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Is the Turkish housecleaning all over?

The firecracker crop will soon be ripe.

Life imprisonment—no wonder Boyle feels sore.

One hundred worst books! Why, there are a million.

Anticigarette agitators are making a good deal of smoke.

Minister Wu Ting-Fang believes in women's suffrage. But not in China.

The first message flashed to Mars should consist of the day's baseball score.

Baltimore man erects a monument to Adam. Watch the suffragettes tear it down!

A Connecticut man has invented a "noiseless typewriter." We shall welcome her.

Kansas City newspaper humorist wins wife by his jokes. Whom are they on, now?

It isn't the young Porto Ricans that are making the trouble. It's the same old bunch.

Dreadnoughts at $10,000,000 apiece are almost too costly to expose to the perils of war scares.

Poland continues to be sliced, by Russia. They'll soon have to scud along under bare Poles.

New York school teachers will not strike, but they have compelled the city to hear their complaints.

Even if communication with Mars were established it would be impossible to negotiate a loan that way.

Now it is claimed that only 10,000 Christians were killed in the recent massacres in Asia Minor. "Only!"

"Mother's Day" is all right, but what's the matter with "Father's Day?" Is he an alien—an exile from home?

The Moslems are almost as crazy as the Donkhobors about Winnipeg and twice as malicious and bloodthirsty.

Abdul Hamid has transferred $5,000,000 to the new government. What persuasive voices and taking ways the Young Turks have!

An English official in India has killed 130 tigers, but don't be sorry for the big cats. They kill several times that number of human victims every year.

Many small boys maintain, by word and deed, that it is warm enough to go a-swimming. But are small boys judges of anything that means risk and discomfort but spells fun?

Queen Alexandra of England has done an unwise thing for herself in coming to the front to denounce woman suffrage. Hitherto she has enjoyed the privilege of being let alone, but now she has challenged attention she will probably get it from the suffragettes good and plenty—more than she desires.

Count Boni de Castellane wants to go on a big hunt in the Rocky mountains. The little pinkish-white count ought to be careful in this determination lest the wild animals mistake him for a dainty bonbon rather than a near-Nimrod. Besides, the limelight can accommodate only one mighty hunter at this time.

Florence Nightingale, the heroine of the Crimean war, is in her ninetieth year. She on one side of the Atlantic and Clara Barton on this have in their old age the proudest record which human effort can win, for their long lives have been devoted solely to the alleviation of human suffering, and it is simply impossible to estimate how many thousands have cause to bless the fact that these two women lived.

While the life sentence in one case and 25 years in the other cannot be considered excessive punishment for the Boyle kidnapers, it is painful to reflect that if these culprits had murdered the child they might have drawn much milder terms or escaped entirely. People have queer ideas now and then. There are places in the country where it is less dangerous to kill a man than to sell him a drink.

A queer complaint has come from Coney Island. Young and handsome policemen on the Gibson hip plan were so hampered in their work by the adulation of appreciative femininity that an official order has gone forth replacing each Adonis of the club with an old and ugly veteran, who is also required to be married, so as to be absolutely steelproof against temptations to engage in the alluring game of fascinating the fair sex.

A young Brooklyn bride on her home-coming invited to the celebration six young men to whom she had previously been engaged. They got even with the bride by coming and celebrating their narrow escape.

Chicago husbands have received a severe jar from the fact that a court there has declared that divorced men are liable for alimony even as long as 50 years after the divorce. At this rate they will find it cheaper to stay married and cut down the spousal pin money.

A minister of Long Island says that the present fashion in huge hats are not conducive to holiness. Which seems stating the case very mildly when one recalls the profanity for which they are more or less responsible.

Now the English suffragettes are bombarding the members of parliament with rockets. From oratorical fireworks they have gone to the real thing, and the frightened legislators are asking in subdued whispers "What next?"

NEWS OF A WEEK IN ITEMIZED FORM

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

WASHINGTON NEWS.

President Taft summoned members of his cabinet and several leading senators to the White House for a conference to devise a plan for levying a tax on corporations.

The senate voted to raise the house rate on print paper from two to four dollars a ton.

William Lorimer, the new senator from Illinois, was sworn into office and cast his first vote on the tariff schedule on paper.

