

Iron County Register.

By ELI D. AKE.

IRONTON, MISSOURI

It is better to lose your cash than your character.

China and Japan together produce 125,000 tons of silk annually.

Every inch of the human skin contains 3,500 perspiration pores.

The strike fever has hit Sweden, and many workmen are said to be jumping their jobs.

A young plant is 75 per cent. water and the remainder carbon, which it has taken from the air.

Admiral Yamamoto thinks we are nice people, but he is going home through Canada instead of by way of San Francisco.

In the population of New York city there are 789,000 persons of German parentage, 735,000 of Irish, 250,000 of Russian and 223,000 of Italian.

A Florida farmer is said to have cleared \$1,200 in one acre of cabbage this spring. Perhaps he sold it for clear Havana Key West goods.

Arnold Daly says that Bernard Shaw is "intoxicated with words and delirious with ink." We thought that Arnold Daly was one of Shaw's exponents.

It has been discovered that Noah Webster wrote the dictionary with almost no assistance, but undoubtedly he had helped his wife use many of the words.

"Matrimony as a profession" is not a bad idea. And the divorce lawyers should be broken of the habit of persuading people that it is for amateurs only.

A railroad president announces that his road is out of politics and done with lobbying. Well, really, when you come to think of it, there doesn't seem to be anything left to fight for.

The Washington preacher who says that heaven is in the star Alcyone now comes forward and says that it is built up with brick houses. Hell is probably made up of three-room flats.

Peter Cooper Hewitt is going to take us from New York to London in 20 hours. What a boat of that sort runs into an iceberg the monster of the deep will know that something hit it.

The Maryland farmer who discovered that his hired man was the head of a large business concern in Philadelphia was not necessarily surprised. Hired men have such a way of knowing how the universe should be run that the average man who comes in contact with them often wonders if they are not captains of industry out for a quiet vacation.

In a railroad collision a congressman turned a double back somewhat over two seats and escaped without serious injury. A little thing like a railroad smash-up is no embarrassment to many congressmen who are accustomed to adjusting themselves to the sudden and violent changes that are constantly occurring in congressional districts.

Charles Dudley Warner advised every one to be born "in a little red farm house with a stone wall around it." We are not particularly tenacious about the stone wall, and we enter a decided exception to the color of the house, but we endorse the sentiment. The records show that farmers' sons are those most likely to succeed in business and professional life. Health, vigor, self-reliance, ambition and the habit of work give them their advantages in the race for success.

Money orders to the enormous amount of 446,000,000 were issued by the New York post office last year. Three millions of this amount went abroad, mainly sent by immigrants to their families. As money orders are commonly for comparatively small sums as compared to traffic through banks, this total shows the wide dissemination of prosperity. It is not, after all, remarks the Indianapolis News, the few great fortunes of which we hear so much that form the wealth of the country.

How delicate are the instruments which record earthquake shocks may be judged by the reports, which came along simultaneously from many sources, of the recent slight disturbance in Ecuador. From Havana came the report that "the seismograph this morning registered an earthquake 14,000 miles distant, the waves propagating from southwest to northeast. The indications are that the center of the disturbance was located beneath the waters of the Pacific, near Central America." From other far distant points came similar reports long before the news came of the actual location of the earthquake.

A London publisher is bringing out a Dickens dictionary for the purpose of making his writings more intelligible to the general public. Our fathers used to be able to read Dickens understandingly. Is such a work needed less than a generation after the author's death?

An English critic is shocked because we have bone buttons on our clothes. At this season of the year, with our wives away, most of us are lucky to have buttons of any kind on our clothes.

That plan to strengthen working-women's unions by providing substantial dowries for members who get married looks like a winning proposition. Presumably, prospective suitors would have to show their union cards, so the men's unions would stand a chance of getting a lot of new members also.

Automobiles may be bad for good roads, but they are good for bad ones, in this country. Every big auto race or tour gives new impetus to the movement for better highways.

THE INNOCENT ABROAD.



The Innocent's Return.

SAYS FLEET WILL GO

SECRETARY SAID WEEK AGO: "PRESIDENT HAS ISSUED NO ORDER FOR DEPARTURE."

