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Denton, Md.

STEEL TRUST AS CAT BUYER.

A rat got tangled up in one of the dynamos which supply power for the great blast furnace mill of the United State Steel corporation at Gary, Ind., says Louisville Courier-Journal. It required several hours to separate the rat's remains from the dynamo and in the meantime the corporation was losing money at the rate of a thousand dollars a minute. Now the steel trust is advertising for cats. Advertisements have been inserted in the Gary newspapers, offering 50 cents apiece, with no limitations as to age, sex, size, pedigree or character. Fifty cents a head is a good price for cats and the officials of the steel trust are likely to have to contend with an embarrassment of offerings. When the news percolates to all the cities and small towns of Indiana there will be a rush of feline shipments to Gary and the steel trust will find itself with a surplus of cats scarcely less troublesome than the overplus of rats with which it has been contending heretofore. Hundreds of Indiana families will willingly part with all their feline possessions at a compensation of 50 cents per cat. Some thousands of small boys will explore the alleys and woodsheds until the last backyard fence is denuded.

The report from Pisa that royal engineers state that the inclination of the leaning tower at that place has increased eight inches and that the structure is likely to collapse will tend to further increase the number of those who believe that the tower was never intended to be a freak of masonry, but that it became a wonder by the yielding of its foundation on one side. As a "drawing card" for tourists the famous leaning tower has had value in addition to the historic considerations, and if it should fall there would doubtless be a demand for its reconstruction. A modern builder could give Pisa a leaning tower of greater inclination by using an anchored steel skeleton and clothing it with well fastened veneer.

A speaker at a meeting of a medical society in New Jersey declared that some of the greatest surgeons living had left sponges, forceps and other instruments in the abdominal cavities of persons operated upon, and that the practise was "inexcusable." This makes cheerful reading for the lay public, especially that portion of it that has hospital experience in prospect; but the statement of the existence of this practise is also puzzling from the fact that it must be a more or less expensive practise to the surgeons themselves to be so careless about losing good instruments.

A New York woman was fined five dollars for getting drunk in public and using the large "D" to a policeman. New York seems to be doing something to keep the cost of the necessaries of life on the Great White Way within reason.

An Englishman has paid $700 for a 600-year-old alphabet. He could have got a new one for nothing, but these Britons are so conservative!

St. Louis is howling for a barrel of free ice water at each corner. Will ice cool that concrete composition fondly thought to be water in St. Louis?

Doctor Wiley says that there's nothing especially dangerous in kissing—except the prospect of marriage, we presume.

Some one has discovered 61,000,000 germs in a malaga grape. Still, for all that, malaga grapes are pretty good eating.

An eighty-three-year-old Pennsylvania dame takes her first ride on a train. She couldn't learn any younger.

Even in hot weather some self-sacrificing, hard-working correspondent manages to sweat out a war scare.

Staten Island has seen the first sea serpent, and now the lid ought ot be put on S. I.

Two Dreadnaughts will cost $23,000,000, but that can't scare a dreadnaught.

Forty-four scrubwomen have been laid off by the city of New York. New York's economy fad knows no bounds.

Down in Pittsburg the overcoat makers have gone on a strike. This may be the psychological moment for an overcoat strike, but who'd have thought it?

Aviating and ballooning kill a man every day or two just to prove that the air is a long way from being conquered yet.

Excellent hot weather exercise is watching a tennis match.

Texans are carrying shotguns these days. The mosquito season has arrived.

If Texas doesn't stop raising so much corn she will get herself disliked by Kansas.

Getting back from a picnic is the real test of the kind of time you had.

Aviators are falling like the leaves of the forest.

WEEK'S BIG NEWS STORIES RETOLD IN PARAGRAPHS

WASHINGTON.

Capt. Edgar A. Macklin of the Twenty-fifth infantry has been placed on the retired list of the army by direction of the President on account of disability incurred in line of duty.

Gustav A. Rist, an American citizen, was murdered in Bolivia on June 11 by Augustin Hunf, according to a dispatch received at the state department from Minister Leslie Combs at Lima, Peru.