More than two hours and a half was taken up by the Taft cabinet discussing economy of administration in the government departments.

PERSONAL.

Henry George, Jr., is the guest of Count Leo Tolstoi at Yasnai-Poliana. The count welcomed his visitor most cordially on account of his father, whose economic ideas he admires greatly.

Rev. U. G. Pierce, D. D., pastor of All Soul's Unitarian church of Washington, was designated by a senate resolution to act as chaplain until otherwise ordered.

Former President Roosevelt in an article in the Outlook compared the rule of the corporations with that of a bloodthirsty mob.

Justice Mills in the New York supreme court postponed the hearing on Harry K. Thaw's application for release from the insane asylum at Matteawan until July 6.

Charles W. Morse, the convicted New York banker and former "ice king," was freed from jail on a $125,000 bond.

Ralph Shull, a wealthy lumberman of Minneapolis, is going to the workhouse for five days for exceeding the automobile speed limit.

Charles W. Fairbanks, former vice-president of the United States, was entertained in elaborate fashion by the governor of Kyoto, Japan. He was driven to his hotel in the governor's carriage.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Wright brothers took every precaution to prevent accident in the preparation of their new aeroplane for the government tests at Fort Myer.

Reports that E. H. Harriman was seriously ill in Vienna caused great alarm in Wall street, but were denied by his business associates.

Hezekiah Marshall, a negro tramp, who had attacked two women at Green Ridge, Ill., escaped from a mob by flagging a train with his red undershirt. He was captured in Carlinville.

Passengers on the New York Central's Chicago special, a fast train, were excited when two Pullman cars caught fire as the speeder was leaving New York city.

The Mauretania broke the Atlantic ocean speed record when her passengers landed in London after five days and eight hours from New York.

The American Envelope Manufacturers' association met in Buffalo to devise means to stop the injury to their business through government manufacture of paper envelopes.

Bob Fitzsimmons returned from Europe and declared he is willing to fight Johnson, any time and anywhere.

Henry Clark and Chesley Hubbard, negroes, are under arrest at Denison, Ia., charged with killing Lee C. Warner and wounding Alva Bechtel, brakemen in the Northwestern railroad. The negroes, it is said, were stealing a ride and the killing followed an attempt to eject them.

Ferdinand Tilley, a farmer, was shot and killed by his son Emil at his home near Benton Harbor, Mich., during a family quarrel. The son was arrested.

Surveyor Clarkson, in the hope of stopping wholesale smuggling at New York, will appoint 100 additional special watchmen.

Charles Scheers, a chauffeur, who a year ago while speeding near Morristown, Pa., ran down two men, one of whom, Patrick McLaughlin, died from his injuries, was sentenced in court to one year's imprisonment and $50 fine.

In a fire in a five-story tenement house in Cincinnati, the 100 panic-stricken occupants were saved by daring rescues by firemen.

Ralph de Palma broke the automobile speed record for 25 miles, making the distance in 23 minutes and 35 seconds at Readville, Mass.

Fourteen hat manufacturing firms of Connecticut were sued for $364,000 damages by the Amalgamated Hat Manufacturers of New York, as a result of the recent strike.

Servants and former employes of Mrs. Howard Gould told of seeing her frequently intoxicated.

"Mother" Jones, who seeks a pardon for a man who violated the neutrality laws, made an appeal to President Taft in the prisoner's behalf.

A report by department of agriculture experts says tuberculosis among hogs in the United States is increasing.

Senator Elkins declared his daughter, Miss Katherine, is going to Europe because of an affection of the heart and not to meet the duke of the Abruzzi as has been reported.

Damage estimated at $400,000 in the piano factory of Hardman, Peck & Co., in New York, was caused by fire.

Celebration of the twentieth anniversary of statehood was held in Aberdeen, S. D.

Edward Arnold, two years old, was playing in front of the house from which deputy sheriffs were evicting his parents at Far Rockaway, N. Y., when he was killed by an ice wagon.

Pearl Parks, the 18-year- old Hungarian girl who was charged with the murder of John Lucas near Trenton, N. J., several weeks ago, in the Mercer county court pleaded guilty to manslaughter. She was sentenced by Judge Reed to three years in the state prison.

