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AGRICULTURAL DEPRESSION

Subject of Discussion by the Industrial Commission in Session at Washington.

CAUSES OF THE DECLINE

Competition of the West Aided by the Policy of Railroads in Making Freight Rates Low for Long Distances, Has Made Farming Unprofitable in the East—The Truck Farmers of the North Atlantic Coast States Complain of Southern Competition—Lack of Money in the South Is a Drawback.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The industrial commission today made public its review of evidence taken before the commission on the subjects of agriculture and agricultural labor. Among other subjects discussed is that of agricultural depression, of which the commission speaks as follows: The cause most often assigned for the depression of agriculture in the eastern states is the increased production due to the opening of western lands in advance of the natural demand especially through the agency of liberal land laws and grants of land in aid of railroad construction. The competition of the west has been rendered especially severe by the policy of the railroads in making freight rates relatively low for long distances. The old staple products having thus become unprofitable in the east it has been necessary for farmers to change their methods and vary the character of their corps, taking up especially the culture of products which are not easily transported long distances. Thus truck farming has largely superseded cereal growing along the Atlantic coast, but farmers in the North Atlantic states now complain of the severe competition of states farther south in this industry and much the same may be said of fruit growing. Even so perishable a commodity as milk is transported much longer distances than formerly since the introduction of refrigerator cars.

"Another cause which several witnesses assign for the unsatisfactory condition of agriculture in some parts of the country is the conservatism of the farmers, their lack of quick adjustment to changed conditions and lack of effective business planning and management. The farmers as a class have not kept up with the times but have raised the same corps year after year without regard to changes in supply and demand. This undue conservatism and lack of managing ability among farmers is especially emphasized with reference to the southern states and is given as an explanation of the too exclusive attention to cotton products prevailing there.

Scarcity of Money.

"Another cause assigned for agricultural depression in the south is the scarcity of money, the difficulty of borrowing on real estate security and the consequent high rates of interest. It seems to be possible, however, to borrow money in the south at somewhat lower rates of interest than formerly. The decline in the price of cotton is of course an important element in the depression of agricultural in the south. The inefficiency of negro labor is assigned as another cause. On the other hand it is affirmed that there is too much good and cheap labor in the south. An abundance of cheap labor is said to be unfavorable to the success of agriculture because it results in planting too large an acreage and in neglect of personal attention by the planter.

"Against the charge that farmers are unduly conservative is put the countercharge that they turn from one crop to another without sufficient regard to the suitability of the soil or to the conditions of market.

DEATH FOLLOWS VACCINATION

Girl Obeyed School Board Order and Got Tetanus.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Atlantic City, Nov. 11.—Elizabeth Griffith, 13 years old, of 1012 North Tennessee avenue, a pupil in the Pennsylvania avenue public school, was vaccinated at the city hospital eighteen days ago, in compliance with directions given all the pupils.

Some days ago tetanus developed and despite the skill of several physicians she died today in great agony.

PITTSBURG'S VOTE.

Official Returning Board Completes the Count.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Nov. 12.—The official returning board completed the count of the vote cast at the fall election in Allegheny county this afternoon. The vote shown to have been cast by the return is as follows:

State Treasurer—F. G. Harris, Rep., 79,309; L. A. Coray, Jr., Dem., 11,204; J. J. Porter, Peo., 2,051; James A. McConnell, Socialist Labor, 837; Justice Watkins, People's, 24; J. Mahlon Barnes, Public Ownership, 125. Justice of the Supreme Court—W. P. Potter, Rep., 85,027; Henry Yerkes, Dem., 11,326; Isaac Mosheran, Peo., 1,712; Thomas Lowrey, Socialistic Labor, 837; Charles Heydrick, Public Ownership, 123. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution—No. 1, 19,431 for, and 2,095 against. No. 2, 17,663 for, and 1,777 against; No. 3, 14,268 for, and 1,317 against.

Grand Master Lee Sustained.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Denver, Nov. 12.—A meeting of members of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen today sustained the position of Vice Grand Master Lee in his opposition to the switchmen's strike and decided to expel from the order all trainmen who went out as a result of the switchmen's strike. Grand Chief Clark, of the conductors, and Grand Master Morrisey, of the trainmen, were present.

