# TERRIBLE FATE OF BALLOONISTS

Big Gas Bag Breaks Away in A Hurricane.

MACHINE FINALLY DROPS INTO SEA Three Prominent Germans Perish in Waters.

Others In The Party Rescued By A Tugboat-Balloon Blown Loose After Dashing Into Telegraph late Justice Brewer. Wires And Chimney It Ascends 6,000 Feet, Then Drops Into The Baltic Sea.

Stettin, Germany (Special) .- The made an ascension here, met with a series of accidents which ended in a disaster under most tragic circumstances in the Baltic Soa.
Three men lost their lives, including the radical member of the Reichstag, Werner Hugo Delbrucck. Herr cupant of the car was picked up un-conscious and died from his injuries, schedule

The Pommern, carrying Delbruck, who was acting as pilot; a banker, Herr Sommelhardt; an architect, Herr Bendahn, and a man tant amendments were reported by Western and Central Pennnamed Hein, ascended early in the afternoon at the gas works. The wind at the time blowing a hurri-cane, and the Pommern broke away before she had been completely bal-

chapter of accidents began immediately. The bailoon collided with telegraph wires, which broke almost overturning the basket. It then dashed into the roof of a neighboring factory, destroying the smokestack. With the basket sway-ing wildly, and half of its ropes cut. the balloon soared to a great alti-tude and disapeared in the clouds at a terriffic speed.

#### Rises 6,000 Feet.

Thousands of onlookers, including a detachment of military, which had assisted in the ascent, ran along the roads, expecting the basket to break away. The balloon, however, was not seen again until it reached Swinemunde, 26 miles northwest of Stettin, over which it passed at a height of 6,000 feet, in the direction of the sea. Tugs followed in its track, and one of them which had outdistanced the others, was almost directly under it, when suddenly the balloon fell into the sea. The tug er of the military court in the steamed to the spot quickly, but the Brownsville case, summed up the work of rescue was difficult. Already Delbrueck and Benduhn had Attorney General Wickersham dedisapepared, but Sommelhardt and Hein were clinging to the ropes, and they were dragged aboard the ves-

Describing their terrible experiences. Herr Sommelhardt, when he had been somewhat revived, said: "Our collision with the telegraph

lines and the factory roof had the most horrible consequences. Del-bruck sustained a broken leg and a severe injury of the head. Benduhn had an arm and leg fractured. Hein received bad contusions of the head. I was knocked senseless, but recovered in a moment to find that I had a crushed knee and chest.

"The network around the envelope was torn in such a manner that we feared every second the gas bag would slip out, and we would dash to the earth from a height of 6,000 feet, to which we had ascended like

#### Awaited Their Fate. "Delbrueck, in spite of his awful

condition, vainly endeavored to open valve, which had become enbut merely awaited our fate. "In the meantime we passed over

Swinemunde at a great altitude and soon found ourselves above the sea. thought possibly that we might land in Sweden, but the balloon was eaught in a rain cloud, which drove us down until we were within 150 of the water. Delbrueck suffering agony, but he succeeded in pulling the ripping cord, and we fell into the water like a log. All managed to get clear of the basket. I. with Heln, swam and caught hold of the network, but Delbrueck and Bensank. I remembered no more I found myself in the boat which rescued us. Hein died soon after being taken

on the tug, and Delbrueck's body was washed ashore

#### FREE RIDES FOR LADYBUGS. Sent To California Farmers To Kill Insect Pests.

Los Angeles. Cal. (Special) .- Millions of ladybugs are receiving free transportation on the various railroads while traveling from the State insectary at Sacramento to the Pasteur Institute of the University melon fields of the Imperial Valley.

Three consignments have passed Los Angeles on the El Centro and other valley points, pests that harm the melon

ladybugs weighing in the aggregate more than a ton. These are to be distributed free among farmers who apply for them.

