

NEWS ITEMS FOR THE BUSY READER.

All Important Happenings That Have Recently Transpired Throughout the World.

EVENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Crimes and Casualties, the Movements of Government Officials and Other Interesting Events Culled, Condensed and Noted.

An official dispatch from Gen. Linvitch to the emperor dated August 18 says that Russian detachments have annihilated a band of Chinese bandits in the Lunghen district. The leader of the band and two Japanese were among the dead.

Miss Alice Roosevelt will not return with Secretary Taft and party. She will proceed from Manila to Peking to visit the family of Minister W. W. Rockhill.

The Chesapeake & Ohio road has quarantined against New Orleans and the south. Under no conditions will tickets be sold any further south than Memphis or Nashville.

The president has modified his proclamation of the 5th inst., withdrawing from entry certain lands in the Utah Indian reservation and has restored about 85,000 acres.

Harvard observatory officials received a telegram from the Liek observatory in California that a seventh satellite of Jupiter had been observed.

At Pratt, Kan., Mrs. Harvey McPherson Null, charged with murder in the first degree in having, it is alleged, poisoned her husband, a well to do farmer, and H. C. Kelley, a farmhand, charged with aiding and abetting her in the crime, have been arrested.

Dispatches received at the state department from China show that Shanghai is the only place where the boycott against American goods has assumed anything like a serious aspect.

It is now stated at the war department that charges were filed there last April against Maj. Taggart, who is suing his wife for divorce in Ohio, but no action has been taken upon the charges, nor will anything be done until the termination of the present suit.

A wholesale desertion of privates from the army post at Fort Snelling was reported at the army headquarters in St. Paul, when it was announced that about 50 privates had quietly left the post without asking the permission of the commanding officer.

Walter Sanger Pullman, who was injured in a runaway accident, died at his home in Belmont, Cal. An investigation disclosed that his skull was fractured.

Twenty thousand citizens of Quebec witnessed the unveiling of a monument to the Quebec soldiers who lost their lives in the South African war. Earl Grey unveiled the monument.

Two Japanese torpedo boats bombarded Port Hazarevo (Port Lazareff, Korea). An attempt was made to land troops, but they were beaten off by Russians.

Coroner Siegelstein, of Cuyahoga county, rendered a verdict in connection with the wrecking of the Twentieth Century limited on the Lake Shore road at Mentor, O., on the night of June 23 in which 19 lives were lost. The coroner holds that Walter F. Minor, the telegraph operator at Mentor, opened the switch which caused the accident.

A massive battlement tower of Vermont granite, erected to the memory of Vermont's revolutionary patriot, Ethan Allen, on the farm where he spent much of his life, was dedicated in Burlington, Vt. The orator of the day was Charles W. Fairbanks, vice president of the United States.

A score of persons were more or less seriously injured in St. Louis and East St. Louis as the result of a violent wind and rain storm which followed ten minutes of sudden darkness.

A woven wire suspension bridge over a lake at Mildred Park, Springfield, Ill., where the retail clerks of Springfield were holding a picnic, collapsed, throwing 100 persons into the water, which was nine feet deep. Many narrowly escaped drowning.

A Tien-Tsin dispatch says that an attempt was made on the life of the empress of China as she was passing through the northwest gate of the city to her summer palace. Her assailant was dressed as a soldier and was bayoneted by the guard.

The 186 prisoners in the federal jail in Washington have been quarantined for 16 days because of a case of smallpox, the origin of which can not be traced.

There was quite a stir in Washington over a dispatch from Panama that the work on the Isthmian canal had been stopped. The reason of the suspension is due to the desirability of undertaking improvements of sanitary conditions in the zone.

Sewel B. Spaulding, aged 70, engineer of the B. & O. passenger train which struck a street car in Cincinnati, killing three persons and injuring seven, died from injuries received in the wreck. His home was in Chillicothe, O.

Secretary Loeb and his wife completed a month's tour of the national reservation, Yellowstone Park, and started on their return to Washington.

Reports from the mountains of North Carolina are that the hotels and country boarding houses are filled with refugees from the yellow fever district, and that more refugees are coming.

The Interstate Iron Co., of New York, capital \$100,000, was incorporated. Directors: J. G. Peters, New York; Edwin Belknap, Chicago; Z. G. Scholes, Buffalo; F. G. Conklin and D. M. Shively, of South Bend, Ind.

Instead of being dropped from the diplomatic service, Edwin H. Conger, ambassador to Mexico, may be sent to China as a special commission to adjust the differences between the Celestial empire and the United States.

Chief Wilkie, of the United States secret service, has announced the appearance of a new counterfeit \$5 silver certificate. It is of the series of 1899, Lyons register and Roberts treasurer.

