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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, NOV. 12.

Will they next survey the air and stake out racetracks?

Chronic fatigue no longer is regarded as the mark of a good policeman.

It takes Spain a long time to learn that the rest of the world keeps on moving.

Keep the milk supply pure and the water supply abundant. Safeguard the public health.

Spain may surprise King Alfonso some day by demanding a twentieth century government.

Street cars reeking with the pungent odor of moth balls remind the people that winter is near.

No wonder the earth is shaking just at present. There are enough things doing on it to make it a trifle nervous.

If Noah's ark was as full as the Smithsonian institution soon will be, it must have been loaded beyond Plimsoll's mark.

There is reason to believe that henceforth the great white plague will occupy more modest quarters in the census reports.

Once in awhile, even now, a man or a woman will die for love, but it doesn't happen nearly so often as was formerly the case.

Meals on railroad trains average 70 cents. Who buys them at a lower price than that to cut down your $1.25 check to the average?

It is only the conventional kind of living that comes high. When a man can get a pair of khaki trousers and two khaki shirts for two dollars, what more does he need?

A proposed society fox hunt in Ohio has been stopped by the humane societies. The humane authorities must have thought some of the hunters were in danger of catching the fox.

The czar will not visit Moscow, the old capital of the empire. He ought to sympathize with the demands of his people for greater freedom, for he seems to have very little of it himself.

Only a short time ago the wireless telegraph and aerial navigation were classed as visionary; to-day they are practical realities. Progress in the twentieth century moves with fleet feet.

The military aeroplanes of the future will drop bombs on warships. Warships of the future will be fitted with guns to destroy aeroplanes. And so the take-and-give invention of warfare goes on.

The joy riders of Gotham have broken out afresh. New York's theater rages be checked until the law and the authorities devise a punishment to fit the crime, which ought not to be difficult in this day of resources.

England has turned out the biggest sea-fighting machine yet, supposed to be impervious to torpedoes. Now the inventors will get to work on a conquering torpedo. That is the way. As soon as an immovable obstacle is found out, then human ingenuity gets quickly to work on another irresistible force. The comforting reflection with peace lovers is that no war could last long with such instruments of wholesale destruction.

The bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor announces that a continued improvement in the industrial situation of the country is indicated by the reports of leading interbal commerce movements during the past month. There is a big increase in the transportation and use of materials like soft coal, coke and iron in the output of mills and distribution of products. With good grain crops it looks like a busy and prosperous winter.

The total dividend and interest payments October 1 will reach $161,721,000, which is $16,574,000 more than last year, showing the marked advancement in prosperity and the gain in industrial activity within the period indicated. And the way in which mills are starting up, crops are coming to market and railroads are getting busy, exhausting the stock of surplus cars and calling for more, gives sufficient indication of still better times in the immediate future.

The theory that a man must depend on the munificence of friends if he wishes to enter the lists of literature, and be entirely contented with the glory that may come to him is a perfect absurdity. Inventors work for glory and for money. Men who write give a fair return to the world. They are entitled to some reward more tangible than mere words. He who contributes a classic to our literature adds to the sum total of civilization. His work is more lasting than the

In the United States education has long been too much of an accomplishment, not a training. For our boys and our girls we have been proud to provide a schooling that ornaments their lives with graces of conduct or smattering of knowledge that may flatter our vanity while it unfits them for the fierce struggle of life. But all this is being changed, and it must be changed if our nation can hold its own, not only against our British rivals, but also against the tremendous rising power of Germany.

Notwithstanding the losses due to recent wars, Japan is increasing in population at a remarkable rate. The empire reports two million more inhabitants now than it had at the close of the conflict with Russia. This means corresponding increase in industrial and commercial capacity and in military power. But Japan's ways are those of peace and the progress that will be conspicuous for some time to come will be material, for the empire has learned well how to turn to good account the possibilities of trade at home and abroad.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Complete Review of Happenings of Greatest Interest from All Parts of the Globe—Latest Home and Foreign Items.

PERSONAL.

Herman Erenhaft, New York tailor with a large family, will soon come into possession of $100,000. He inherits from an aunt in Austria the fortune which will relieve him and his family from the stress of poverty.