Members of the Missouri Drummers' association met in Clinton for their annual carnival of parades, music and athletic sports.

A statue commemorative of the Illinois soldiers in the civil war was unveiled on the site of Camp Yates at Clear Lake, Ill.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Illinois State Bar association opened in Peoria.

Ten persons were killed and 40 injured in a head-on collision of two trolley cars on the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend railroad at Baileytown, Ind.

The jury in the case of Patrick Calhoun, the San Francisco millionaire, failed to agree and was discharged, the trial having lasted five months and one week.

The police of the whole world have been asked to aid in capturing Leon Ling, the Chinese slayer of Elsie Sigel, granddaughter of Gen. Franz Sigel of New York.

The race for big cars in the Crown Point (Ind.) events was won by Louis Chevrolet in a Bruick auto.

Emil Tilley, who killed his father near Benton Harbor, Mich., said he fired to save himself and wife who had been attacked by his parent with a club.

Mrs. Bruce Moore, wife of a farmer near Platte City, Mo., saw her husband shot down in cold blood by George Jolitson, a farm hand.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Burnham, who were married in Pittsfield, Mass., spent the first three hours of their honeymoon in a balloon.

The main factory building of the G. B. Lewis Company, manufacturers of beekeepers' supplies at Watertown, Wis., was destroyed by fire, causing $80,000 damage.

The American branch of the International Banking Company was opened in Peking.

A man who gave the name of F. W. Marvin and believed to be the fifth man wanted for alleged connection with the Union Pacific mail robbery near Omaha on May 22, has been arrested at Buhl, Idaho.

The North American Skat league at its meeting in Milwaukee elected J. Charles Eichhorn of Detroit president and selected Detroit as the next meeting place.

The Stanley G. Flagg Iron works at Stowe, Pa., announced a ten per cent increase in wages.

A report was received in Tangier that the government troops had been defeated in a battle with insurgents under the leadership of Roghi.

Pettinio Galbo and Orazio Rumfola, alleged leaders of the "Black Hand" society, were arrested in Pittsburg.

Engineer Davis of Kingston was killed at Mount Pocono, Pa., on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad by his head striking the platform hood of a freight depot as he leaned from his cab.

The Russian military transport Ingul has been wrecked in Turpsay bay, in the Black sea.

The sixty-fifth annual meeting of the American Institute of Homeopathy opened in Detroit with a large attendance.

The Michigan State Association of Letter Carriers met in yearly convention at Benton Harbor.

Joe Matson, driving the Chalmers-Detroit machine in the small car race at Crown Proint, Ind., won the contest in which 16 autos competed.

Medals awarded by the nation, the state of Ohio and the city of Dayton were presented to the Wright brothers for their aerial achievements.

Testimony showing that Mrs. Howard Gould often was visited by Dustin Farnum, an actor, was given by witnesses.

The trial of Patrick Calhoun, the San Francisco millionaire charged with bribery, came to a close after six months.

Albert Munro and his bride of a week were found dead at Williamsport, Pa., and are believed to have been the victims of poisoned candy.

James D. Hallen was placed on trial in New York charged with defrauding the Nicaraguan government by shipping sawdust in boxes supposed to contain ammunition.

Council for Broughton Brandenburg admitted that the signature attached to the article purported to have been written by Grover Cleveland was not genuine.

Mrs. Emma Kaufmann, wife of a wealthy brewer of Flandreau, S. D., who was charged with killing her maid, was found guilty of battery and fined $100, which was paid.

Great Britain has asked America not to press her claim for participation in the Hankow-Szechuen railroad loan of $27,500,000, which British, German and French bankers stand ready to make up.

Bishop Bonacum and two priests were driven from Ulysses, Neb., by an angry mob when they went thyre to take charge of a church over which there has been a feud for several years.

Hearing of testimony in the case of Private Klein, of a Chicago militia company, who killed Earl Nelson, a Kankakee boy with a bayonet, began at Paxton, Ill.

Thomas J. McCoy, former banker and politician of Laporte, Ind., was released from the state penitentiary where he served three years for embezzlement.

An Erie passenger train was wrecked at Waverly N. Y., and several passengers painfully injured.

Wilbur and Orville Wright were honored at a big fete in their home city, Dayton, O.