The census bureau announced the population of Albany to be 100,253, a gain of 6.5 per cent. in ten years. The population of Indianapolis is 233,650, a gain of 38.1 per cent.

Secretary Ballinger of the interior department has sent word to Beverly that he will resign any time he is asked to do so by the President, but not until then.

PERSONAL.

National rejoicing upon an unusually extensive scale marked the eightieth birthday of Emperor Franz Joseif, the venerable sovereign of Austria and Hungary and dean of all the European monarchs.

David Ranken, Jr., the millionaire St. Louis philanthropist and founder of the school of mechanical trades which bears his name, died in Atlantic City, N. J. Just before departing for Atlantic City Ranken gave $3,000,000 to the school of which he was the founder.

Vice President Sherman, after a long conference with President Taft, made it clear that direct primaries will be treated as a dead issue in the state campaign.

Speaking of his recent western trip, Senator Crane told his callers that he found general business surprisingly good, the only menace to reviving prosperity being found in popular unrest, which is manifesting itself in some of the political activities of the day.

Speaker Cannon addressed the "old settlers" of Watseka, Ill., in opening his campaign for re-election to congress.

President Taft sent a message of sympathy regarding the death of President Montt. An American warship may bring the body to this country.

Dr. Charles Fahlberg died in Bad Nassau, Germany. He was the codiscoverer in New York in 1879 with Dr. Ira Remsen of saccharin.

A cable dispatch from Carlsbad, Austria, announces the death of James E. Hurley, general manager of the Santa Fe railroad. He was at Carlsbad for his health. Death resulted from heart disease. James E. Hurley was born in 1860 at Wapello, Iowa.

President Pedro Montt of Chile, who was talking with Mayor Gaynor on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse at Hoboken just before the latter was shot, died of heart disease after arriving at Bremen. He was sixty-four years old.

The fifth Earl of Spencer, twice viceroy of Ireland, died in London.

The probating of the will of the late Representative Walter P. Brownlow of the First Tennessee district, reveals that his estate, valued at $200,000, is left in the hands of trustees for twelve years, following which it is to be divided among his five children.

GENERAL NEWS.

J. F. McMurray denied at Sulphur, Okla., that he had offered Senator Gore a $25,000 or $50,000 bribe to further his Indian contracts, or that he had said that Vice President Sherman was interested in them.

Commander Henry L. Johnson, U. S. N., retired, died of heart failure at his home in Burlington, Vt.

The Washington woolen mills, owned by John C. Melville of Fredericksburg, Va., and a number of New York people, have been burned. Loss $150,000.

Reflecting the views of the administration, it is generally believed, Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio gave out a statment at Beverly, Mass., in which he says he will never support Speaker Cannon again.

Six more veniremen were dismissed in the trial of Lee O'Neil Browne, in Chicago, making a total of 111 who have admitted that they were "approached" as to their views.

The last bulletin issued by Mayor Gaynor's surgeons stated that all conditions were favorable.

The prosperity of the west is emphasized by James J. Hill, just returned from tour.

Representative Lloyd opened national congressional campaign headquarters in Chicago.

Speaker Cannon at Danville, Ill., said that he would go into the Republican caucus as a candidate.

Stockholders of the old Phenix Fire Insurance company said they would sue the directors for an accounting of losses attributed to mismanagement.

Gen. Frederick Dent Grant issued a statement at Pine Camp, N. Y., in which he praised the workings of the present prohibitory canteen law.

More than 3,600 enlisted men of the Atlantic battleship fleet were the guests of the citizens of Newport, R. I., being served with a clambake.

Rudolph and Leopold Kleybolte sued in New York for $2,000,000 damages for losses in railway deals, accusing Newman Erb, as trustee of estate.

Acting Mayor Mitchel of New York says the law prohibiting prize fighting must be enforced.

The contest committee of the Boston-Harvard aero meet decided at Boston to do away with the balloon exhibition and make the affair strictly an aviation meet.

Herbert L. Pond, who killed Mrs. Gertrude Umschied of North Bergen, N. J., was found near the scene of the murder, and his pursuers saw him fire a bullet into his brain.

