

Cooperstown Courier.

Ferry B. Trubshaw, Publisher.

COOPERSTOWN, N. DAKOTA

It is said that the richest heiress in Europe is the Princess Marie Buonaparte, whose mother was Mlle. Blanc, daughter of the original Blanc who started the Monte Carlo gambling palace. Her father is Prince Roland Buonaparte. The Princess, now 22 years old, lives in Paris with her father.

Ether and chloroform, so useful in sending men to sleep, have the very opposite effect on plants, which are stimulated to the greatest possible activity by these drugs. In Denmark and Germany advantage has been taken of this fact to force flowers in rooms and glasshouses, and to make them bloom out of season. The results are said to be marvelous.

The priests of South Austria have signed a petition praying the Archbishop of Vienna to allow them to wear beards. They urge that many of them suffer from preacher's throat, which would be obviated if they were permitted to wear beards. They also state that sometimes they are mistaken for strolling mountebanks, instead of ministers of the Gospel.

Experiments to determine the efficacy of various disinfectants made by the New York board of health show steam to be the most valuable. It not only destroys quickly all disease germs, but has the power of penetrating and disinfecting not possessed by formaldehyde or sulphur fumes. No other agent is effective in the disinfecting of clothing and bedding.

The first artificial butter was "margarine" made in Poissy, France, in 1869. It was made from the fat of the loins and kidneys of cattle, which when melted, is sometimes called "oleo oil." This oil, tallow, lard, olive and cottonseed oil are used, combined with dairy butter, in making the various butterines. Coconut butter is largely used in northern Europe.

The Moorish Sultan's army is a wonderful affair. It fights by making a noise rather than by killing the enemy. The army consists of 25,000 men. Some are armed with discarded British Martini-Henry's; others with home-made imitations of the Martini-Henry, which jam and refuse to fire; while others have the old flint-lock muzzle-loader, which is of doubtful habits.

The sum of \$25,000 has been appropriated to defray the expense of Peru's participation in the St. Louis world's fair. Peru will have there a particularly interesting exhibit of minerals. The institution of mines, with headquarters in Lima, already has a magnificent collection of mineral specimens. An exhibit of manufactured articles and agricultural products will be made.

A daughter of the famous Sioux chief American Horse has applied to the Indian bureau in Washington for a position as matron or any similar place in the Indian school service. She is a graduate of the Carlisle Indian school and looks every inch the daughter of a noble red man, as indeed she ought to, for veterans of the regular army regard her father as the finest living specimen of the American Indian.

The postmaster general has urged upon congress time and again, without success, the advisability of reducing the postal rate to foreign countries. The present rate is 5 cents per half ounce, except to Canada and Mexico, and to these countries the same postal rate as that now in force in this country holds good. It is proposed to put the governments of England, Germany and France on the same footing, and make a two-cent stamp carry a letter from the United States to any one of them.

Several patriotic societies of Louisiana have joined in a project to purchase a large collection of relics of Andrew Jackson, now in the possession of Col. Andrew Jackson, of the family of the hero of New Orleans. The collection includes a desk chair which once belonged to George Washington and which was presented to President Jackson while he was an occupant of the White House; a snuff-box given to Jackson by Lafayette, and a bronze statue of Napoleon, presented by the emperor.

With the object of discovering a cure for typhoid fever a remarkable experiment is being conducted at Ann Arbor University, Michigan. Six big tanks have been constructed, with a layer of gelatine, and on these 144 square feet of the fever germs are grown at a time. These living germs are scraped off, killed and bottled up. Two ounces of them would kill 70,000 guinea pigs. The object is, if possible, to extract the poison from the germ bodies, feed animals with it and try to discover an antidote.

The Japanese dentist does not frighten his patient with an array of steel instruments. All his operations in tooth drawing are performed by the thumb and forefinger of one hand. The skill necessary to do this is acquired only after long practice, but when once it is obtained the operator is able to extract half a dozen teeth in about thirty seconds without once removing his fingers from the patient's mouth. The dentist's education commences with the pulling out of plugs which have been pressed into soft wood.

RIVERS ON THE RAMPAGE.

Mississippi Will Probably Break All Records Before the Present Flood Recedes.

ALL LEVEES ARE BEING STRENGTHENED.

Whole Town in Missouri in Danger of Destruction—The Farmers Lose Heavily—Thousands of Acres of Wheat Ruined—Wild Animals Are Driven from Their Retreat.

