gerdean Tobin, for the $250 he paid for his wife, "Queen of Little Syria." She left Daparon and went to Charlotte.

The liabilities of E. B. Lee, at Bay City, and the defunct Jasper and Weston banks, according to the appraiser's statement are $55,958.27, and the assets $34,427.95.

Republican and Democratic members of the bar association have indorsed Frank E. Knappen, of Kalamazoo, to succeed Circuit Judge J. W. Adams, who will resign.

After an absence of 16 years, Albert E. Norton was reunited to his children, Mrs. Hilda Pratt, P. A. and Anna Newgreen, of Lansing. He is a railroad contractor in Perry, S. D.

Byron Wintegra, a former Cadillac resident, who disappeared eight months ago, has returned. He says he was ill and was unconscious of his actions until he reached Blind River, Canada.

James S. Parker, next in line for the place made vacant by the appointment of Col. Bates, of the Third regiment, has been appointed temporary colonel by Assistant Adj.-Gen. James M. Wood, of Saginaw.

Owing to the heavy sea on Lake Michigan during the last two days, it is believed that several gang nets owned by St. Joseph fishermen have been carried away. The nets represent a value of about $15,000.

It was learned Wednesday morning that $80 was taken from the safe of the Michigan Central depot in St. Joseph during the night. It said the safe was left unlocked. The authorities are without any clue.

Republicans will meet in Hartford to discuss the adoption of the primary system of nominations. The county convention last fall went on record against it and Gov. Warner dubbed the delegates "peanut politicians."

Roy Brooks, aged 12, one of five injured in the boiler explosion at Comstock ago in Kalamazoo, has not recovered consciousness and will die. School mates were pallbearers at the funeral of Homer Gunnet, one of the victims.

A tunnel under the Detroit river to Harbor's water supply became known Monday when it was discovered water laden with gas was being pumped. The gas plant is situated a short distance from the water pumping station and it is believed to be responsible. Little water is being used until an analysis by a state expert has been made.

John McKlear, aged 70, one of the best known Gaelic scholars in Canada and Michigan, died at his home in Detroit Monday of Bright's disease. He leaves a widow and 10 children, 60 of whom are grandchildren. McKlear was for a time postmaster at Rescue, Huron county, under McKinley's administration. The six sons were pall bearers.

Unless there is a severe cold snap within a very few days Menominee and Green Bay are booked for an open winter, is the prediction of Isaac Bastile, the local bridge tender who has watched Menominee weather for nearly a century. It has been 30 years since navigation has been possible at north ern ports during the entire season. This year, however, ice has not yet formed. Car ferries and some other crafts are still running and it looks like history might repeat itself.

An Alpena manufacturing firm sends forth prize printed forms for its tax statements, and upon receipt of a statement in handwriting recently, wrote back and asked that the form be used. The following letter accompanied the statement from the township treasurer: "Mr.—Sir, enclosed please find list made out on your prepared speets, if it suits u better will be glad to hear from it if not are afraid that conglomeration of stuff as u choose to call it will suck the cows or do u other scarfes harm would like to have u send it back, if might want to make it framed and send it to the musime.

In accordance with expectations the Kalamazoo county board of supervisors passed the necessary resolutions calling for special elections, ordering to vote on local option. The vote was 20 to 1 in favor of it. Ald. Burtt, of Kalamazoo, voting "no." It is not expected that the active campaign will open immediately, but both sides are preparing for a warm fight.

Receiver J. W. Dancer says the statement that a loan of $26,000 was made to a member of E. P. Glazier's family, the bank before the Stockbridge Commercial bank closed is an error. A note was given to the bank on that date as security.

With the completion of tracks to the tipple and yard, the work of developing and opening up the new Consumers' Coal Developing Co.'s mine in Jamestown, about six miles from Saginaw, has been completed and the first cars of coal from the new mine were loaded Friday. Work on sinking the 175-foot shaft was started June 1, 1906.

