THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC
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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, MAY. 20.

The flying dust we have with us, always.

Temper and a pistol make a bad combination.

It is popular to have "the brain storm" after you get caught.

An oak tree in Minneapolis committed suicide. No one will blame it.

One of the best things about the joy ride is that it so often turns out to be its own punishment.

It is feared that all the convicts in the various penitentiaries will at once begin writing poetry.

It is queer how these people who are going to be probed insist on a thorough examination of everything.

South American republics manage to have a scrap often enough to keep the limelight trained in that direction.

Another youth has gone wrong under the influence of dime novels. A little reading is still a dangerous thing.

"At this time of the year green is the unrivaled color," says the Boston Herald. Particularly if it is long green.

The end-seat hog is now fortified by a judicial decision, and he will no doubt hold tenaciously to all the seats he first gets.

One cannot at present secure a divorce at Reno, Nev., by telephone, but possibly Reno's facilities will be enlarged and broadened.

A newspaper story says that the bunco games in Mexico are the greatest in the world. Can the author have overlooked our own dear Wall street?

A bandit in Springfield, Mass., says that he committed his crimes because there was something the matter with his head. There generally is.

A Cincinnati man failed with liabilities of $1,200,000 and assets of $400. No Wall street financier would look upon such an accomplishment as that as a failure.

Some eastern New York farmers are selling their cows and replacing them with Angora goats. It might be asked if this is a case of butting in or buttin 'em out.

A large majority of the schoolboys of this country are earnestly hoping something dreadful may happen to William Sidis of Boston because of his unsportsmanlike propensity to acquire knowledge.

Announcement comes from fashion sources that "women's hats are larger." Of course this is a matter on which man has no vote, and what he may say or think does not count. But really is it necessary?

If conscription for army service in China were based upon the German plan an army of 22,000,000 soldiers could be put in the field, says the Philadelphia Record. Also, by the same plan, this nation would have an army of 5,500,000. But there is no sign that either the Chinese people or those of the United States would accept the plan.

The deaths from bubonic plague of two young women, daughters of the postmaster at Honkua, Hawaii, offer convincing evidence that the germs of the plague linger on the islands, where the sanitary officials should not unceasingly in order to suppress them. The same danger undoubtedly exists on the southern Pacific slope, where the rats should be made objects of unrelenting warfare.

That young Cambridge mathematical prodigy says in the fullness of his youthful wisdom that he is quite convinced he could construct a flying machine with which he could reach Venus in twenty minutes. He would use radium as a motive power. But it is noted that he has not said how much radium he would need or how much it would cost. There are other brilliant persons who could tell of the many wonderful things they might do if they could get the stuff to do it with. And so long as it cannot be disproved, the proponent is safe in stating his belief.

Rear Admiral Bacon of the British navy advocates the construction of larger battleships because in his opinion, with proper subdivision of the hull, they are not as likely to be sunk as a result of torpedo attack as the smaller ship. There is something to this, as the weight of armament carried by a large ship is not proportionately as large as that on the smaller ship. But it must not be overlooked that the torpedo is becoming more powerful under the develop of inventors, and the damage they inflict may be beyond the ability of even the best of compartmented hulls to withstand.

A wild deer in the vicinity of Three Lakes, Wash., locked horns with a stuffed specimen and was shot. Both of them must have been dummies.

The latest and one of the biggest of the British battleships of the Dreadnought type is built largely after American plans, particularly as regards the construction and operation of the turrets. Whether or not "blood is thicker than water," it is becoming evident that the greatest naval power in the world finds "Yankee" ideas worth adopting.

"Too brilliant headlights are bad things to go by," says a professor. We have noted the phenomenon about persons as well as about locomotives.

"From now on," says an esteemed contemporary, "all British veterinarians must give immediate notification of all cases of cattle plague and other contagious diseases to which domestic animals are liable." Seems like a good idea. Presume the custom heretofore has been to keep all such things secret—sort of a family affair.