Levi Yoder, of Massilon, O., killed himself rather than comply with the provisions of his mother's will, which required him to wear hooks and eyes instead of buttons on his clothes.

Mrs. Walter White, William Kilgannon, and the latter's wife, Elizabeth Kilgannon, pleaded guilty in the United States circuit court in New York to indictments charging them with smuggling.

The Illinois supreme court declared the state's primary election law unconstitutional.

Earl Moran, a legless man, married Mrs. Julia Davis, of Plaquemine, La.

SWAPPING WIVES; AMONG RURALISTS

A MOST REMARKABLE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN LANSING TOWNSHIP.

A NEW POPULAR PASTIME

Sheriff Probing a Horse Stealing Charge Finds a Condition of Home Life That is Startling.

Trading wives is a pastime said to have been indulged in by Lansing township citizens. Not entirely satisfied with his matrimonial ventures, and looking upon the wife of an acquaintance with envious eyes, one young farmer is said to have made a proposal to "swap" wives. There was a difference of opinion regarding the comparative value of the women, but after considerable "dickering" the deal was completed, one man giving an ax handle "to boot," according to information gained by the sheriff's department during a recent investigation.

While probing a charge of horse stealing recently, a miniature grand jury was conducted in Justice Crowell's office at Lansing at the suggestion of Sheriff Cline. Several witnesses were sworn during the secret session and one of the women called to testify is said to have told of the wife trade.

Other unusual acts by Lansing township citizens are said to have been divulged, and when the sheriff's force completes its probe, some interesting developments are expected.

Doing Real Auditing.

Padding expense accounts is a form of petty grafting with which the state board of auditors has been greatly bothered and some men well known all over the state are said to have received notice that their expense vouchers contained items which the board would not allow. It is even said that some circuit judges have, by mistake or otherwise, turned in accounts which have been disallowed.

One means taken by the board to ascertain whether the state is securing value received is through the work of a clerk whose business it is to ascertain what passenger trains have diners and parlor cars attached, and what are the rates of hotels. This makes it rather embarrassing for a state official who turns in a bill for $3.50 a day for staying at a hotel which the board knows has no rate higher than $1.50, or for $1.25 for a meal on a train when the train has no ration car attached.

"We are not starting in to cause any trouble for any one," says one member of the board, "but we are not going to allow padded expense accounts if we can help it, and this is a word of warning."

A Prisoner's Hood.

If the efforts now making in behalf of Dan Jones, who has been serving 25 years in the house of correction at Detroit on a charge of which he will be released from prison, where he was sentenced for the alleged murder of his cousin, Bill Jones, at Fort Smith, Ark., are successful, Governor Cravens, of Arkansas, says: "At the time of the conviction of Jones there was no appeal from the verdict of the United States court at Fort Smith, and Jones was sent to prison in spite of newly discovered evidence that he was innocent."

Lunatic On a Rampage.

An unknown farmer, about 20 years old, who cannot speak a word of English, ran amuck with two revolvers in Hennington township Thursday evening and was run down in Bath by a deputy sheriff in an automobile, after a thrilling chase. Deputy Sheriff Brown there in an automobile. When in sight of the place the officer counted two dead calves and four dead sheep, the man's victims. He heard a wild whoop and in the distance espied his quarry. Then he began a mad chase after the man down the road in the car. The man proved to be a wonderful shot, for several times fired his revolvers back at the auto. Finally the fugitive cut across the fields to Bath and the deputy had to abandon his auto and pursue on foot. There the man was cornered, but would not give in. He appears to be a Bohemian, but no one knows where he lives or can get a word out of him that they can understand.

Man Cut in Two.

Ritherford B. M. Matheson, aged 26, of Blaine, was run over and cut in two by the Detroit, Mackinac train Thursday afternoon. The body was brought to a Port Huron morgue. He was identified by letters in his pocket, one being from Miss Carrie Cooley, 142 Saint Antoine street. The writer said that she preferred Detroit to the country and hoped to be allowed to see Matheson in the near future. Matheson had no relatives in Blaine, but was well known and had many friends.

William Gardner a farmer, reported to Sheriff Cline that two men with whom he had become acquainted at a Grand Rapids saloon, had robbed him of a sum of money, and then locked him in a box car. He says that he cut his way out of the car with a jackknife.