### Freed On Condition Of Exile.

Florence, Ala. (Special).-Dee Shelton, charged with murdering Lydia Ross by strangulation last August and burying her body under a pile of straw, was given his liberty In the Circuit Court here on agreeing to leave the State forever. The jury in the case stood six for acquittal and six for conviction. The prisoner, who had undergone his sixth murder trial, left here this afternoon,

### Cigarettes And Suicide.

New York (Special) .- Excessive eigarette smoking is given as the cause of an attempted murder and a suicide on the East Side. Philip Greenberg, 21 years old, a waiter shot his brother William and the revolver against himself Villiam will recover, but Philip will

# WASHINGTON BY TELEGRAPH

In honor of the late Representa-ive James B. Perkins, of New York, sulogies were delivered in the House. A House committee began an instigation into the existence of ship subsidy lobby.

Appointments and promotions of ecretaries of the American legations dent, were confirmed by the Sen-

President Taft and members of At Stettin, Germany, Before It the Supreme Court attended the fun-Had Been Properly Ballasted-- eral service over the body of the

President Taft notified the Secre tary of the Treasury to give all nations the benefit of the minimumu rates of the tariff bill.

The Department of Agriculture is-Stettin, Germany (Special).—The sued an order forbidding the bloat-ing of oysters.

Ferdinand von Stumm, third sec partment, were married at the Hoyt residence. President Taft attended

terstate Commerce Commission schedules of increase in its passenwhile the fourth was rescued in a ger rates, due to the advance in wages

the Committee on Interstate Commerce.

President Taft referred to the Civil Service Commission the ques-tion whether Chief Deputy United States marshals are included within the operations of the Civil Service law.

Representative Sims introduced a esolution in the House prohibiting the election of any standing or speccommittees of the House by a secret ballot in caucus.

Mrs. Mary Quakenbos gave a graphic account to the House Committee on Immigration of the meth-ods by which immigrants are brought to this country and practically sold into peonage.

The wife of Deputy Police Commissioner Rugher, of New York, who is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Nicoll Ludlow, was robbed of jewels estimated to be worth \$20,-

A cablegram from Major General ing conditions.

Duvall reported the capture of two Confidence w sples making plans of the fortifications of Manila harbor. Capt. Charles R. Howland, record-

Attorney General Wickersham denied in a letter to Representative Bennett that he ever acted as at-

torney for the Sugar Trust, as charged by Representative Martin. President and Mrs. Taft witnessed the quaint and time-honored custom of rolling eggs on the White House

lawn, which was participated in by about 15.000 youngsters.

### 300 DIE IN FIRE.

Hungarian Dance Hall Horror Is Started By Lantern.

Mate-Szalka, Hungary (Special). adjacent districts have been thrown draw on. into mourning by a terrible disaster sulted in the death of between 300 strike, but merely suspension. and 400 persons and serious injuries | Lorain, to 100 others

take place at the hotel of Oekoerito, age of coal. the coach house being fitted up as a ballroom. It was a great barnlike structure, decorated with tin- Ind., the center of the Indiana block der-dry June branches left from a previous were added for the occasion other

decorations and Chinese lanterns. While the dancing was in full swing a pine branch caught fire and fell to the floor. It blazed furiously, and almost instantly the dresses several of the women burst into flames, which spread with astonishing rapidity.

A panic ensued, the revellers los ing their heads completely. Many of them, with flames shooting out from their garments, rushed toward the barred exit, where a surging mass were jammed together. Women and men fell and were trampled under

### NEW WAY TO TREAT RABIES

Takes Less Time And Is Not So Dan gerous, Says Discoverer.

Ann Arbor, Mich. (Special) .- Dr. James G. Cumming, director of the of Michigan, announced the discovery of a new method for the treatment of bydrophobia.

The treatment, Dr. Cumming says, where they will be turned loose to eliminates many of the dangers at-browse upon aphides and other inshortens the time by one week. Dr. Cumming uses a virus prepar-ed from spinal tissues from a rabid There are on hand in the in- ed from spinal tissues from a rabid sectary at Sacramento 52,000,000 animal. This is injected into the pa-

The virus is said to have been used in several cases recently with marked success.

### Shackleton For Cook.

New York (Special) .- A plea for a complete cessation of the controversy as to whether or not Dr. Cook reached the North Pole was made by Sir Ernest H. Shackleton in his address at the dinner of the New York Transportation Club, given in affiliated with secret revolutionary honor at the Manhattan Hotel. Sir organizations, which are planning to overthrow the monarchy.

The paper says that there are suspected for his work in the north, picions and fears in other parts of credit for his work in the nort whether or not he reached his goal the north.

