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## SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS.

**Sunday.**

Storm losses throughout the Middle West were put at $38,000,000 by the latest estimates.

Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) was laid to rest beside his wife and children in Elmira, N. Y.

The government took steps to stop gambling in cotton, which caused a loss of millions of dollars in trade.

William Fetzer, manufacturer at Springfiedl, Ill., wrote Taft a letter attacking trust abuses under the present patent system.

**Monday.**

Paris bestowed on Roosevelt her greatest honor; glowing tributes were paid at the Hotel de Ville.

Vice President Sherman, in a St. Louis address, defended the Payne tariff law as a prosperity act.

The grand jury began an investigation of alleged fraud in coal purchases for the Chicago fire department.

Senator Dolliver, assailing the railroad bill in the Senate, said the measure in effect renews pooling systems.

Governor Hughes of New York accepted the Supreme Court offer, putting aside his professional and political career.

A druggist, testifying at the trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde in Kansas City, said the strychnine tonic taken by Colonel Swope was bought by J. Moss Hunton.

**Tuesday.**

Bjornstjerne Bjornson, famous Norwegian writer, died in Paris.

The dark, damp weather drew the frost out of the plants without killing them.

A prince of China was entertained in Chicago on his trip around the world.

Former President Roosevelt inspected flying machines at Paris and marveled at the progress of invention.

Twenty-one American republics joined in the dedication of the new Washington home of the bureau of American republics.

W. S. Fielding, Canada's minister of finance, was given a fund of $116,000 in recognition of his services for the last thirteen years.

Senator Clapp in a speech in the Senate replied to Wickersham's Chicago address and defied the administration to read any set of men out of the party.

**Wednesday.**

Paulhan won a $50,000 prize for an aerial flight from London to Manchester.

Oscar Hammerstein quitted the field of grand opera owing to the exactions of songbirds.

Senator Dolliver said he will fight for reform from inside the Republican party, not as ally of Democrats, as both big parties are ruled by interests.

The trial judge in Kansas City revoked the $100,000 bond of Dr. Hyde and ordered the alleged murderer removed to jail as evidence appeared to turn against him.

**Thursday.**

Mark Twain died of a broken heart, smoking in pantomime as end drew near.

The Illinois Supreme Court sustained the union of the Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches.

The attorney general is conducting an investigation into the Chicago board of trade's methods of making prices.

**Friday.**

Forged bills of lading on cotton causing millions loss were revealed by an Alabama failure.

Albert Wolter must die in the electric chair for murdering a 15-year-old New York stenographer.

Chinese rioters forced women and children to flee from Chang-Sha and threatened all foreigners.

The Merriam commission heard that the city of Chicago has lost $55,000 in twenty months in fire department coal contracts.

The nurse said that a week after Dr. Hyde gave the Swope girl a box of candy the recipient developed typhoid fever.

**Saturday.**

Storm and frost did great damage to crops the country over.

More than 2,000 were made homeless by a $1,000,000 fire in Lake Charles, La.

The Vatican refused permission for the Prince of Monaco to visit the Italian king at the Quirinal.

Mobs in China renewed rioting; United States cruiser arrived at Hankow; other nations sending ships.

Henry W. Hoyt resigned at attorney general of Porto Rico as a result of his testimony in the Pinchot-Ballinger inquiry.

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton, John D. Rockefeller's former pastor in Cleveland, says New Yorkers are busy "putting up a front."

Roosevelt in a Sorbonne lecture declared the average citizen is the mainstay of a republic and warned his hearers against race suicide.

President Needham, of George Washington University, told the House committee on the District of Columbia that only $16,000 remains of the $192,000 Corcoran endowment fund.

### INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

The will of Thomas F. Walsh, the Colorado mining king, divides his $10,000,000 fortune equally between the widow and his only child, Mrs. Evelyn B. McLean.

"Conservation of child life" and "Compulsory education" were the battle cries sounded at the first session of the Southern textile conference at Memphis, Tenn.

State's Attorney Blakely of Pittsburg will go to Albany to ask Governor Hughes for the extradition of President Frank N. Hoffstot, accused of bribing councilmen.

James R. Garfield, former Secretary of the Interior, will seek the Republican gubernatorial nomination in Ohio and will have the assistance of Senator Burton.

That the Soo Railroad is giving serious consideration to building a connecting line from the "wheat line" to the main line from some point in Minnesota or North Dakota, to some point in the central part of North Dakota, is shown by the fact that a second surveying crew was sent out recently from Medford, Walsh County, headed for Drake, McHenry County. The line, if constructed, would be 160 miles long and would pass through Devil's Lake.