ROYAL DIVORCE PENDING.

Foundation for Renewed Reports of Separation.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, Nov. 12.—There appears to be foundation for the renewed reports that a divorce of the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Hesse is impending. Incompatability of temper, long existing, appears to have reached the point where a separation is inevitable. They are both grandchildren of the late Queen Victoria, who, with the czar and an extraordinary assemblage of other sovereigns, was present at the wedding, which took place at Coburg, April 19, 1894. The grand duchess is regarded as one of the most beautiful princesses of Europe.

She and the grand duke were estranged during the first year of their marriage. She left him and went to stay with her elder sister, the crown princess of Roumania. Queen Victoria invited her and her husband to visit England and managed to restore a semblance of peace, but that soon disappeared. The grand duke is reported to be a man of sullen, overbous temper, while the grand duchess is high spirited.

RATHBUN MAKES A CONFESSION

Says That His Victim's Name Was Goodman—That He Intended to Kill Him, But He Died.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 12.—Newell C. Rathbun, who, according to the police has confessed that he planned to defraud an insurance company out of $4,000 by pretending that the corpse shipped to Little Rock, Ark., was his own dead body, today admitted, according to the authorities that the man who accompanied him to the hotel in Jeffersonville, Ind., and was found dead the next day was Charles Goodman, who is said to have come from Evansville, Ind.

Chief of Detectives Sullivan and Chief Applegate and Coroner Cootz, of Jeffersonville, interviewed Rathbun today. Rathbun listened as one by one the circumstances which the police regard as proofs of his guilt were laid before him by Chief Sullivan. According to the officers, Rathbun suddenly sprang up, and walking hastily to a window, looked out for a few minutes. Then turning like an animal at bay, he faced the crowd of men in the room, and asked in a shaking voice:

"What is the punishment for offenses of this kind in Indiana? Does the death penalty exist there?"

"Never mind about the penalty, Rathbun," said Captain Sullivan, "what we are interested in is the name of the dead man."

For a moment Rathbun looked at the group of faces before him and then said:

"You are on the right track. Goodman is the name of the dead man. I met him in front of the Salvation Army hotel and determined to keep him drunk for several days and then fix him."

When questioned further Rathbun denied having given Goodman laudanum and said he would have made use of chloroform. He then refused to go back to Indiana without requisition papers. Colonel John D. Rodman, United States recruiting officer here, notified Chief Sullivan today that no requisition will be necessary for the return of Rathbun to Jeffersonville, Ind.

He says that Rathbun is now a government prisoner charged with desertion and as soon as he can communicate with Washington he will have the prisoner taken over.

The Jeffersonville authorities will make claim for the custody of Rathbun on a charge of murder.

Just before he was taken back to jail Rathbun made the following statement to Chief of Detectives Sullivan:

"I admit everything except that I killed Goodman. I meant to kill him and kept him drunk for the purpose but he died of alcoholism and I was not forced to make away with him. Mystery about the accomplice named Blanchard was fictitious. I acted alone and without a confederate."

"Blanchard," was according to the story Rathbun told yesterday a corporal whom Rathbun became acquainted with at Plattsburg, N. Y. It is said that Goodman, who was of a roving nature, came to this city on October 29 and put up at the Salvation Army hotel.

The Louisville police are not sure that the prisoner's name is Rathbun. It is believed his home is in Detroit. The next step in the case will be to attempt to settle Rathbun's identity to discover the cause of Goodman's death and whether any arrests yet remain to be made in the case.

PRESIDENT DIAZ IS ARRESTED

It Has Been Proved That He Was an Agent of the Filipino Junta at Hong Kong.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cathalogan, Island of Samar, Nov. 12.—Diaz, the president of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, who has been proved to be an agent of the Filipino junta at Hong Kong, has been arrested. Many incriminating papers, implicating numerous officials, were seized at the time of his arrest.

The gunboat Leyte has discovered a signal station working on the island of Leyte and communicating with insurgents on the island of Samar by the flashlight system. Three operators were arrested, and the station was destroyed. The men say that many recruits have been sent from Leyte to Samar.

Respite for Murderer Lutz.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Nov. 12.—Governor Stone today respited John Lutz, the Luzerne county murderer, from Nov. 21 to Jan. 21, to enable Dr. Henry M. Wetherall, of Philadelphia, to appear before the state board of pardons on Nov. 29 and give expert testimony as to Lutz' sanity.