### 4.000 Miles By Wireless.

Nauen, Prussia (Special) .- The Wireless Station here says it has communicated successfully and at length with the Cameroons in West Africa, 4,000 miles distant. The wireless people assert that they were in constant communication with one of the vessels of the Woermann steamship line from the time the steamer left Hamburg until she reached the Cameroons. Neither the Alps nor the high Algerian plateaus interfered with the transmission.

# 300,000 COAL MINERS **GO OUT ON STRIKE**

All Union Men in Eleven States Drop Their Tools.

THEY DEMAND AN INCREASE IN PAY. Old Wage Scale Expired March Also Owns a String of Race-Thirty-First.

Hundred Thousand Men Out In Pennsylvania And 75,000 Out In Illinois-Business Suspended At Midnight Pending A Readjustment Of Wages-Miners Ask Increase Of Five And Ten Cents A Ton-Conferences Are Now On To Adjust Matters.

Indianapolis, Ind. (Special). -Three hundred thousand miners in the bituminous coal fields of the retary of the German Embassy, and United States suspended work and Miss Constance Hoyt, daughter of demanded higher wages, according Counsellor Hoyt, of the State Deto the official statement given out at United States suspended work and the headquarters in this city of the Inited Mine Workers of America. tag, Werner Hugo Delbrueck. Herr Delbrueck and another member of the party were drowned, a third oc-cupant of the car was picked up un-terstate. Commerce Commission to advise the miners in the district onferences with the mine operators.

Western and Central Penn-	
sylvania	100,000
Ohlo	47,000
Indiana	18,000
West Virginia	10.000
Riinois	72,000
10wa	15,000
Michigan	3,000
Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and	
Oklahoma	25,000
Colorado	5,000
Western Kentucky	5,000
Total	300,000

The miners, members of the United Mine Workers of America, declared the walkout was not a strike. out merely a suspension of pending an arrangement between the same safe and this time made themselves and the operators of a off with \$74,000 worth of stamps. wage scale for another year, the old scale having expired with the month March. The men demand an in-ease of pay in some instances of of March. cents a ton and in other instances ore and certain changes in work-

Confidence was expressed by the operators that there will be no gen-eral coal famine, large supplies of from \$300,000 to \$400,000 and Charles R. Howland, record-the military court in the pation of the walkout,

While the miners predicted the suspension would be cut short by a prompt signing of wage scales, some of the operators maintained the mines might be kept closed for a month or 60 days or longer. The conditions in the various states were as follows:

Illinois-Nine hundred mines clos-i and 75,000 miners quit work at 5 P. M.; a joint conference on wages called for this week in Chicago; operators say men demand increase of 10 cents a ton, which would mean The Interstate Commerce Commission reduced the lake and rail rates on flour from Minneapolis, Minn., to New York City, from 23 cents per 100 pounds to 21½ cents. immediate coal famine to Chicago in-

dustries. Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, comprising the South-western interstate fields — Twentyfive thousand miners quit. Early settlement hoped for, but miners as--Tht village of Oekoerito and the sert they have fund of \$400,000 to

Ohio-All miners ordered to quit. which occured at the village, and re- State leader declaring it is not a Ohio, one steel down and threw out 4,000 workmen, A public ball had been arranged to the managers announcing a short

The first victory of the men came an announcement coal district, where it entertainment, to which ed the men's demands for a fivecent increase would be granted

Reviewing the situation President Lewis said: "When the national executive board adjourned we all felt that the prospect was very satisfactory for the miners. In many districts now only a question of the miners

operators sitting down together and talking over business. "In Eastern Ohio it is reported to us that three of the largest companies are ready to sign the contract we formulated at our recent meeting

"In Indiana and the Hocking dis-

trict of Ohlo we will reach a set-tlement during the week." KILLED ON WAY TO WEDDING.

#### Train Strikes Cab Carrying Young Couple.

Waverly, Mass. (Special). -Charles A. Bryer, of Central Harbor, N. H., and Ernest M. Harlow, a cab driver, were killed and Dr. Brver's ly injured when a cab in which they by the American Flag, the organ of were on the way to a wedding was the Merchant Marine League, of struck by a train at a crossing of Cleveland, O. against himself and the Boston and Maine Railroad. The others should not be sustained the wedding, that of Mrs. Bryer's sister,

### Plot Against King.

Lisbon (Special) .- A sensation has been caused by the assertion of the "Seculo" that the Government has discovered that a great number of the sergeants of the regiments garrisoned at Estremoz and Elvas, near the Spanish frontier, are

the country.