Lord Minto, viceroy of India, and Lady Minto narrowly escaped death by bombs thrown at them in Ahmedabad, India, by unknown persons.

Senator Aldrich in an address before the bankers of Des Moines declared that if a central bank of the United States should ever come it must be the servant and not the master of existing financial institutions.

Commissioner Henry W. West of the District of Columbia has sent his resignation to the president. Mr. West was appointed seven years ago by President Roosevelt. He resigns to resume newspaper work in Washington.

W. Cameron Forbes has assumed the office of governor general of the Philippines. The formal inauguration will take place November 24.

James J. Corbett, a bricklayer and former Bostonian, who when last heard from was seeking employment at Pittsburg, Pa., is heir to $250,000, which will be turned over to him when he puts in an appearance at Boston.

Charles P. Taft, brother of the president, has purchased a rare portrait, probably the finest of its kind in the world, by Limoges enamel, for which it is understood he paid $100,000. It is a portrait of the duke of Nevers, by Limousin, a sixteenth century artist.

Franklin Taylor, who ran for municipal judge in the New York election and lost, filed an expense account of $832.23, accompanied by the remark that "A fool and his money are soon parted."

GENERAL NEWS.

The chief of police and his secretary of Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, were killed by a bomb thrown by a supposed Russian anarchist who afterwards unsuccessfully attempted to kill himself.

In a collision between the steamships La Sayne and the Onda, off Singapore, the former vessel sank and 95 persons were either drowned or devoured by sharks. Eight Europeans, including Baron and Baroness Heniczky lost their lives.

Mme. Steinheil, who was on trial for the murder of her husband, a noted painter, and her mother-in-law, Mme. Japy, was acquitted by a Paris jury of that charge, and was discharged by the court.

With the restoration of telegraphic communication it was learned that the town of Shook, a small station on the Missouri Pacific railway, 40 miles southwest of Wichita, Kan., was practically destroyed by a tornado. No lives were lost.

A Cairo (Ill.) mob lynched William James (negro) the confessed slayer of Miss Anna Feiler, and Harry Salzner, (white) a photographer accused of the murder of his wife. James confessed his crime implicating another colored man named Arthur Alexander. The rope by which James was strung broke and he was then shot to death. Later his body was burned on a pyre built by his slayers. Salzner was banged afterwards and a search for Alexander instituted. Gov. Deneen ordered several companies of state militia to the scene.

After 48 years of active service in the United States army, Maj. Gen. John F. Weston, commander of the department of California, has retired, having passed the age limit.

Secretary Wilson says $400,000 will be needed to administer the 25,000,000 acres of public land added to the national forests by President Roosevelt.

Dr. W. J. Holland, director of the Carnegie institute in Pittsburg, has struck a snag in New York on arriving from Europe with several cases of butterflies that he declares are American bred and which he took aboard to show collectors. The cases are held for a ruling as to whether they are dutiable.

Mrs. Isabella G. McCosh, widow of the late Dr. James McCosh, who was president of Princeton college from 1868 to 1888, died at her home at Princeton, N. J. She was the mother of Dr. Andrew McCosh, who was killed in a runaway accident in New York last year.

Deputy United States Attorney General Stimson at New York is making preparations to push criminal proceedings against the sugar trust which, it is charged, has stolen $10,000,000 from the United States treasury through underweighing importations in the last 20 years.

Frank Pierce, assistant secretary of the interior, it is announced, has refused to grant a right of way to the proposed Oklahoma Pipe Line Company, holding that the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, a Standard Oil branch, is already in Oklahoma and should handle Oklahoma oil.

Four Chinamen who had been smuggled into the United States from Canada and billed to St. Louis as "merchandise" were taken from a freight car in the yards of the Wabash railroad at St. Louis. They told the police that they had been placed in the car in Montreal.

Three hundred and eighty-four men were entombed in a coal mine of the St. Paul Coal Company at Cherry, Ill., when fire broke out at the bottom of the shaft. There is little hope that any will be rescued alive. Eleven men who went to the rescue of the imprisoned miners were roasted alive.