DECISION NOT MADE THEN
Metcalf Not to Resign—Generally Expected Battleships and Cruisers Will Start on Long Cruise in October.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Secretary to the President William Loeb, Jr., when asked if Secretary of the Navy Metcalf had been asked to resign from the cabinet because of his statement a month ago that the Atlantic fleet was to start for the Pacific this fall, said:

"Such a report is absurd. Mr. Metcalf's resignation will not be asked. The fleet is to go to the Pacific, therefore, Mr. Metcalf was right."

"Had the decision been made to send the fleet to the Pacific when Mr. Metcalf made his statement?" Mr. Loeb was asked.

"No," Secretary Loeb said. "The President had issued no order at that time. It was decided later on."

Nothing to Do With War Talk.

"You may say this: The sending of the ships to the Pacific has nothing to do with the recent war talk—nothing whatever. It has been decided to give the navy some good practice work."

"I don't know when the fleet will start or how long the cruise will take. The start will be made when the President gives the word, and, so far as I know, he has not yet decided the time."

Secretary Loeb would not deny that the decision had been reached at a conference between the President and Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry last Monday.

On leaving Sagamore Hill that day Mr. Newberry, who had insisted positively that no orders for a cruise of any sort had been issued by the President, said the fleet "would probably" go.

One week ago in discussing the proposed cruise of the battleship fleet, Mr. Loeb said positively the President had issued no order for the cruise and he could say with equal positiveness the President had never expressed a desire for the fleet to visit the Pacific.

"There has been no change in the battleship situation," Mr. Loeb said in that interview. "I can say precisely what I said before: That the President has issued no order for the departure of the fleet to the Pacific or any other waters."

President Roosevelt is now waiting for a report from the navy board as to the condition of the various ships before determining upon the starting time for the cruise. October is the month most talked of for the departure.

PITTSBURG MINERS MAY STRIKE.

Allege Wage Agreement Has Been Repeatedly Violated.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The executive board of district No. 5, United Mine Workers of America, which embraces the Pittsburg district, authorized President Patrick Feehan to call a strike of the miners in this district immediately, alleging that the Pittsburg Coal company has been violating the wage agreement repeatedly.

President Feehan has announced that he will give the Pittsburg Coal company a few hours in which to adjust matters.

Over 14,000 miners will be affected in the event of a strike.

Fairbanks Family Reunion.

Dedham, Mass.—More than five hundred descendants of Jonathan Fairbanks, who came from Sowerby, Yorkshire, England, in 1636 and settled in this town, came here Tuesday to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the Fairbanks family in America. The reunion was held in the old Fairbanks homestead which was built by the founder of the American branch of the family soon after his arrival here and is believed to be the oldest dwelling in New England.

Alva Bradley Estate Divided.

Cleveland, Ohio.—After years of litigation, the estate of Alva Bradley, valued at about \$5,000,000, was divided equally among each of ten heirs. Alva Bradley, who was a wealthy vessel and real estate owner, died over twenty years ago and left his estate in trust for twenty years before it was to be divided.

Straus Lands in Honolulu.

Honolulu, Hawaii.—Oscar Straus, secretary of commerce and labor, arrived here from San Francisco on the steamer Siberia. He was greeted with the military salute accorded to a member of the president's cabinet, and was met at the dock by federal and territorial officials and the territorial militia.

Iowa Senator's Condition Critical.

Waterloo, Iowa.—State Senator Byron Newberry, father of the Iowa pure food law, who was bitten on the ankle by a rattlesnake, is in a critical condition and his recovery is doubtful. He was bitten while in an oat field on his farm near Strawberry Point.

Crown Order for Beerbohm Tree.

Berlin—Emperor William has conferred the crown order of the third class upon H. Beerbohm Tree, the actor.

Explosion Kills Three.

New York, N. Y.—Information has reached this port that it was an explosion in the hold of the North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm II. that caused the death of three men and prevented the vessel from sailing on schedule time.

Gives \$200,000 to London Charities.

London, Eng.—Howard Paul, the American entertainer, who died here in December, 1905, whose will has been in litigation, bequeathed about \$200,000 to London charities.

MAN AWAKE 25 YEARS.

Spends His Nights in Chair With His Eyes Wide Open.

Erie, Pa.—Joseph Root, a hermit resident of Presque Isle peninsula, says he has not slept in 25 years, and those who have become interested in the case believe the story.

A number of well-known physicians examined him. They say he is in a healthy condition and he was awake all the time they observed him. His close friends also vouch for his story.