FIFTY COUNTIES PROFIT BY TAXES

THEY RECEIVE MORE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL CASH THAN THEY PAY TO STATE.

FREIGHT ENGINE HITS ELECTRIC CAR; PASSENGERS THROWN FROM SEATS; ONLY ONE INJURED.

Regretting He Sold His Farm, a Millington Farmer, Unable to Buy It Back, Hangs Himself.

Fifty of the 83 counties of the state received more primary money than they paid in taxes during 1909. The total tax levy for 1909 was $5,929,719.74, while the primary fund apportionment this spring was $4,902,551.20. An examination of the list of counties shows that in the newer counties of the state there are apparently enough children to entitle them to a larger amount of money than the older counties draw. The list of counties with the excess of primary money they drew or the excess of state taxes they paid, Auditor-General Fuller shows to be as follows:

	Primary excess.	State tax excess.
Alcona	$ 8,756.18	$ .....
Alger	556.02	.....
Allegan	.....	2,955.29
Alpena	21,147.88	.....
Antrim	4,126.90	.....
Arenac	14,112.85	.....
Baraga	2,440.11	.....
Barry	.....	15,392.94
Bay	35,370.85	.....
Benzie	9,724.87	.....
Berrien	.....	15,407.36
Branch	.....	30,896.37
Calhoun	.....	25,666.17
Cass	.....	23,640.07
Cheboygan	16,305.62	.....
Chippewa	26,343.98	.....
Clare	5,469.50	.....
Clinton	.....	31,500.02
Crawford	1,724.23	.....
Delta	29,362.44	.....
Dickinson	2,751.21	.....
Eaton	.....	30,742.79
Emmett	6,385.18	.....
Genesee	.....	31,586.37
Gladwin	10,567.80	.....
Gogebic	.....	6,597.19
Grand Traverse	6,430.20	.....
Gratiot	.....	137.67
Hillsdale	.....	30,704.03
Houghton	.....	30,651.06
Huron	22,553.83	.....
Ingham	.....	37,286.25
Ionia	.....	22,702.05
Ithaca	15,065.54	.....
Iron	1,348.88	.....
Isabella	10,419.81	.....
Jackson	.....	51,140.25
Kalamazoo	.....	33,264.29
Kalkaska	2,828.37	.....
Kent	.....	114,251.77
Keweenaw	.....	15,120.60
Lake	5,781.73	.....
Lapeer	.....	14,032.65
Leelanau	12,277.66	.....
Lenawee	.....	56,490.71
Livingston	.....	37,259.10
Luce	.....	2,242.70
Mackinaw	4,741.93	.....
Macomb	.....	29,262.95
Manistee	19,032.98	.....
Marquette	.....	11,213.13
Mason	20,998.14	.....
Mecosta	21,232.86	.....
Menominee	24,584.22	.....
Midland	13,810.50	.....
Missaukee	14,494.76	.....
Monroe	.....	16,812.31
Montcalm	13,162.28	.....
Montmorency	2,521.28	.....
Muskegon	14,803.12	.....
Newaygo	18,921.62	.....
Oakland	.....	53,252.51
Oceana	16,175.62	.....
Ogemaw	11,828.80	.....
Ontonagon	.....	574.40
Osceola	19,991.36	.....
Oscoda	1,412.97	.....
Otsego	4,842.06	.....
Ottawa	9,019.80	.....
Presque Isle	13,954.56	.....
Saginaw	21,894.47	.....
Sanilac	20,227.31	.....
Schoolcraft	5,100.82	.....
Shiawassee	.....	23,014.05
St. Clair	.....	15,082.83
St. Joseph	.....	23,352.62
Tuscola	2,591.15	.....
Van Buren	485.85	.....
Washtenaw	.....	58,661.71
Wayne	.....	437,640.37
Wexford	16,246.64	.....

Regrets Selling Farm.

Longing to return to the old farm on which he had lived more than 20 years and which he had sold only a week ago to John Wellman, E. S. Davis, well known farmer in the vicinity of Millington, became despondent and committed suicide by hanging.