The establishment of a new auto line, to connect the towns of Remus, Barryton and Chippewa Lake, with Big Rapids, is being considered. The contemplated route is from Barryton to Remus, to Chippewa Lake, to Big Rapids.

INITIATIVE IS ACCEPTED

Constitutional Convention Adopts Hemans Proposal by 45 to 42.

After a four days' fight the constitutional convention late Friday night adopted the Hemans proposal for constitutional initiative and referendum.

It is a matter of close figuring whether the Hemans proposition will carry on second reading. Seven of the nine absentees were classed as opposed to the initiative without legislative supervision. This would give the Hemans proposal 48 votes on second reading and 49 are needed.

HEMANS'S PROPOSAL IN FULL.

Amendments may also be proposed to this constitution by petition of the qualified electors of this state, but no proposed amendments shall be submitted to the electors unless the number of petitioners therefor shall exceed 20 per cent of the total number of electors voting for secretary of state at the preceding election for such officer. All petitions shall contain the full text of the proposed amendments together with any existing provisions of the constitution which would be altered or abrogated thereby. All petitions shall be signed at the regular election places at a regular election under the supervision of two inspectors of election of election officials shall verify the genuineness of the signatures and certify the fact that the signers are registered electors of the respective townships and cities in which they reside, and shall forward the petitions to the secretary of state.

All petitions for amendments filed by the secretary of state shall be certified by that official to the legislature at the opening of its new regular session, and when such petitions shall be signed by not less than the required number of petitioners, he shall also submit the proposed amendment to the electors at the first regular election thereafter. The legislature may also submit an alternative proposal on the same subject as provided in section one.

If the proposed constitutional amendments shall be printed in full upon a ballot separate and distinct from the ballot containing the names of nominees for office, and, if a majority of the electors qualified to vote for members of the legislature voting thereon shall vote in favor of any such proposal or proposals, then the same shall become a part of the constitution; provided, that the affirmative vote on such amendment or amendments shall equal at least one-third of the highest number of votes cast at said election for any office.

In case alternative proposals on the same subject are submitted at the same election, the vote shall be for one of such alternative proposals or against the proposals as a whole. If the affirmative vote for any alternative proposal is a majority of all the votes cast for and against the proposals, it shall become a part of the constitution. If the total affirmative vote for such alternative proposals is the required majority of all the votes for and against the proposals, but no one proposal receives such majority of the votes cast which receive the largest number of affirmative votes shall be submitted at the next regular election and, if it receives the required majority of all the votes cast thereon, it shall become a part of the constitution.

Fire Swept.

Fire started in the general store of L. H. Woods in Fulton village Sunday and destroyed the building and four dwelling houses with a loss of about $25,000. The whole west side of the main street was swept. A bucket brigade could do nothing to check the spread because of the high wind.

Fire started in the Woodbury hotel, from an unknown cause Sunday morning and the few occupants had barely time to dress and escape. A bucket brigade tried to fight the flames, but because of the great distance from a water supply could do little. The hotel and store of J. T. Vanhouten was destroyed with a loss of about $6,000.

Storm Bound.

About the fiercest storm of the winter swept the lower peninsula of Michigan Sunday and Sunday night. Reports from various points in the state were received by electric light wires, telephone and telegraph lines being put out of business. Oceana county was worst hit, reports being that cattle were dying and a general tie up of business.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS.

After being unconscious eighty hours with a three-inch hole in his skull from a runaway accident, Capt. S. W. Saunders, of Muskegon, died.

The winter cholera epidemic which has laid waste to Big Bear grasp for the past few days seems to be nearly over, although some new cases have developed.

The only son and support of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rowe, of Ferry, was killed in an accident in a collision between two Baltimore & Ohio trains last September. They were saved from the county house by a settlement of $5,000.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT
Week Ending January 18, 1908.