# LOSS IS $50,000,000 FROM WINTRY BLAST

**Snow and Cold Affect Wide Section, with Truck Gardens, Orchards and Farms Devastated.**

**CROPS RUINED IN MIDDLE WEST**

**Sudden Blizzard with Below Freezing Temperatures Leaves Destruction in Its Wake.**

**BOTH GRAIN AND FRUITS SUFFER**

**Continuance of Rain and Cold, with Gradual Change, Regarded as Only Salvation.**

Prematurely budding crops of the middle West have been swept away in the most disastrous and far-reaching storm experienced in a generation. The disturbance has wrought more than $50,000,000 damage to fruits and vegetables and has started an upward shoot in the price of fresh foodstuffs that probably will be felt during the entire season. The Michigan fruit belt—the backbone of the fruit district—is described as almost wholly wiped out for the season, while the freezing temperature in Illinois and Iowa not only has killed buds, flowers and fruits, but threatens to ruin oats.

In and about Chicago truck gardeners have seen all hopes of early vegetables blasted in a single night. Vegetables and flowers that had promised huge profits and low prices because of the early spring have been damaged beyond hope. All that can be done is to replant, where this is possible, making the season several weeks behind rather than early. But in the end it will be the housekeeper who will feel the effect of the storm. The expected early vegetables and low prices, promised because of the lamb-like March, have given place to promises of such high prices for green foodstuffs as have not obtained in years.

The story of the storm is told best in the weather bureau reports that showed freezing temperature in practically all of the points that have been touched by the storm. Here are some of the temperatures reported.

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| Chicago | 26 above zero |
| Kansas City | 30 above zero |
| Keokuk | 28 above zero |
| Indianapolis | 30 above zero |
| Des Moines | 30 above zero |
| Davenport | 26 above zero |
| Galesburg, Ill. | 18 above zero |
| Dubuque, Iowa | 25 above zero |
| St. Louis | 28 above zero |
| Unionville, Mo. | 26 above zero |
| Milwaukee | 22 above zero |

In the central and southern districts of Illinois the temperature fell to a fraction below 25 degrees, with the result that fruit growers announced that they had little hope of any crop at all this season.

Paradoxically enough, the only mitigation in the bad news was in the fact that rain and low temperature—although not freezing temperatures—prevailed throughout the whole Middle Western section. Had the snowstorm been followed by a bright, warm sun, nothing could have saved fruits and berries now in blossom from complete ruin. As matters stand, while many of the buds will be killed, the cool weather and rain of the next few days may save the others.

What effect the damage will have on prices this summer is problematical. The indications up to the day before the storm fell were that the fruit crop would break all records. Fruits, grains and garden truck were from two weeks to a month ahead of their usual time. The question now is whether enough of the crop will be saved to make the harvest next fall something like normal.

Even if the fruit crop of the Middle West were half destroyed, prices might not be seriously affected, for reports from other fruit sections indicate bumper crops. It seems certain, however, that the loss on apple, plum, cherry and peach orchards will be so serious as to make prices for those fruits higher this summer.

Grains are reported to have suffered severely everywhere, the loss on oats being particularly heavy. In some sections the entire oats crop will have to be resowed. Wherever the first joint was out of the ground the frost killed the growing grain.

## 3 DIE IN BIG FOUR ACCIDENT.

**Wreck Near Sanford, Ind., Costs Lives of Engineer and Others.**

Three men were killed and eight probably fatally injured when a train of empty express cars on the way from St. Louis to Indianapolis, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, struck a defective switch and smashed the car of an interlocking switch construction crew on a siding at Sandford, Ind. Engineer R. E. Ely, of Mattoon, Ill., H. Driscoll and L. B. Donnelly were killed. Conductor H. L. Shipman, Indianapolis; Samuel Moffett, Dallas Sprigs; Charles E. Jones, Harry Clark, Fred Riley, Harry Gullett and T. D. Griffith were probably fatally hurt. The men were asleep in their car when it was crushed by the impact of the locomotive of the express train.

## BOY SPECULATOR ENDS LIFE.

**George Dabo, Wall Street Plunger, Fearing Insanity, Shoots Self.**

George Dabo, 17 years old, shot himself in the head at his home at Hoboken, N. Y., and died a few hours later. Though only 16 when he gave his first order, the boy had been unusually successful in Wall street speculation, it is said. Restraint imposed upon him recently by physicians when he broke down nervously from excitement is said to have caused him to fear he would lose his mind.