Seattle, Wash., health commissioner, alarmed at infantile paralysis fatality, departed for East to consult experts.

Declaring from the bench that "crooked work is being done" Judge Kersten, in Chicago, dismissed a panel of 100 veniremen called in the case of Lee O'Neil Browne, accused of bribing a legislator to vote for William Lorimer for United States senator.

THE PEST CAUSES PANIC IN ITALY

Thousands of People Fleeing From the Cholera.

CARRYING THE DISEASED GERMS.

The Pope Orders That the Lazaretto of Santa Marta, Built Inside the Vatican By Pope Leo, Be Prepared for Emergency—Priests Instructed to Aid Civil Authorities.

Bari, Italy (Special).—The epidemic of cholera, which has broken out in Southern Italy, is steadily showing an increase in the districts affected, particularly in the town of Trani, where the number of deaths already is more than 30. The latest official report gave 20 deaths at Trani, showing the rapidity with which the disease is increasing there. The epidemic is of a virulent type and the death rate is high.

Even graver danger is anticipated from the flying population of the infected districts, who may bear the germs of the disease to regions not yet involved. Trani seems almost deserted as a result of the panic, 20,000 of the residents, fully one-half of the population, having fled the town. Fully as many have escaped from the island town of Barletta.

Rome (Special).—Rumors that the epidemic of cholera, which has broken out in Apulia, had spread to Rome are emphatically denied. There have been no cases here and the general health conditions in Rome are excellent, better than at any time during the past 10 years.

Although the danger of infection is not felt here, the Pope ordered the Lazaretto of Santa Marta, built inside the Vatican by Pope Leo in 1885, during the great cholera epidemic at Naples, but never used because of the absence of cholera patients, made ready for any emergency. The hospital, instead, has been employed to shelter pilgrims from all countries, including parties of American sailors who have visited Rome from American warships lying in Italian ports.

The influence of the church is to be used to assist the civil authorities in fighting the epidemic, the clergy having been instructed to use all means to enforce compliance with the sanitary regulations on the part of their parishioners.

No final decision has been taken regarding the proposed departure of King Victor for the cholera region. The King, it is said has determined to proceed personally to the scene if conditions become more serious, in which case Queen Helena, it is said, will insist upon accompanying him.

BACK FROM MT. McKINLEY.

Prof. Parker Says Cook Was Ten Miles From Summit.

Seward, Alaska (Special).—The Parker-Browne Mount McKinley expedition passed through here and sailed for Seattle. The party failed to climb Mount McKinley, and members declare that they have conclusive proof that Dr. Cook never reached the summit and that the peak which he reported as the summit is fully 10 miles from the real summit.

Prof. Hirschell Parker took photos of this peak, which he says can easily be identified as pictures of the peak that Cook gives in his book.

Among the party were Professor Parker, of Columbia; Professor Cuntz, of Stevens Institute, Hoboken; Herman S. Stuckens, of Newton, Mass., and Waldemar Grasnee, of Columbia University.

Professor Parker doubts the claims made by Tom Lloyd, of Fairbanks, that he and his companions climbed McKinley from the Fairbanks side.

$7.50 To Dine With Roosevelt.

Chicago (Special).—It will cost $7.50 to dine with Colonel Roosevelt at the Congress Hotel on the night of September 8. Besides, one must first have an invitation from the Hamilton Club, whose guest he will be, and then draw for a chance to be a favored one. Engraved invitations with cards setting forth that the drawing for tickets will take place at 2 o'clock, August 29, have been issued.

15-Passenger Dirigible.

San Francisco, Cal. (Special).—On funds supplied by leading business and professional men, a 15-passenger dirigible is being secretly constructed here and will soon be completed. It is said to be of a new type which, it is hoped, will introduce radical changes into air craft generally.

Robbed of $45,000 in Jewels.

St. Moritz, Switzerland (Special).—Mrs. Daniel Bacon, of New York, who is touring in Switzerland with her sister, Lady Gilbert Parker, and Sir Gilbert Parker, was robbed here of $45,000 worth of jewelry. The theft was carried out in a most daring and skillful manner and no clue has been obtained to the robbers.