TEMPLE THEATRE AND WONDERLAND Afternoons 15c, 10c to 25c; Evenings 25c, 15c to 50c. "Polly Pickles Trio."

WHITNEY OPERA HOUSE—Matinees daily except Wednesday. 10c, 20c, 30c. "The Convict and the Lady."

LYCEUM THEATER—Every Night. Mats. Sun., Wed. 10c, 25c, 50c. MR. JAMES O'NEILL in the following repertoire—Sun. Mat., Tues., Thurs. Sat. Nights, MONTE CRISTO. Sun. Night, Mon. Night, Wed. Mat. VIRGINIUS. Mon. and Wed. Nights and Sat. Mat. JULIUS CAESAR.

LAFAYETTE—Matinees Sun., Tues., Thurs and Sat. Prices 15c, 25c, 50c and 75c. All Matinees Sunday. Sunday 25c. "The Cherry Pickers."

Atty.-Gen. Bird has dismissed the cases against the Postal and Western Union Telegraph Companies and the Quaker Oats and Crucible Steel Company for failing to pay each $1,000 a month for doing business in the state of Michigan without filing articles of incorporation.

With the remark, "I guess I will go in for breakfast," R. H. Bolster, of Benton Harbor, dropped dead in his own dooryard. Bolster had finished the chores about his barn and was preparing to return to the house for the morning meal. He leaves a widow and two children.

John Evans, son of Supervisor Evans, of Bellevue, a former teacher in the schools at San Fernando, Union province, North Luzon, Philippine islands, has been appointed governor of Amburayan province, in North Luzon, at a salary of $2,000 per year. Mr. Evans will be stationed at Illian.

The Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane made a strong appeal before the board of supervisors Friday for the establishment of a stoneyard in Kalamazoo for tramps and prisoners sent to jail for petty offenses. Mrs. Crane is the head of the charities department of the Women's Civic Improvement league.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Cattle—Dry-fed steers and heifers, good to choice, 1,000 to 1,200, $4 25@4 75; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000, $3 75@4 15; steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700, $3 @3 40; under-fat cows, $2 50@3; good fat cows, $3@3 40; common cows, $2 50 @3; canners, $1 50@2; choice heavy bulls, $3@3 50; stock bulls, $2 50@3; choice feeding steers, 900 to 1,000, $3 50 @4; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3 @3 25; fair stockers, 500 to 700, $2 50 @3; choice heifers, $2 50@3; milkers, large, young, medium age, $40@50; common milkers, $25@30.

Veal calves—Market strong at last week's prices; best, $7 75@8; others, $5 @6 50; milch cows and springers steady.

Sheep and lambs—Market, best lambs 25c higher at opening; others strong to 10c higher; best fair to good lambs, $4@6 50; light to common lambs, $5@5 50; fair to good butcher sheep, $4 75@5 25; culls and common, $3@4 25; best heavy spring lambs, $6 40@6 60; culls and common, $4@5 50.

Hogs—Market slow; best grades, $4 35@4 40; closed steady.

Horses—Market slow; best native lambs, $7@7 25; culls and common, $5@6 40; best western lambs, $7@7 50; yearlings, $6@6 25; best wethers, $5 50@6; ewes, $4 @5 25.

Calves—Steady; best, $9 25@9 75; heavy, $4@4 50.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, $1 02¾; May opened at $1 01¾, higher; at $1 03¾, advanced ¾c and declined to $1 03¼; July opened at $1 00¾, advanced to $1 01¾ and declined to $1 01; No. 3 red, 99¾c; No. 1 white, 1 car at $1 02¾.

Corn—Cash No. 3, 59c; No. 3 yellow, 3 cars at 62c; No. 4 yellow, 1 car at 60¾c.

Oats—Cash No. 3 white, 1 car at 53c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 83c nominal.

Beans—Cash, $2; February and May, $2 05.