BULGARIA COMPLIES

Mr. Dickinson's Request Regarding Miss Stone's Case Has Been Respected.

NO MORE INTERFERENCE

The Bulgarian Government, While Hesitating to Establish a Precedent That the Government Gives Protection to Brigands, in the Present Case, Involving the Safety of Two Ladies, the Government Will Comply with Mr. Dickinson's Request.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 12.—Consul General Dickinson, at Constantinople, has supplemented his verbal representations to the Bulgarian government by a note today, in which he recapitulates the history of the abduction by brigands of Miss Ellen M. Stone and her companion, Mme. Tsilka, and the steps taken to obtain her release and reminds the foreign minister of his promise to give every assistance. He cites instances where the attitude of subordinate officials has not conformed with this assurance. Finally, Mr. Dickinson repeats his demand for the non-interference of the government in the negotiations. Mr. Dickinson also quoted from Miss Stone's letters, saying that the chief danger to which she is exposed is flight from hiding places by night, owing to the approach of troops. He declares that the people of the United States will hold the Bulgarian government morally and legally responsible for the lives of the captives, should the bandits, exasperated by pursuit, slay them.

The government's reply, according to the opinion expressed in official circles, will set forth that, while hesitating to establish the precedent that the government gives protection to brigands, in treating for the ransom of captives in the present case, involving the safety of two ladies, the government, as an act of courtesy and humanity, will comply with Mr. Dickinson's request.

A private agent, who was employed to visit Doubritza, reports that the members of the secret committee were discussing the lowest terms of ransom that would be acceptable. One member of the committee informed the correspondent of the Associated Press here that he had been invited to join the band and to take part in the kidnapping, but that he refused and deprecated an attack upon inoffensive women, pointing out that such action was calculated to cost the committee more in sympathy and support than the value of twenty ransoms.

This view seems to be dawning gradually even in Bulgarian circles, where kidnapping is condoned as in the interest of a sacred cause.

COLONEL HARRISON IN THE LAW BUSINESS

Intends to Fight to the End the Unjust and Unmilitary Treatment Meted Out

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Nov. 12.—Colonel Russell B. Harrison, son of former President Benjamin Harrison, was today admitted to practice law by the county, state supreme and federal courts on motion of former United States Attorney General W. H. H. Miller, former law partner of the late ex-President Harrison and State Attorney General Taylor. Colonel Harrison will open a law office in Indianapolis, and it is said that his assistant will be Professor Ingler, dean of the Indianapolis college of law.

Colonel Harrison, in reply to an inquiry, said:

"This consummation of a long cherished intention has been hastened by my own desire and my father's dying wish that I should carry out his intention to fight to the end the unjust and unmilitary treatment meted out to me by the war department.

"To do this successfully I found it necessary to have a complete training in law and I have therefore, since my father's sudden sickness and death, devoted all my time to completing my final studies and examinations, thereby rounding out by law studies, work and experience as inspector general and provost marshal general, in connection with the establishment and maintenance of civil military governments in Cuba and Porto Rico."

GOVERNOR ENTERTAINS THE FEDERAL COURT OFFICERS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Nov. 12.—Governor and Mrs. William A. Stone this evening entertained informally at dinner Judge Robert W. Archbald and the officers of the United States court for the middle district, which sat here for the first time yesterday.

Last Salary of President McKinley.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 12.—A statement of account was made today by the auditor of the state department charging the late President McKinley with the warrants issued to him on account of salary from the beginning of his incumbency of the office of president to the day of his death, and crediting him with the amount due him on account of salary. A balance of $1,356 was found. A warrant in favor of the administrators of the president's estate was drawn today by the secretary of the treasury.

President Zelaya Re-elected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Managua, Nicaragua, Nov. 12.—The Nicaraguan presidential election has passed off peacefully. General Santos J. Zelaya has been re-elected president by a large vote.