New Orleans, March 12.—It is generally admitted by the government, state and city authorities that the Mississippi river in all probability will break all records before the present flood begins to recede. All the levee lines are being inspected thoroughly and large forces of men are at work day and night to strengthen weak places and guard the banks by night and day.

Whole Town Imperiled. Caruthersville, Mo., March 12.—The old levee, the greatest danger point along the Mississippi, a mile and a quarter south of here, is caving, with the river showing a rise of four inches, and rain falling heavily. The situation is grave. The levees alone are between the flood and Caruthersville's 5,000 inhabitants, who are in fear of destruction, and the surrounding counties with farming and lumbering interests representing \$5,000,000.

Farmers Lose Thousands. Evansville, Ind., March 12.—The river has been stationary here nearly all day and at six o'clock Wednesday night was 42.3 feet. It probably will be falling by Friday morning, but another rise is looked for. The side streams of the Ohio river are still rising slowly and are expected to keep coming up for several days. The Little Wabash and Pond rivers are the highest in many years. Farmers between here and Cairo will lose thousands of dollars by the flood. Their houses, fences and barns have been swept away.

Out of Its Banks. Laporte, Ind., March 12.—The Kanawha river is out of its banks and miles of territory has been flooded. Many roads in the river district have been rendered impassable and heads of families move about in boats. The river has reached the highest point known and there appears to be but little prospect for the flood subsiding. Buildings have been moved from their foundations.

Wheat Ruined. Paducah, Ky., March 12.—The gauge is 45.7 and rising. The rise is backing water up into the sanitary sewerage and in a few days it will be useless. Many thousands of acres of wheat are reported ruined from the flood in this section.

Wild Animals Driven Out. Natchez, Miss., March 12.—Officers on the mail steamer Betsy Ann are authority for the statement that frame buildings in the lowlands have been torn away from their foundations and some have been caught and held by the trees. The owners and occupants were glad to escape with their lives. Deer, bears and other animals have been driven to highlands and are being slaughtered in large numbers.

Under Water. Shawneetown, Ill., March 13.—The people of this town are living and transacting business in the upper stories of their homes. It has been decided not to cut the levee along the Ohio, as the water has begun to recede. The hills beyond the town are dotted with tents, furnished by the state, in which people have taken shelter from the flood. Large forces are guarding the levees night and day.

Factories Closed. Metropolis, Ill., March 13.—Almost all the factories in Metropolis have been compelled to close down because of the flood, and families are moving out of the overflowed districts day and night.

At a Stand. Princeton, Ind., March 14.—The vast sea of water west and north of this city is at a stand, but the fall will be so slow that hundreds of acres of wheat will be almost a total loss. Unless there should be further rains the Wabash, White and Patoka rivers will not rise further.

Four Men Drowned. Iron Mountain, Mich., March 14.—Four men are known to have lost their lives and four others are missing as the result of one of the worst fatalities of recent years in the mining region. The men were drowned by a rush of water which flooded the level in which they were working. The known dead are: Henry Jaeger, Capt. James Williams, John Davey and John Richards.

Out of Politics. New York, March 10.—Former President Grover Cleveland denied that he had come to New York city for any political purpose, as was rumored, and said: "The reports that I had a political talk with Edward M. Shepard, William C. Whitney and others are untrue. I am not in politics. I am out for good."

Decides to Return. Manchester, N. H., March 13.—Adelbert A. Ames, formerly mayor of Minneapolis, and fugitive from justice, contrary to the advice of his physicians and, it is believed, without the knowledge of his counsel, has decided to return to Minneapolis and stand trial.

TRAGEDY IN BUFFALO.

Automobile Goes Over an Embankment and Kills Arthur R. Pennell—Wife Dies of Injuries.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 12.—The developments in the series of tragedies following the murder of Edwin L. Burdick were the death of Mrs. Arthur R. Pennell from injuries received in the automobile accident in which her husband was instantly killed, and the discovery by the police that the death of Mr. Pennell was unquestionably the result of an accident.

Mrs. Pennell died at the hospital without regaining consciousness from the injuries she received in the frightful plunge of her husband's automobile from the street to the jagged rocks at the bottom of the old stone quarry, 30 feet below.

Some persons expressed the belief that Pennell drove the motor into the quarry with the deliberate purpose of killing himself and his wife. This theory is now known to be unfounded, as it has been definitely established that the brakes on Pennell's automobile were firmly set when the plunge to death occurred. Two grooves were cut into the earth between the curb and the cliff, showing that the brake was locked and the wheels, instead of revolving, had plowed their way through the mud.