Clover seed—Prime spot, $10 50; March, $10 65; sample, 15 bags at $10; $2 at $9 75, 14 at $9 50, 12 at $8 50, 8 at $7 50, 4 at $6 50; alsike, 50 bags at $8 75, 5 at $8 25, 4 at $8.

Barley—By sample, 1 car at $1 92 per cwt.

Feed—In 100-lb. sacks, jobbing lots: Bran, $26; coarse middlings, $27; fine middlings, $28; cracked corn, $28; coarse cornmeal, $28; corn and oat chop, $28 per ton.

About fifty corporations formed during the year have filed notices of dissolution. They failed to dispose of stock and wish to escape penalties for failing to make annual reports.

Edwin D. Malcolm, of Saginaw, died Sunday of tetanus following an accident to his arm. He caught the arm in a corn sheller and lockjaw followed.

Truman H. Newberry, assistant secretary of the navy, has announced through Congressman Denby that he is no longer a candidate for delegate-at-large to the Republican national convention at Chicago next summer.

Marquette common council has decided to leave to the people the question of reducing the number of saloons from 50 to 25. A special election will be held for the purpose January 20. A memorable contest is indicated.

Antonio Trevaskoriji, who jumped from a Grand Trunk train three months ago and was found scalped, one leg broken and body badly cut, died in Battle Creek hospital. Deprived of his property and exiled from Finland, he tried to take his life while en route to Montana with other emigrants.

Michigan postmasters have been notified to assist recruiting officers by distributing literature to young men interested in the army.

Despondent over an unhappy love affair, Celie Ort, aged 18, of Saginaw, took acid and died. She was a waitress in the International hotel.

A BIGGER NAVY.

Justice Harlan's View of a Coming War With Yellows.

In an address before the Navy league of the United States Saturday night, Justice John Marshall Harlan, of the United States supreme court, said:

"If I had the opportunity I would vote for an appropriation of $50,000,000 a year for a period of ten years for a large navy. The great importance of the navy is shown in the constitution, which requires the appropriations for the army, but sets no limit for those of the navy. There is no such thing as friendship between nations as between men. Nations make no sacrifice to preserve friendships and do not forbear to do certain things because they do not meet with the approval of another nation.

"I don't care how large a navy we have, but I want to see a navy large enough to take care of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans and our ports on those oceans.

"Just across the water there is a country with an immense population whose commerce we are seeking. We refer to the people of Asia as the yellow race. There are 400,000,000 Chinese, as strong physically and mentally as we are.

"There is over there another nation whose people are progressive and ambitious. We may some day see a skilful army in Japan of 5,000,000 to 10,000,000. They will say: 'You claim Europe is your country. This is ours. Get out!' I don't think they have any such idea now, and we have no ever for them. But there will be never attached any importance to them, as I fully believe in the indisputable sincerity of the friendship existing between the two countries, as it existed before any talk of antagonism arose.

"Already it begins to be evident what nonsense are all the threatening provisions, concerning the voyage of the American fleet to the Pacific, described so indiscriminately as a menace to Japan. Note my words," concluded Baron Takahira, "the sky will be completely cleared before long."

"Stuporous Insanity."

At no time since June 25, 1906, when he sent a bullet crashing into the brain of Stanford White, has Harry K. Thaw been fn as little danger of Sing Sing or the death chair as now. At no time has he been in such danger of imprisonment in an asylum for criminal insane. The present plan is for Martin W. Littleton, the attorney for the defense, to open with a two-hour speech to the jury. He will present no unwritten law, will not hint at self-defense. He will not undertake to prove Thaw had a "brain storm." Delphin M. Delmas, Thaw's former chief counsel, tried those tactics with disastrous results. Littleton will make a plain, blunt insanity plea. He will announce to the jury that it is his intention to show Harry Thaw was a victim of influences which affected his mind; that during his youth Thaw was of deficient mentality, and to cap the climax, the story of Evelyn Nesbit about her injury by Stanford White, toppled the frail structure of Thaw's already weakened mind. The term "stuporous melancholia" will be the designation of Thaw's mental weakness.

