

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

The body of an unknown negro was found hanging to a tree near Cordele, Ga., on the 16th.

The jury, on the 16th, in Kansas City, Mo., in the case of Dr. Louis Zorn, a dentist, on trial for the murder of Albert Schriest, failed to agree on a verdict and was discharged.

Mrs. Sidney Strong, a prominent Congregational organizer of Chicago, died of heart disease, at Naples, Italy, on the 14th, on the German steamer President, which arrived there from East Africa.

The most destructive fire in the history of Aberdeen, Wash., on the 16th, wiped out ten business blocks and residences, causing four deaths and six seriously injured, and a loss of over \$1,000,000.

Most Rev. John Joseph Glennon, who becomes archbishop of the diocese of St. Louis following the death of Archbishop Kain, is one of the most interesting figures in the Roman Catholic church in America.

Frank Pavlik created a dramatic scene in a Chicago court, on the 15th, by pointing an accusing finger at his father and declaring that the latter was guilty not only of wife murder, but also that of parricide.

Mexican cotton boll weevils have cost the cotton planters of Texas less than \$20,000,000 this season, according to Mr. E. S. Peters, of Calvert, Tex., the president of the Texas Cotton Growers' association.

Col. C. M. Watson, the commissioner-general from Great Britain to the St. Louis World's fair, arrived in St. Louis, on the 15th. A large delegation met the distinguished guest at Union station, and he was given a royal reception.

After having been mourned as dead since early in September, Guy Jones, 11 years old, of Chicago, turned up, on the 15th, alive and well. In a grave at Graceland cemetery is the body of a boy which was buried as that of the missing lad.

Albert L. Gorman, alleged defaulting clerk of the Third national bank, of Louisville, Ky., was adjudged insane on the 16th, by a jury in the federal court. Gorman was charged with a shortage in his accounts of between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Ex-Gov. Henry L. Mitchell died at Tampa, Fla., on the 14th, of general debility. He was 70 years old, and his health had been failing for a year past. From 1888 to 1890 he was justice of the supreme court of Florida. He was governor from 1893 to 1897.

Gov. Dockery of Missouri, on the 14th, made a formal request on Secretary of State Hay for the return of Charles Kratz, the fugitive St. Louis bootlegger, who fled to Mexico following his indictment in connection with the St. Louis & Suburban railway franchise bill.

Most Rev. John Joseph Kain, archbishop of St. Joseph, died, on the 13th, at the St. Agnes sanitarium, in Baltimore, Md., where he had been a patient since May 12. Death, which came peacefully, had been hourly expected by his attending physicians for several days.

One of the most important developments of the American visit of the Honorable Artillery Company of London was its announcement that a monument to the memory of the late Queen Victoria is to be erected in Boston, Mass. Intelligence of this plan was cabled to King Edward.

The United States supreme court on the 13th, extended the time for the completion of the taking of testimony in the case of the state of Missouri versus the state of Illinois, involving the right to empty the waters of the Chicago drainage canal into the Mississippi river, until January 1 next.

Army circles are greatly interested in the fight which will be made during the coming congress for the re-establishment of the army canteen, or post exchange. The plan is said to be to attach a rider to the military appropriation bill, repealing the anti-canteen law, which was enacted two years ago.

The members of the Honorable Artillery Company, of London, said farewell to American shores, on the 15th, after a stay of nearly two weeks in this country as the guests of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. The Englishmen sailed by the Dominion line steamer Columbus.

The Doylestown national bank, of Doylestown, Pa., which was closed on July 30, 1903, was, on the 13th, authorized by the acting comptroller of the currency to resume business, the stockholders of the bank having raised \$220,000 by voluntary assessment, and other conditions imposed by the comptroller having been complied with.

"Railroads can not afford to grant any further increase in wages, and if they are forced to take such action, over 100,000 employes in the eastern half of the country will be laid off indefinitely." This ultimatum was issued, in Chicago, on the 15th, to the heads of labor organizations that were planning to demand higher pay.

The acquittal at Lexington, S. C., on the 15th, of James H. Tillman, who was charged with the murder of N. G. Gonzales, editor of the State, in Columbia, S. C., on January 15 last, brought to an end a trial that since September 28 has engrossed the attention of the public of South Carolina as no other trial has done in the last quarter of a century.