Arctic Ship Sunk.

Copenhagen (Special).—The Alabama, the vessel of the Danish Arctic expedition, sank last winter off Eastern Greenland. News of the disaster was received here. Captain Mikkelson and the other members of the expedition were able to reach Shannon Island, whence they have just been rescued.

Cover Defaulter's Shortage.

Louisville, Ky. (Special).—Steps to increase the capital of the Fidelity Trust Company from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000 were taken at a special meeting of the stockholders. The new stock issue is intended to cover the shortage caused by the speculations of August Ropke, the treasurer, who is now in jail.

Jilted, Ends Her Life.

Hoboken, N. J. (Special).—Arrested on the complaint of a former sweetheart, Anton Eitzner, who charged her with annoying him, Minnie Kritchner, aged 22 years, shot and killed herself in the detention-room of police headquarters. The matron of the prison had just entered to search the girl, when she suddenly drew the revolver from the bosom of her dress, placed it behind her right ear and fired. The bullet lodged in her brain. "Tell him I love him," she exclaimed, as she fired.

Crippen's Accuser In Court.

London (Special).—Dr. H. H. Crippen, under arrest in Canada on a charge of murdering his wife, Belle Elmore, gained the first step in his preliminary fight to clear his name when the Criminal Court of Appeals granted the plea of his solicitor, Arthur Newton, for a writ of attachment against the London Chronicle. This paper accused Crippen of poisoning his wife, and said that the prisoner had confessed. Contempt of court is the allegation made in the plea of Crippen's counsel.

DENIES OFFERING BRIBE TO SENATOR GORE

McMurray on the Stand in Indian Land Case.

VICE-PRESIDENT SHERMAN VINDICATED.

Man Whom Oklahoma Senator Charged With Offering Him a Bribe, Also States That Vice-President and Senator Curtis Were Not Interested.

Sulphur, Okla. (Special).—"It has been charged that you, through Jake L. Hamon, offered Senator T. P. Gore $25,000 or $50,000 as a bribe to influence him in Congress to withdraw opposition to the approval of your contracts. Did you or did you not offer Senator Gore such a bribe?"

"No," replied J. F. McMurray, to this question when asked at the hearing before the congressional committee investigating Indian land affairs.

Mr. McMurray, who holds contracts with Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians for the sale of $30,000,000 worth of land in this State on a 10 per cent. contingent fee basis, was on the stand all day. The questions were propounded to him by Cecil H. Smith, his counsel.

"Did you ever tell any one that Vice-President Sherman had any interest in your contracts?"

"I never did," answered McMurray.

"Did you authorize Hamon to say Mr. Sherman was interested?"

"I did not."

"Did Senator Charles Curtiss, of Kansas, ever have any interest in the contracts?"

"He never did; and I never told any one that he did."

"Did you ever tell anyone that Congressman B. S. McGuire had any interest in any of your contracts?"

"I never did."

"Has any member of Congress or any employe of any department of the government any interest in your contracts?"

"They have not."

Describing his contracts as a plain business proposition, Mr. McMurray told of his relations with the Indians, begun in 1899. In the first contracts for the sale of the land Cecil Lyon, National Republican Committeeman from Texas, was a partner, McMurray said. These contracts were disapproved by President Roosevelt in 1908, and Mr. Lyon ceased to be connected with them. Mr. McMurray said he then employed as counsel former Senator J. M. Thurston, of Nebraska; former Senator C. I. Long, of Kansas, and Richard C. Adams, of Washington. The witness denied that he ever offered $25,000 as a bribe to D. C. McCurtain, a Choctaw lawyer. McCurtain had testified that the offer had been made to him in connection with the old tribal contracts.

Mr. McMurray testified that he had called twice on Senator Gore after May 6 (the date on which the Senator said Hamon tried to bribe him), and the Senator had made no reference to the alleged offer of bribery to him. He had not heard of it until Gore's speech in the Senate which was made on June 24.