Miss Fleda Hart, a teacher, received the greatest number of votes in the contest held in Bath, Mich., to choose a representative at the centennial celebration to be held in July at Bath, England. The citizens of that city pay all the expenses of a young woman from every town named Bath in the world, to attend the celebration.

"Bearing the Bell" in England.

To "bear the bell" is a phrase derived from the custom of giving a bell as the prize at running matches in England. A little golden bell was given at York, England, as a reward of victory, in 1607.

The Art of Love.

The great art of love is to write little and burn all. Half the scandals of life would be averted if people only followed this admirable counsel.—The Tattler.

The M. A. C. Trouble.

There will be no strike on the part of the senior class at the Agricultural college because of the expulsion of students for various offenses. There had been threats made that if the expulsions were not withdrawn and the students reinstated, the whole class would boycott the commencement exercises, thus bringing down on the college much unwelcome notoriety.

The principal development in the trouble was the arrest of two students charged with the theft of a large number of cartridges from the college armory. Some 20,000 cartridges disappeared from the armory, although the college authorities were very much worked up over the matter, they refused to start any criminal prosecutions on account thereof.

Saturday, however, warrants were issued for Fay Dockery and J. E. Brand, charging them with larceny. The complaint on which the warrants were issued was signed by one of the deputy sheriffs who investigated the theft. When arraigned in justice court both boys pleaded guilty, giving the excuse that they had "done it for fun." They were fined $15 and $11.75 costs each and discharged. Dockery is from Traverse City and Brand from Corunna.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

On June 2 Fred A. Schneider, 28 years old, suddenly disappeared from the Eastern Michigan asylum in Pontiac and has not been heard from since.

The 15 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Van Leeuwen, of Holland, is living at the point of death as the result of being stung by hundreds of bees.

Almost citizens are planning for a big home-coming celebration to be held there July 29 to August 1. The guest of honor will be Tipsico, an Indian, who is said to be 103 years old.

The grand lodge of Masons of Michigan laid the cornerstone of the new federal building in Swiss Friday. It was for this building that Congressman Hamilton obtained an appropriation of $60,000.

Tony Smith, a cobbler of Iron River for 20 years, shot himself. He had been on a protracted spree and was also despondent because at a recent term of circuit court he had been refused his citizenship papers.

The jury in the case of Corporal John Johnson, charged with killing Sergt. John McKeever at Fort Brady at the Soo, after being out 28 hours, announced that they were unable to agree, and there will be a new trial.

Because Marshal Adams, of Reading, locked him up without a warrant on suspicion of knowing something of the disappearance of Miss Carrie Huggett, Cleveland R. Slauson, a minor, has brought suit for $2,000 damages against the officer.

Unable to secure whisky or beer in the down town saloons of Bay City Sunday because of the tightness of the "lid," George Carroll, a one-legged shoeshine and patent medicine fiend, carried a bottle of raw alcohol which he drank and is now dead.

Seven months after election, Charles O'Rourke was Monday declared sheriff of Ontonagon county, over Henry McFarlane. The county board was informed that McFarlane carried the matter to the courts, but the recount gave O'Rourke a majority of 17 votes.

A tombstone bearing a portrait of his pilot wheel horse, Karl W., will be erected over the grave of Dr. A. E. McBeth, late president of the Battle Creek council and a prominent horseman. McBeth died of brain trouble following an exciting experience at the Lansing circuit races a few days ago.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Cora Hart, of Clinton county, against Ira Butterfield, a wealthy Shiawassee county farmer, returned a verdict of no cause of action. The woman sued for $5,000 damages, claiming that the defendant attempted to assault her in her home in 1907. The case has been in the courts ever since.

The Cooper tragedy, in which Mrs. Emma Cooper was thought to have killed her husband and three children and then herself, was cleared up in Chilsac when Ira Cooper, administrator of the estate, petitioned the probate court for permission to sell the property. The estate is thought to be divided equally among the heirs.

The last log cabin in Calhoun county, the home of James Baker, of Marengo township, was burned to the ground, together with his household goods. A defective chimney caused the blaze. The family escaped in their night clothes, jumping from the bedroom window. Loss, $1,500; no insurance.