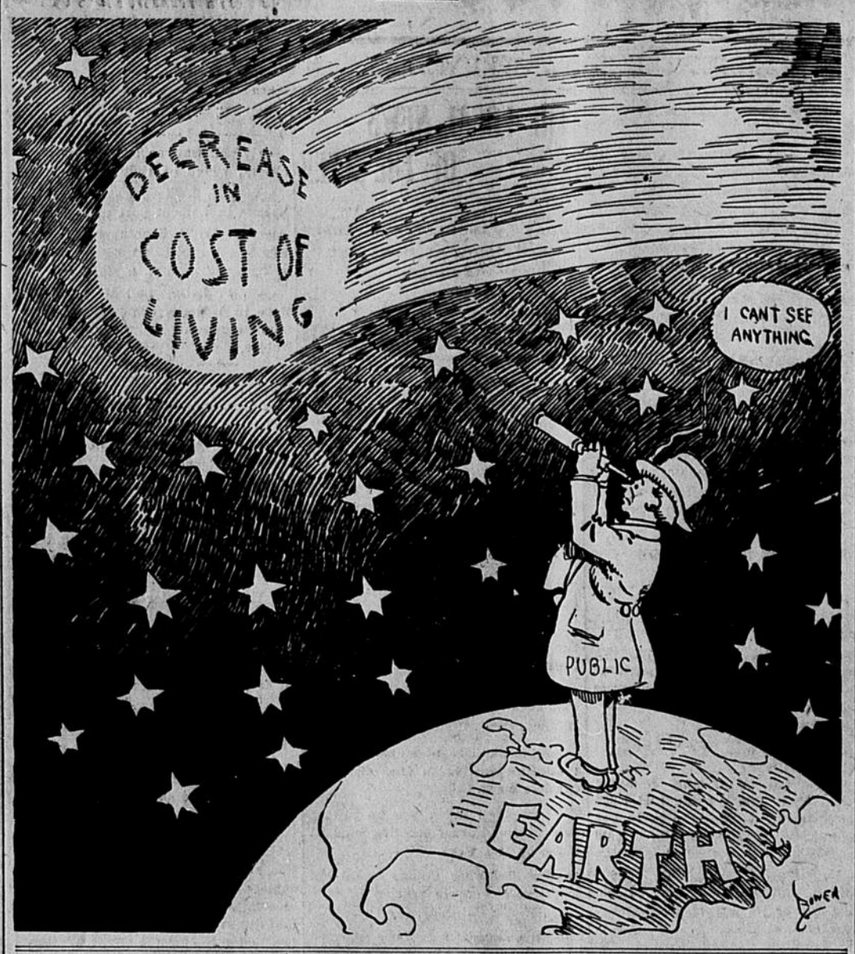
**Mothers' Day Is Proclaimed.**

Governor Harmon of Ohio has issued a proclamation designating Sunday, May 8, as Mothers' day, and asking for a general observance. This is the first proclamation of the kind to be issued in the State.

**Three Dead in Hotel Fire.**

Three persons lost their lives in the fire which swept the Hotel Thoma in Cincinnati. The dead are Walter G. Cameron, a lawyer; Harry Lawrence, a proofreader, and Jacob Hefty, an employe of the hotel.

STILL INVISIBLE!




## WOLTER FOUND GUILTY.

**Youth Who Killed Fourteen-Year-Old Stenographer Must Die.**

Albert Wolter, a 19-year-old youth, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury in the Court of Special Sessions in New York, and by the verdict the contention of the State that Wolter on March 24 last strangled and burned to death 14-year-old Ruth Wheeler was substantiated. The boy's counsel said with eloquence that Wolter was too tender-hearted to harm a cat, but twelve men decided that he had strangled Ruth Wheeler, whom he had enticed to his room by a promise of work, and thrust her while yet alive in his fireplace, where, soaked with oil, her crumpled body writhed and burned. With the same waxen-faced indifference that he had shown throughout the trial, Wolter evinced no emotion when the verdict was announced. His fate will be the electric chair.

ALBERT WOLTER.

## 2,000 HOMELESS IN FIRE.

**Blaze Sweeps Over More than 20 Blocks in Lake Charles, La.**

Fanned by a high wind, a fire in Lake Charles swept over more than twenty blocks of the city, destroying several hundred buildings and resulting in a property loss estimated at more than $1,000,000. More than 2,000 persons were made homeless. The mayor called out the local militia company to preserve order. Many offers of financial aid have been received. Within a shore time the wind had driven the fire over a space two miles in length, leaving a mass of ruins in its wake. While many of the buildings destroyed were merely frame cottages, scores of handsome structures also fell prey to the flames. The city hall, the handsome Calcasieu parish courthouse, the Clair hotel, churches, stores, and warehouses were reduced to bare black walls and heaps of ashes within two hours after the fire started. The Catholic convent was destroyed. All the sisters escaped.