Jacob L. Hamon, mentioned by Senator Gore as the man who offered the bribe in McMurray's behalf, took the stand and denied he had ever made such an offer.

VIRGINIA'S GIFT ACCEPTED.

Statue of Washington Dedicated at Versailles.

Versailles (Special).—In the Napoleon Hall of the Chateau of Versailles, in the presence of the French Minister of War, General Brun; the French Ambassador to the United States, M. Jusserand, and his wife, and the American Ambassador, Robert Bacon, and Mrs. Bacon, the bronze replica of Houdon's celebrated statue of Washington in the State House at Richmond, Va., presented by the State of Virginia to the French Republic, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. Among others present were the Marquis de Lafayette, the members of the French mission, which presented to America the statue of Rochambeau, now at Washington, and United States Senator Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia.

General Brun, who presided, spoke of the statue as the greatest work of the greatest French sculptor of the Eighteenth Century. Col. James Mann, chairman of the Virginia Commission, delivered the speech of presentation. State Senators Don P. Halsey and F. W. King, of Virginia, also made addresses on behalf of the State of Virginia.

Ambassador Jusserand, in the absence of the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Pichon, accepted the statue on behalf of the French Government. He declared that the friendship of General Washington and of the American people constituted one of the glories of France.

GOVERNOR VS. EDITOR.

Nevada Executive Resents Article With Fists.

Reno (Special).—Governor Dickerson, enraged by a story which appeared in a Reno paper on the selection of a new prison site, went into the office of the Carson News, which is edited by George A. Montrose, and demanded to know if Montrose wrote the article.

Montrose said he did not, but that if he had he would not be afraid to acknowledge it. Dickerson is said to have made a lunge at Montrose, his fist grazing the editor's cheek. Montrose, catching the Governor by the throat, bore him backward, also delivering a stiff body blow. A friend separated them. Dickerson refused to leave and Montrose started to call an officer by telephone. Dickerson then departed.

DEMANDED BABY BOY.

Refused, Automobilists Threw Carbolic Acid On Mother.

Stanford, Ky. (Special).—Stopping their automobile in front of the home of T. P. Eads, a young farmer, a man and woman demanded that Mrs. Eads give them her baby boy. When Mrs. Eads refused the woman threw a bottle of carbolic acid on the young mother. Then the two strangers left in their car. No explanation for the act was obtainable from Mrs. Eads.

TOO SMALL TO LIVE.

Virgile Kills Himself On Account of His Small Stature.

Lewistown, Pa. (Special).—Because of his diminutive stature Virgile Sinna, aged 42 years, of New York city, sent a bullet into his brain on the street here. Sinna was a drummer in a band playing in a park here.

A letter was found at his lodgings containing $50, to be forwarded to his father in South America. The letter said he had committed suicide because his fellow-musicians were always making sport of him owing to his small stature.

THE TALE OF THE TUB

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BIG FIRE IN JERSEY CITY

Engines Are Sent Over From New York City.

Big Buildings Are Reduced to Ashes With Great Rapidity on Account of the Inflammable Nature of Their Contents—Burning Cork Scatters the Fire—Tenement Dwellers Are Driven to the Streets.

New York (Special).—Fire in the warehouse division of Jersey City caused damage estimated at $1,000,000. Chief Croker and five engines from New York hurried across the Hudson to aid the Jersey firemen and dynamite was used frequently.

The fire started in the plant of Truslow & Fulle, manufacturers of cork products, at Washington and Morgan steets. The flaming light cork was carried by the wind and ignited the plant of the Riegel Sack Company across the street.

A few minutes later the Independent Baking Powder Works were burning. Then working up Washington street, the fire attacked the W. Amos & Co. spike works and the Butler Bros. notion warehouse.

The entire Jersey City fire department was on the scene at this stage, and the baking powder plant was demolished with dynamite. But as the flames continued to spread aid was summoned from New York, and the two departments worked together.

The vicinity is fringed with old wooden tenemen; houses, occupied mainly by Polak dock laborers and their families, and thousands poured into the streets, wailing and dragging their belongings.