Paymaster-General A. E. Bates, on the 13th, to the war department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903. The total amount of funds handled by the paymaster's department was \$43,645,953. Of this sum \$32,599,406 was expended on account of the pay for the army. The amount paid out on account of the militia was \$383,830.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Illinois board of pardons, on the 14th, recommended commutation of sentence in the case of George Derby, sentenced to the penitentiary for life from East St. Louis, in 1899, for the murder of a man named Impky. Gov. Yates signed the commutation of sentence.

Murdered for purpose of robbery is believed to have been the fate of P. H. Konzen, a wealthy justice of the peace of New Hampton, Ia., who disappeared while in Chicago during centennial week. The police have been asked to solve the mystery surrounding his disappearance.

At St. James church, Picadilly, London, on the 14th, A. M. Myburg, son of the late P. M. Myburg, was married to Nina, the only daughter of the late Charles A. Morrill, of Chicago.

Missouri Pacific train No. 27, from Kansas City, ran into an open switch in the yards, at Joplin, Mo., on the 14th, and collided with the rear end of a freight train standing on a siding, injuring 14 persons.

A message received at Norfolk, Va., on the 14th, reported an unknown four-masted schooner in distress and ashore on the Carolina coast, and also stated that a body was washed up on the beach.

Caleb Powers and Jim Howard, convicted in connection with the murder of William Goebel, were, on the 14th, removed from Georgetown, Ky., to Louisville, on an order issued by the county judge. Intercepted letters showed that friends were planning to liberate them.

A verdict of murder in the second degree was returned, at Denver, Col., on the 14th, in the case of William La Fair, charged with the killing of Eben T. Massey, on September 3.

John Mielke and Mrs. Lillie Cooper, of Berlin, Ill., were married, on the 14th, by County Judge Walker. The bride is only 21 years old, and this was her third marriage.

Repu-lean France gave a royal reception, on the 14th, to King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helene of Italy.

The State Federation of Labor convention, at Springfield, Ill., on the 14th, refused to adopt a resolution boycotting the state militia.

Fire, for the third time in three years, on the 14th, destroyed the plant of the McKeesport (Pa.) Baking Co., Loss, \$60,000.

News, on the 15th, of the removal from office of United States Marshal Fred A. Field, of Rutland, Vt., by President Roosevelt, surprised the residents of that city, where Mr. Field ranked as a leading and highly-respected citizen. He was appointed marshal by President McKinley, and reappointed a year ago by President Roosevelt.

With impressive ceremonies, an equestrian statue of William Tecumseh Sherman was unveiled, at Washington, D. C., on the 15th, in the presence of official Washington, the president at its head, and thousands of veterans, members of societies of the armies of the Tennessee, the Cumberland, the Ohio and the Potomac.

J. L. Dielfendorf, a distributing clerk in the post office in Lincoln, Neb., was arrested, on the 15th, charged with robbing the mails. He was caught by means of decoy letters. Dielfendorf made a confession after being arrested, and admitted that he had been taking money from letters for a year.

H. H. Adkins, a prominent oil producer and promoter, was indicted, at Lima, O., on the 15th, on a charge of having embezzled \$10,000 from stockholders of the Union Oil & Gas Co.

Plans have been accepted by Commissioners Wiggin and Fitcher for a magnificent arch to adorn the entrance of California's mining exhibit at the St. Louis exposition.

A grand jury investigation of the charges of hoodluming against the board of education of Kansas City, Kas., is assured. Over 400 citizens signed the petition, on the 15th, drawn up by the Mercantile club, asking Judge E. L. Fischer, of the district court, to call a special grand jury.

James Davis, a prisoner in the East St. Louis (Ill.) jail, attempted to burn down the jail building and incinerate himself and fellow-prisoners, on the 15th. Davis was placed in an iron cell. It was thought that he was insane from drink.

King Edward has entrusted Lieutenant Gen. Lord Methuen with the mission of investigating the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria with the insignia of a British marshal, conferred on the emperor during the king's recent visit to Vienna.

About 300 delegates, from all parts of the state, were present, on the 15th, at a thirty-first annual convention of the Illinois Y. M. C. A., at Rockford, Ill. The meetings were the most successful ever held.

A great strike in the coal fields of the western states will be called, according to President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers. Twenty-three thousand men will be called out in Colorado, Idaho and Wyoming. The reason for the strike order is that the owners have refused to treat with the district unions.

Following the refusal of the Pacific Express Co. directors to grant the demand for an increase of ten per cent in wages, 225 messengers, clerks, drivers and porters of the company went on strike in St. Louis and at various agencies between St. Louis, Little Rock and Omaha, Neb., on the 16th.