### Marie Corelli III.

London (Special).-Marie Corelli, the novelist, is seriously ill at her home, Mason Croft, Stratford-upon-Avou. She is suffering from pneu-monia and her condition has given rise to considerable alarm.

the explosion of a three-inch gun. The finding will be forwarded to Washington. It is generally believed that the explosion was due to a broken firing-pin, which struck the primer as the breech-lock was swung to close the breech on the cartridge, and exploded the shell before the block was locked in place. Convict Dics Of Beri Beri. Columbia, S. C. (Special) .- Sar Laborde, one of the twenty-one convicts sent up from the county chair gang of Charleston, suffering with beri beri, died at the state pententiary from the disease.

# DARING BURGLAR IS A RICH MAN

'Eddie Fay's" Jobs Net \$30, 000, \$74,000 and \$85,000.

SAID TO BE WORTH \$300,000 TO \$400,000 Horses.

One Of Two Men Who Blew Open Safe In Richmond (Va.) Postoffice Wanted In Many Cities-Makes A Specialty Of Looting Postoffices - Four Murders Are Charged Against Him - Both Prisoners Battle With New York Police And Detectives For Two Hours.

New York (Special). - With the lining up at police headquarters of Frederick Cunningham and Frank Chester, the two men caught while trying to get away with trunks containing \$85,000 in stamps stolen from the postoffice at Richmond, Va., the detective force stated its belief that it had made one of the most important captures in years. One of the men arrested for the Richmond burglary, the police believe, is Eddie Fay, a much-wanted fugitive, whose picture is in every rogues' gallery of importance in the country and for whose apprehension a total of about \$20,000 in rewards have been offered in various cities. This prisoner is the one known as Cunningham. He was recognized by Detective Peahody and other old timers, who said that as Eddie Fay he was known as one of the best all-around safe blowers in the coun-

try.
According to the detective bureau, Fay is wanted in Los Angeles. Cal., for blowing the safe of the postoffice in 1905 and getting away with \$10.738 worth of stamps and \$4,000 in gold. There is \$1,000 reward for his capture for this job. \$4,000 Five years ago, in Peoria, Ill., he blew the sate of the postoffice and got away with \$30,000 worth of stamps. A year later he again blew He was convicted and sent to jail in Springfield, Ill., in August, 1897, but broke out a short time later. He also broke jail in Janesville, Wis., where he had been sent for safe-blowing. The detectives say there blowing. is a record of four murders against

owns a string of race horses. The police say they do not know much about the man caught with Fay.

Fight Like Wildcats. Both men, while in the custody of the police, fought like wildcats at police headquarters, in the patrol wagon going down to the Tombs Court, and again on their way to the Federal Building. When Fay was brought face to face with the camera in the identification bureau head-quarters, he made a fight against having his picture taken. For two hours he rolled on the floor, twisted his face out of shape, and, despite all efforts, made the taking of his picture impossible

Extraordinary preautions to prevent their escape were taken at the arraignment before a federal commis-

The police believe that the fighting in the patrol wagon and in en-tering and leaving it were to make possible a concerted rush of confederates in the street to rescue. followed the wagon through the streets as the burglars shricked and kicked at the 10 detectives who were holding them in. Served Time In Belgium.

Neither man had counsel in court and an adjournment of the hearing granted. Bail was fixed at \$20,000. failing which both men were again locked up. Postoffice Inspector Mayer receiv-

ed during the day an alleged record of the prisoner Fay, whose real name is given as Richard Harris. He is is given as Richard Harris. He is said to have been known also as "Dick" Harris, alias "Little Dick" Harris, alias Frank M. Willis, alias Willis James, alais Frank Holden, alais James Wilson, alais James Mason. He is described as a "bank and jewelry store sneak and burglar." The record and report reads, in part, as follows:

as follows: "November 6, 1901, arrested at November 6, 1901, arrested at Denver, Colo., discharged; December 24, 1901, arrested at San Francisco, Cal., discharged; July 7, 1895, ar-rested at Ostend, Belgium, with Harry Russell, George Woodward, alais the 'Diamond Swallower,' and Anna James. Convicted Ma. h, 1896, and sentenced to five years in the Bruges Belgium, prison.