A great mass meeting to urge votes for women was held in Carnegie hall, New York, under the auspices of the American Woman Suffrage association, the president of that organization, Rev. Anna Shaw, presiding.

The fourth Christian Endeavor world's convention opened in Agra, India, with delegates present from nearly all lands. Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the society and president of the World's union, was in the chair.

President Taft has officially proclaimed Thursday, November 25, as Thanksgiving day. Gov. Deneen of Illinois also has issued a like proclamation.

When the news that the court of appeals at Washington had refused to grant a stay of proceedings, asked for by the labor leaders, was received at the convention of the Federation of Labor in session at Toronto, it was proposed that all delegates should accompany, as an honor escort, President Samuel Gompers and his associates to Washington when they go to give themselves up to serve their sentences for contempt.

Former Treasurer of the Big Four Railroad C. F. Warriner was indicted by the grand jury at Cincinnati on charges of grand larceny and embezzlement in the amount of $5,000 on each count.

Attorney General Wickersham is convinced he has sufficient evidence in his possession to convict one or more of the officers and several of the directors of the American Sugar Refining Company of fraud in connection with the weighing of sugar at the port of New York.

Gov. Deneen has issued an urgent appeal for funds to aid the destitute families of the miners trapped in the burning mine at Cherry, Ill.

The supreme court of the United States has sentenced former Sheriff Shipp and five other men from Chattanooga to 60 and 90 days in jail for contempt of court when they failed to prevent the lynching of a negro whose execution had been stayed by the court.

The mine at Cherry, Ill., in which more than 300 miners are entombed is again on fire after an unsuccessful attempt by rescuers to explore the drifts and it has again been sealed. All hope of rescuing any of the poor unfortunates has been abandoned. It is feared that it will be several days before entrance to the shaft can be effected.

The work of the New York civil courts was brought to a standstill and records were threatened when fire started in the basement of the court house. Quick action was necessary to keep from flooding the bulky exhibits used in the trial of the American Ice Company. The fire was put out with little loss.

The annual report of Samuel Grabfelder of Philadelphia, president of the National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives at Denver, shows that the death rate among patients has been decreased in ten years from 7.8 to 3⅝ per cent.

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A defeat by Judge William C. Hook at Guthrie, Okla., blocked the state's attempt to prevent the hearing of a suit brought by railroads to enjoin the enforcement of the two-cent fare regulation. He ordered the hearing for December 27, at St. Louis.

Delegates from 23 states and a committee from England were present when the annual convention of the American Society of Equity opened in Indianapolis.

Earl Bullock, the boy bandit, who held up the state bank at Eudora, Kan., and afterwards when threatened by a mob, shot himself, is dead having succumbed to his injuries.

The state Sunday school association of Michigan convened in Saginaw and that of Indiana in Muncie. The Kansas-Missouri Hotel Men's association held a two days' convention in Kansas City.

The National Municipal league and the American Civic association began their annual meetings in Cleveland with a joint session at which addresses were made by Charles J. Bonaparte and J. Horace McFarland, presidents of the organizations.

President Taft delivered an address at the installation ceremonies of making Dr. William Arnold Shanklin president of Wesleyan university, at Middletown, Conn.

That Samuel L. Clemens is the greatest living literary man was the opinion voiced by Prof. Brander Matthews of Columbia university during his fourth lecture on "Moliere" at the Cincinnati university. This opinion was called forth by a series of questions from one of the students in the audience.

A jury at Chicago acquitted Valentine B. Caugh of the killing of John A. Sjosladt, who died following a blow struck by Caugh in defense of several girls. In their verdict the jurymen hailed Caugh for asserting his manhood.

On the eve of final adjustment, the litigation between the American Sugar Refining Company and the Pennsylvania Refining Company came to a sudden halt in New York when the United States circuit court granted a restraining order forbidding the compromise agreed upon by the two concerns.

A young woman and a man are near death as the result of an automobile accident on Long Island and their identity is concealed. The number on the wrecked car is that of an automobile owned by Rodman Wanamaker.

NO RIGHT TO RUN CARS INTO CITY

JUDGE KNAPPEN GIVES MICHIGAN UNITED RAILWAYS A JOLT AT KALAMAZOO.