He says that about twenty-five years ago two dear relatives were killed in a railroad accident. He suffered so much from the shock that he gave up the idea of sleep and now remains in a chair all night, with his eyes wide open. After his rest in the chair he feels as much refreshed in the morning as if he had enjoyed a good night's sleep.

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

Michigan Representative Arraigned in Connection With Girl's Death.

Detroit, Mich.—Representative Chas. M. Ward, speaker pro tem. of the State House of Representatives and chairman of the ways and means committee, was arraigned in the police court here on a warrant charging him with manslaughter in connection with the death here of a criminal operation in April of Miss Edith Presley, proofreader for the state senate.

Mr. Ward stood mute, and his attorney asked for an explanation in the police court, which Justice Stein set for September 6. The justice then fixed bail at \$3,000, with two sureties, which was furnished.

Naval Militia May Shoot.

Washington, D. C.—Attorney General Bonaparte has tendered an opinion to the acting secretary of war holding, in effect, that the naval militia of the United States is a part of the organized militia, which, if accepted by the department, will give an opportunity for teams from the naval militia to enter the rifle contests at Camp Perry, O., during this month.

Last year the war department held that the naval boys were not entitled to participate in the rifle contests, and there is considerable complaint in consequence.

Child's Body in Lake.

Chicago, Ill.—The body of Gretchen Rohde, aged 6, who disappeared Monday and was thought to have been kidnapped, was found at the bottom of Lake Michigan, at the foot of Indiana street, Friday morning. A boy dived and brought up the body.

The possibility that the child may have been murdered and thrown into the lake to avert suspicion is being investigated.

Steamer Runs Aground.

New York, N. Y.—The steamer Graf Waldersee, of the Hamburg-American line, which passed in at Sandy Hook at 10:30 p. m., ran aground on the east edge of the main channel, about a mile north of the Southwest Spit. The vessel appears to be resting easy, and as the tide is rising she will probably be floated without damage.

Mine Strike Averted.

Pittsburg, Penn.—The strike of 14,000 coal miners, which was scheduled to take place Friday, has been averted for the present at least. The officials of the Pittsburg Coal Co. have asked for a conference with the officials of the miners' union and the differences existing between the men and the company very likely will be adjusted.

American Motor Boat Wins.

Southampton.—The American motor boat Dixie, owned by Commodore E. J. Schroeder, of the Auto Boat Club of America, won the race for the international marine motor cup in Southampton water, beating the nearest British boat, Dalmier II, by three-quarters of a mile over a 35-mile course.

Runaway Train Kills Four Men.

Atchison, Kas.—A Missouri Pacific freight train ran away down Shannon Hill here and struck the rear end of another freight standing on the track. F. D. Scott, a fireman; Fred Butzrus, Hastings, Neb.; Ralph Moody, Omaha, and an unknown man were killed.

Marquette, Kas., Isolated by Tornado.

Marquette, Kas.—The tornado that passed near Marquette late Thursday did some damage to crops, but little to the town itself. It destroyed telegraph and telephone wires and shut off communication with the outside.

Engineer Killed in Wreck.

Arkansas City, Kas.—Northbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 116 left the track seven miles from Red Rock, Okla., killing the engineer and wounding numerous passengers. A coach, chair car and baggage car, as well as the engine, went into the ditch.

Falling Slate Kills Two.

Irwin, Pa.—John H. Jones of Pittsburg, general manager of the United Coal Company, and Jasper Graham, fire boss, were killed Tuesday night in Edna mine No. 1, by a fall of slate.

Reward for Lindley's Slayer.

Little Rock, Ark.—Governor Pindall offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who murdered and robbed Dr. L. T. Lindley, of Holly Bend, this past week.

Wanamaker Stables Burn.

Philadelphia, Penn.—The stables on John Wanamaker's estate, Lyndenhurst, near Jenkintown, a suburb, were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at \$100,000. Lyndenhurst, Mr. Wanamaker's country home, was destroyed by fire February last, causing a loss of nearly \$2,000,000.

Twenty-Five Hurt in Wreck.

Lynchburg, Va.—Twenty-five persons were injured, one seriously, in a collision at Irvington, Va., on the Southern railroad.

MOB LAW RULE IN NEW YORK

GOTHAM POLICE UNABLE TO SUPPRESS OUTBREAKS BY FIENDS.