Detectives found two more trunks and a satchel belonging to the robbers, from which they recovered \$26. 000 in stamps. In one was what de-tectives say is the most elabrate and highly finished set of burglar tools they have ever seen. Each tool was in a separate case of Russian leath-Even the rougher jimmies were wrapped in tissue paper and the drills were of the hardest modern "high-speed" tool steel.

With them were a set of lock picks, some of which were eight inches long and six sets of skeleton keys. Another set, not so finished was seized last night.

More interesting yet was a manuscript showing that the compiler had in mind a wholesale raid on Southern and Western banks. Hundreds of banks were listed and with them appeared the names and addresses of he treasurer, cashiers, janitors, their habits and their hours. There was a particularly long item about a bank at Nashville, Tenn.

Postoffice inspectors later found the fifth trunk and in it recovered \$17 .-000 worth of stamps. This trunk was found at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station at Cortlandt Street and was taken to police headquarters where the other trunks are. This makes \$73,000 worth of the stamps that the authorities have recovered out of the \$85,000 worth stolen.

#### MENELIK ALIVE AGAIN.

The Conflicting Reports About The Abyssinian Ruler.

Paris (Special) .- Although announcement was made to the world on Wednesday that King Menelik, of Abyssinia, was dead, it now seems possble that the report of the demise of the picturesque ruler is as false as earlier assertions to the same effect.

The foreign office received a dis-patch from French Minister Bryce, at Addis Abeba, which was dated yesterday, but made no mention of the death of Menelik. Unofficial Italian advices from Abyssinia even go as far as to declare that there has been no change probably in the condition of the monarch of late.

Minimum Rates For All Nations. Washington, D. C. (Special) .-President Taft having been satisfied that the United States is not being discriminated against in tariff schedworld, the Treasury Department notifled customs collectors that the maximum tariff rates of the new law are not to be applied as against imports from anywhere. On the contrary, they were informed that the minimum rates now applied are to remain in force. Had there been an imposition of the maximum schedules against the nation they would have become operative April 1

Lilenthal, a local horticulturist, ble fruit from the climbing rose, and I certainly He declares that this fruit will, in course of time, take the place of the loganberry, to which it is allied. was asked by the government and Lilenthal succeeded in obtaining the fruit by cross grafting. The fruit, which, he says, is quite nutritious after she had fasted, her friends and has a flavor like a pineapple, said, for 45 days. The girl was takmay be eaten either raw or cooked

# TO ASK FOR A VINDICATION

Congressmen Are Accused of Corrupt Practices-Special Committee to Investigate the Charges.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .-- (representatives and in violation of Charges of corrupt practices by mem-bers of the House for the advance-ing the charges in contempt of the bers of the House for the advancement of foreign or other shipping interests in connection with ship cepted by Mr. Sterling for the com-subsidy legislation will be investi- mittee and was made part of the resgated by a special committee of five members of the House. From the Committee on the Judiciary Mr. Sterling, of Illinois, reported to the House a resolution providing for an investigation into the charges. Mr. Steenerson. of Minnesota, initiative the committee ported the resolution, expressed dissatisfaction with it as not broad enough to probe thoroughly all phases of the question.

He proposed an amendment which committee should investigate wedding, that of Mrs. Bryer's sister, was abruptly postponed when news of the accident reached the church. Mrs. Bryer is 21 years old and was sought to intimidate and impropermarried only a year ago. Her husband's age was 28 years.

| Committee should investigate the public had question whether the author of the author of the others. After this change had been sought to intimidate and impropermade the House, by a vote of 125 to 60, passed the resolution as final-

investigation of the charges of mem-bers of the House. He was fre-quently applauded by Democrats and Republicans alike as he declared his innocence of any connection or knowledge of the corrupt practices. Upon the initiative of Mr. Hughes of New Jersey, the resolution, as reported and amended, was recommi ted to the Committee on the Judi wife, Katherine, was probably fatal- provided that if the charges made clary, with instructions to amend the investigation as to the existence and conduct of any lobby affecting ship subsidy legislation, instead of mere-ly investigating specific charges made against Mr. Steenerson and