The streets were soon congested with furniture and other household articles, seriously hampering the firemen and affording loot for hoodlums.

Only on serious accident was reported. The victim was Spencer Babcock, a fireman, who was knocked unconscious by a live wire.

NEARLY OVERTHROW MADRIZ.

Zelaya's Wife Plotted to Make Dr. Irias President.

San Jose, Costa Rica (Special).—Quick work on the part of President Madriz, of Nicaragua, prevented the overthrow of his government.

According to information which has reached here from Managua, from an unquestionably reliable source, Mme. Zelaya, the wife of the deposed president of Nicaragua, organized a conspiracy to overthrow Madriz and install Dr. Irias. The conspirators had progressed to a point where they were almost ready to spring the trap, when one of the trusted followers of Mme Zelaya got drunk and gave the plot away.

President Madriz took summary steps to prevent the conspiracy from being carried out, and the plotters were frustrated. Mme. Zelaya was ordered to leave the country forthwith, and Madriz took pains to see that she was placed on board the steamer San Jose bound from Corinto to Panama, with a through ticket to Europe.

Dr. Irias, who held a place in the Madriz cabinet was invited to resign, and the lesser figures in the conspiracy were thrown into prison.

LAY DISEASE ON GNAT.

Western Physicians Investigate Infantile Paralysis.

Council Bluffs, Iowa (Special).—Physicians here are convinced that they have discovered the cause of infantile paralysis that has reached the epidemic state in many localities. Now they will search for a remedy for the disease.

After laboring for weeks they unite in announcing that in their opinion the disease is produced by a small flying insect known throughout the West as the buffalo gnat, which makes its appearance during June and disappearing with the coming of the first frost in autumn.

Head Size of Hen's Egg.

Duquoin, Ill. (Special).—A baby girl weighing one and one-half pounds and less than 12 inches in length was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace, who live on a farm east of here. The infant is so tiny that a match will hide one of her fingers, while her head is about the size of a hen's egg. The doctors says she will live.

Burns Herself to Death.

New York (Special).—Mrs. John Beggs, of Dobbs Ferry, killed herself by soaking her clothes with kerosene and setting them afire. She ran into the yard where neighbors saw her burning and called the firemen, who extinguished the blaze. She was taken to the hospital where she died. Before setting fire to her clothes Mrs. Beggs started the oil stove and lamp in the kitchen going, and the firemen also had to put out the fire in the house. No reason is given for her act.

Tried By Telephone.

Norwalk, O. (Special).—Mayor Venus used the long-distance telephone to arraign and fine two out-of-town automobilists, charged with violating the speed ordinance in Norwalk. Charles R. Forth and C. H. Walters, prominent business men, were reached at their offices in Mansfield, O. Mayor Venus read affidavits to each defendant, each pleaded guilty and received a fine of $5 and costs, amounting to $7.50 in each case. The men promised to mail checks to the Mayor.

PRESIDENT OF CHILI IS DEAD

Stricken By Heart Failure on Arrival at Bremen.

Senor Montt Had Been a Sufferer From Heart Disease and Was On His Way to German Sptings for the Cure—Served Several Terms as President of Chili—A Brave Fighter and a Fine Executive—Many Years An Officer In the Chilean Navy.

London (Special).—President Pedro Montt of Chili arrived at Bremen on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse Tuesday morning. His death occurred at 11:50 o'clock P. M. It was due to a recurrence of heart failure, following the recent attack of angina pectoris from which he suffered.

New York (Special).—President Montt left New York just a week ago after one of the most startling experiences in his career. That same morning he had seen Mayor Gaynor shot down on the deck of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, had witnessed the struggle with James J. Gallagher, the would be assassin, and had departed on the Kaiser feverishly excited over the occurrences, as were most of the other passengers aboard. A sufferer from heart trouble, it is not improbable that his sudden death may in some measure be attributed to the strain of that occurrence.