The president of the Cotton States growers, at New Orleans, La., stated, on the 16th, that the crop will be short, at least 1,000,000 bales, on account of the boll weevil. The association will ask congress to make an appropriation to stamp out the insect.

A man named Clarig was arrested, on the 16th, at Wellston, Mo., suspected of knowing something about the murder of Mrs. Kate Lauman, who was killed, on the 14th, within half a mile of her home, near Normandy, Mo., in St. Louis county.

Sam Pickett, a traveling organizer of theatrical companies, was arrested in Denver, Col., on the 16th, and arraigned before United States Commissioner Capron on a charge of using the mails to defraud. His bond was fixed at \$500.

Albert Beckmann, who killed Helen Kelly, a former sweetheart, at Butte, Mont., was captured, on the 16th at Melrose, Mont., by Sheriff Quinn.

It was definitely learned, on the 16th, that the charges on which E. G. Gen. John Chase, of the Colorado national guard, was summoned before a military court, at Denver, Col., were perjury and disobedience of orders.

The jury in the case of Frank Clark, charged with assaulting Ollie Hess, returned a verdict of guilty, at Kahoka, Mo., on the 16th, fixing punishment at death.

William Henry Eustis, of Minneapolis, Minn., was, on the 16th, offered the position of auditor for the post office, at Washington, D. C., recently vacated by Capt. H. A. Castle, and he declined the same with thanks.

Leopold J. Stern, the Baltimore (Md.) contractor recently indicted in connection with a postal contract, appeared in police court, in Washington, D. C., on the 16th. Bond was fixed at \$5,000, and Stern was committed to jail.

Five United States penitentiary mutineers, on trial at Leavenworth, Kas., for murder, were found guilty, on the 16th, by a jury in the federal court. The jury recommended that the death penalty be not inflicted.

Judge Hallett, of the United States court of Colorado, ordered the removal to Philadelphia of Albert E. Bell, the alleged forger and mail robber, and a deputy marshal left, on the 16th, with the prisoner.

A gang of thieves, who tried to run horses off the Fort Peck (Mont.) Indian reservation, on the 16th, were ambushed and two of them killed. The Indians engaged in a running fight with the outlaws.

The first killing frost of this fall fell in Clay county, Kas., on the night of the 16th. Corn was out of danger.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Executive officials of railroads entering Chicago entered a denial, on the 17th, of the statement that recent reductions in the pay rolls of the big systems were due to a falling off in business. So far as can be learned, the reduction in the working force was a forerunner of increased net revenues, rather than a cut due to the decreased or decreasing income.

Acting Secretary Oliver, of the war department, was in conference in Washington, D. C., on the 17th, with the heads of the various military bureaus with a view to the reduction of the estimates for the support of the army during the next fiscal year with the lowest possible limit consistent with efficiency.

Gov. Yates of Illinois, on the 17th, honored the requisition for the return to Madison county, Ky., of Sam Wilson, who is under indictment there for murder, and who was under arrest in Bloomington, Ill. It was charged that Wilson, on April 8, 1903, shot and killed Henry Little without any cause.

In the United States court, at Atoka, J. T., on the 17th, Jack Reeves was convicted of the murder of his wife, and her mother, Daniel Graves, and a stockman named Knebles. The murder was committed near Stringtown, I. T., last spring. Reeves was given a life sentence.

Thomas Thompson, aged 69 years old, was killed, on the 17th, in the mines at Johnston City, Ill., by falling slate. He fired a shot and returned to his room to note its effect, when a large quantity of slate fell, breaking his neck. He left a wife and several children.

The plant of the Union Gas Co. at Bloomington, Ill., exploded with terrific force, on the 17th, wakening the entire city. The large buildings were completely wrecked, the debris being thrown many hundred feet. The loss was \$25,000. No lives were lost.

On the 17th, the jury in the case of Daniel Voorhees Miller and Joseph M. Johns, on trial in the federal court, at Cincinnati, on the charge of alleged frauds in the post office department, reported that it was unable to agree, and was discharged.

Prof. Charles E. Greene, dean of the department of engineering at the University of Michigan, and famous the world over as an engineer, died, at Ann Arbor, Mich., on the 17th, of paralysis of the heart, aged 69 years.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

John Hazeltine proposes to take 1,000 of the people of Syracuse, N. Y., and colonize them in a town in Montana.