## The Comic Side of The News

Halley's comet is helping a lot of people to learn how to get up early.

Astronomers say the comet is losing some of its coiffure as it speeds along.

A New York clerk has just died leaving $2,000,000. He also left the bank.

It seems wicked to spoil perfectly good spring weather by cleaning house in it.

Still, the "exposures" are not likely to make Andrew Carnegie proud of his Pittsburg.

Mr. Roosevelt continues his philanthropic work of giving Europe an interesting time.

Indianapolis coal grafters made a mistake in hiring a stenographer with eyes and ears.

The Pullman company will not be able to pull a man so much for upper berths hereafter.

By getting up as early as it does the comet is helping along the more-daylight movement.

It was time for the interstate commerce commission to do something about that upper berth.

Next thing the country will have to form a Society for Helping Rich Men ta Get Rid of Their Wealth.

If all they say about that Kansas City doctor is true he was almost anything else than the ideal family physician.

Doubtless the reason the astronomers could not see the comet's tail at first is that the appendage is only 2,000,000 miles long.

James J. Jeffries, who had a fine time on his birthday, hopes that the nation's natal day will be for him as joyous an occasion.

It is not, however, by the census enumerators that the hairs upon our heads are numbered. The beauty parlors take care of such things.

According to this year's baseball rules the umpire will be absolute monarch, but he will fall down if he attempts to censor the remarks of the bleacherites.

## ENORMOUS STORM LOSSES IN STATES OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Illinois—Greatest damage was caused by the blizzard that covered the entire State. Early vegetables on the truck gardens in the northern districts and berry patches, where buds had reached an advanced stage, are reported as total losses. Damage, $6,000,000.

Iowa—Storms in Iowa have continued with greater or less vigor for nearly a week, but the frigid atmosphere and snows of the last two days have done the greatest damage. Not only fruits and vegetables, but even the oats crop is threatened. Entire damage, $10,000,000.

Indiana—Apple orchards and truck gardens that supply Chicago were the greatest sufferers. The damage, which was confined to the northern and central districts, amounts to $2,000,000.

Michigan—Fruit belt almost entirely gone for the season. All that remains, according to expert growers, is the grape crop, which has been damaged to a great extent. Damage, $4,000,000.

Wisconsin—It is estimated that 50 per cent of the fruit crop and all of the early vegetable and green stuffs intended for the Chicago market have been killed. Damage, $2,000,000.

Kansas—Snow and low temperatures have killed the buds and, in many instances, even the leaves on the trees. The corn crop, however, is safe. Damage, $1,000,000.

Kentucky—All the fruits and vegetables, as well as budding plants and flowers, have been damaged by the cold weather and flurries of snow, largely because of the fact that they had reached an abnormally early development. Loss, $1,500,000.

Missouri Clouds and favorable conditions saved much of the fruit Friday night, but the clear weather and continued cold of last night completed the damage. Estimated losses, $2,000,000.

Ohio—Early fruit, particularly watermelon and other vines, have been killed by the snows and freezing weather. Grain has not been hurt. Loss, $500,000.

Nebraska — Small gardeners and truck farmers were the heaviest losers in the storm that, it is believed now, has not damaged the early wheat. Loss, $1,500,000.

## STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

**Progress of the Pennant Race in Base Ball Leagues.**

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

| W. | L. | | W. | L. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia .7 | 1 | Cincinnati ... | 3 | 4 |
| Pittsburg ...5 | 1 | Boston ..... | 2 | 5 |
| Chicago ....4 | 2 | St. Louis .... | 2 | 7 |
| New York ..6 | 3 | Brooklyn .... | 2 | 7 |

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

| W. | L. | | W. | L. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia .5 | 3 | Cleveland .... | 4 | 5 |
| Detroit .....5 | 3 | Boston ..... | 4 | 5 |
| St. Louis ...3 | 2 | Washington . | 4 | 6 |
| New York ..4 | 3 | Chicago .... | 2 | 4 |

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

| W. | L. | | W. | L. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Paul ....7 | 3 | Indianapolis . | 5 | 6 |
| Minneapolis .6 | 4 | Kansas City . | 4 | 5 |
| Toledo .....6 | 4 | Louisville ... | 4 | 7 |
| Columbus ...6 | 4 | Milwaukee ... | 1 | 6 |

WESTERN LEAGUE.

| W. | L. | | W. | L. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sioux City ..4 | 1 | Omaha ..... | 2 | 3 |
| St. Joseph ..3 | 2 | Lincoln ..... | 2 | 3 |
| Denver .....3 | 2 | Topeka ..... | 2 | 3 |
| Wichita .....3 | 2 | Des Moines .. | 1 | 4 |

**Fire Kills Three; Father Near Death**

The wife and two daughters, 7 and 9 years old, of Agent G. A. Krueger, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Soo line depot in Edgeland, N. D. Krueger is near death from burns received while trying to rescue his family.