House. This amendment was accepted by Mr. Sterling for the com-

olution. Mr. Kustermann, of Wiscon-

sin, "as one of the accussed," said he hoped to see the fullest possible

Human Tooth Worth \$200. For Better Trade Relations. Ottawa, Ont. (Special) .- While New York (Special). - Human teeth are worth \$200 aplece, according to the valuation fixed in the the time and the place are yet to be definitely fixed, there soon will be Municipal Court here. The appraise-ment was made in the suit of Yudel a conference on better trade relations Goldberg against Henry J. Benja-min, president of the New York House Wrecking Company. In a dispute with Benjamin about his between Canada and the United States, according to a statement made at the Canadian Prime Minister's office. wages, two of Goldberg's teeth take place in May at Washington and will be participated in by President Taft, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Minisknocked out. The jury awarded him a verdict, and the Court fixed the damage at \$400.

The Explosion On The Charleston Two Dreadnoughts For France. Manila (Special) .- The court of Paris (Special) .- The Chamber inquiry has about completed its investigation of the accident on board the United States cruises of Deputies voted to lay down two battleships in the present year, de-Charleston, when eight men were killed and seven others injured by signed to equal the latest type added to the navies of Great Britain and Germany

ter of Finance Fielding.

dississippi For Income Tax. Jackson, Miss. (Special).—The Mississippi Legislature has adopted

# AS GLASS TRUST

Federal Authorities After the Imperial Company.

IT CONTROLS THIRTY-THREE PLACES. The Cases Will Be Prosecuted

in the May Term. After Months Of Investigation, It Is Said Window Glass Corporation Will Be Hauled Into Court At Pittsburg To Answer Charges Of Violating The Sherman Law --Conducts Operations In Eleven Different States.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special) .- It was

learned here that after a threemonth investigation federal officers are ready to present to a special grand jury evidence proposed to show that the Imperial Window Glass Company is a trust in viola-tion of the Sherman act. The corporation, formed under the laws of West Virginia, is said to control 33 large manufacturers of window glass in 11 different states.

The company named has factories and offices in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Many prominent glass manufacturers from these states are said to have been served with subpeonas to appear be-

fore the grand jury as witnessess.
United tSates District Attorney
John H. Jordan has conducted the
investigation, and his contention before the grand jury will be that the Imperial Window Glass Company has violated the anti-trust laws by maintaining a monopoly of the win-dow-glass business in restraint of trade. A corp of investigators from the Department of Justice at Washington has been assisting Mr. Jordan, and it is said that a mass of evidence has been prepared. The grand jury which will hear

the cases is one selected in the United States District Court. If the government is sustained in its contentions, the cases will be prosecu-ted, it is said, in the May term of the United States District Court.

EIGHT DEAD ON CRUISER.

Breech Block Torn Off And Mow-Down Gun Crew.

Manila (Special) .- The report that a fatal accident had occured on the United States cruiser Charleston was confirmed here.

Eight men were killed and sev-eral others slightly injured. During practice at sea off Olong-apo the breechblock of a three-inch gun blew off, and in its flight across the deck cut through a steel stanch ion and mowed down the men in its

path. discriminated against in tariff sched- ly killed and the eighth died as the ules by any of the countries of the Charleston was hurrying to Cavite. The cause of the explosion is not known. Rear-Admiral John Hubbard, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, has ordered an inves-

The bodies will be buried at Cavite

Peary Done With Polar Trips. Chicago (Special). - Commander Robert E. Peary, who arrived here, in an interview declared that he was positively through with Polar explorations for all time. "I am Fruit From A Rose,
Berkeley, Cal. (Special).—Hugo explorations for all time. "I am absolutely at the end of my career as an explorer," said he. "Reports that I am to lead an expedition into announces the discovery of an edi- the Antarctic regions are not true. another trip to the North Pole.

Woman Fasts 45 Days.