PERMANENT INJUNCTION

Action is a Big Victory for the City of Kalamazoo in Fight of Several Years' Standing—Company Never Acquired Right.

The Michigan United railways cannot operate interurban cars inside of the city of Kalamazoo, according to a decision of Judge Knappen in the circuit court at Kalamazoo Saturday afternoon. The court not only denied the motion of the Michigan United Railways Co. to quash a temporary injunction granted several days ago, forbidding the company to run the interurban cars into the city, but made the injunction permanent.

The court contends in his opinion that the company never acquired the right, by franchise or otherwise, to run cars into Kalamazoo. The company has been running these cars into the city for 10 years, but it was because no objection was made until now.

The decision is an extremely important one to the city, as it means the fight which has been waged against the company will be forced to meet its financial obligations with the city and otherwise recognize rights of the city which it has heretofore ignored.

Will Soon Open.

After a careful examination of the damage done to the Poe lock in the ramming of the upper gates by the steamer Ellwood, Supt. Sabin, chief of the canal staff, estimates the shut down will be of no greater than a week's duration and very possibly less. The damaged gate is being removed and one of the upper guard gates will be utilized in its place during the few remaining weeks of the navigation season.

The government officials are carefully investigating the circumstances which led up to the accident in an effort to fix the responsibility. To date all the evidence seems to point to a complete failure of control in the engine room of the Ellwood, which was in charge of Floyd Lyon as chief engineer.

The closing of the big Poe lock to vessels is already causing congestion of traffic both up and down bound. A large fleet is waiting to lock through the Canadian canal, which alone is available for all of the larger deep draft boats.

The boats imprisoned by the accident were locked down and later passed up through the Canadian canal.

The Fighting "Drys."

The opening gun in the "drys" campaign to keep Oakland county under the rule of local option was fired Tuesday afternoon. Over 500 people gathered at the Congregational church, Pontiac, representative business and professional men of the city and county.

The meeting was called to perfect a county organization which will work in connection with the State Anti-Saloon league. An executive committee of ten men, six from the city and four from other parts of the county, were chosen and a plan of campaign laid out.

Rev. H. N. Holsapple, of Grand Rapids, state chairman of the Anti-Saloon league, in a short address emphasized the importance of the fight in Oakland county. "Michigan will soon be a dry state, I believe, but Michigan will not go dry" nearly as long as Oakland county votes wet, as it will if Oakland county is kept in the dry list."

Holds Baby for Debt.

Mrs. Mary Wallace, of Lansing has appealed to prosecutor Foster to aid her in securing her 2-year-old son, who, the mother claims, is held by Mrs. Mark Bradley, of Mason, as security for a debt of $12. About six weeks ago Mrs. Wallace was taken ill and engaged Mrs. Bradley to care for the child during her illness for $2 a week. Now Mrs. Wallace is well and wants her child, but has not the money to pay for the child's care during her illness and she declares that Mrs. Bradley states that she will not give up the babe until the debt is settled. Mrs. Wallace wants a warrant charging Mrs. Bradley with kidnaping.

Big Contracts for Sisal.

The state of Michigan will purchase from the sisal hemp growers of Yucatan and Central America for 20,000 bales of that fiber every year, an amount which represents a value of approximately a million pesos, according to contracts announced. The hemp will go to the Michigan state penitentiary, there to be made into cordage, which is sold direct to the farmers of the state for binding wheat, tying wheat, corn stalks and other purposes. Gov. Warner and party have just returned from a tour of investigation throughout the Yucatan peninsula.

A proposition to buy water power rights and operate the Chesaning lighting and waterworks by water power is being strongly agitated.

Mrs. Elizabeth De Lacey, of Hoyne City, has been remembered in the will of a sister who died in England to the extent of $2,000,000, which she expects will arrive here in a few days. Mrs. De Lacey is one of Charlevoix's earliest pioneers, having lived in Hoyne City more than 20 years.

After a fierce fight with an eagle, Edward Stevens captured the finest specimen of the bird ever seen in Niles. He saw it in a hedge and made a lunge at it when the eagle attacked and scratched him painfully before he knocked the bird over with a club.