ALL CREEDS FREE.

The Emperor of Russia Decrees Freedom of Worship to the People of His Dominions.

St. Petersburg, March 13.—By a decree just issued by the czar the oppressive laws which have weighed so heavily on Jewish subjects are swept away, and all religions are given equal tolerance throughout the Russian empire. It is an epoch-making decree, and will rank in importance with that by which the serfs were emancipated. While no specific mention is made of the Jewish faith, the language of the decree granting "freedom of creed and worship to all of our subjects of other religions" must include the followers of that belief.

The decree does not deal with religion alone, but announces a purpose to establish a measure of local self-government. It is hailed by the people as a long step in the direction of those reforms which have been so eagerly sought.

SLAIN BY KU-KLUX.

Five Detectives Killed in a Battle at Wynce, Ark.—Negroes Flee to Places of Safety.

Wynce, Ark., March 14.—Five detectives were killed in a battle with Ku-Klux here and 19 members of the band placed under arrest. The men in custody are in danger of lynching. Two hundred negroes are fleeing to places of safety.

For two weeks the county has been in a reign of terror over the riotous acts of a mounted band of desperadoes who have been riding over the country at night and firing volleys of buckshot into the homes of both whites and negroes. This rioting was caused by an attempt to drive all the negroes out of the county and has caused over 200 of them to abandon their homes and flee for their lives. Warnings were posted on trees and houses and the negroes were given a limited time in which to leave.

IS A BANKRUPT.

Frank C. Pingree, of Detroit, Files Petition—Liabilities, \$825,000; Assets, \$124,000.

Detroit, Mich., March 13.—Frank C. Pingree, who was president of the wrecked city savings bank at the time of its collapse one year ago through unlawful use of the bank's funds by its vice president, Frank C. Andrews, now a prisoner in the state prison at Jackson, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities are given as approximately \$825,000, assets, \$124,000. The liabilities are almost entirely in bonds given to the Detroit school board, the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan for public funds confided to Harry C. Andrews, who was cashier of the wrecked bank. The principal item of the assets consists of \$110,000 stock in the Pingree Shoe company.

Michigan Democrats. Detroit, Mich., March 11.—The democratic state convention yesterday nominated Judge George L. Yule for justice of the supreme court by a rising vote, and for regents of the state university Wellington R. Burt, of Saginaw, and Willis J. Abbott, of Battle Creek, were nominated. William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, addressed the convention.

Consul to Italy.

Milwaukee, March 12.—Francis B. Keene, of this city, has received notice from Secretary Hay at Washington of his appointment as consul of the United States to Florence, Italy, to succeed Edward C. Cramer, resigned. Mr. Keene will begin his duties about July 1.

Hawaiian Money.

San Francisco, March 14.—Sixty-five thousand dollars of Hawaiian money has been transferred from the United States sub-treasury to the local mint. This is the first consignment of Hawaiian coins to be melted and turned into United States money.

Provincial Governments.

Havana, Cuba, March 12.—President Palma has signed the act creating provincial governments in all the provinces. The provincial councils will be elected, according to the provisions of the act, in proportion to the population of the pueblos.

SEVENTEEN MEN DROWNED

Capsizing of Ferryboat at Spier Falls, N. Y., Throws Many Into the Water.

SWIFT CURRENT CARRIES MEN TO DEATH

The Victims Were Mostly Italians Who Were Constructing a Dam in the Hudson River—Disaster Was Caused by a Boy's Frigate—Several Bodies Recovered.

Glens Falls, N. Y., March 9.—Seventeen men are dead as a result of the capsizing Saturday of the ferryboat used by workmen at Spier Falls, on the Hudson river. Over 1,000 men are employed there in the construction of the power dam of the Hudson River Power Co. The laborers and many of the masons are Italians. The men had been in the habit of crossing a small bridge over the unfinished portion of the dam, but the river has been rising, and the company, fearing the bridge was unsafe, destroyed it. Below the work about half a mile is a ferry. The boat is a scow-shaped affair, 30 feet long and 13 wide, operated by means of cables. As many as 150 men have been taken across on it at one time.

Story of the Disaster. Friday when the men were being ferried across an Italian boy known as "Cigarette" fell overboard, but was rescued. Saturday morning, while 70 or 80 men were aboard

EXTRA SENATE SESSION.

Columbian Canal Treaty Discussed and Resolution Reported to Pat Restrictions on Debate.