CONVENTION OF KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

Delegates Present from Nearly Every State in the Union and Canada.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Nov. 12.—The twenty-fifth annual general assembly of the Knights of Labor opened today in Masonic temple. Delegates were present from nearly every state in the union and Canada. At the first session the report of the credentials committee, consisting of Arthur McConnell, of Pensacola; I. D. Sanderson, of Toronto, and Mr. Yullck, of Pittsburg, was read and adopted. John W. Hays, of Washington, read the minutes of the last meeting. At the afternoon session general committees were appointed by Grand Master Workman Simon Burns, and the report of the officers were read. The assembly will continue through the remainder of the week. The Chinese exclusion act and trusts will be considered, and it is announced that the frequency with which courts grant injunctions against organized labor during strikes will receive attention.

The meetings are closed to all but members of the order.

THE ISTHMIAN CANAL COMMISSION MEETS

For the First Time in Several Months the Body Gets Down to Work. Subjects to Be Considered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 12.—For the first time in several months the isthmian canal commission had a full meeting today, Admiral Walker presiding.

They heard reports of committees, and it is expected that nearly all the week will be consumed in a discussion of these reports. They comprise investigation of the following subjects: The Nicaraguan route, the Panama route, other possible routes, the industrial, commercial and military value of an inter-oceanic canal and rights, privileges and franchises.

When this work is concluded the commission will take up the report to the president, which will embody the committee reports on these several subjects and the conclusions of the commission, which beyond question will favor the Nicaragua route. The commission is anxious to get its report into the hands of the president as soon as possible, and therefore it is not unlikely that it will be ready for presentation early next week.

EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY STILL IN SESSION

Subjects Considered by the Freedman's Aid at Pittsburg—Annual Appropriation Bill.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Nov. 12.—The morning session of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational society of the Methodist church was devoted principally to the consideration of the annual appropriation bill to the twelve conferences. Last year the conferences asked $251,950 and received $114,537. This year they ask $300,000 and will receive $131,000.

Bishop James N. Fitzgerald presided.

The question of employing additional secretarial force aroused a warm discussion. The present secretaries and the most of the board of managers opposed the movement, but it was favored by a majority of the bishops. The opponents argued for economy and the advocates for increased efficiency.

The afternoon session was devoted almost entirely to a continuation of the additional secretary question.

Finally after several hours of discussion the opponents of the movement carried their point and it was decided to make no increase in the number of the secretaries in the field. The prevailing opinion seemed to be that by placing the responsibility on the ministers instead of secretaries better work would be accomplished and more money raised. After the settlement of this question the conference adjourned sine die.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Negro Accused of Robbing an Army Postmaster.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 12.—The police department have placed under arrest J. H. Alexander, a negro in the employ of the United States government, charging him with having stolen $4,700 from the valise of Major P. C. Stevens, a United States paymaster, last Friday evening. Major Stevens states that the money was left in a valise in the care of the negro to be taken to the Union depot in this city, prior to Major Stevens' departure for Pensacola. Major Stevens reported that he carried the valise to Pensacola and when he arrived there he found that the currency, amounting to $4,700, had been stolen.

The negro has been in the employ of the government for a number of years, and denies that he has stolen the money.

GIRL THRASHED HER TEACHER.

Convicted of Assault and Expelled From School.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Derby, Conn., Nov. 12.—Alberta Taylor, aged 15, who thrashed her teacher, Miss Frances Shaver, in the Hill school, Ansonia, pleaded not guilty in court today to the charge of assault. Miss Shaver testified that the Taylor girl pushed her against the wall, tripped her, kicked and bit her. Doctor Conklin said that, when called to Miss Shaver's house, he had found her hysterical with several bad cuts and bruises and her finger bitten.

The girl, in her own defense, said she assaulted Miss Shaver because the latter kept her at school when it was necessary that she should be at home. She also declared Miss Shaver slapped her in the face. Judge Bryant found the girl guilty, but suspended judgment. The girl has been expelled from school by the board of education.

STORM SWEEPS OVER ENGLAND

Havoc Created in the Channel by the Gale—Many Craft Are Wrecked.

GREAT DAMAGE TO SHIPS

Life Savers Unable to Give Aid—Admiralty Vessel on Rocks With Crew Clinging to Rigging—Steamship Sunk in Collision at Mouth of Thames—Rains and High Seas Flood Lowland District.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Nov. 12.—Violent winds, rain and snow storms are reported from all the coasts of the United Kingdom. A fierce gale is blowing in the channel and mountainous seas are running. No less than half a dozen small vessels within sight of Dover are flying signals of distress, and the life boats are vainly attempting to go to their rescue.