After selling his farm Davis bought a house and lot in Millington and came with his wife to live. The change proved a disappointment to him and he made an effort to buy back the farm, but was unable to make a deal with the purchaser. He worried over the matter and became morose. When he did not return from the barn, where he had gone to do some chores at breakfast time, his wife became alarmed and started out to find him. Not finding him in the lower part of the barn or about the premises, she got D. S. Wolman, a neighbor, to make a thorough search of the barn. Going to the loft, Wolman discovered Davis's body swinging from a rafter by a rope.

Davis was 55 years old.

Engine Hits Electric Car.

Struck by a Big Four freight engine, an Eau Claire interurban, while entering Benton Harbor, was thrown from the track and the lives of nearly a score of passengers aboard the interurban were endangered. Though hurled from their seats, only one of the passengers was injured, Chauncey Monominee, suffering a cut head.

The interurban attempted to cross the track ahead of the engine. Only the fact that the engine was running slow prevented a serious loss of life.

The Y. M. C. A., Jackson, has completed a building campaign, having secured in pledges $45,000 of the needed $50,000 for the erection of a new building.

Determined to get Prosecutor Cavanaugh's "goat," Frank Cowles, of Marshall, who petitioned Judge North for his disbarment, says he will manfully ask the judge to make him show cause why disbarment proceedings should not be started against the prosecutor, who was exonerated recently.

Fire destroyed the barn of Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, at Hillsdale. A "Columbian Golden Temple," carved with a penknife by Andrew Keefer after seven years' labor, was totally destroyed. The temple was valued at $2,000 and insured for $1,000. It was exhibited at fairs.

The state railway commission will issue an order to compel the P., O. & N. railway, which runs between Pontiac and Caseville, 100 miles, to reduce the passenger rate to two cents per mile from three cents, as at present. The order comes as the result of frequent complaints from residents along the line in regard to the excessive rate of fare.

Fire damaged to the extent of $7,000 a quantity of ground wood pulp owned by the Cheboygan Paper Co., at Cheboygan. The fire burned for more than 10 hours and the entire plant is closed. There is no insurance.

Teach Water Power Engineering.

The engineering department of the University of Michigan will offer a course in water power engineering next fall. In other universities this course has been given under the title of hydro-electric engineering. Plans for the arrangement of classes are already laid out and the new course will be incorporated in 1910-11 announcements.

The recent importance that water power has attained in the United States, especially in the west, was the incentive for the creation of such a course. There is a demand for men who are able to specialize in this line of work, and Michigan is preparing to help supply it.

Episcopalians Choose Officers.

At the closing session of the convention of the Episcopalian diocese held in Bay City the following were chosen officers for the ensuing year:

Secretary, Rev. F. W. Priable; assistant secretary, Rev. R. T. Webb; treasurer, Rev. William Degraff; registrar, Rev. Paul Ziegler; chancellor, Rev. James C. Smith, of Detroit.

Following are the delegates chosen for the next annual convention which will be held in Detroit:

Rev. Samuel Wagenmakers, Rev. William P. Faber, Rev. William D. Maxon, Theodore H. Eaton and Samuel Post, Detroit; Rev. Amos Watkins, Rev. Thomas Cranage, Bay City; Rev. H. B. Baldwin.

It Was Cold.

The central portion of the lower peninsula appears to have suffered severely from a frost Friday night. In the immediate vicinity of the capital the thermometer registered four degrees below freezing. Fruit buds are injured and many garden truck killed. The damage will be considerable in this section. Similar reports are coming in from other sections of the state. It is feared that a heavy frost killed the early strawberries and other small fruit and heavily damaged the apple crop. No estimate has been given as to the damage to the apple crop.

Easy Job for Life.

One of the "warmest ever" contests for a job at the state capitol is now being fought. Eight candidates seek to be appointed court crier of the supreme court, a place left vacant by the resignation of J. Ayers, brother-in-law to Judge Robert Montgomery. Ayers has secured a place with the customs court at Washington, to be presided over by Judge Montgomery. The job for which the eight are battling pays only $1,000 a year but it is a life snap. The court crier has the making of the appointments, subject to the approval of the justices.