**"Quads" Born in Virginia.**

When the stork visited Mrs. William Rife in Staunton, Va., it left four children in the Rife home, but one of the little visitors died almost on arrival. The other three are doing well.

**Boy Killed by Baseball.**

Seven-year-old Michael Keefe of Boston is dead as the result of being hit by a baseball thrown by Joseph Burke, 14 years old. The ball struck Keefe over the heart.

**"Eddie Fay" Given Ten Years.**

Pleading guilty to the robbery of the Richmond, Va., postoffice on the night of March 17, when $85,000 was taken, Eddie Fay and "Little Dick" Harris were sentenced to ten years in the Atlanta penitentiary and fined $6,000 each.

## PEACE TEMPLE DEDICATED.

**President Taft and Cabinet Attend Ceremonies in Washington.**

The beautiful new home of the International Bureau of the American Republics in Washington, called by Mr. Carnegie a temple of peace, was the other day formally dedicated in the presence of a distinguished company. The international character of the dedication was proved by the presence of President Taft, the Secretary of State, the Mexican Ambassador, Cardinal Gibbons, Senator Elihu Root, Andrew Carnegie, Bishop Harding, Director John Barrett of the bureau of American republics, members of the diplomatic corps, of the Supreme Court and the cabinet, as well as Senators and Representatives and high army and naval officers.

The ceremonies were initiated by an invocation by Cardinal Gibbons, who was followed by Secretary Knox, who delivered the formal opening address. Senator Root delivered an address, which was responded to by Senor Don Francisco Leon de la Barra, the Mexican ambassador. Mr. Carnegie delivered a characteristic address. There were readings of cable messages from the presidents of the Latin American republics, congratulating Mr. Carnegie and the bureau of American republics upon the completion of the great work and then President Taft spoke at length.

Just preceding the benediction by Bishop Harding, which concluded the afternoon exercises, occurred a unique feature of the program when President Taft and Mr. Carnegie jointly planted a "peace tree" in the patio, or court yard. The new home of the bureau cost $1,000,000, of which Mr. Carnegie contributed $750,000 and the twenty-one American republics the remainder.

## MOUNTED MEN ROB STORES.

**Robbers Raid Three Places in Sparta, Wis., and Get Much Booty.**

Mounted bandits raided Sparta, Wis., early the other day, blew open two safes and robbed a third store. They escaped with a large amount of booty before the townsmen could organize for an attack. A heavily armed posse was soon formed, however, and started in pursuit. Hoof prints show that there were three riders in the raid. They tied their horses in the rear of one of the stores they looted.

The victims: J. D. Lumber Company, safe blown and money and papers taken; Davis Bros., grocery store, safe blown; small amount of money and groceries taken; Morse & Danman, hardware store; attempt to blow safe with nitroglycerin failed.

## FROM FOREIGN LANDS

Prince Joachim, the youngest son of the Kaiser, following the example of his brother Adalbert, will enter the navy as soon as his studies are completed.

Admiral Montecuccoli of the Austrian navy, with his staff of experts, has completed the plans for the new naval base at Sebenico, on the Dalmatian coast.

The prolonged negotiations over the new wage agreement between the South Wales coal owners and miners have been broken off and a strike of 200,000 miners is regarded as inevitable soon. This strike will affect altogether 1,000,000 workers, including railway and dock employes and others dependent upon the collieries.

Dr. Sebastian Albrecht, who was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in the class of 1900, and for some years has been connected with the staff of Lick Observatory, has recently been appointed first astronomer in the National Observatory of the Argentine republic.

The government engineer of Canada has informed the house committee at Ottawa that, in order to hold the grain trade, sooner or later Canada will have to build a canal from Edmonton to Lake Superior.

Parisians derive great satisfaction from the fact that the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences has awarded M. Lepine, the prefect of police, its Grand Prix, valued at £600, in recognition of his splendid work during the days of the great flood, "honoring in him all those who, placed under his orders, have co-operated with the same devotion in the relief work which he has so splendidly directed."