A rocket apparatus has been sent to the South Foreland, where an admiralty vessel is on the rocks, with the crew clinging to the rigging. Several vessels have been dismantled and tugs are endeavoring to save craft which were driving ashore.

At the channel ports there were similar exciting scenes. Ships everywhere are running for shelter.

The steamship Cato ran into the British ship Loch Vennachar, Captain Bennett, which left Melbourne August 16 for London, at the mouth of the Thames. The Loch Vennachar foundered, but the members of the crew were saved.

Wild weather prevails over the lake district. The first snow is falling on the Westmoreland hills.

Many coast towns have suffered damage to their sea-walls and houses. Several rivers have broken their banks, and have seriously damaged the low parts of inland towns. Traffic in some of the streets of Blackburn has been stopped. There are several feet of water in many of the low districts. Belfast is flooded, and elsewhere mills and schools are closed on account of the floods.

The seas are so high off the Tyne that shipping movements have been stopped. Even river traffic is partially suspended. Hundreds of shipyard men are idle on account of the abnormal rains.

There have been a number of wrecks on the Sunderland coast.

The seas sweeping over the promenade at Brighton were so heavy that the fronts of the stores had to be boarded up.

The armored cruiser Monmouth was to have been launched on the Clyde today, but the storm obliged a postponement of the ceremony. This is the first time in history that the launch of a war ship has been postponed on the Clyde.

THE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

Internal Revenue Collectors Are Selected for Several Districts in Kentucky.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Late this afternoon the president announced the following appointments: Joseph A. Craft, internal revenue collector, Fifth district, Kentucky; George W. Lieberth, internal revenue collector, Sixth district, Kentucky.

The announcement of the settlement of the contest for the Kentucky internal revenue collectorships was made at the conclusion of a conference at the white house, participated in by the president, Senator Deboe, Representative Boering and Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes.

The contest for the vacancy created by the resignation last Saturday of Collector C. E. Sapp, of the Fifth (Louisville) district, was brief but spirited. The president's inclination from the first was to appoint Mr. Craft, but some strong opposition developed against him and the matter was considered very carefully. Senator Deboe had vigorously opposed the appointment of Mr. Craft, but at today's conference withdrew his opposition and gave Craft his endorsement. The announcement of Mr. Craft's appointment followed. Representative Boering from the first had supported Mr. Craft, who had the substantial endorsement of the Republican organization of Kentucky.

D. N. Comeringo, who Mr. Lieberth will succeed as collector of the Sixth (Covington) district of Kentucky, was a candidate for re-appointment.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 12.—Arrived: Ethiopia, Glasgow; Amsterdam, Rotterdam; Helenaville, Glasgow and Naples. Cleared: Southwark, Antwerp; Oceanic, Liverpool; Philadelphia, Southampton. Plymouth—Arrived: Kaiserin Maria Theresia, New York; for Cherbourg and Bremen. Gibraltar—Arrived: Allet, New York for Naples and Genoa. Lizard—Passed: Potsdam, New York for Rotterdam.

Three Men Blown to Pieces.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Bluefield, W. Va., Nov. 12.—Thomas Sykes, John Davis and William Woodson met horrible death in the coal field near here today. The men were engaged in opening a keg of powder when a spark from a miner's lamp worn by one of them fell into the powder and the men were blown to the pieces. The explosion was felt for miles.

Breaks Mergenthaler Records.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Des Moines, Nov. 12.—Daniel Tew, a Mergenthaler linotype machine operator at the Daily Iowa Capital office in this city, today broke the world's record for speed. He set 9,341 lines of nonpareil in eight hours, newspaper measure, equal to 80,914 ems.

ARGUMENTS ON THE STORE ORDER TAX BILL

Testimony in the Case of the Susquehanna Coal Company Heard.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Nov. 12.—The cases to determine the constitutionality of the store order tax bill passed by the last legislature, were heard again today by the Dauphin county court. In the case of the Susquehanna Coal company, Superintendent Dougherty testified that the company owned no store, but had accepted orders of employes, drawn in favor of certain storekeepers, and deducted the amounts from the employes' wages, and also deducted the amounts of certain rents, water rates and certain other deductions.

