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Mrs. Langtry is 40 years old, but at a little distance you can scarcely notice it.

A western observer says that almost all the street railway magnates now run "Philly-as-you-ent" cars.

Philadelphia boasts of a magazine devoted exclusively to amusements. One of those fly-by-night publishing concerns, eh?

It is claimed that the pound buyers were the first baseball players, but nobody has ever discovered anything to indicate that they were the first umpire majors.

Abesites sheets are being imported under the mattresses of sleeping cars on some of the railways of the United States, but the heat from the radiators underneath.

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THE WEEK

IN THE REFINED FORM

Epitome of the Most Important Events Gathered From All Points of the Globe.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The senate received a message from the president reasserting the guilt of the author of the Panama canal bribery scandal, but saying he was willing they should be reinstated if they would confess, and promising immediate pardon if they did not.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson received that fact from 1908 selected all records, being valued at \$7,780,000,000, with corn in the lead.

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress at its concluding session, by a resolution, which was one of a series adopted, declared for an authorized increase of the Panama canal.

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THOSE RELIEF SUPPLIES.

Alpena Merchants Protest that Their Business Suffers.

As a result of protests raised by merchants of Alpena, the executive committee of the fire relief commission has decided to cut off immediately the distribution of clothing, and to limit to a supply of provisions until Jan. 15. Then the distribution will be discontinued.

Business in Alpena since the fire in October has been paralyzed by the fact that the relief supplies from all sides of the state; many of the families are better supplied now than before the fire, but some still make demands on the relief station. Merchants could see no let up to the relief supplies, and have decided to discontinue the work.

The relief committee now has on hand a large quantity of clothing, which will be shipped to cities in proportion to the contribution made by them, to be used in the winter.

The matter of harvesting machinery and seed is now up to the state. Many contributions already received, but the state is not able to do more at this time, but when this is exhausted the people, homeless by reason of forest fires, will be left to their own devices. This may now be able to do more for building is now the only recourse.

The action of the committee will not do any harm to the fire sufferers, but they will continue to suffer equally and think their kick legitimate.

But Sugar and the Tariff.

"We don't care a whoop," said M. J. Bly, secretary of the City Sugar Co. when asked what he thinks of the agreement between Taff and the sugar growers of the Philippines providing for the admission of sugar to the United States at a rate of 25 per cent less than the duty imposed by the Dingley tariff on sugar from the Philippines.

"We'll make sugar just the same," added Bly. "I'll hurt some."

German-American company, says the tariff will continue to produce as before.

MICHIGAN BREVIETES.

Mrs. Emma Harris, of Batavia, Mich., temporarily insane, took a dose of morphine, and was taken to the asylum.

Ben Carlson, aged 42, a laborer, fell through the ice while crossing Bear creek, and was taken to the hospital.

While working on a drain near Bear creek Saturday afternoon, former Michigan state senator, John W. Meade, fell through the ice of a manhole.

Connel-Edwards, aged 45, a well-known Colma farmer, was captured by the fly of a gasoline engine Saturday night, and was badly injured.

Edward Earl, a civil war veteran, died Saturday night at his home in Alpena, Mich., after a long illness.

The father of a child, probably the same as the one mentioned in the Alpena Standard, is now in the hospital.

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DEPUTY U. S. SABBAGED

Was Making Up Envelopes When The Thieves Entered Inquiring For Mail.

Twenty-five hundred dollars was taken from the postoffice at Sault Ste. Marie Sunday night by three unknown men, who committed one of the most daring crimes in the history of the mail.

Frank Higgins, deputy postmaster, was placing money in the pay envelopes about 10 o'clock when the men entered, knocked him unconscious and seized the money.

Higgins is now in a hospital and the country is being searched by the police for the three men who were working on the case. Will they be American?

My name is Robinson," said the taller of the two, "and I would like to get my mail now. If you don't mind, because of the late hour, before the morning, before the postoffice will be closed."

Higgins turned toward his desk and one of the men struck him with a club, and he fell to the ground.

Rushing to the desk, the men went off all the money and walked out quietly.

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