# CHINESE TOWNS BURN AS MISSIONARIES FLEE

**Mobs in Possession, Foreigners Threatened and Guns Trained on Changsha.**

**WALK THIRTY MILES IN RAGS**

**Refugees Tell of Slaughter of Many Natives, Including All the Students of a School.**

The situation in Hunan province, China, is reported as critical. Women and children are fleeing for their lives from Changsha, the capital. A number of villages near that city have been reduced to ashes by native mobs. The country is placarded with threats to kill all foreigners.

This disquieting news was brought by missionary refugees who arrived at Hankow from Changsha and near-by mission stations. Many of them had traveled thirty miles on foot and reached the Yangtzekiang in rags. Their houses had been burned and they lost all of their property.

The missionaries said that gunboats in the river have their guns trained on Changsha and near-by points and have afforded a refuge for many foreigners. Three thousand Chinese imperial soldiers are occupying the strategic points of the capital and detachments are being hurried to outlying districts, where rioting is reported. Many Chinese have been killed. In one instance a technical school was set on fire and thirty students were burned to death. When vessels approached Changsha to rescue the imperiled ones the Chinese mob saturated junks with kerosene from looted stations of the Standard Oil Company, and, setting them on fire, allowed them to float down stream in an attempt to burn oncoming steamers.

## HUGHES TO SUPREME COURT.

**New York Governor Notifies Taft of Acceptance of Position.**

Governor Charles Evans Hughes of New York put aside his opportunities for making from $100,000 to $150,000 a year in the private practice of his profession as a lawyer and deliberately abandoned his political career, which, it was believed by his friends, was leading directly to the presidency, by accepting for life the post of associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States at an annual salary of $12,000.

Governor Hughes virtually will serve out his term in the office to which he was elected by the people of New York. At his special request President Taft

GOV. CHAS. E. HUGHES.

has arranged that the Governor will not succeed to the place made vacant by the recent death of Justice Brewer until the beginning of the October term of court. Mr. Hughes' term of office as Governor expires with the dawning of 1911. The arrangement agreed upon will enable him to clean up pretty thoroughly the tasks begun by him as Governor.

## ENTOMBED IN A MINE.

**Men Imprisoned by Explosion at Mulga, Ala., All Dead.**

Forty men were entombed in the Mulga mine of the Birmingham Railway Coal and Iron Company at Mulga, Ala., by an explosion at 9 o'clock the other night and it is believed that all are dead. Fifteen white men and twenty-five negro laborers are in the mine. The foreman, who is entombed with the others, has the only list of those working at the time. When the first crew of rescuers reached the bottom of the shaft the following morning the bodies of two miners were found. On returning to the surface the rescuers expressed the opinion that all the men were dead.

After the explosion flames shot up the shaft for about 400 feet and the ground is covered with charred timbers, which are blown up from the bottom of a 350-foot shaft by the force of the blast. Every window in the village was broken.

**Kirkman Quits C. & N. W.**

Announcement is made of the resignation of Marshall M. Kinkman, vice president of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and in charge of the accounts of the company. Several other changes are also announced.

**Foul Ball Costs Boy's Life.**

Louis Rose, a 10-year-old boy of Jersey City, running valiantly to catch a foul tip in a baseball game, fell headforemost into a shallow pond and stuck in the mud bottom. He was dead from suffocation when pulled out.

**New Philanthropy Planned.**

One of the unknown millionaires of New York City is planning a great systematic, long-continuing philanthropy similar to the Rockefeller general fund and the Carnegie and Sage foundations. The proposed organization is to be called the Economic and General Foundation.

**Fire Nearly Wipes Out Hamlet.**

The hamlet of Orleans, N. Y., was nearly wiped out by fire. Twenty-two buildings, including the church and schoolhouse, were destroyed.

# MARK TWAIN IS DEAD OF A BROKEN HEART

**America's Famous Humorist, Saddened by Loss of Daughter and Friends, Gives Up Fight.**

**HIS ENDING IS WITHOUT PAIN**

**Sad Event Occurs at His Home Near Redding, Conn.—Angina Pectoris the Cause.**

Mark Twain, beloved the world over because he made it laugh, is dead. He passed away without pain at 6:22 o'clock Thursday evening in his country home, "Stormfield," back in the wild Camarack Hills, from Redding, Conn. For five hours he had been unconscious and the end was almost unnoticeable.