The Birth and Death Rate.

Michigan's birth rate continues to exceed the death rate, according to the mortality statement issued by the secretary of state. The report shows a total of 3,348 deaths in the state during April, corresponding to an annual death rate of 15.2 per 1,000 population. The number of births was 4,582, or an annual birth rate of 20.4 per 1,000. Smallpox was responsible for 12 deaths in Bay City during April.

Michigan Men Ask Citizenship Title

The senate immigration committee took action which eventually doubtless will make citizens of the United States of several well-known Michigan men. These men have thought they were citizens, but who have of late recently there were clouds on their title as such. Senator William Alden Smith has been working to get relief for them. Some of these men have held public offices.

$10,000 Fire At Lapeer.

Fire late broke out in the paint and wall paper shop of the Lapeer Paint & Paper Co., in Lapeer, and before it could be brought under control had destroyed three buildings, entailing a loss estimated at nearly $10,000. The Baker and Remington barber shops were destroyed as was also the building occupied by H. E. Gillett as a novelty store.

MICHIGAN ITEMS.

The state military board authorized the leasing of a plot of ground south of Ionia for a rifle range to be used by Co. E, Second regiment. The ground will allow for an 800-yard range, with a natural backstop 20 feet high.

Thrown from his carriage Thursday when his horse ran away, Dr. E. A. Ayres, 70, and one of the most prominent physicians in Branch county, was so badly injured that he died Friday. Dr. Ayres had practiced in Coldwater for 45 years.

An automobile containing A. Reinhart, Probate Judge Post and two other Indiana men, ran into a ditch while on the way to the Shriner's meeting in Saginaw Friday night, and Reinhart was quite badly injured. The others escaped unhurt.

The hotels of Bay City, Flint and Saginaw have organized the Valley Hotel association with three hotels in Flint, six in Bay City and a like number in Saginaw represented in the association. The purpose of the organization is mutual protection, a better understanding of the laws, and sociability.

Thirty-six convicts were burned to death at Centerville, Ala., when the stockade of the Red Feather Coal Co., at Lucile mines, was set on fire by one of the prisoners in an effort to gain his freedom.

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery company, of Boston, is planning to repeat its London trip of several years ago, this time in company with the Worcester Continentals, the Governor's Foot guard, of Hartford, and the Richmond Blues, of Richmond, Va.

John R. Walsh, millionaire Chicago banker, convicted of misapplying the funds of the Chicago National bank, has lost fully 15 pounds since putting on the federal prison garments at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., Jan. 19, according to his son-in-law, Dr. L. Blake Baldwin, who has returned from a visit to Mr. Walsh.

Director of Public Works Joseph G. Armstrong, of Pittsburg, was held for court by an alderman on charges of false pretense and forgery, and perjury and subornation of perjury. The charges are brought by the Votera Civic league, which alleges Armstrong falsified the city pay rolls by certifying to names of men it asserts were sent from their regular duties to work at the polls. The charges were brought before Alderman McMasters, who held the official in $10,000.

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.

James Hedley, a noted English locomotive engineer, who hauled King Edward on his honeymoon, and father of Frank Hedley, a former Chicagoan, is dead in New York city of old age.

Representative Lincoln Dixon was renominated for congress by the Democrats of the Fourth congressional district of Indiana.

James Wallace Van Cleave, former president of the National Association of Manufacturers, relentless foe of the labor boycott, died at home in St. Louis from a heart affection.

Eben Plympton, the Shakespearean and character actor, who once supported Booth and Barrett, is seriously ill in Roosevelt hospital, New York.

Paymaster George Percival Auld of the United States marine corps, who came to public notice for having knocked down Dr. E. S. Cowles at a navy dance last December, is to marry Miss Madeline Swift, daughter of Rear-Admiral William Swift, U. S. N., retired, next month, at Washington, D. C.