Cleveland, O. (Special) .- Cora Osek, 22 years old, was arrested en to the county jail, where no per-suasion could prevail on her to eat. She was so weak that she could stand upright, but she insisted that would fulfil an oath of fasting for two months, even if it killed

Women Eligible To Office. Lincoln, Neb. (Special) .- A woman is eligible to hold the office of county treasurer, according to majority opinion rendered by the Nebraska Supreme Court. The was but one dissenting opinion, Jus-tice Fawcett declaring that the precedent would permit a woman to be elected Governor.

Earth Shocks At Messina. Messina (Special),-Seven slight earth shocks, accompanied by subterranean rumblings and explosions have been felt here since Thursday night. No damage has resulted

### ODDS AND ENDS.

A web two and a quarter miles long has been taken from the body of spider. For extinguishing fires the London

brigade last year used 11,375,000 gallons of water. When it comes to barley crops Russia leads, with the United States

second.

The United States last year broke all records by producing 25,000,000 barrels of salt. Harvard University students main

tain five wireless telegraph stations, and have made several important inventions and discoveries. Gas lamps are made on the lines of the electric lamp, and the deceit is so cleverly perpetrated that few auspect the difference.

The fur seal will not breed in cap-

tivity. This does not apply to the hair seals, which are those so readily trained for exhibition purposes.

The fruit of the African garita tree, which looks like a chestnut, yields a grease that can be made into

sosp and candles. While in testing machines a solid wire, weight for weight, would show more strength than a stranded rope in actual use, the reverse is almost always the case.

A German inventor claims to have perfected a process for extracting the ink from old newspapers so that the paper may be converted into pulp for printing paper again.

A schooner built in Amesbury, Mass., in 1805 and used in the War of 1812 as a privateor, still is in active service in the Maine coasting trade.

# COMMERCIAL

Weekly Review of Trade and Market Reports.

Bradstreet's says: The week's developments have been generally favorable. Chief among these has been the advent of warm spring weather, which, has stimulated retail trade at all mankets allowed of expansion in the building trades, the preparation of the ground in the North for planting the beginning of seeding of grain the beginning of seeding of grain and cotton at the South and of ont and vegetables in the middle regions of the country. The industrial situation, too, has measurably improved in the collapse of the sympathetic strike at Philadelphia, the return of work of many thousands of idle hands there and the submitting of the Western railroad men's demands to arbitration. to arbitration. The situation is still not entirely clear, however, as the demands of the soft coal miners are yet to be met, and relations between some large Eastern railroads and their employes are not entirely set-tled. In addition, the tendency to-ward curtailment in the cotton goods trade is progressing and there is said to be 10 per cent. of the country's cotton spindles idle, with more curtailment expected; many silk looms are idle and there are some leather workers, steel workers and paper mill hands still on the strike.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s says: The iron and steel trade reports increased business, which is especincreased business, which is especially noteworthy in finished materials. This gain is accompanied by a continued decline in prices for pigiron. The 10 per cent, revision in prices of bleached cotton begun by jobbers has extended to agents, and a better volume of new business is coming forward.

Wholesale Markets.

New York .- Wheat -- Spot steady. New York.—Wheat—Spot steady. At the close values were unchanged to ½c. net advance. May, 122 % @ 123 ½c., closed 123 ½; July, 117 ½ @ 117 13-16, closed 117 ½; September, 114 % @ 114 %, closed 114 %. Receipts, 8,400 brls.

Corn—Spot steady; steamer \$114c. bid and No. 1, 6234. both elevator export basis. Export, No. 2, 65, nominal, f. o. b.
Oats—Spot quiet; mixed, 26@32 lbs., nominal; natural white, 25 @ 32 lbs., 49 @ 51c.; clipped white, 34 @ 42 lbs., 50 ½ @ 53. Butter—Firm and higher; receipts, 5.105 pkgs. Creamery specials, 34c.; extras, 33@33½; thirds to firsts, 26@32; held, common to special, 25@32; State dairy, common to finest, 24@32.

Eggs—Easier; receipts, 24,534
cases. State, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery, white, fancy, 23½ @
25c.; do., gathered white, 22½ @
23½; do., hennery, brown and
mixed fancy, 23@23½; do., gathered brown fair to prime 23@23 ed brown, fair to prime, 22@23; Western, northerly section, graded firsts, 22½; Western, ungraded, firsts, 21½@22; seconds, 21.