Angina pectoris, the doctors have it, ended the life which every one who had ever known Samual Langhorne Clemens hoped might be spared longer. That malady was coupled to some extent with asthma of the heart, brought about by excessive smoking. But what

SAMUEL L. CLEMENS.

laymen call a broken heart was more responsible than the world in general knew.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, America's foremost humorist and known the world over as Mark Twain, was born in the little town of Hannibal, Mo., on November 30, 1835. Early in life he worked in the printing office of his older brother and learned the trade as a compositor. For a time he was a pilot upon Mississippi River steamboats. But he drifted back into newspaper work and made a modest success as correspondent for various papers in Nevada and California. He published his first book, "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," in March, 1867. Two years later a series of letters he had written as a correspondent were collected and published under the title, "The Innocents Abroad." The book had a record sale and his fame as a humorous writer was secure. Other books appearing later were "Roughing It," "The Gilded Age," "Tom Sawyer," "Huckleberry Finn," "The Prince and the Pauper," and "Pudd'nhead Wilson."

His financial ability, however, was none of the best and in 1894 his entire fortune was swept away by the failure of the publishing house. Mr. Clemens was abroad at the time, and although sixty years of age he started out on a tour of the globe, delivering lectures and writing articles in order to pay the debts of the defunct firm, which he was successful in doing.

## BJORNSON IS DEAD.

**Famous Novelist Dies in Paris from Paralytic Stroke.**

Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the famous Norwegian novelist, playwright, poet and publicist, died at the Hotel Wagram in Paris in Paris the other night in the 78th year of his age. His wife, whom he married fifty-two years ago, was with him at the end. Bjornson suffered a stroke of paralysis last June, and was brought to Paris in November for electro-therapeutic treatment. It was reported lately that he was growing better. The change came unexpectedly.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson was born near the town of Moldo, Norway, December 8, 1832. Poet, novelist, dramatist, reformer and apostle of peace, two hereditary traits dominated in his character—the placid nature, which he drew from his father, a country parson, and the fighting spirit, which came to him from his more remote ancestors, the old Norse sea-rovers. He was known as the Prophet-Poet of Norway. Toward him the people looked for guidance, and with his cudgels he fought in the cause of truth and justice.

At the age of 20 he entered the University of Christiania, and while there began writing in a serious vein. After two years as writer and editor he became the director of the Bergen Theater. This was in 1857. The next few years were devoted to travel and residence in Denmark, Germany and Italy, and then Bjornson went back to Norway for ten years. He began the series of plays which conquered the Norwegian stage and also invaded the Danish, Swedish and German theaters. As Bjornson grew older he went into politics as a reformer. In later years he became almost as well known an apostle of universal peace as is Tolstoi himself.

**Man Killed in Nashville Fire.**

Lieutenant John Ambrose was killed, his neck being broken, and three other firemen injured in a fire in Nashville which damaged the Bradford furnitnre plant to the extent of about $40,000.

**Pat Crowe Hold-Up Victim.**

Pat Crowe, the kidnaper of Eddie Cudahy, was held up and robbed in Mansfield, Ohio, the other night. Crowe filed complaint against John Burns, a paroled Ohio reformatory prisoner, who is held in $5,000 bond.

**Christian Science Leader Suicide.**

Miss Marion Stephens, for many years leader in the Christian Science Church in New York, committed suicide Monday by inhaling gas. She testified against Mrs. Stetson when the latter was deposed.

**Girl Ends Her Life.**

Obtaining a key to a man friend's room in Spokane, Wash., Rosie Baumberger, 24 years old, of Lind, Iowa, entered the apartment and committed suicide by shooting herself through the head.

## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

**CHICAGO.**

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of Chicago trade says:

"While an excellent exhibit appears in both aggregate payments through the banks and trading defaults, the business situation presents some irregularity, mainly due to weather uncertainties and labor disputes. The matter of costs also suggests more serious thought as to future undertakings. Further weakening in prices of raw supplies affects some interests and large consumers apparently await more favorable buying terms. Continued low temperatures have adversely affected leading retail lines and outdoor activity, but transportation has suffered little hindrance and freight movements have remained exceptionally heavy in factory outputs, general merchandise, farm needs, lumber, hides and grain.

"Interior advices indicate that merchants have done well thus far in seasonable goods. Reduction of light weight apparel and fashionable wear is in part delayed by the cold and wet conditions, but local sales have been of fair volume. The attendance of buyers has been equal to expectations in the wholesale district and reordering for broken lines and fall needs have been the features. Forwardings remain fairly large in textiles, millinery, footwear, clothing, suits and house needs. Dealings have been seasonably active in food products and sporting goods.