It has been learned that Col. Sylvan TerBush, who died recently, leaving an imaginary $6,000 life insurance benefit to the Oakland County hospital, formerly held 19,000 policies on his life, and it is thought that, in his weakened mental condition, he believed these were still in force. The original policies were burned in the Chicago fire, when TerBush was in business there.

Orville Haskell, a farmer of Adams township, has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States court in Detroit. His liabilities are scheduled at $1,582.96, while the assets are given at $1,700.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

The Saginaw Naval Reserves have received a four-inch gun from the state department and will use it for drill purposes in the armory.

Arthur R. Henny, a junior law at the U. of M., was suspended for two years for disorderly conduct in having taken part in a disturbance in a rooming house.

Because everything else has been going up, the Bay County Medical association has boosted its prices for medical help to $2 for a day call and $4 for a night call.

Fifteen hundred delegates from churches of 15 denominations in Michigan will attend the Laymen's Missionary movement convention, to be held here December 4-7.

According to figures gathered from beet and sugar factories in the neighborhood of Saginaw, farmers who raised sugar beets this year will receive about $10,000,000 for the crop.

Mrs. Richard Reed, of Chesaning, aged 74, was killed in the presence of her son when a Michigan Central train hit her buggy. She was carried 50 feet by the train before she was picked up, dead.

William Johnson, a Hobart farmer, is in a critical condition as a result of being kicked in the face by a horse. His jaw is broken, the face cut and bruised, and his eyes partially forced from their sockets.

Mrs. Ralph Moyers, of Perry, who found a large pearl at a church oyster stew a few weeks ago, sent the stone to Detroit jewelers the day the other day, and this week received the cheering information that the pearl is worth $90 to $100.

The little Methodist church at Rattle Run was reopened Sunday for the first time since the Carmichael-Browning tragedy, last January. Rev. George Preis, of the Adair church, will have charge and the church will be known as the Belle River churches.

George Ryan, 47, of Ludington, who represented himself as an officer, and, it is alleged, passed some worthless check and was captured while attempting to pass another, is in jail at Owosso. When searched he had his pockets full of checks on local banks, and had a bogus warrant, to use in the officer role.

Daniel Pendergast, engineer of the construction train engaged in building the New Haven Coal Mining Co.'s road north of Owosso, shot a silvergray fox from the cab of his engine one day last week. The line runs through a long stretch of woods, and Pendergast carries his gun with him while at work.

Once more the fight between the Saginaw supervisors and commissioners and the council has broken out, this time over the making of a contract for the city's supply of coal for the coming year. The company that furnished the fuel last year was deprived of its money for some time because the board claimed the coal was not up to the required standard.

Mrs. Charles Haynes, who is at the head of all philanthropic work in Cadillac, and who has carte blanche from a prominent business man to fill in his checks for all aids needed to relieve distress, says that there is not a poor family in Cadillac who needs assistance this year. The abolishment of saloons is given by Mrs. Haynes as the reason for the prosperity.

George Legg, alias George Martin, the son of contractor William Legg, of Detroit, was found guilty of holding up and robbing Henry Fenner, 17, in Port Huron June 10. Legg has served two years in the Ionia reformatory for the larceny of a watch, and if he had not been convicted on the holdup charge he would have been taken to Flint, where the officers say he stole a pair of rubber boots.

Dr. William Hansen, of Greenville, has in his possession a freak-born calf. The animal is fully developed, but was born dead. The head and legs were covered, and the skin was drawn over the body with the hair on the inside, and the heart and other organs were grown on the outside of the body. The calf was born on a farm near Sidney, and Mr. Hansen will have the body preserved in alcohol.

"There will be no assessing any clerks in any of our departments for the primary election campaign," said Secretary of State Martindale. "I speak as a member of the state board of assessors, as State Treasurer Sleeper and Land Commissioner Russell are in accord with me on this matter. Neither in the departments of which we are the heads nor in the ones controlled by the board of auditors will we allow it."

One of the mules employed in building the grade for the new Lansing-Mason electric road, rolled down the 30-foot bank during the kicking exhibition one day last week, and his harness became badly tangled in the barbed wire fence over which he rolled. The wires were cut and the chain fastened around the mule's body. A team hitched to the other end of the chain pulled the animal to the top of the grade, unhurt.