The Fleet at Rio.

Exactly two weeks from the time it raised anchors and steamed out of the harbor of Port of Spain, Trinidad, 3,000 miles from Rio de Janeiro, the battleship fleet, under Rear Admiral Evans, dropped anchor in that magnificent harbor at 4 p. m. Sunday. The arrival of the fleet was the occasion of an immense welcoming demonstration in which fully 100,000 people participated.

The fleet, with the flagship Connecticut in the lead, was sighted out at sea in the morning and hundreds of launches, tugs and excursion craft put out to meet the American warships. Nearly 25,000 people were on these boats. Soon after the fleet began to steam-d out at a fast clip, saluted the Connecticut, and, turning, got on either side of the flagship and escorted it to its anchorage.

Mine Owners Blamed.

Condemnation of the mine owners' association of Goldfield and of Gov. Sparks, of Nevada, for calling on the president for federal troops in Goldfield is contained in the report to President Roosevelt of the commission he sent to Goldfield to find the real conditions there. Labor Commissioner Neill, Herbert Knox Smith, of the bureau of corporations, and Lawrence O. Murray, assistant secretary of commerce and labor, made up the commission. They have been in Goldfield nearly a month.

The commissioners declare that the mine owners did not make out a case, although given every opportunity to do so, and the union men were given only a brief formal hearing in consequence.

Widen the Canal.

Secretary Taft has written a letter to the president recommending an increase of the width of the Panama canal locks from 200 feet, as at present planned, to 110 feet.

The change will cost about $5,000,000 additional, but the naval review has to the likelihood of large battleships in the future.

To Puget Sound.

Evans' fleet may make a trip to Puget Sound after leaving San Francisco in the early summer, according to an official statement made at the navy department. The navy authorities announcing that the fleet will that section have been received at the navy department, which have the strong indorsement of public men.

Thousands Are Ill.

Influenza has Chicago firmly in its grasp. Nearly 650,000 people are suffering from this disease, or its "complications," according to the city health department's weekly bulletin.

"Not since the epidemic season of 1898-99 has influenza played such an important part in the mortality as at present," said the report. "During the last week 31 deaths from this disease were reported and in numerous instances were a factor in contributing cause of death. The death rate of the week, 17.48, is the highest January rate since 1899, when it was 18.09."

A Land Office Business.

General Land Commissioner Bolling er asks an appropriation of $500,000, an increase of $250,000, for the 1908 work.

During the fiscal years 1905-7 his agents disposed of 12,104 cases and 967 unlawful enclosures of public lands were removed, restoring 1,940,120 acres to the open range. There were 27 convictions with these cases. In all 2,272,333 acres of land was saved from fraudulent claims of title or released from unlawful title and $386,251 in money collected.

GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST

TAKAHIRA SAYS "THE SKY WILL BE COMPLETELY CLEARED BEFORE LONG."

THAW TO BE PULLIFIED

New Japanese Minister's View is of Peace and Quiet—The Thaw Trial on Other Lines.

Baron Takahira, Japanese minister to Italy, has received official notification from Tokio of his appointment as Ambassador to the United States. Speaking of the appointment he said:

"While I am not insensible of the responsibilities involved in my mission, owing to the growing importance of the relations between Japan and the United States, I am exceedingly well pleased to return to Washington, where I believe I have a large number of friends whose sympathies I always appreciated most highly.

"What I shall have to do there, regarding which I have been often interrogated of late, I do not think I am prepared to say, nor shall be until after my arrival in Washington.

"With regard to the disquieting and alarming reports that have so often appeared in the newspapers concerning the Japanese-American feeling, I am convinced there is no ground whatever for them. I shall never attached any importance to them, as I fully believe in the indisputable sincerity of the friendship existing between the two countries, as it existed before any talk of antagonism arose.