INNOCENT MEN MUST SUFFER

Attack Nine Children—Fathers and Mothers, Driven to Desperation, Defy Blue Coats in War on Monsters.

New York—The spirit of mob vengeance has seized the outraged citizens of New York. Numbering 10,000 in all, infuriated men and women in four different parts of the city, attempted to take the law in their own hands because of the inability of the authorities to cope with the unparalleled number of crimes against women and children.

Nine attacks were reported to the police. In one instance a noose was placed around the culprit's neck. He was about to be lynched when he was rescued by the police. In another an innocent man was pursued by thousands in Harlem, beaten into insensibility and is now dying.

In the Tenderloin a man was attacked for trying to lure a little girl. The police had to draw their revolvers and use their night sticks to keep the crowd from killing him.

Three men were caught attempting to drag two young girls under a bridge in the Bronx. A great crowd gathered and stoned the men and the police all the way to the station house. The screams of another child in Brooklyn saved her from a fiend.

A woman in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn was attacked violently in the Bronx, and almost strangled to death.

Coroner Harburger issued a statement, saying the police were unable to cope with the situation and asked that the sheriff be called on.

Fathers and Mothers in Mob.

The most desperate efforts were made to lynch George Kestner, charged with attacking 8-year-old Sadie Hamburger, who lives with her parents at 303 East Ninety-fifth street. It took all of the reserves of the East Eighty-eighth street station to fight back the mob.

It was not an ordinary mob, but a gathering of fathers and mothers, determined to take into their own hands the protection of their homes from the ravages of the fiends who have been attacking little girls in all parts of the city.

Three of the mob leaders, Joseph Connolly, Henry Hardman and Chas. Sorg, were arrested after the police had pulled their revolvers and threatened to shoot. When they reached Kestner he was unconscious on the sidewalk. Connolly, Hardman and Sorg were taken to the police station, where it was found that they had been so badly hurt by the police in their efforts to arrest them and prevent the lynching that they had to be taken to the Presbyterian hospital. Later they were taken to the night court in Jefferson Market. They were charged with attempted lynching and then sent back to the Presbyterian hospital.

BLACK HAND VICTIM FOUND.

Followed in His Flight From Italy a Few Weeks Ago.

Chicago—With his head almost severed and a stiletto wound in his heart, the body of Rocco Fusaro, aged 39, who arrived in Chicago three weeks ago was found on the front steps of his boarding house. The police believe Fusaro left Italy to escape the Black Hand society, only to be followed and murdered.

In addition to this crime, the police have these mysteries to engage their attention: Edward Smith, a policeman, was shot and killed within a few feet of his home; John L. Barbour, aged 40, was found dead beside the Illinois Central railroad tracks; John Naughton is dead after a fight, and William Donovan dying from a bullet wound in the stomach, after being attacked by footpads.

Jealousy Leads to Shooting.

Lincoln, Neb.—Joseph Knafel, a Havelock machinist, shot and probably fatally wounded Mrs. Elsie Parsons at her home in Northeast Lincoln and then suicided. Jealousy is supposed to have led to the shooting.

Mother and Daughters Drown.

Durango, Col.—Mrs. Francisco Marquez and two daughters, both under 12 years of age, were drowned at a ford in the San Juan river, near Arboles, by the overturning of their wagon.

Secretary Wilson Ill.

Portland, Ore.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who is here, is ill at his hotel, and declines to see anyone. Casper Wilson, the secretary's son, said that his father contracted a severe cold on his trip from Puget Sound to Portland, and that he had passed a restless night.

Hiteman, Ia., Business Houses Burn.

Albia, Ia.—The plant of the Hiteman Supply company, at Hiteman, Ia., and seven other business buildings were burned. The total loss is \$50,000.

King of Siam Discusses His Ills.

Berlin.—The king of Siam received his physicians and discussed his ailment, which chiefly concerns his majesty's digestive organs, after which the king went out to see Berlin with Gen. Von Kessel, who had been assigned to escort his majesty.

Cholera Menaces Russian Provinces.

St. Petersburg.—It was officially announced that the provinces of Astrakhan, Saratov, Simbirsk, Ufa, Kazan, and Nizni-Novgorod are threatened with an outbreak of cholera.