Philadelphia.—Wheat quiet but steady; contract grade March, 121@

Corn-Firm, 1/2 higher; March and April, 63 1/2 @ 64c. Oats-Weak and 1c. lower; No. 2 white natural, 50@50 1/2.

Butter—Firm; good demand; ex-tra Western creamery, 35c.; do, nearby prints, 36.

nearby prints, 36.

Eggs—Weak and ½ lower; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, f. c., 22½c. at mark; do., current receipts, in returnable cases, 21½ at mark; Western firsts, f. c., 22½ al mark; do., current receipts, f. c., 21½; duck eggs, 35@40; geese eggs, \$1@1.15.

Cheese-Firm; good demand; New York full creams, choice, 17 1/2c.; do., fair to good, 16 1/2 @ 17. Live Poultry-Quiet; fowls lower; fowls, 19@20c.; old roostere, 13 @13%; broiling chickens, 33@35;

ducks, 17@19; geese, 12@13. Baltimore.—Wheat—No. 2 red spot, 1.19½c.; May, 1.19¾. Settling prices were; No. 2 red Western, 1.19½; No. 2 red, 1.19; No. 3 red, 1.15; steamer No. 2 red, 1.12½; steamer No. 2 red, 1.12½; steamer No. 2 red Western, 1.13%. Corn-Spot, 63 1/2c.; April, 64; lay, 66. Settling prices were: Con-

tract, 64c.; No. 2 white, 66 steamer mixed, 61%; No. 4, 59. Oats—We quote: White—No. 2, as to weight, 49½ @51c.; No. 3, as to weight, 48½ @50; No. 4, 45½ @46½. Mixed—No. 2, 48@49c.; No. 3, 47@47½.

Rye-We quote, per bush .: 2 rye, Western, domestic, 86@89c.; No. 3 rye, Western, domestic, 81@ 83; bag lots, as to quality, 70@80. Hay—We quote, per ton: No. 1 timothy, \$22; No. 2 timothy, \$21; No. 3 timothy, \$18.50@20; choice, clover mixed, \$21; No. 1 clover mixed. ed, \$20.50@21; No. 2 clover mixed, \$19@20; No. 1 clover, \$21; No. 2 clover, \$19@20.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 33 to 33 ½c.; creamery, choice, 31 to 32; creamery, good, 29 to 30; creamery, initation, 21 to 23; creamery, prints,

Eggs-We quote, per dozen: Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 21c.; Western firsts, 21; West

firsts, 21c.; Western firsts, 21; West Virginia firsts, 21; Southern firsts, 20. Duck eggs, 33c. Live Poultry—We quote, per lb.: Chickens—Old hens, heavy, 18½ 9 19c.; do., small to medium, 18½ 9 19; old roosters, 11@12; yound good to choice, 20@22; winters, 2 lbs. and under, 25@28. Ducks— Large, 20c.; small, 17; Muscovy and mongrel, 16@17.

Live Stock. Chicago.—Cattle—Steers, \$6.100 8.85; cows, \$5@7.50; helfers, \$4.25 @7.85; bulls, \$5.25@6.25; calve-\$3@9.50; stockers and feeders, \$4.75@7.20.

Hogs—Market weak. Choice heavy, \$10.85@11; butchers, \$10.80@10.90; light mixed, \$10.69@10.75; choice light, \$10.70@10.85; pigs. \$10.30@10.60; bulk of sales, \$10.80@10.90.

© 10.90. Sheep—Market for sheep 256-higher; lambs steady. Sheep. \$7.50 @ 9.20; lambs, \$7.75@10.50.

Kansas City,—Cattle—Choice of port and dressed beef steers, \$7.700 8.50; fair to good, \$6.40 @7.60; Western steers, \$6.68.25; stocked and feeders, \$4.50 @6.65; Southers steers, \$6.07.75; Southern cowa, \$3.75@6; native cowa, \$3.500 6.50; native helters, \$4.50 @7; bulk \$4.25 @6; calves, \$4.35 @9.

Hogs-Market 5c. higher. To \$10.80; bulk of sales, \$10.50 10.80; heavy, \$10.72 % @10.8 packers and butchers', \$10.600 \$10.80; light, \$10.20@10.70; pls