In the marriage at Stamford, Conn., of Miss Emily Brown, a school teacher, to Norman Provost, ends a courtship which began before the Civil war, the two being sweethearts when Provost enlisted in the union army.

Reports published in Paris and elsewhere that Princess Juliana, "Holland's baby," was seriously ill, are disputed by the fact that the mother, Queen Wilhelmina, took the little one for a drive last Tuesday.

GENERAL NEWS.

Thirty-six negro convicts lost their lives when the stockade of the Red Feather Coal company at Lucile mines, Bibb county, Alabama, about 15 miles north of Centerville, was destroyed by a fire set by one of the prisoners in an effort to gain his freedom.

Former Attorney General of Ohio James M. Sheets and Attorney H. J. Booth, both of Columbus, were appointed receivers of the Hocking Valley Railway company by Judge E. B. Kinkead of the court of common pleas of Franklin county, Ohio.

After an exceedingly stormy discussion, in which Jack Johnson and Sam Berger were the principals, Tex Richard was mutually agreed upon as referee of the Johnson-Jeffries boxing match near Reno, Nev.

Representative Michael S. Link of Mitchell was purged of his contempt of court when he went before the Sangamon county grand jury at Springfield and answered the questions put to him by State's Attorney Edward Brady, of the legislative bribery scandal. He did this after being ordered to do so by Judge Robert B. Shirley.

Dr. B. C. Hyde was found guilty of murder in the first degree and his punishment was fixed at life imprisonment. That he poisoned his wife's uncle, Col. Thomas H. Swope, the Kansas City millionaire, was the verdict reached by the jury after three nights and two days of deliberation.

The trial of Lee O'Neil Browne, Democratic leader in the lower house of the Illinois legislature, on a charge of bribery in connection with the election of United States Senator Lorimer at Chicago was postponed in the criminal court until May 24.

Through the breaking of a shaft the Red Star steamer Kroonland, carrying more than 1,000 passengers, has been compelled to put in at Southampton, England, for repairs.

Not one midshipman in the class which was graduated from the United State Naval academy in 1908 passed the recent "tough" examination for promotion to the grade of ensign, according to a statement published in New York.

Fire destroyed the courthouse and several business houses at Placerville, Cal., causing a loss of $100,000. U. G. Walker, former president of the defunct South Cleveland Banking company, was sentenced to five years in the Ohio penitentiary. Walker was found guilty of perjury in making false statements to the state examiner.

James B. Corrigan, assistant corporation counsel of Chicago under Mayor Carter H. Harrison, shot and killed himself at St. Paul.

Chauvel Michelin, a young French aviator, was killed in the races at Lyons when his machine struck a derrick, which fell on him.

A bullet fired at thieves in Philadelphia by a policeman struck a trolley pole, glanced off and killed John Gallon, forty-six years old.

The seventh annual session of the National Conference on Education of Backward, Truant, Delinquent and Dependent Children began in St. Louis.

After six years of American effort on the Isthmus of Panama it is shown by figures that 165,388,672 cubic yards of earth and rock have been removed.

Cotton and corn crops in Georgia were damaged by a hail-and-wind storm. At Culverton several houses were blown from their supports.

Taking from the shoulders of Secretary Ballinger all the blame for the "clear listing" of the Cunningham Alaska coal claims, H. H. Schwartz, chief of the field service in the general land office, took the entire responsibility of the transaction before the congressional inquiry committee.

F. Augustus Heinze was acquitted in New York of charges of misapplying the funds of the Mercantile National bank while he was president of the institution in 1907, and he was cleared of the charge of over-certifying the checks of his brother's firm, Otto Heinze & Co.

One series of experiments at the University of Pennsylvania with the ergograph has shown that it is possible to measure a man's mentality.

Gordon Lewis, ten-year-old son of Capt. William Mitchell Lewis, millionaire candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination on Long Island, now in Europe, lies in a hospital at Racine, Wis., with his skull fractured. A brick hurled through the window of a closed automobile by a baseball mob struck the lad.