John P. Mockler, a merchant, and Oscar Reynolds, a negro, were killed by an electric wire at Cairo, Ill. Mockler came in contact with a live wire in an ice box and the negro tried to release him.

A dispatch by wireless telegraph from Hilo says that Hana, the Hawaiian wife of Kallu, a Chinese, gave birth to one child on last Thursday, two on Sunday, one on Monday, two on Tuesday morning and one on Tuesday night. All are dead.

Liabilities of \$22,677 and assets of \$50 were scheduled in a petition in bankruptcy filed in Boston by George B. Appleton, of Cambridge. Appleton was a clerk in the office of Arthur E. Appleyard, the street railway promoter.

The people of Cairo, Ill., are demanding more stringent quarantine regulations and a large number of prominent citizens called upon Secretary Egan, of the state board of health, and asked him to close Cairo to the world.

Many people were drowned and scores of others injured as the result of an excursion train on the Atlantic Coast line, bound from Kingston, N. C., to Norfolk, Va., plunging through an open draw over the western branch of the Elizabeth river, eight miles from Norfolk.

The removal of the two Atlantic Coast Line cars which plunged into the open draw at Elizabeth river, near Norfolk, Va., revealed but two bodies in the first car, making the number of bodies recovered 13 with five persons missing. None of the injured now in the hospitals will die.

Webb Jay, of Cleveland, was probably fatally injured at Kenilworth park, Buffalo, in the ten mile automobile race. Nine ribs were broken, one lung punctured and right arm broken.

Word was received at the headquarters of the New Mexico rangers that Apache Indians from Arizona are committing depredations in Southwestern Socorro county on the McCallow reservation.

A destructive tornado passed north of Wellfleet, Neb., destroying barns, crops, stock and stacks of hay. At the farm of Votaw brothers 26 head of horses were crushed to death.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending August 17 number 147, against 186 last week, 203 in the like week of 1904 and 166 in 1903. In Canada failures number 29, as against 32 last week.

E. F. Mills, of New York, won the diamond trophy for long distance fly-casting at Chicago against 11 competitors in the Chicago Fly-Casting club's tournament at Garfield park. Mills' distance was 112 feet 8 inches.

Charges have been filed in the department of justice by citizens of Globe, Ariz., against Associate Justice Tucker, of the territorial court, which it is said involved his judicial and personal conduct.

Temple Houston, youngest son of the famous Gen. Sam Houston, died at his home in Woodward, Okla. He was 45 years of age and leaves a widow and four children.

Harvey Mize, a citizen of Bennett, Tenn., a little mining town in Campbell county, near Lafollette, Tenn., shot and instantly killed his wife, mistaking her for a burglar.

While bathing in the Allegheny river at Godfrey, Pa., two campers, Rev. William A. Bilheimer, of Youngblood, and Miss Verna Harrison, daughter of State Representative W. F. Morrison, of Mt. Pleasant, were drowned. The two campers were members of a party of five.

Hon. Henry St. George Tucker, dean of the school of law and diplomacy of George Washington university, formerly Columbian university, Washington, was unanimously elected president of the Jamestown Exposition Co.

The reported northern banana famine will be somewhat relieved by the receipts at Mobile, Ala., which is placed at 119,000 bunches, requiring 500 cars to move the cargo.

Commander-in-Chief John R. King, of the G. A. R., in a general order announces the appointment of three women to be honorary aides on his staff, at the national encampment.

Vincent Walsh, the 19-year-old son of Thomas E. Walsh, the Colorado copper king, who recently rented one of the handsomest cottages at Newport, R. I., and whose family has become one of the most prominent in the summer colony, was killed in an automobile accident. His sister, Miss Evelyn Walsh, Mrs. J. L. Kernochan, Harry Oelrichs and Herbert Pell were seriously injured.

Walter P. Kraft, the transfer clerk of the Equitable Trust Co., Chicago, is missing, and it is said by the officials of the company that \$20,000 of the company's money is missing.

A negro named Horn was captured between Lumberton and Hattiesburg, Miss. The negro was charged with complicity in the killing of Convict Guard Smith near Hattiesburg.

The police raided the track during the Lake Erie trotting races, at Jamestown, N. Y., and arrested four men charged with running a paddle wheel. The police seized the wheel and \$1,400 in money.

One of the acts of the Georgia legislature before final adjournment was the disbanding of the five negro companies in the state militia.

Henry D. Davis, of Cleveland, O., was elected grand worthy president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles by the grand aerie by acclamation after Grand Worthy President John F. Pelletier, of Kansas City, withdrew as a candidate.