Before the vessel departed President Montt gave out an interesting review, describing the shooting as he saw it, and later at sea he flashed a wireless message of sympathy to the Mayor. He arrived in New York from South America on August 3, after a stop in the Panama Canal Zone, where he inspected the work on the canal and pronounced it good. Arriving here he was received with the presidential salute and met by the Federal, State and city officials.

On the following Friday he left for Boston, whence he was taken on the President's yacht Mayflower to Beverly, where he and Mrs. Montt had luncheon with the President. During his talk with the President the Peru-Ecuador boundary dispute came up, and President Taft asked the Chilian executive to use his influence in urging the two countries to accept the good offices of the United States toward an amicable adjustment. In consequence it is understood that President Montt cabled instruction to Santiago.

While in this country the ill health of President Montt was apparent. He was easily fatigued, and his old heart trouble bothered him considerably.

PENNSY. WAGE SCALE.

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Announce the Details.

Cleveland, O. (Special).—President W. G. Lee, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, announced the terms of the Pennsylvania Railroad wage scale adjustment, details of which finally have been completed. Under the agreement the daily and mileage rates have been raised to the New York Central and Baltimore and Ohio schedules, wherever lower than the rate obtainable on those lines, and maintained wherever higher.

"The agreement gives the Pennsylvania the highest schedule of any railroad," said Lee. "It increases the road's operating expenses a great deal, too, as it applies East and West. The trainmen's working conditions are greatly bettered."

HEROES REWARDED.

Five Men Showed Nerve and Courage at Big Gun Explosion.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—For nerve and courage displayed at the time of the explosion of a big gun at the recent target practice at Fort Monroe, Va., resulting in the death of 11 men, five soldiers were awarded certificates of merit by the War Department. They are Private Charles C. Parks, Cook Wilmer H. Hawk, Private Fred. Faulkner, Corporal William Bryan and Private D. C. Wigley, all of the Sixty-ninth Company, Coast Artillery.

Faulkner's certificate was awarded for "picking up and carrying away a smoldering sack of powder." The others "entered a close place to remove sacks of powder that were in close proximity to burning powder and smoldering debris," although most of them were painfully injured.

FOR PANAMA EXPOSITION.

Louisiana Senate Passes Bill Providing $5,500,000.

Baton Rouge, La. (Special).—The Senate passed the special tax and bond issue bill, providing $6,500,000 for the Panama Exposition Company of New Orleans. The bill now goes to the House, where assurances have been given of its passage this week. With popular subscriptions in New Orleans this will give the promoters of the exposition considerably more than the $7,500,000 recommended by Congress.

Giant Tobacco Deal.

Lexington, Ky. (Special).—It is believed that a tobacco company of Winston-Salem, N. C., has bought all, or nearly all the 1909 pooled crop of the Burley Tobacco Society, amounting to 120,000,000 pounds. The price is at an average of 18 cents.

Murderer Shoots Himself.

New York (Special).—Bertram Pond, who shot and killed Mrs. Mary Umschied at her home in Homestead, N. J., when surrounded by a crowd near the scene of the crime shot himself through the head to escape capture. He is dying in a hospital.

A FIGHTER AS WELL AS A FLYER

John Moissant a Reckless and Romantic Character.

HE FAILS IN ATTEMPT TO FLY TO LONDON

Determined, However, to Complete His Remarkable Journey From the French to the English Capital—The Young American Aviator Now Recognized as an Agent of General Zelaya.

Chatham, England (Special).—Two accidents to his monoplane brought down to earth the American aviator, John B. Moissant, who the day before made a remarkable flight across the English Channel, with a passenger, in a daring attempt to fly from Paris to London. Moissant's aeroplane lies partially wrecked in a brick field near Rainham, Kent, some 30 miles from London.

By a remarkable stroke of fortune, which seemed to have followed the almost unknown and inexperienced aviator on the first two days of his flight, Moissant and his mechanician, Albert Fileux, escaped unhurt. But the machine came heavily to the ground, alighting in a narrow space banked high around with earth and piles of broken brick. There it is likely to remain until it can be removed piecemeal and refitted with parts now on their way from Paris to replace those that were broken by the fall.