John D. Rockefeller, always popular among the people of Tarrytown, N. Y., where he lives, is adding to that popularity this spring by his fondness for taking his friends and neighbors out driving. Not a pleasant day goes by without the old king inviting some of them, men, women and children, to ride with him in automobile or carriage, and it is safe to say that the invitations are seldom declined, for his vehicles are the best to be had, and the drives around Tarrytown are beautiful. Mr. Rockefeller, before starting for a ride, always dons a paper vest, declaring it a great protection against colds, and he insists that his guests do the same. After the ride he refuses to take back the garments, and consequently in nearly every home in Tarrytown may be found a paper vest preserved as a souvenir of a delightful ride with the multi-millionaire.

President Taft's letter ordering the dismissal of L. A. Glavis from the land office service and exonerating Secretary Ballinger for the charges preferred by Glavis was based upon and in part directly quoted from a draft of a letter written by Oscar Lawler, assistant attorney general of the interior department. President Taft, in a letter to Senator Nelson, assumes full responsibility for the charges prepared by Lawler exonerating Ballinger.

Frederick M. Kerby, who gave out a statement concerning the memorandum of Assistant Attorney General Lawler of the interior department regarding the Glavis charges, was dismissed by Secretary Ballinger from the public service.

Charles F. Willard made a successful cross-country flight at Alexandria, La., in a Curtiss biplane, covering a distance of 12½ miles and return in 30 minutes.

Gen. E. A. Brook ordered three companies of the New Mexico guard at Santa Fe to the scene of the serious Indian outbreak at the ancient Taos Pueblo, seventy miles northwest of East Las Vegas, N. M. The troops were dispatched after an appeal had been made to Governor Mills by Judge John R. McFie, who declared that a massacre was imminent.

Through the will of Edgar S. Auchincloss, a New York importer, who died a few days ago, is revealed a "guide to investors" to be observed by his executors in the administration of his estate.

Frank W. Rollins, former governor of New Hampshire and now a banker, with Boston offices, his wife and son were charged in the sworn complaint of a customs inspector at New York "with conspiracy to smuggle into the United States wearing appearel and jewelry and souvenirs without paying or accounting for the duties legally due thereon."

Two hundred monkeys, a part of the cargo of the liner Graf Waldersee, which has reached New York from Hamburg, are consigned to the Rockefeller institute, where they are to be used for experimentation.

Fashion Plate, a chestnut colt, four years old, by Woodthorpe-Fashionable, won the metropolitan handicap at Belmont Park, New York. Prince Imperial was second, Jack Atkin, third. The time, 1:37 4-5, was the fastest ever made by a winner of this event.

Frank W. Rollins, a former governor of New Hampshire and banker of Boston, is under bond in New York with his wife and son on a charge of attempt to smuggle.

The National Association of Credit Men met in annual convention in New Orleans.

Former President Roosevelt arrived at London and was accorded the honors due the special American ambassador to the funeral rites of the late King Edward. He was welcomed by Lord Dundonald and Commander Charles E. P. Cunninghame Graham, special aides-de-camp appointed by King George V.

Six prominent men of affairs of Pittsburg, including bankers, physicians and former leading politicians, were sentenced by Judge Robert S. Frazer, to terms of six and eight months in jail and fined on charges of bribery and conspiracy in connection with councilmanic frauds recently exposed.

President Taft conferred with Republican senators from states west of the Mississippi river upon whom he is depending for votes to put through his legislative program. Nearly all of the western senators were present on the invitation of the president, except the Republican Insurgents. They were not invited.

William Powers was released from the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City, where he has been serving a two-year sentence, on his promise to marry Miss Nannie Snapp of Gault, whom he rejected several years ago.

Many men prominent in the arts and in civic life attended the yearly meeting of the American Federation of Arts in Washington.

The National Fire Protection association, in convention at Chicago, planned for closer co-operation among the various state associations.

Large attendance marked the opening of the National Conference of Jewish Charities in St. Louis.