The International Typographical Union at its session voted to pay \$250 a week to aid the union printers in their strike against the Philadelphia Inquirer on the condition that the Philadelphia union will subscribe a like amount.

It is certain that the state census of Iowa will show a falling off of about 21,000 in the population of that state, as compared with the figures given by the federal census of 1900.

John Goodson, an 11-year-old school boy, is under arrest charged with the murder of Hannah McQuade, aged 7, in Greenfield township, just outside the west city limits of Detroit.

An interesting Anglo-American engagement which has not yet been publicly announced is that of Miss Ethel Stafford, daughter of Mrs. Hugh Stafford, a wealthy California widow, to Lieut. Arthur Wagg, of the British navy. Miss Stafford is 23, a pretty girl with delicate features. Lieut. Wagg's only possession, he tells his friends, are his pay and a motor car, but the young couple are in love.

The post office and express office at Nuttall, W. Va., was robbed of \$300 and a quantity of stamps. There is no clew to the robber.

A new baby every year for every family in Zion's cohorts—overtone for the stork. Away with race suicide! That's the latest ukase issued by Apostle John Alexander Dowle, for the ruler of the North Shore colony wants to see the birth rate figures soaring skyward in a way that will make the statisticians sit up and sharpen their pencils.

Three persons were injured, one of them probably fatally, by stones hurled by Mrs. Myra McHenry, a joint smasher, who turned wrathfully upon her audience in the street at Hutchinson, Kan., because they jeered.

Mrs. Samuel S. Free, wife of one of Pittsburgh's best-known policemen, gave birth to twins, which makes in all 13 children born to her. The twins are the second pair that has blessed the Free household, and the big policeman is very proud as a result. Free is 60, while his wife is a few years his junior. All their children are living.

Joe Taylor, who was tried at Winfield, Putnam county, W. Va., on a charge of arson, growing out of the Lark case, was found guilty of grand arson by a jury, and his sentence fixed at imprisonment for life.

The strike of the telegraphers on the Northern Pacific road was officially declared off by President Perham, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

The Chicago Typothetae, in order to force an issue on the eight-hour day question, will inaugurate the open shop and establish schools for non-union printers.

Beyond the statement that the daily figures continue to present solid evidence that the modern scientific campaign in progress is controlling the fever, the authorities in charge of the work in New Orleans had little comment to make on the 19th.

The promulgation of the plan for a national assembly which overlooks the rights of the Poles, caused a bad impression in Warsaw, and a general strike, it is feared, will be made the occasion for violent excesses.

The International Typographical Union's convention closed at Toronto with a determination for an eight-hour day. The executive committee was authorized to arrange for a conference with the American Newspaper Publishing association.

Lieut. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, Brig. Gen. James F. Bell and Brig. Gen. William Crozier, who will represent the general staff of the army at the French war maneuvers, sailed for Europe.

William Richardson brought to Petersburg, Ind., the largest catfish ever caught in White river, weighing 112 pounds.

Two lives were lost by a fire which destroyed a farm house near Atlanta, Ga. The dead: John Matthews, aged about 60, and Rosa Thompson, both white.

Frank Hall, his oldest daughter, 14, and his oldest son, 12, were drowned in the Crawfish river two miles from Jefferson, Wis.

Edward F. Conger, American ambassador to Mexico, asserts that he is not going to China and that he could do nothing there to allay the boycott against American products.

Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, was arrested in the suburb of Evanston for violation of the ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles. The mayor, in company with his friend, John Royston, paid the usual fine.

A Great Northern freight train struck a crowded Columbia Garden car on the crossing at Butte, Anaconda & Pacific depot, at Butte, Mont. Ten people were killed and many injured.

The reciprocity conference called at Chicago to devise means of bettering the trade relations between the United States and foreign countries finished the work for which the meeting was called—arranged for a committee to prosecute the plans of the convention and formed a prominent organization styled as the American Reciprocal Turf League.

The Costa Rican government has received official information that yellow fever is prevalent at Bocas del Toro, Panama, and Port Limon, and a strict quarantine against ships from these ports has been ordered.

CHANGES OF PEACE.

Were Greatly Improved by the President's Action.

An Effort is Being Made To Induce Japan to Moderate Her Demands For Indemnity From the Russian Government.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 16.—The crisis in the peace negotiations upon which the eyes of the world is fastened is approaching rapidly and the end of this week or the first of next at the latest should witness the deadlock and the end, if the conference is to go to pieces. Two more of the 12 articles, Nos. 4 and 6, were disposed of Tuesday. Article 4 consists of mutual pledges to observe the integrity of China and the policy of the "open door" for the commerce of all nations, and article 6 covers the surrender of the Russian leases to the Liaotung peninsula, Port Arthur, Dalny and the Blonde and Elliott islands.