Harry B. Price, secretary of the Upper Lehigh Coal company, testified that that corporation accepted orders in favor of store-keepers and others, and, after paying the amount in cash to the store-keepers and boarding house keepers, upon the orders or requests of employes, deducted the amount from their wages on pay day.

Although these companies do not admit having issued orders, Attorney General Elkin, of counsel for the commonwealth, contended that the statements rendered before pay day are called "checks" by the miners and are taxable, unless the full amount is redeemed in cash on pay day. Thus far the court has intimated no opinion.

DESTRUCTIVE WORK OF THE FIRE FIEND

Many Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed at Various Points—Lives Lost.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 12.—A fire that started in the shoe store of N. O. Stone & Co., 46 and 48 Euclid avenue, late this afternoon, caused a loss of $75,000 to that firm. Insurance about $60,000. The firm of Arnstein Bros. & Meir, on the second floor of the Stone block, lost $40,000, insurance not stated. The upper stories were occupied by physicians, photographers and other tenants. A corset factory, owned by Mrs. Graham, employing about twenty girls, was on the fifth floor. When the fire broke out all the girls made a rush for the fire escapes and ladders. The fire spread so rapidly, however, that they could not use the fire escapes and a number of the girls were rescued by firemen on ladders, while three of the women, including Mrs. Graham, jumped from the fifth floor into a net held by the firemen below. They escaped without injury. Dr. Dowd, dentist, and Chestnut Bros., photographers, were other tenants, and their loss is total, the entire building being a mass of wreckage.

Boston, Nov. 12.—A little under a quarter of a million was the loss by an all-day fire which started in the seven-story granite building, corner of Broad and Franklin street, occupied by the Murphy Varnish company. The fire proved unusually stubborn because of the nature of the stock. Varnish tanks exploded during the morning and blazing fluid ran in all directions on the surface of the water. About 25,000 gallons of varnish were burned.

The building was owned by Mayor Hart and was insured for only $40,000. The tenants' actual losses have not been made up. The insurance is small.

Parsons, W. Va., Nov. 12.—Fire at Thomas, in this county, today destroyed sixty-two buildings and left over 100 families homeless. The postoffice, many stores and thirty houses belonging to the Davis Coal company are in ruins and the loss is estimated at from $150,000 to $200,000. One life is reported to have been lost. The high winds made the fighting of the fire impossible and all the destruction was in three hours' time. The fire started by an explosion of a lamp in the Geisberger hotel.

Odessa, Nov. 13.—The Mandelevitch buildings, one of the finest blocks in Odessa, which included a fashionable arcade of shops, has been destroyed by fire. Ten persons perished and thirty-five other were injured. The damage is estimated at 3,000,000 roubles.

FIVE FIREMEN INJURED.

Crossed Electric Wires Ignite Gas Which Explodes With Terrific Force.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—Five firemen were injured today by an explosion of gas in a junction conduit of the Edison Heat, Light and Power company, at Ninth and Sansom streets in the business section of the city. The injured are George Moody, William Lumpf, Thomas Entwistle, Thomas M. Guigan and Daniel Shields. None was fatally hurt. The gas and sewer gas which had escaped into the conduit backed into the junction box and it is believed came in contact with crossed wires. Smoke was seen issuing from the manholes and the firemen were summoned. The firemen entered the conduit with a line of hose.

Almost immediately there was a terrific explosion, which shattered windows a block away, and tore up the street for a distance of twenty-five feet. Entwistle was blown completely out of the trench. The others were rescued by their comrades. The broken wires crippled the electric lighting and telegraphic facilities for many hours.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 12.—S. S. Spencer, manager of the Fairbank & Company cotton mills in this city, and for many years one of the leading business men of this city, died this morning from acute indigestion. He was 70 years old.

London, Nov. 12.—Lady Catherine Carew, grandmother of the present Baron Carew, died yesterday at Woolstown, Waterford, aged 101. She was a guest at the famous Brussels ball on the eve of the battle of Waterloo and was a noted beauty at the court of Louis Philippe.

SENTENCE OF THE EDITORS

Literary Lights of Hearst's Chicago American to Serve Terms in Jail.