Clarence S. Darrow of Chicago said at the conference of the national negro committee in New York that race amalgamation would solve the negro problem.

The National Association of Manufacturers met in New York to discuss the prevention of accidents in industrial establishments, employers' liability and industrial insurance.

The biggest convention of Socialists ever held in the United States opened in Chicago with delegates present from every state and territory and from Europe.

An inspection of terminal property at Port St. Joe, Fla., by New York Central officials leads to the belief that the railroad is planning a southern line to handle Panama traffic when the canal is finished.

MURDER FOR AN INHERITANCE

THE CASE OF DR. HYDE CLOSES WITH A VERDICT OF FIRST DEGREE GUILT.

ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE CRIMINALS OF POLICE RECORD.

An Originator of New and Modern Methods of Disposing of Those in His Way.

Imprisonment for life is the punishment meted out to Dr. B. C. Hyde, of Kansas City, Mo., found guilty of murdering Col. Thomas H. Swope, the millionaire philanthropist, and also accused of poisoning with typhoid germs and in other ways ten relatives and connections of Swope.

By the verdict of the jurors, returned after they had been out for three nights, Dr. Hyde goes down to prison as one of the most remarkable criminals in police annals. Although the formal charge against Hyde dealt only with the rich man's death, the judge permitted to be before the jury evidence by which the prosecution sought to show that Hyde was the originator of a new and strictly modern murder method—the injection of disease germs into the bodies of his victims. This evidence influenced the jury in its decision.

The motive alleged for the attempt to perpetrate a Borgiaesque series of murders was the doctor's desire to get rid of all those who stood between his wife and the inheritance of the Swope fortune.

History of the Crime.

Dr. Hyde administered a capsule to Col. Thomas H. Swope, millionaire real estate and mine owner of Kansas City, on Oct. 3, 1909. Shortly afterwards Col. Swope died. Eminent Chicago doctors found strychnine in the dead man's stomach and liver.

This was followed in December by an epidemic of typhoid in the Swope household. Five members of the family were taken ill. Christian Swope swallowed a capsule given him by Hyde. He died. An examination of his stomach showed signs of strychnine.

All five of the people affected were legatees of Col. Swope, who left an estate of more than $3,500,000.

In prosecuting Hyde, the state claimed that he tried to dispose of the Swope legatees by poison and by typhoid fever germs, which it was shown he had purchased in November, 1909.

Miss Pearl Keller, a nurse who attended Col. Swope at his death, who afterwards was one of five nurses who refused to work with Hyde as physician, told on the stand that after the patient's death she had hunted for the capsules given Swope by Hyde's direction, but had found them gone.

Witnesses also testified that Hyde bought germ media in large quantities and cyanide of potassium. On one occasion he said to a boy, he ground a box of drugs beneath his heel when he thought himself unobserved. The box was shown to have contained cyanide of potassium.

Hyde's defense was that he purchased the germ media for bacteriological work, and the cyanide of potassium for cleaning office towels. He said some unknown person stole the germ media from his office.

Dr. Twyman, who was to have been a witness, died at the opening of the trial.

Dr. B. C. Hyde is the son of a retired Baptist minister in Lexington, Mo. He graduated in the '90s from the Wentworth Military academy at Lexington and studied medicine in Kansas City. After being appointed police surgeon there he was removed for unprofessional conduct. His name was mentioned in connection with several bold grave robberies in 1908. About 1902 he married Miss Margaret Swope, niece of the late Col. Thomas H. Swope. The girl's mother opposed the marriage. The physician is said to have been discharged from the office of city physician because of cruelty to his patients.

Several breach of promise suits were brought against Hyde. After some years relations with the Swopes were patched up and relations became fairly cordial. The first victim in the list of tragedies was James Moss Hunton, counsel, executor and confidant of Col. Swope. The state tried to show that Dr. Hyde was responsible in having advised too much blood letting during an attack of apoplexy.