Leland M. Finks, of Columbia, Mo., claims to have the coat of arms of the Washington family and Washington's official pedigree.

The Pittsburg Glass company has ordered another reduction in prices, applicable to glass used in making mirrors.

Circuit judges of South Dakota deny that a decree of divorce has been granted to Mrs. Roland E. Molineux, of New York.

George Howard, known as the "gentleman burglar," pleaded guilty at Hackensack, N. J., and was sentenced to 14 years.

Col. A. L. Mills, superintendent of the West Point military academy, reports the health of the cadets good, with an absence of hazing.

Rear Admiral Bradford has resigned his bureau commission and has been assigned to command of the battleship Illinois.

Neighboring women in Concordia parish, Louisiana, gave birth the same day, one to three boys and the other to five girls.

Queen Wilhelmina and the sultan of Turkey have the credit of being the only reigning monarchs at the present time who are teetotalers.

The St. Louis exposition authorities are arranging to have an exhibit of the Tehuelche Indians, of Patagonia, known as the most gigantic race now living.

The competency of bloodhounds as witnesses in criminal prosecutions has been decided in their favor by the supreme court of Nebraska.

Carroll D. Wright, in reports about to be published, shows that the condition of the laboring man and wage earner in the United States is better than at any previous time.

President Roosevelt has appointed John P. Nields United States district attorney for Delaware, on the recommendation of the judiciary and bar of the state, ignoring the political factions.

Receiver James Smith, of the United States Shipbuilding company, in answer to court proceedings, charges fraud in forming the so-called trust, accusing Charles M. Schwab and other promoters.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Wants Kansas City Represented.

The Kansas City Star calls upon Kansas City to make a big exhibit at the World's fair. Among other things it says: "Kansas City will not be represented at the great St. Louis World's fair, and will scarcely be heard of there, unless something is done quickly to arrange for an exhibit. St. Louis, the largest city in the state, needs no special exhibit, because the city itself is there to be seen by all visitors to the fair, and even the fair is an advertisement for St. Louis. But Kansas City, the second city in the state, will not be on the map at the fair unless the people of this city get to work at once." A large relief map of the city is suggested.

Will Appeal for Aid.

At a meeting in Kansas City of the commission appointed by the river improvement congress to secure the aid of the congress of the United States in preventing future overflows of the Kansas and Missouri rivers, it was decided to apply to the secretary of war for the appointment of a board of engineers to examine into the existing conditions and to prepare a plan to prevent floods in the future. The appeal to the secretary of war is to be placed in the hands of the United States senators and congressmen from Kansas and Missouri.

Valuable Contributions.

The Missouri Historical society has made some valuable contributions to the Missouri state building at the World's fair. Among these are the original letter of credit from Thomas Jefferson to Meriwether Lewis, portraits of all the governors of the state, and specimens of ancient firearms used in the early days of the republic. Another document to be exhibited is a contract to build a church in St. Louis, undertaken by Pierre Luxem Baron, for "1,200 livres in deer skins."

His Hair Turned White.

The hair of Maurice B. Williams, of Joplin, has turned white in a month's time. Thirty days ago his hair was black. He dreamed recently that he had died and had gone to the infernal regions. He was so horrified that his nerves were completely unstrung when he awoke, and the next morning he discovered that his locks were streaked with gray. It whitened rapidly, and Williams attributes the change entirely to the scare. He is 28 years of age.

Was Determined to Die.

W. A. Atwood, aged 50, a blacksmith from Everest, Kas., committed suicide in Kansas City in a sensational manner. First he leaped from the Fifth street viaduct to the railroad yards sixty feet below. Although badly injured, he was able to walk away unassisted, and, before any one could interfere, he placed his head on a rail in front of a rapidly approaching freight train and was decapitated. He was despondent over domestic troubles.

Missouri Day October 11.

Missouri day at the World's fair has been cast for a day in the glorious zenith of Indian summer, October 11, 1904. This date has been assigned to the World's fair state by the ceremonies committee of the exposition, and it will be made a red-letter day by the World's fair management and local Missourians.

Water Works for De Soto.

The city of De Soto voted on a proposition to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of \$70,000 to build water works, and the proposition carried by an overwhelming majority. The supply will be obtained from artesian wells, the water of which has been found to be perfectly pure on analysis.

A Mysterious Shooting Affair.