Washington, March 10.—The Colombian canal treaty was reported to the senate yesterday by the committee on foreign relations and it was read at length. Under the rules an objection carried the treaty over for one day before it could be considered and Senator Morgan objected to its consideration and it went over, until today. The oath of office was administered to James P. Clarke (Ark.), W. J. Stone (Mo.) and Senator Gallinger (N. H.).

Washington, March 11.—Senator Morgan consumed the entire time of the senate yesterday discussing the canal question. Washington, March 12.—Senator Allison (Ia.) offered a resolution in the senate yesterday authorizing the committee on rules to reexamine the rules of the senate with a view to limiting debate. Senator Morgan continued his address in opposition to the Panama canal treaty and arrangements were practically completed by which it is expected a vote will be reached on the measure on the 17th.

Washington, March 13.—Notice was given in the senate yesterday of a resolution to modify the rules so that a time for voting on any question could be fixed. Senator Money (Miss.) introduced a resolution requesting the president to inform the senate whether postal facilities are now being afforded the people of Indianola, Miss. The committee on foreign relations authorized a favorable report on the Cuban reciprocity treaty.

Washington, March 14.—Ten min-

MANY PEOPLE ARE KILLED

Oil Tanks Explode on the Erie Road at Olean, N. Y., and People Are Roasted.

FREIGHT WRECK CAUSED THE DISASTER

Crowds Gather About the Scene and the Blazing Oil Envelops Them—Dead Bodies Are Charred Beyond Recognition—Scores Are Injured—Heart-Rendering Scenes.

Olean, N. Y., March 10.—Nearly a score of persons were burned to death in the railway yards here while watching a fire in a string of oil tank cars that had been wrecked and some of which were on fire. An immense crowd had been attracted by the blaze and both sides of the yards were thronged, when one of the big tanks exploded, throwing great showers of the burning liquid over the spectators. A wild panic resulted and those showered by the oil ran toward the more fortunate and stampeded them in every direction. Dozens of persons started to run with their clothes in flames and had barely started when flames of burning oil carried the flames to the tank cars still intact. A third explosion followed, still repeating the horrors of the others and adding new victims to those already screaming in agony.

The trouble was started by a special freight train on the Erie, which was made up principally of oil cars. The train broke in two, and in trying to get them together the entire train was wrecked.

Explosion Draws Crowd. The first explosion served only to draw crowds of people to the scene of the wreck, and no serious damage beyond the loss of the cars had resulted up to that time. The second explosion did not take place until some time later, when the crowds had assembled. It was while they were lined up along the tracks that the second explosion followed. The flames communicated quickly with the other tank cars and a third explosion added to the fatalities. Sheets of flame shot out in all directions. Scores of persons were caught within the zone of the fire and enveloped in flames.

An Awful Sight. Men and boys ran screaming down the tracks, with their clothing a mass of flames. Others fell where they stood, overcome by the awful heat. Flames shot outwards and upwards for a great distance. Several persons who started to run away dropped on the railway tracks and never moved again. Others who had been standing close to the tracks were hurled through the air for hundreds of feet. Half a dozen boys ran down the tracks with their clothing on fire. Their screams could be heard a quarter of a mile away. They ran some distance down the track and then threw themselves to the ground, groveling in the ditches in their frantic efforts to extinguish the flames. Then they lay still, some of them unconscious, others dead.

Death List Lower. Olean, N. Y., March 11.—Fourteen charred and half-consumed bodies, lying in the undertaking establishments or in their late homes, 14 people lying in the hospitals, and a dozen or so more not so seriously injured at their homes, are the result of the accident on the Erie railroad.

FAMILY IS SLAIN. A Missouri Farmer Kills His Wife and Six Children with a Sledge Hammer.

St. Louis, Mo., March 13.—Adolph Kraus, a German farmer living near Bellefontaine, killed his wife and six children with a sledge hammer and then struck himself on the head with the same weapon. It is expected that he will die. The children were 6 months to 12 years of age. The tragedy was discovered by John Kraus, a brother of the murderer. It is thought Kraus was insane.

Coal Men Set Free. Chicago, March 14.—By direction of Judge Arthur H. Cleetin, the jury trying the Indiana coal operators for conspiracy to fix prices in the state of Illinois in restraint of trade and contrary to the anti-trust law of the state, yesterday returned a verdict of not guilty. The judge said that the defendants were amenable to the law, but that they must be prosecuted, if prosecuted further at all, in the United States courts, as the state courts had no jurisdiction.