NEWS OF MISSOURI

Follows Sister to Her Grave.
Springfield—Newton M. Rountree, president of the Keet-Rountree Dry Goods company, of this city, died after a brief illness. Mr. Rountree was taken sick after attending the funeral of Mrs. Roy Wilhoit, a niece, who died from injuries sustained in a runaway accident. Mrs. J. M. Wilhoit, a sister of Mr. Rountree, was injured at the same time, and died at a local hospital two hours later.

Man Is Shot From Ambush.
Potosi—Joseph Buckett, 13 years old, was arrested following the shooting from ambush of F. F. Dennis, a commission merchant of Bellevue. Dennis was driving along the country road two and a half miles from Potosi, when a shot was fired from the timber. Part of the charge penetrated the right arm and leg and broke several bones. Dennis may not recover, physicians say.

Abandons Hope of Finding Father.
Marshall—William H. Todd, of Berkeley, Cal., telegraphed here that all hope of finding his father, Capt. W. C. Todd, of this city, and his sister, Miss Anna Todd, also of this city, has been abandoned. They were passengers on the steamer Columbia, which was sunk in collision July 21. Capt. Todd was a member of the John S. Marmaduke camp, U. C. V., of this city.

Whites Address Negroes.
Rolla—The negroes of Rolla and surrounding territory assembled at Long's Grove, north of Rolla, for their annual emancipation celebration. A number of Rolla's leading white citizens attended, whose addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. M. Daniels, of the Baptist church; the Rev. T. P. Shaffer, of the Methodist church, and Charles L. Woods, editor of the Rolla Herald-Democrat.

July Beer Tax \$48,929.90.
Jefferson City—The statement made in St. Louis that the Sunday lid has not injured the manufacture of beer seems to be verified in the collections returned to the state treasurer by State Beer Inspector Marshall. In July, 1906, these fees amounted to \$41,975.84, and for the month of July, 1907, the inspector collected \$18,929.90, a gain of more than \$6,900.

Test Vote on Saloons.
La Grange—The county court of Lewis county has ordered an election to be held on August 24 to decide whether the county shall prohibit the sale of liquor within its borders. A petition containing more than 600 names was presented to the court, asking for the election. A strong anti-saloon sentiment has developed throughout the county.

John B. Brooks Dead.
Sedalia—John B. Brooks, a native of Virginia but a resident of Pettit county for nearly half a century, died at his home in this city. He was 71 years old. He is survived by his wife and the following sons: Virgil and O. M. Brooks, St. Louis; Harold Brooks, Kansas City, and Leason Brooks, Sedalia.

Governor Denies Charges.
Jefferson City—In reply to former Police Commissioner F. F. Rozelle, who was removed from the Kansas City police board by Governor J. W. Folk, and who declared that this action was taken to boost the governor's political prospects, the state executive declares unqualifiedly that Rozelle's statements are untrue.

Pray for Rain; Deluge Comes.
Joplin—The pastors in the various churches by agreement offered prayers for rain during services to dispel the drought that has been destroying crops for the last month. Three hours later a heavy downpour of rain began and deluged this section during the afternoon.

Folk Names Nevada Man.
Jefferson City—Governor Folk appointed F. A. Wright, of Nevada, to be a member of the board of managers of the state hospital for the insane at Nevada, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of L. F. Murray.

Wife Slayer to the Pen.
Carthage—A touching scene was witnessed here when the two little daughters of Elmer Jackson, who was sentenced to twenty-five years in prison for killing his wife, bade their father good-bye in the courtroom.

Horticulturist Teas Is Dead.
Carthage—John C. Teas, one of the veteran nurserymen of the state, who is widely known because of his additions to the horticultural world, died here of inflammation of the bladder at the age of 80 years.

Postmaster Under Charges.
Montgomery—W. J. Hyde, postmaster at Yates, Randolph county, has been brought here to answer a charge of embezzlement of government funds. He will have a preliminary trial before Federal Commissioner Thompson.

Found Dead in Cistern.
Aurora—Dallas Ellis, aged about 70 years, one of the pioneers of this section, was found dead in the cistern at his home, four miles southwest of this city. Indications point to suicide.

Kansas City Officer Ousted.
Kansas City—The police board dismissed Capt. William E. Weber, for several years in charge of police headquarters, on the charge of permitting gambling in a building that he owned.

Ferryman's Body Recovered.
Cape Girardeau—The body of J. J. Blechle, the Grand Tower ferryman, who was drowned, was found opposite here. The body was sent back to Grand Tower.