C. R. Toothman, a crack gun shot, was fatally wounded near St. Joseph. He says it was an accident, but attending physicians believe he was shot by someone else, as a charge of birdshot entered the lungs at the back. Toothman refuses to answer questions.

Man and Money Gone.

When the safe in the office of the collector and assessor of water rates was opened in Kansas City, it was discovered that \$237 had disappeared. The assistant cashier has also disappeared, and the detective department is looking for him.

Convicts' Divorced Wife Killed.

Ella Broden, aged 26, of Sedalia, the divorced wife of John Brockway, who is serving a term in the penitentiary for the murder of his second wife, was shot and killed by John Meyer, a farmer near Gravois mills. Meyers is in jail at Versailles.

Freight Train Wrecked.

While trying to take a siding in the yards at Chamois, a Missouri Pacific train broke into two sections, the second crashing into the first with such speed that seven cars were derailed and smashed. No one was hurt.

Half Rate Tickets.

At a meeting of railroad officials in Washington, D. C., a plan was discussed which will enable visitors to get round-trip tickets to the St. Louis World's fair at half-fare rates.

Stomach Pump Saved His Life.

Frank Jones, 45 years old, a stockman living at Peoria, swallowed iodine in a saloon in St. Louis, and was pumped out at the city hospital.

Good News.

Advices from Callaway county state that the bottom lands which were overflowed last spring are yielding from 50 to 75 bushels of corn to the acre.

Given Two Years.

Isaac Jenkins, a young farmer, was found guilty, in St. Joseph, of murdering Alva Station, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Back to Los Angeles.

FIFTEEN LIVES CRUSHED OUT

Collision On the Belvidere Division of the Pennsylvania Road.

Their Train, While Standing, Was Crushed Into by a Gravel Train—Forty Killed and Fifty Injured.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 18.—Fifteen persons were killed and about 40 wounded in a collision which occurred, Saturday, on the Belvidere division of the Pennsylvania railroad, near Washington's crossing. The persons killed and injured were laborers, who were on a work train and were on their way to work at Washington's crossing to repair washouts along the road. Fourteen bodies have been taken from the wreck, and one more body is known to be under the debris. Only two or three of those who were injured will be permanently maimed.

Special Relief Train Sent.

As soon as the collision occurred, a special train was sent from Trenton with a corps of physicians, and the dead and injured were brought to this city. The dead men, with one or two exceptions, are Italian laborers who resided in this city, the others being colored men. Their bodies were taken to the morgue for identification.

The train bearing the men who were killed and injured was made up of four cars—two coaches, in which the men were riding, and two flat cars in the rear. The train stopped near Washington's crossing to receive orders respecting the passing of the regular passenger train.

Rear-Ended by Gravel Train.

While the train was standing on the track it was run into from the rear by a gravel train. The two flat cars telescoped the two coaches. There were about 180 men in the two cars. As soon as the accident happened the Italians became frantic, and made an attempt to do bodily harm to the crew of the gravel train. Word was sent to Trenton for police assistance, but the men were finally quieted by the foremen. The railroad authorities here are reticent as to how the accident occurred, but it is believed that the gravel train either failed to see any adverse signal or that the flagman of the first train failed to go back a sufficient distance.

Fire in Grady Hospital.

Two Negro Women Died From Fight Over a Fire in the Grady Hospital at Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 18.—As a result of a fire in the Grady hospital, the largest in the city, two negro women died, and for some time the lives of a score or more were threatened. The two women died as a result of the excitement, and not from injuries received in the fire. The fire originated about midnight from embers left in the laundry stove. The negro ward, which was separated from the main building of the hospital, was destroyed. There were 20 negro men and 12 negro women in this ward, and all were removed to a place of safety. The entire hospital was filled with smoke, and the action of the nurses in protecting their patients was heroic.

Checks Were Worthless.

Arrest of Frederick A. Condit in New York City for Negotiating Worthless Checks.

New York, Oct. 18.—Charged with passing worthless checks on the Adams Express Co., Frederick A. Condit, a real estate broker, has been arrested in this city. The checks amounted to only a few hundred dollars, and were drawn on a New Jersey Trust Co., of which Condit's brother is cashier. The express officials charge that the prisoner purchased money orders and immediately cashed them elsewhere, while the checks came back a few days later unhonored. Condit is 45 years old and collapsed when arrested. He has been well known for years in real estate circles.

A Leaky Grand Juror.