Suicide of a Little Boy. Belleville, Ill., March 13.—Remorse and fear over the belief that he had killed a playmate named Laura Wainwright by hitting her with a stone caused Warren Fleming, aged 9, to shoot himself through the heart after ascertaining from his 11-year-old sister on which side his heart was located.

Death of a Centenarian. Hartsville, Mo., March 11.—James Sparks, a veteran of the Black Hawk, the Mexican and the civil wars, died here, aged 100 years. He was one of the first settlers in Wright county, coming here from Tennessee, and was a justice of the peace for 42 years.

Pardon Proclaimed. Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, March 14.—The governor of Natal has proclaimed the king's pardon for all persons who are awaiting trial for treason or other offenses committed during or arising out of the recent war.



The Shark—"Don't mind me, old fellow; you're welcome to what's left."

the boat, the Italian boy who had fallen over the previous day became frightened and seized one of the tackle ropes running from the overhead cable to the stern. Some of the men started toward him, and instantly the boat careened and filled, every one being thrown into the water.

Carried Down Stream. The Hudson, swollen by the freshet, bore a score or more of struggling men down the stream. Many caught hold of the boat, which righted, and clung there until pulled ashore. The wildest excitement prevailed, but the current carried many of the men toward the shore, and they were rescued. Teams were quickly harnessed and wagon loads of skilled log drivers were sent down along the river to point where the bodies were likely to land. Dozens of dinner pails, hats and coats were fished out, but it was nearly 4 o'clock before the first body was found, in a log jam two miles below the dam. It was recognized as that of Fred Ferran, an Italian interpreter. Shortly afterward the bodies of Michael Kennedy and "Cigarette," the boy who started the panic, were recovered. Fourteen others are missing. It is unlikely all the bodies will be recovered. The river is full of logs, and at the big boom, five miles down the river, there are many thousands of them.

Sweeping Denial. St. Louis, Mo., March 10.—A sweeping denial of all the charges made by the Wabash Railway company in its bill of complaint upon which was issued the injunction to prevent a strike among its employees was contained in the answer to the injunction suit filed yesterday in the United States district court by the counsel for the Wabash firemen and trainmen. In support of the answer were filed the affidavits of all those named in the injunction.

Warships Are Sent. Washington, March 14.—The Caribbean squadron, under command of Admiral Coghlan, has been ordered to Honduras, where the revolution is assuming serious proportions, to protect American interests.

Quarantined. Washington, March 10.—The department of agriculture has issued an order quarantining the state of New Hampshire because of the presence of the foot and mouth disease.

Aid for Starving Swedes. Stockholm, March 14.—The famine relief committee has received total subscriptions amounting to about \$258,000, of which sum \$85,000 was sent from America.

utes after convening yesterday the senate went into executive session and Senator Morgan further discussed the Panama canal treaty.

CRIME OF A FARMER.

Kills His Brother-in-Law, Maims His Wife and Then Takes His Own Life.

Peoria, Ill., March 14.—William Minch, one of the best known residents of Washington, Tazewell county, on Friday rode to the home of his brother-in-law, Adam Oetzl, one mile east of Farmland, and shot him in the back, killing him instantly. Then Minch rode to Washington, to the home of his former wife, picked up a butcher knife, cut off her right ear and one of the fingers of her left hand. When he had accomplished this he ran from the house, mounted his horse and rode to the Santa Fe depot. When within a few yards of the building he placed the revolver to his head and fired, dying within a few moments. All parties concerned are among the best and most prominent people of Tazewell county. Domestic trouble is said to have been the cause.

Indiana Legislature Adjourns.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 10.—The Sixty-third general assembly has adjourned sine die. Gov. Durbin signed 90 bills yesterday and has 42 yet to act on. The session appropriated \$150,000 for an Indiana exhibit at the St. Louis exposition, decided to have erected two state institutions at a cost of nearly \$1,000,000, passed a law compelling the use of voting machines in the four largest counties, and increased the governor's salary to \$8,000.

Buried in Arlington.

Washington, March 12.—The remains of Gen. James W. McMillan, the veteran of two wars, who died here a couple of days ago, were buried at the National cemetery at Arlington with full military honors.

Seven Murdered.

Tucson, Ariz., March 13.—Word has just been received that bandits have attacked a stage in Sonora, Mex., and that they murdered the driver and six passengers and stripped the bodies of everything of value.

Formally Accepts.

St. Louis, Mo., March 12.—President Roosevelt's formal acceptance of the invitation to attend the dedication ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase exposition on April 30 was received Wednesday.