"Already it begins to be evident what nonsense are all the threatening provisions, concerning the voyage of the American fleet to the Pacific, described so indiscriminately as a menace to Japan. Note my words," concluded Baron Takahira, "the sky will be completely cleared before long."

"Stuporous Insanity."

At no time since June 25, 1906, when he sent a bullet crashing into the brain of Stanford White, has Harry K. Thaw been fn as little danger of Sing Sing or the death chair as now. At no time has he been in such danger of imprisonment in an asylum for criminal insane. The present plan is for Martin W. Littleton, the attorney for the defense, to open with a two-hour speech to the jury. He will present no unwritten law, will not hint at self-defense. He will not undertake to prove Thaw had a "brain storm." Delphin M. Delmas, Thaw's former chief counsel, tried those tactics with disastrous results. Littleton will make a plain, blunt insanity plea. He will announce to the jury that it is his intention to show Harry Thaw was a victim of influences which affected his mind; that during his youth Thaw was of deficient mentality, and to cap the climax, the story of Evelyn Nesbit about her injury by Stanford White, toppled the frail structure of Thaw's already weakened mind. The term "stuporous melancholia" will be the designation of Thaw's mental weakness.

Becomes a Socialist.

Chicago society received a shock by the announcement that Miss Genevieve Winterbotham, daughter of a millionaire merchant, has become a Socialist. Miss Winterbotham is 23 years old, and has been one of the handsome beyond the conventional attractiveness of the society young woman and possessed of much wealth. She became interested in economics in college. She investigated living conditions of west side slums. Her discoveries there made her a believer in socialistic theories. She went to New York City to assist in a social settlement. From there she went to Richmond, Va., to get better living conditions for the workers in the knitting mills. Her methods there proved so beneficial to the toilers, and pleasing to their employers, that Miss Winterbotham was invited to come to Chicago by Julius Rosenwald, of the Hibbs Glass Co. Besides giving from twelve to fifteen hours each day of energetic work to her self-imposed task, Miss Winterbotham pays her own expenses.

A Woman's Warning.

"I want to warn every woman against acting with a minister as she would with a doctor," said a woman should be with a pastor without other persons being present."

This was the word sent broadcast by Mrs. Martha E. Dechley, the Montgantown, Pa., evangelist. She was discussing the case of Elder William H. Shaffer, of the west district of the Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, who was removed from office on charges affecting her.

James K. Beyler, of Reading, Pa., is brother of Mrs. Dechley, who took up the defense of his sister, saying:

"After her husband's death Mrs. Dechley entertained ministers just the same as his family. In her dreams of what the associations would bring about a humiliating scandal.

"This ought to be a warning to hundreds of good loyal churchwomen to be not so trusting, not to be seen with their minister alone, lest they might be rewarded in the same way as was his family, through the jealousy and malice which exists too abundantly in the church."

Fire did $1,500 damage to the cheese factory owned by John Nufser at Auburn.

Restrict or Fortify.

The activity of Pacific coast delegations—one of which called at the White House and the other at the war department Saturday—presents a new phase on the Japanese question. The one conclusion drawn from the conferences is that the Pacific coast states, by concerted agreement, have decided to force the government either to shut off the flood of orientals through an exclusion law or to fortify the Pacific coast. Either course would be inopportune at present.

Scolded by his foster father, Thomas as Byrnes, on Christmas day, 1906, Edward Meeker, then aged 15, living west of Bensalem, Bucks county, Pa., has come back after living two years in Saginaw.

David Hamilton, of Interlochen, was arrested Wednesday because his wife claims he threatened to kill her. Hamilton charges that the woman stole $400 received from the sale of the farm which his first wife helped him earn, and that she took an additional $20 from him. He came to Traverse City and have him put in jail. Hamilton is 75 years of age.