"Bank clearings, $292,649,084, exceed those of the corresponding week in 1909 by 11.1 per cent, and compare with $222,684,009 in 1908. Failures reported in the Chicago district number only 15, as against 27 last week, 32 in 1909 and 34 in 1908. Those with liabilities over $5,000 number 4, as against 10 last week, 8 in 1909 and 10 in 1908."

**NEW YORK.**

Weather conditions and the unsettled outlook for prices of many commodities are the causes assigned for the quieter tone of trade in many lines. Retail business and, to a certain extent, reorder demand from jobbers, was affected by the return early in the week of wintry weather. These influences were, however, largely temporary, and they were largely offset by the decided benefit to the crop outlook generally by the breaking of the drought. Collections are about fair.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with April 21 were 193, as against 207 last week, 247 in the like week of 1909, 254 in 1908, 157 in 1907 and 177 in 1906. Business failures in Canada for the week number 15, which compares with 27 last week and 36 in the corresponding week of 1909.—Bradstreet's.

## MARKETS OF THE WEEK

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, $4.00 to $8.45; hogs, prime heavy, $7.00 to $9.70; sheep, fair to choice, $4.50 to $8.10; wheat, No. 2, $1.10 to $1.12; corn, No. 2, 57c to 59c; oats, standard, 41c to 42c; rye, No. 2, 77c to 78c; hay, timothy, $10.00 to $18.00; prairie, $8.00 to $14.00; butter, choice creamery, 27c to 29c; eggs, fresh, 17c to 20c; potatoes, per bushel, 15c to 25c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, $3.00 to $8.00; hogs, good to choice heavy, $7.00 to $9.60; sheep, good to choice, $3.00 to $6.50; wheat, No. 2, $1.04 to $1.06; corn, No. 2 white, 58c to 60c; oats, No. 2 white, 42c to 43c.

St. Louis—Cattle, $4.00 to $8.40; hogs, $7.00 to $9.80; sheep, $4.50 to $8.00; wheat, No. 2, $1.10 to $1.12; corn, No. 2, 63c to 64c; oats, No. 2, 40c to 42c; rye, No. 2, 77c to 79c.

Cincinnati — Cattle, $4.00 to $7.75; hogs, $7.00 to $9.75; sheep, $3.00 to $6.50; wheat, No. 2, $1.10 to $1.11; corn, No. 2 mixed, 58c to 60c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 43c to 44c; rye, No. 2, 82c to 84c.

Detroit—Cattle, $4.00 to $7.00; hogs, $7.00 to $10.85; sheep, $3.50 to $8.00; wheat, No. 2, $1.06 to $1.08; corn, No. 3 yellow, 59c to 61c; oats, standard, 43c to 44c; rye, No. 1, 79c to 80c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, $1.05 to $1.08; corn, No. 3, 59c to 61c; oats, standard, 41c to 42c; rye, No. 1, 78c to 80c; barley, standard, 64c to 65c; pork, mess, $21.50.

Buffalo — Cattle, choice shipping steers, $4.00 to $8.40; hogs, fair to choice, $7.00 to $9.80; sheep, common to good mixed, $4.00 to $8.50; lambs, fair to choice, $6.00 to $9.35.

New York—Cattle, $4.00 to $9.00; hogs, $7.00 to $9.85; sheep, $4.00 to $7.50; wheat, No. 2 red, $1.15 to $1.16; corn, No. 2, 61c to 62c; oats, natural, white, 45c to 48c; butter, creamery, 27c to 30c; eggs, western, 19c to 22c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, $1.09 to $1.10; corn, No. 2 mixed, 57c to 59c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 43c to 44c; rye, No. 2, 78c to 79c; clover seed, $6.60.

The season's crop of small fruits around Boise, Idaho, and in Fayette Valley is reported to have been heavily damaged by frost.

Three former Pittsburg councilmen—John Casserly, Isaac Libson and John Hogue—confessed their guilt of taking bribes.

Suspecting that certain bills are "railroaded" through the New York Legislature a little band of "insurgents," led by Lindon Bates, Jr., who has invented a mechanical device, are keeping count on the votes on the various measures as they are taken.

Fire which started from some unknown cause in a store in North Pownal, Vt., destroyed three buildings, causing a loss of about $75,000. The Congregational Church, in which President James A. Garfield taught school while a student at Williams College, was destroyed.

Municipal elections were held throughout Montana the other day. In Helena the Democrats elected four and the Republicans three aldermen, with F. J. Edwards, Republican independent, leading by less than thirty votes for mayor.

Members of the Millers' National Federation in convention at Chicago adopted resolutions urging federal courts which have the matter under consideration to give an early decision on the question of bleaching flour, that millers may determine the character of their early output.