Article 5, the consideration of which was postponed until later, provides for the cession of the Island of Sakhalen.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 17.—The following official statement was issued by Mr. Sato Wednesday evening:

"At the afternoon session of the conference articles 7 and 8 were discussed; article 7 was settled in principle and article 8 accepted unanimously.

Article 7 is the cession of the branch of the Chinese Eastern railroad from Harbin southward and article 8 provides for the retention by Russia of the portion of the line through Northern Manchuria connecting the trans-Siberian road with Vladivostok.

Portsmouth, Aug. 18.—The crisis in the peace conference has been reached and pessimism is again the note. But the darkest hour is just before the dawn and there is still hope. Predictions of a final rupture Friday certainly will not be justified unless Baron Komura figuratively picks up his hat and announces that it is useless to proceed further. Mr. Witte at least will not be precipitate. At Friday's session after article 11 (the limitation of Russia's sea power in the far east) and article 12 (fishing rights on the Russian littoral) are disposed of he will favor an adjournment until Monday to hear the last word from St. Petersburg.

The pessimism is based upon the fact that no progress was made Thursday. The exchange of views at the morning session on article 9 (remuneration for the "cost of the war") showed at once that the plenipotentiaries were as far apart as the poles.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 19.—Black pessimism reigns at Portsmouth. The prevailing view is that the fate of the peace conference is already sealed, that it has ended in failure and that all that now remains is for the plenipotentiaries to meet on Tuesday, to which day they adjourned Friday afternoon upon completing the seriatim consideration of the Japanese terms, sign the final protocol and bid each other farewell.

But there is still room for hope of a compromise. Neither President Roosevelt nor the powers will see the chance of peace shipwrecked without a final effort and that pressure is being exerted especially at Tokio to induce Japan to moderate her terms beyond question.

But the chances are recognized to be slim. So far as the Russian plenipotentiaries are concerned there never was a chance for their yielding both indemnity and Sakhalen. The cession of Sakhalen without indemnity was, according to the best inside information, the extreme limit to which Mr. Witte would ever consent to go and the emperor has not yet given the word even to concede that.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 21.—The chances of peace have undoubtedly been improved by President Roosevelt's action in stepping into the breach in a last heroic endeavor to induce the warring countries to compromise their "irreconcilable differences," but the result is still in suspense.

The ultimate decision of the issue has de facto if not de jure passed from the plenipotentiaries to their principals from Portsmouth to St. Petersburg, and perhaps in a lesser extent to Tokio. Although there are collateral evidences that pressure both by President Roosevelt and neutral powers, including Japan's ally, Great Britain, whose minister, Sir Claude MacDonald, according to advices received here, had a long conference Sunday afternoon with Mr. Katsura, the Japanese premier, is still being exerted at Tokio to induce Japan to moderate her demand there is also reason to believe that President Roosevelt was able at his interview with Baron De Rosen to practically communicate to the latter's senior, Mr. Witte, Japan's irreducible minimum—that she would yield but the point beyond which she would not go.

Whether an actual basis of compromise was proposed by the president can not be stated definitely.

Almost Impregnable Position. Godzyanani, Manchuria, Aug. 21.—Three Russian officers who have reached the mainland from Sakhalen report that the Russian force in the interior of the island occupies an almost impregnable position and is securing the full support of the convicts.

An Enforced Armistice. Peking, Aug. 21.—While the Japanese and Russian plenipotentiaries have failed to arrange an armistice during their negotiations the weather is enforcing an effectual armistice for the month of August.

STATE NEWS ITEMS

LONG AND SHORT HAUL CLAUSE.

It is Charged That It is Being Violated By Three Railway Companies.

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 17.—The Kentucky railroad commission filed with the interstate commerce commission a charge that section 4 of the act to regulate interstate commerce, the long and short haul clause, is being violated by the L. & N., Illinois Central and L. H. & St. L. Railroad Cos., and their connecting carriers in that discrimination of ten per cent. in rates is being made to and from what is known as Trunk Line and Central Freight Association territory to and from Owensboro and Henderson, this state, as compared with other points similarly situated, especially with Evansville, Ind., and contiguous territory. The further charge is made that the adjustment of rates to and from southern and southeastern territory to these points are not fair and just. The connecting lines named in the opinion and petition of the Kentucky commission are: Cumberland Gap Dispatch, B. & O. S. W., the C. I. & L., the C. C. & St. L. and the Pennsylvania.

TROOPS ARRESTED.