The supreme court has decided that a man who is in jail cannot be made the defendant in a damage suit. Burwell Tyler, of St. Johns, was sued some time ago on a charge of wife desertion, was sued for $10,000 damages by George Weale, a DuPlains township farmer, with whom Mrs. Teeter had eloped. The supreme court rendered this decision, on an appeal taken by Weale, when the circuit court ruled against him.

M. W. Frink, a farmer, living in Bengal township, Clinton county, has a crop of potatoes this year that is attracting considerable attention. Samples picked at random measured 8x5x2½ inches. The potatoes were grown from seed imported from the Philippines.

The Pere Marquette railroad settled out of court the suit brought against it by the administrator of the estate of Karl Schallhorn, late of Paw Paw, who was run down and killed by a snowplow last January, while shoveling snow off the track. It is understood that about $1,000 will be paid over in settlement of the case.

"I firmly believe that the Kalamazoo Interior Finish Co. will be able to pay all its claims, dollar for dollar, and that at the completion of the bankruptcy proceedings the concern will be reorganized and go on the business." That is the statement made by Louis Larsen, treasurer and general manager of the company, on his return after an absence of several days.

State Sanitary Inspector Carpenter is making a thorough inspection of the residence district of Lansing. He thinks that the recent epidemic of typhoid is not entirely due to the milk supply.

2 SHIPS WRECKED IN LAKE SUPERIOR

CANADIAN STEAMER OTTAWA, WENT DOWN OFF PASSAGE ISLAND—CREW SAFE.

PROBABLY 20 ARE DEAD.

Beach at Grand Marais Littered With Wreckage — Shore Patrolled in Search of Bodies—Worst Gale of the Year.

The steamer Ottawa, a Canadian boat, bound down with wheat from Port Arthur for Lowertown, Ont., foundered Monday off Passage island at the northeast end of Isle Royale. Shifting of the cargo was the cause. The crew of Alex. Birnie, of Lowertown, and the entire crew were saved by yawls and rowed to Copper Harbor, Keweenaw point, reaching there Tuesday morning. All are suffering severely from exposure. Birnie and two or three men are in a serious condition from freezing.

Passage Island is more far from the northerly end of Isle Royale and due east of Thunder bay.

It is situated in the midst of a stretch of water which contains numerous sunken rocks, and it is on one of these that the steamer most likely met her fate.

An unknown boat has been wrecked off Grand Marais. Lumber, spars, skylights, windows and cabins are drifting ashore at Crisp point, and the beach is being patrolled. No bodies have been recovered, but it is almost certain some will be found washed ashore, in all probability considering the locality, heavy loss of life. Nothing has been found to make known the identity of the wrecked ship.

The crew of the steamer James H. Hoyt, pounding herself to death on Outer island, has been taken off by the tug Helm. Capt. Ainsworth, the 70-year-old master, returned to the boat after the crew was taken ashore safely. He says it will be a total loss.

The crew of the Hoyt suffered terribly. A great gale blew from the northeast, accompanied by blinding snow, and waves dashed high over the decks. The men and one woman, Mrs. Albert Reichert, formerly of Port Huron, Mich., were frozen in the cabin, the entire boat becoming encased in ice.

A fleet of 150 vessels is tied up at the Soo awaiting a chance to get through the Canadian locks.

380 DIE IN MINE HORROR.

Of 565 Men Only 185 Escape in Explosion at Spring Valley, Ill.

It is believed that nearly 400 lives were lost in an explosion in a mine of the St. Paul Coal Co. at Cherry, near Spring Valley, Ill.

There were 565 men at work in the mine when the explosion occurred. About 185 escaped.

The entrance of the mine has been boarded over in an attempt to check the flames raging in the interior. This has checked all efforts of relief from the surface by the imprisoned miners.

In the three veins of the mine, one 300 feet below the surface, the miners are imprisoned and their only chance for life is to break back to the ends of the veins, where enough air may exist to preserve their lives until help comes. The fans of the mine are stopped, the wires all burned out and the mouth impenetrably sealed to smother the flames.