CASES STILL PENDING

W. R. Hearst, Homer Davenport and Clare Briggs Will Be Tried if They Can Be Secured by the Sheriff. Judge Hanecy Believes That the Judiciary Will Fall with All Democratic Government if Not Treated with Respect.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—On a charge of contempt of court, Judge Hanecy today sentenced Andrew M. Lawrence, managing editor of Hearst's Chicago American, to forty days in the county jail. The sentence of H. S. Canfield, who wrote the article objectionable to the court, was fixed at thirty days in jail. The cases against S. S. Carvalho, financial manager of the paper, and John C. Hammond, assistant city editor, were dismissed. Judge Hanecy declared that the case against W. R. Hearst, majority stockholder of the paper; Homer Davenport, cartoonist, and Clare Briggs, also a cartoonist, would stand until such time as these respondents could be brought into court by the sheriff.

Former Governor Altgeld, one of counsel for the respondents, entered a formal exception to the decision. "This case, I may say," the court remarked, "is not appealable. You may file a bill of exceptions for a writ of error, however. I am willing to delay the serving of papers on Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Canfield till you have drawn your bill."

"We do not feel that we have any favors coming from this court," Mr. Altgeld answered. "We are much obliged."

The court room was crowded to the limit when Judge Hanecy entered.

The article in the American, upon which the proceedings in contempt were based, was a criticism of the court's decision on an application for the forfeiture of the charter of the People's Gas, Light and Coke company.

Judge Hanecy said that if the articles published were allowed to go unnoticed by the court it paved the way for other attacks, and that the judiciary, if not held in respect, would fall, with all democratic government. The article, the court declared, was not merely an attack on the people and on the court, but a bold threat to every other court. It should, therefore, not go unpunished.

A few minutes after the rendering of the decision and the imposition of the sentences as to Lawrence and Canfield, Judge Dunne, upon application, issued a writ of habeas corpus as to them, returnable immediately.

IMPURE FOOD AT ALTOONA.

Inspector Foust Discovers Many Samples of Tuberculosis.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Altoona, Pa., Nov. 12.—Pure Food Inspector James Foust, of this city, recently collected sixty-two samples of tuberculosis in Blair and Cambria counties. He had reason to believe that formaldehyde was being used to preserve them. He got his clue from a letter from a New York oyster firm offering to sell preservaline to keep oysters from sliming and souring in the hottest weather.

Of the eighteen samples hitted in Johnstown eight, it is alleged, have been doctored, and the others, it is said, show traces of formaldehyde. Half of the six in Altoona are said to have been preserved. Inspector Foust says he will proceed against the merchants.

BIG BLAZE AT BERLIN.

Property Valued at $25,000 in Ashes.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, Md., Nov. 12.—Fire which broke out early this morning destroyed two banks, a church, two livery stables, a store, and a dwelling, entailing a loss of about $25,000. The town is without a fire apparatus and the citizens worked heroically to prevent the spread of the flames, but the stiff breeze fanned the fire and it was several hours before the flames were under control.

Among the structures destroyed was the Commercial Savings bank.

Corporations Chartered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Nov. 12.—Charters were issued by the state department today to the following corporations: The Royalton Water company, North; capital, $1,000. Rochester Decorating company, Rochester township, Beaver county; capital, $10,000. Jacobson Machine Manufacturing company, Warren; capital, $10,000. Dryden Brewing company, Reading; capital, $20,000.

Water Measles at Stroudsburg.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Nov. 12.—Two of East Stroudsburg's residents are suffering with Filipino water measles, which attacked one of the unfortunates while attending the Pan-American exposition, he having been carried there by soldiers returning from Manila.

Score of the Walkers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Nov. 12.—The score at 1 a. m. of the ten leaders in the walking match follows: Cavanaugh, 240; Dean, 196; Barnes, 181; Tracy, 156; Shelton, 152; Lotshaw, 151; Fahey, 149; Hegelman, 147; Norman, 142; Barclay, 136.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for November 12, 1901:

Highest temperature ..... 49 degrees
Lowest temperature ..... 38 degrees
Relative Humidity:
8 a. m. ..... 92 per cent.
8 p. m. ..... 52 per cent.
Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., 0.27 inch.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Fair and colder Wednesday; northwesterly winds. Thursday, fair.