F. A. Heinze Not Guilty.

"Not guilty" was the verdict brought in by the jury in the case of Fritz Augustus Heinze, who has been on trial in the United States circuit court in New York for over-certification and misapplication of funds of the Mercantile National bank, of which he was president, in 1907.

Heinze's friends, many of whom had journeyed to the court from Butte, raised a great cheer in the court room when the jury announced this verdict.

The jury, which had been listening to the evidence in the case for over two weeks, took less than two hours to reach a verdict, part of the time the jury was set down to lunch with getting dinner.

Simon Hickler, for 14 years editor-in-chief of the Waechter and Anzeiger, one of the best known German newspapers in America, died in Cleveland as the result of an automobile accident. Mr. Hikler, with his wife and two children, was driving in an automobile when his hat blew off. He dismounted to recover it and was knocked down by the car which the chauffeur accidentally backed into him. His skull was fractured and he died without recovering consciousness.

The United Commercial Travelers' association are making elaborate plans for their gathering in New York on June 9-11. The officers in charge estimate that 10,000 commercial travelers and their wives will attend and that it will be one of the largest conventions New York has ever been called upon to entertain. One of the chief features will be a "prosperity parade" on Saturday, June 11, in which the commercial travelers and their wives will participate.

The National Association of Plano Dealers of America opened its annual convention with about 1,200 delegates present.

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Mr. Adee in Europe.

Second Assistant Secretary Adee of the state department is on his annual vacation in Europe. In Germany with Mr. Thackera, United States consul general at Berlin, and Mrs. Thackera, he will devote about six weeks to a bicycle tour of southern France. He expects to return to Washington about the middle of June.

BABY WASTED TO SKELETON

"My little son, when about a year and a half old, began to have sores come out on his face. I had a physician treat him, but the sores grew worse. Then they began to come out on his arms, then on other parts of his body, and then one came on his chest, worse than the others. Then I called another physician. Still he grew worse. At the end of about a year and a half of suffering he grew so bad that I had to tie his hands in cloths at night to keep him from scratching the sores and tearing the flesh. He got to be a mere skeleton, and was hardly able to walk.

"My aunt advised me to try Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. I sent to a drug store and got a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of the Ointment and followed directions. At the end of two months the sores were all well. He has never had any sores of any kind since. I can placerely say that only for Cuticura my child would have died. I used only one cake of Cuticura Soap and about three boxes of Ointment.

"I am a nurse and my profession brings me into many different families and it is always a pleasure for me to tell my story and recommend Cuticura Remedies. Mrs. Egbert Sheldon, Litchfield, Conn., Oct. 22, 1909."

New Fly Trap.

A Californian has taken advantage of the fact that flies always walk up a window by inventing a trap to be fastened to a pane in such a manner that a fly will enter it without being aware that it has left the surface of the glass.

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The Simple Shepherd.

A cockney, while spending his holidays in the Highlands, met an old shepherd driving a flock of sheep. Wishing to show off a bit, he said:

"Now, if I were a shepherd I would teach the sheep to follow me."

"Oh, aye," said the shepherd, "and I hiv nae doot yie wid manage, for I'm sure ye hinkiner sheep in front they wid be sure to follow."—Tit-Bits.

Shows Value of Steel Car.

That the steel car is of great value as a protection to passengers in the event of collision was demonstrated in a recent clash of two trains in the Hudson tunnel, New York city. There was no such telescoping as would probably have occurred with wooden cars, and the injuries were merely such as resulted from the passengers being thrown down by the shock of the collision.

Too Lavish.

Mrs. Dobbs was trying to find out the likes and dislikes of her new boarder, and all she learned increased her satisfaction.

"Do you want pie for breakfast?" she asked.

"No, I thank you," said the new boarder, with a smile. "Pie for breakfast seems a little too much."

"That's just the way I look at it," said Mrs. Dobbs, heavily. "A cold pie for dinner is a necessity, and pie for supper gives a kind of finishing touch to the day; but pie for breakfast is what I call putting on airs."—Youth's Companion.

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