He Was Dismissed by Judge Post, at Minneapolis for Telling Grand Jury Secrets.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 18.—A. J. Brainard, one of the members of the grand jury which is investigating municipal affairs, has been dismissed from service by Judge Pond, because he gave information of the grand jury's doings to Alderman Mumm. A few days ago Judge Pond made a statement that he had been informed of efforts being made to influence the grand jury to drop municipal corruption investigation.

Naval Estimates Approved.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Secretary Moody has approved the estimates for the support of the navy for the next fiscal year, as recommended by the chiefs of bureaus, amounting to \$102,866,449, as against \$79,816,791 appropriated for the last fiscal year.

Spain Will Send a Warship.

Washington, Oct. 18.—A cablegram received at the state department from Minister Hardy, at Madrid, announces that Spain will send a warship to New Orleans in connection with the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

Col. Lawrence S. Babbitt.

New York, Oct. 18.—Col. Lawrence S. Babbitt, U. S. A. (retired), is dead in Dover, N. J., after an illness of three years. He was graduated from West Point in 1861, and served in the civil war and Indian campaign of 1878 and 1879.

A High-Priced Singer.

Berlin, Oct. 18.—Theodore Betram, the baritone of the royal opera, is under a contract to make a tour of the United States. He will receive \$50,000 for a two months' engagement.

MAKES THE MOSLEMS LAUGH

They Scoff at the Idea of European Intervention in Turkey.

A Specimen of Turkish Duplicity in Connection With the Dismissal of Rechid Bey.

Beirut, Syria, Wednesday, Oct. 14.—The apparent indifference of the European powers to the recent outbreak of Mohammedan fanaticism here has deeply impressed the Christians. The Moslems, on the other hand, are elated, and scoff at the idea of European intervention. The attack on the Christians was planned weeks before the arrival of the American warships at Beirut. The then governor, Rechid Bey, telegraphed the details to Constantinople and asked for instructions. None however, reached him. That his policy of non-interference was approved at the yildiz kiosk was apparent from a telegram, signed by the sultan's chamberlain, which was handed to him on the eve of his departure after his dismissal from the governorship on the demand of the United States. The telegram follows:

"Your excellency's fidelity being well established in the eyes of his most sacred majesty, the khalif, you should not allow yourself to be in the least affected by the fact of your dismissal. It is his majesty's imperial will that you return at once to Constantinople in order to be the recipient of imperial favors."

ROYAL BATTLE WITH A WHALE

The Sea Monster Was 110 Feet Long and Fought His Captors For Twenty-Nine Hours.

New York, Oct. 18.—The whaling steamer Humber has arrived here, says a St. John's (N. F.) dispatch, for repairs from damages received in a royal battle off Cape Spear, N. F., with a monster whale, asserted by the crew to have been 110 feet long. The fight lasted 29 hours.

When the monster was harpooned it started towing the vessel at the rate of seven miles an hour, though the engines were reversed full speed, which, under ordinary conditions would mean a retrograde movement of about eight miles. This continued for hours, the ship, as the whale flew off in zigzag courses, being almost towed under the water, the sea washing the decks. Several times the captain was on the point of cutting the cable but the windlass held and the whale finally gave up the struggle.

A BARREL FULL OF MISCHIEF

It Purported to Be Empty, But a Red-hot Poker Developed Dangerous Contents.

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 18.—Leslie Hickman, of Slater, was injured in a strange way Friday. He had bought an empty whisky barrel from a local drug store and took it home to fill it with cider. While he was boring a hole in the empty barrel with a red-hot poker it exploded with a report that was heard a mile. The top of the house was partly blown off and Hickman was wounded in the face and breast, but not fatally.

MRS. GULLER HAS A HEARING

The Alleged Murderess of Ewart Chicksfield at Bunker Hill, Ill., Released on Bond.

Bunker Hill, Ill., Oct. 18.—Mrs. Ida Guller, who is charged with the murder of Ewart Chicksfield, a six-year-old lad, by poisoning, July 27, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff William P. Higgins, Friday, on a bench warrant. She was given a preliminary hearing and released on \$3,000 bail, which was readily furnished by wealthy relatives.

PRINCE FERDINAND NEXT.

Macedonians Decide to Continue Their Programme of Isolated Assassinations.

Salonica, Oct. 18.—Recent advices received here say that the Macedonia committee have decided for the present to continue fomenting excitement by isolated assassinations.

Reports arriving from Sofia say the murder of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria has been decided on and the Russian consul-general here is said to be in great danger.