The closing of the First National bank of Ironwood has caused no unusual excitement, most of the depositors being of the opinion that they will be paid in full. It is said that steps were taken in the affairs after the bank two years ago, will secure control of it and reorganize as soon as the affairs are straightened up.

Crooks and lobbies are becoming numerous in Lansing, and lawmakers attribute the fact to Mecosta county being an oasis among the dry counties. Sheriff Henderson has put a bunch of them to work on the court house grounds, and they are doing hard to serve periods varying from 5 to 25 days in an effort to break up the gang, who are troublesome and are supposed to have been implicated in an attempted hold-up.

Though Rep. Verdier quotes from the house and senate journals to show that the MacKay free lunch bill was given immediate effect, Speaker Campbell has enrolled copies of the bill which show the immediate effect clause missing, and Gov. Warner says it was not on the bill he signed. With this doubt in mind the attorney general says the bill will not take effect until the 90-day limit has expired.

Because competent workmen could not be secured, the pipe foot factory at Oxford is closed down for an indefinite period. However, it is hoped sufficient workmen will be secured soon.

Uplifting.

A fashion has arisen of taking a parrot as one of an automobile party, this elevating considerably the intellectual average of the party.—Exchange.

Maybe It Was Gwendoline.

It was neither Johnny, nor Molly, nor Polly, nor Jerusha, but "Jenny put the kettle on, and we'll all have tea."—Nashville American.

LOVED CONVERTED CHINAMAN

MISS ELSIE SIGEL, VICTIM OF CHINAMAN WHOM SHE CONVERTED.

BODY FOUND IN A TRUNK

Young Lady Had Associated With the Mongolian and a Horror is the Result of It.

The body of Miss Elsie Sigel, the 20-year-old daughter of Paul Sigel, a clerk employed in the New York board of health, and a grand-niece of Gen. Franz Sigel, the late civil war veteran and former comptroller of the city of New York, was found Saturday evening crammed into a trunk in the room occupied by a young educated Chinaman of the Sunday school type at 782 Eighth avenue. It was so badly decomposed as to be unrecognizable, but a locket and bracelet found upon it were identified by Mrs. Sigel as the property of her daughter. The Chinaman disappeared from his lodging place a week ago, and it was the coroner's opinion that the body had been in the trunk fully that length of time.

William L. Leon, the young Chinaman who occupied the room, was well known in missionary circles in the city. He was frequently seen with Miss Sigel. Miss Sigel disappeared from her home, June 9.

Around the neck of the young woman was a handle, apparently a college or high school pin, bearing the initials E. C. S. Mr. Sigel examined this spangle first and said that he could not recall that his daughter had ever had one like it. Then he looked at the body and went away declaring that it was not that of his daughter.

The police, however, insisted on sending the spangle and bracelet to Mr. Sigel's home and having the mother of the girl examine it. She identified both articles.

According to the story which Mr. Sigel told the police his daughter gave no warning when she left home on June 9. On the 12th, however, he received a telegram from Washington bearing his daughter's name. This telegram, so the police say, read as follows:

"Will be home Sunday evening. Don't worry.—Elsie."

Both Mr. Sigel's wife and her daughter were interested in mission work among the Chinese. It was through work of this sort that Miss Sigel met Leon. The police said that there was a picture of the missing Chinaman in the Sigel home. One or two persons informed the detectives that they had seen Miss Sigel with the Chinaman at the theater about a week ago.

Her letters to "Dearest Lim," together with the affectionate and imploring notes from another white woman who signed herself "Nellie," and packets of picture postcards from a dozen white women, were found in the room of the Chinaman, Leon.

Some of the letters were undated. Others went back to the spring of 1907. Still others had been written within a few weeks. All of them were signed simply Elsie, but they contained allusions that left no doubt as to identity of the girl who wrote them.

A few of the longer ones reproached Leung Lim for coldness toward a girl that loved him, but many held no hint that she knew of the Chinaman's affection. On the contrary, they glowed warmly with assurances of her own devotion.

There was not a word or a syllable in one of them which might point the way to a reason for how Elsie Sigel came to her death in the lowceiled grimy room above the chop suey shop.