Moissant resumed his flight from Tilmanstone at 4:55 o'clock A. M. The weather was clear and hardly a breeze stirred the air. Everything seemed most favorable to the accomplishment of his hopes, but at 7 o'clock he was obliged to descend near Sittingbourne. A small pin had become displaced, and almost from the start it gave the aviator trouble.

After this defect was repaired Moissant reascended, but before he had gone many miles a connecting rod was broken, which forced him to use the planes to reach the ground.

FLORIDA LIMITED DERAILED.

Twenty-Seven Passengers Injured On Southern.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The general offices of the Southern Railway issued the following statement regarding the wreck of the Florida Limited, northbound, near Rockton, S. C.:

"The engine remained on the track, but the combination express and baggage car and two coaches were derailed. Three sleeping cars left the track, but remained upright. The accident occurred about 10 o'clock P. M. The cause has not yet been ascertained, as the track is in good condition at the point where the train was first derailed. A further investigation will be made.

"No persons were killed. Twenty-seven passengers—8 white and 19 colored—report slight injuries, but were all able to proceed on their journey, with the exception of J. D. Ruden, of Atlanta, Ga., who was injured about the head, and who is under the care of a physician at Columbia, S. C."

Conductor Blanton and Mail Clerk Thompson were the most severely injured, it was learned. Over 300 yards of track were torn up and traffic badly delayed.

PHILANTHROPIST DEAD.

David Ranken, Jr., Who Gave Away Fortune of $3,000,000.

Atlantic City, N. J. (Special).—David Ranken, Jr., a millionaire philanthropist of St. Louis, died here.

Mr. Ranken was the founder of the David Ranken, Jr., School of Mechanical Trades, which he endowed with $3,000,000, saving only $250 a month for himself. He was born at Boystown, County Londonderry, Ireland, October 3, 1835. He was educated at Belfast Academy. Coming to the United States in 1862 he settled in St. Louis, where he remained a bachelor while amassing a fortune in the real estate and financial business.

He was a director of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and a member of the Business Men's League.

CAN'T SHUT HER MOUTH.

Waterbury Girl Yawns and Jaws Refuse to Close.

Waterbury (Special).—Physicians are puzzled by the case of May Fielding, of Cherry street, whose jaw is set so tight she cannot close it. She is in a partially comatose state, following hysterics and severe fainting spells, and it is feared she may not recover.

She was employed by the Waterbury Clock Company, and all last week looked forward to the picnic. At the outing she was the merriest of the crowd. Returning to her home, she sat in a rocking chair and yawned several times in succession. Finally her jaws refused to close.

CRACK POSTOFFICE SAFE.

Burglars In Auto Pay Visit to Groveland, N. J.

Auburn, N. Y. (Special).—Safeblowers, supposedly the gang who operated on the safe at Groveland, near Rochester, some nights ago, and escaped in an automobile, entered the village of Cayuga by auto at 2 o'clock A. M. First they broke into the barn of the Mansfield Hotel and took rugs and blankets. They next raided a blacksmith shop and obtained tools. Finally they gained access to the postoffice and wrapping the safe in the robes obtained from the hotel barn, they dynamited it. They got away with a large quantity of stamps and money.

ETHEL TURNS EXPLORER.

Roosevelt's Daughter With Expedition to Glaciers.

Great Falls, Mont. (Special).—Miss Ethel Roosevelt, daughter of former President Roosevelt, is in Montana, accompanied by Major Henry Fairfield Osborn, the famous paleontologist of the United States Geological Survey. Others in the party are Miss Osborn, the Major's daughter, and a number of guides. Miss Roosevelt, it is said, is interested in exploring the recesses of the glacier park.

KILLED WIFE AND SELF.

Mill Foreman Calls His Six Children to See Him Die.

Montreal (Special).—"I have killed your mother and now I'm going to kill myself," said John O'Keefe, a cotton mill foreman, to his six little children, whom he had called around him after awakening them. He then shot himself in the head. He was dead when neighbors arrived. His wife was found dead in bed. There were bullet wounds on her body. Jealousy is said to have led to the tragedy.

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