The fire causing the explosion, which may prove one of the greatest tragedies in the list of mine horrors, had an origin almost trivial. A pile of hay allowed to remain over too long finally ignited the timbers of the mine, and before the workers realized their danger, the mine was filled with smoke, gases and flames and all exit was impossible.

Heroism such as is rarely exhibited was shown by officials of the mine and residents of the town of Cherry. These men, who were outside the mine when the fire originated, contributed six of the list of 12 known dead.

Frees Mme. Steinheil.

Mme. Margherita Steinheil was acquitted by a jury at an early hour Sunday morning at Paris, of the murder of her husband, Adolph Steinheil, a noted painter, and her stepmother, Mme. Japy.

The verdict was rendered at 12:55 a. m. after two and a half hours' deliberation, during which the jury thrice summoned the president of the court for explanations, thus proving that the original majority was for conviction.

It is understood that the jury stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction.

Chinese Navy May Be Built in U. S.

Baron Liang, son of Sir Chentung Liang-Cheng, former Chinese minister to the United States, will arrive in Washington next week. He will be the head of an imperial Chinese commission dispatched to the United States to consider the advisability of placing with American manufacturers orders for war munitions and battleships amounting to $20,000,000 or more.

The inheritance taxes on the estate of John Stewart Kenney, the millionaire banker, who died recently, leaving a nearly half-million dollars estate to public institutions and societies, will net the state of New York over $1,000,000, according to lawyers familiar with such matters.

The first effective step by the government looking to the fortification of the isthmian canal zone was taken Tuesday, when Secretary of War Dickinson issued an order appointing a joint board of army and navy officers of high rank to investigate the matter.

Theodore R. Timby, who for 40 years had fought for recognition as the inventor of the revolving turret of the famous "Monitor," is dead in his Brooklyn home. He was 91 years old. Timby claimed that he submitted his plans to the government in 1841 and that later Ericsson paid him $10,000 for the use of the invention on the Monitor.

The bursting of a tire on an automobile in which several of the visiting Japanese commercial commissioners were riding in Kansas City came near resulting seriously for some of the visitors. When the tire burst the machine ran into a pile of rocks.

Gov. Warner's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

"To the People of the State of Michigan:

"In obedience to the long established custom providing for the setting apart of a day for the purpose of expressing our gratitude unto a beneficent Creator for favors bestowed upon us, I hereby designate Thursday, Nov. 25, as a day of thanksgiving.

"The people of Michigan live in a state favored of God, and the duty of taking account of our blessings and mercies and rendering thanksgiving and praise to the Giver thereof should be observed by every citizen. Our fertile farms and bountiful crops, our factories bringing wealth to our state from every country, our treasures stored away in these have contributed to our prosperous, natural growth and advancement.

"With all our different creeds and beliefs there are none among us, let us hope, who deny God's great share and help in thus bringing about of our happiness and prosperity.

"The poor and the unfortunate should be remembered and their hearts made glad by deeds of kindness. The wards of the state and the counties should have a share in the good cheer, and happiness should be granted to those whose liberty is restrained for our protection.

"Let us upon this day assemble in our houses of worship and with faith renewed and strengthened thank our fathers' God and ours for what He has done for us during the year that has gone."

Sugar Factories Break Record.

Farmers who raise beets in the country tributary to Bay City and Saginaw sugar factories are taking away the largest amount of money for their product ever before. Last year paid in Michigan at the end of a fortnightly period of delivery. The three factories have paid $869,000. The largest previous total for any season was $750,000 by the same three.

WIRELETS.

Plans for a $2,400,000 memorial to George Washington in Washington are being made.

A dividend of 150 per cent on the its common stock, payable in stock, was disbursed by the General Motors Co.

Miss Margaret Illington, divorced wife of Daniel Frohman, was married to Edward J. Bowes, millionaire real estate dealer of Tacoma, Wash.

The much-coveted post of major-general in the army was conferred upon William H. Carter, in command of the department of Luzon in the Philippine islands.

King Manuel of Portugal sailed for England aboard King Edward's yacht Victoria and Albert. The yacht was escorted by four English cruisers and a French battleship.