The police heads studied these letters for hours, then, under straight orders from Commissioner Bingham, refused to allow them to be printed. Take it any way you like, said one in authority at headquarters, it was not a pleasant story and no reason appeared why Elsie Sigel's letters to the queueless missioner should be spread in public. It was sufficient to say that she was in love with the yellow man and that their intimacy had been close.

Speedy solution of the mystery of the revolting death of Elsie Sigel is looked for as a result of the arrest of two Chinamen believed to be Leon Ling, or William Leon, as he was also known, and Chung Sin, his associate, the first at Schenectady and the other near Amsterdam, N. Y., Monday.

Buy German Guns.

While viewing with disfavor the action of the Cuban government in contracting for arms and ammunition with a German firm, without open competition, thus shutting out American bidders, it is said that no direct demand has been made by the state department for the contract held up. General instructions have been given the American representative in Havana looking to calling the attention of the government to the matter, so that American merchants may enjoy equal privileges with foreigners in competing for public business.

Prof. George Burman Foster, of the University of Chicago, whose denial of the divinity of Christ in a recent book has stirred Chicago Baptists to a high pitch of resentment, was dropped from the Baptist Ministers' conference of Chicago.

Probably for the first time in the history of the senate a communication from a newsboy was read in open session of the senate Monday. It was signed by Arthur Prague, manager of the Spokane Newsboys' association, expressing regret upon learning of the death of Rev. Edward Everett Hale.

Thomas Jordan, a cattleman of Ramona, Ok., was cleared Monday on a charge of robbing a Collinsville bank. Jordan, a year ago, was refused money by the bank, where he had $1,500 on deposit, because the bank also held his notes. He returned to the bank with a revolver and forced the cashier to cash his check.

In an effort to beat the ride of former President Roosevelt and the officers who accompanied him, when they made about 120 miles in a day, Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, of Avon, leader in Washington society and personal friend of the Roosevelts, rode 150 miles in 16 hours.

Fifteen Were Killed.

According to the latest information from Chesterton, Ind., 15 men were killed and at least a dozen men and women injured in a head-on collision Saturday night between two heavy cars of the South Shore Electric railway, at Sanford's Crossing, Ind., a few miles from Chesterton. The accident occurred shortly after 9 o'clock. A westbound car was coming at high speed down a long hill, which is formed by the elevated structure under which the Lake Shore railroad tracks pass. The car was well filled. At the foot of the hill it met an eastbound car, also going at a terrific speed.

The cars were buried in each other and smashed and splintered, while their occupants were crushed in the wreckage. The motorman of the westbound car was killed, while the motorman of the eastbound car put on his brakes and jumped.

The passengers were farmers and residents of Porter and Michigan City. It was hours before all the bodies could be extricated. The injured were taken to farmhouses and rushed on special cars to South Bend and nearby towns.

Reyes Abandons Office.

Advices received from Cartagena, Colombia, confirm previous reports that Gen. Rafael Reyes, president of Colombia, has abandoned office and sailed for Europe. He embarked on a small fruit steamer at Santa Marta last Sunday, according to the information received at Cartagena Monday night. It is believed the steamer is one of the Hamburg-American line, bound direct for Southampton.

The Cartagena advices state that the president's trip to Europe is known and approved by Gen. Jorge Holguin, the first designate, and the ministry, and that it is Gen. Reyes's intention to return for the meeting of congress on July 20, if a majority of his countrymen so desire, or in case of a disturbance of the peace, which is considered a remote possibility.

WIRELETS.

The Cunard Line steamer Mauretania has clipped another 50 minutes off the best previous record, which, also is her own.

John Mitchell has been appointed by Gov. Hughes, of New York, as a member of the state commission on unemployment and workmen's insurance.

Maj. James M. Hadley, father of Gov. Herbert S. Hadley, of Missouri, died of apoplexy at his home Monday. Gov. Hadley was with his father when the end came.