By resolution every union worker in Philadelphia will go on a two-weeks' strike whenever Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison are put in jail for contempt. Unions all over the union in the country will be asked to follow this plan of protest.

The Buenos Ayres chief of police and the police secretary were victims of a bomb thrown under their carriage Sunday by a supposed Russian anarchist. The bomb thrower drew a revolver and shot himself after throwing the bomb. He may live.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle market active and 10 to 15c higher than last week, all kinds of common-milch cows, which is very dull. We quote: Extra steers, $5@5.50; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,300, $4.75@5; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000, $4.25@4.75; grass steers, $3@3.50; heifers that are fat, 800 to 1,000, $4.25@4.75; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700, $3.25@3.75; choice fat cows, $3.75@4; good cows, $3.25@3.75; common cows, $2.75@3; canners, $2@2.25; choice heavy bulls, $3.50@4; fair to good bologna bulls, $3.25@3.75; stock bulls, $2.50@3.25; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $4@4.25; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000 $3.75@4; choice stockers, 500 to 700, $3.50@3.75; fair of hay allowed to 700, $3.25@3.50; stock heifers, $2.50@3.25; milkers, large, young, medium age, $40@55; common milkers, $25@35.

Veal calves—Market 25c lower than last Thursday's prices; best, $7.50@8; culls and common, $3@6.50; milch cows and springers, good steady demand.

Sheep and lambs—Market 50c to 60c higher than last week; yearlings, $5@5.25; fair to good lambs, $6.50@6.75; fair to common lambs, $5.50@6.25; fair to good sheep, $3.50@4; culls and common, $2.50@3.

Hogs—Market active and 5c lower than last Thursday's prices; a few extra fancy 50c higher. Range of prices: Light to good butchers, $7.85@8; pigs, $7.10@7.25; light yorkers, $7.60@7.80; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo—Cattle steady. Hogs steady; heavy, $8.25; yorkers, $8@8.10; pigs, $7.80@7.90. Sheep: Receipts, 15 cars; active; best lambs, $7@7.10; yearlings, $6.50@6.75; wethers, $5@5.25; ewes, $4.50@4.70; calves, $4.50@9.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit.—Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, $1.22; December opened with an advance of ¼c at $1.20¾ and moved up to $1.22¾; May opened at $1.19¾ and advanced to $1.24; July, $1.02; No. 1 white, $1.22.

Corn—Cash No. 3, 58c; No. 2 yellow, 60½c; No. 2 yellow, 64¼c.

Oats—Standard, 44c; bid; No. 3 white, 41¾c.

Rye—Cash No. 1, 77c bid.

Beans—Cash and November, $2; December, $1.95.

Flour—Prime spot, 50 bags at $3.60; December, $3.65; March, 200 bags at $3.85; straits, $3.60; patents, $3.85; $3.18 at $7.50; prime alsike, $7.75; sample alsike, 12 bags at $7.75; at $6.50.

Feed—In 10-lb sacks, jobbing lots: bran, $24.50; coarse middlings, $25.50; fine middlings, $28; cracked corn and coarse cornmeal, $27; corn and oat chop, $26.50.

Flour—Best Michigan patent, $6.25; ordinary patents, $5.75; straight, $5.85; clear, $5.80; pure rye, $4.85; spring patent, $6.15 per barrel in wood, jobbing lots.

A model of the new battleship North Carolina, one of the all-big-gun vessels of the navy, was placed on exhibition in the corridor of the navy department. The model is distinctive because it has two of the new style military masts.

Dr. William C. Green, of New York, has completed an aeroplane in which he has made six successful flights at the Morris Park race track. He expects to make long flights in a few days. He is the first real amateur to build a machine which experts declare to be a success. It is modeled after the Curtiss pattern.

Prof. Herschel C. Parker, of Columbia university, who was a member of the Dr. Cook Mount McKinley party, in a lecture before the Paria club of New York, declared that after a thorough consideration of the evidence he was convinced that Dr. Cook did not get within 10 miles of the peak.

A time clock has been placed at the tomb of E. H. Harriman, on which the night watchman records each of his visits. The grave has been closely watched since the death of the railroad magnate, and the time clock has been installed to make it certain that the watchman is on duty.