Frank M. Campbell, manager of the Philadelphia branch of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co., of Pittsburg, shot and killed himself at Van Wert, O. Campbell is said to have been suffering from a nervous breakdown.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle—Dryfed steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000, $4@4.25; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200, $4.75@5; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000, $4@4.75; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 1,000 to 1,200, $4@4.50; choice fat cows, $4.25; good cows, $3.50@4; common cows and common cows, $3@3.25; canners, $2@2.25; choice heavy bulls, $4.25@4.75; fair to good bologna bulls, $3.75@4; stock bulls, $3.50; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $4.25@4.75; fair to good feeders, 800 to 1,000, $4@4.25; choice stockers, 500 to 600, $3.50@4; fair stockers, 500 to 700, $3.50@3.75; stock heifers, $3.50@4; milkers and springers, choice to select age, $40@45; common milkers, $25@35. Veal calves—Market steady; best, $7@7.50; others, $4@6.50; yearling lambs and springers, steady.

Sheep and lambs—Market steady; best lambs, $7; fair to good lambs, $6@6.50; best sheep, $4.50@5; fair to good sheep, $4@4.50; culls and common, $2@3.50.

Hogs—Market 5c to 10c higher for good to choice grassers and yorkers. Range of prices: Light to good butchers, $7.30@7.40; pigs, $7.40@7.50; light yorkers, $7@7.30; grassers, $7@7.50; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo—Cattle: The general market was about steady with last week on everything except bulls, which were 10c lower. Choice to prime shipping steers, $6.75@7.10; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb shipping steers, $6.50@6.65; best 1,000 to 1,100-lb shipping steers, $6@6.40; light shipping steers, $5.75@6; best fat cows, $4.75@5; fair to good, $4@4.25; trimmers, $2.50@3; best fat bulls, $5.75@6; light fat bulls, $5@5.50; best feeding steers, $4.50@4.75; best feeding steers, 800 to 900-lb, $4@4.25; common stockers, $3.50@4; best fresh cows and springers, $50@60; medium, $30@40; common, $20@30.

Hogs—Market 5c lower; medium and heavy, $7.30@7.35; best yorkers, $7.25@7.30; best pigs, $7.30@7.35; roughs, $6@6.50; stags, $5@6.

Sheep and lambs—Market active; best spring lambs, $8.50@9; fair to good, $8@8.25; culls, $5@6; yearlings, $7@7.25; wethers, $6.25@6.50; best ewes, $6@6.25; culls and common, $3@4.

Calves: Steady; best, $8@8.25; heavy, $4@5.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit.—Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, $1.49; July opened ¼c higher at $1.16¼, dropped to $1.15¾, and advanced to $1.16¾; September opened at $1.16¾, lost ¾c and advanced to $1.16¾; December opened at $1.16¾, declined to $1.16¾ and advanced to $1.17; No. 3 red, $1.48; white, $1.48.

Corn—Cash No. 2, 76½c; No. 3 yellow, at 77½c; No. 4 at 77c, closing at 77½.

Oats—Cash No. 3 white, 61c asked; September, 42c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 90c.

Beans—Spot, $2.55; October, $2.05.

Cloverseed—Prime, October, $6.85; March, $6.85.

Feed—In 100-lb sacks, jobbing lots: Bran, $25; coarse middlings, $26; fine middlings, $31; cracked corn, $32; coarse cornmeal $31; corn and oat chop, $29 per ton.

Flour—Best Michigan patent, $7.10; ordinary patents, $6.75@6.85; light flour, clear, $6.70; pure rye, $5 per bbl; in wood, jobbing lots.

Grand Rapids stands third among the cities of the country where the school savings system has been inaugurated in the number and amount of savings deposited by the children. There are 2,799 depositors, and they have to their credit $28,586.

Roger Huntington and Fern Valkman, of Waterloo, Ia., were passengers on a Michigan Central train Wednesday. They stopped over one train in Kalamazoo and were married by Rev. D. C. Osborne. The young man had proposed while the train was running into the city and the couple decided to waste no time.

Thirty men of Co. L, of Ann Arbor, Thursday afternoon, ambushed Troop A, of Detroit, which was marching overland to the Kalamazoo encampment of the G. A. R., and according to the umpire of the battle, almost wiped out the Detroiters. The cavalry camped in Ann Arbor Thursday night.

Mrs. Mae Butler Deaman, the woman charged with attempting to poison her young son by sending him strychnine through the mail, was acquitted by a jury in Hersey Friday. The woman had been in jail since March 2. The jury was out just 15 minutes.