Members of the First Regiment Got into a Watermelon Patch.

Paducah, Ky., Aug. 18.—Without accident or incident the First regiment of Louisville arrived on a special train and went to Camp Yeiser. Breakfast was served at 10 o'clock, followed by undress guard mount. The daily routine was continued and at 5:30 the first dress parade took place, in which the troops made an excellent showing. No sooner had they got in camp than several of the men sneaked off to a watermelon patch and were run out with a shotgun. They returned with a turkey, and it was reported they killed it on J. H. Utterbank's farm, but they contended they bought it. Over 100 soldiers who had left the camp were arrested by a provost marshal and guards, and it required a special train of street cars to take them back. At general headquarters they were released with a talk from Inspector Gen. Noel Gaines.

FEUDISTS FIGHT.

One is Shot To Death and Another Badly Wounded.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 19.—A special dispatch from Pikeville tells of a second meeting of the feud clans of the Mullins and Flemings. In a battle on the pike at the Letcher county line, Monroe Seward, a member of the Mullins faction, was killed, and Henry Mullins dangerously wounded. Henry Mullins, Seward and two or three other men whose names were not given were riding along the road. They carried Winchester across their saddles, but before they were aware of trouble, they had fallen into an ambush laid, it is claimed, by the Flemings faction. The shooting was general, but as the aim of the Flemings fighters was unusually bad, all escaped, save Seward and Henry Mullins. Creed Vanover, of the Flemings faction, was slightly injured.

Lexington To Clean Up.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 18.—Dr. J. C. Carrick, president of the board of health, has issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens of this city to clean their premises by cutting weeds, removing refuse and garbage and applying disinfectant oil to the surface of all pools of water.

Settled With the Contractors.

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 18.—The state capitol commission settled with Balke & Zehnder, Louisville contractors, for the excavation work done under contract on the site of the new capitol, which work has just been completed. The price paid was \$3,559.09.

Latonis's Jail.

Covington, Ky., Aug. 19.—Latonis, which is rapidly becoming a thriving city, will soon have its own jail. This will cut a big figure with the county jailer, as all of the prisoners are sent to Covington from there for petty offenses committed, serving out their sentences without doing any labor.

Kentuckian Dies in Florida.

Newport, Ky., Aug. 19.—A. D. Fisher, 685 East Third street, received word that his cousin, Mace Agnew, had died in Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Agnew was one of the best-known men in Northern Kentucky. The body will be shipped to this city for burial. He was a well-known river man.

Caleb Powers Case.

Newport, Ky., Aug. 19.—Caleb Powers has employed the best of legal talent to appear before the supreme court of the United States, in which he will endeavor to have his case transferred from the state to the federal court.

Bad News Causes Death.

Mayking, Ky., Aug. 19.—After completely rallying from an attack of typhoid fever, Isaac Haynes, 42, formerly of Colly Creek, heard the news that Monroe Haynes, his brother, had been stricken in the head with a stone at Lester, and dropped dead.

Col. Washington Critically Ill.

Newport, Ky., Aug. 19.—Col. George Washington, of this city, one of the leading attorneys of the Campbell county bar, was stricken with paralysis while visiting relatives at Owen-ton, Owen county, Ky.

IN CAMP YEISER.

Col. Gaines is Preparing To Try Townsend By Court-Martial.

Paducah, Ky., Aug. 17.—The First regiment, of Louisville, arrived here on a special train and went into camp at Camp Yeiser for eight days. The advance guard, Capt. J. M. Huffaker, commissary; Capt. Ira S. Bennett, quartermaster; Sergt. Maj. F. M. Terry; commissary sergeant, Carter Wilson, and Private H. A. Graves arrived. Quite a surprise was sprung at general headquarters when Col. Noel Gaines learned that Elmer Townsend, who sued him for \$10,000 damages for putting him in the guardhouse, was a member of the state guard. He belongs to Company I, Paducah, which has never been mustered out on account of some property not being accounted for. At the time Col. Gaines thought Townsend was a civilian. He will be rearrested and tried by court-martial.

GIRLS IN LOVE.

Suicided Because They Feared Their Love Was Not Returned.

Paintsville, Ky., Aug. 17.—The suicide in Big Shoals, Ky., of a beautiful young woman, who left a note that she was tired of life because she feared that the young man on whom she had voluntarily bestowed her affections did not care for her, recalls the self-destruction of another pretty girl near there about three months ago. She also left a note that she had decided to shuffle off the mortal coil because her affections were not reciprocated. Both young women, strangers to each other, as later investigation has disclosed, named the same young man as the Adonis without whom life to them was not worth the living. His name is John Damron, according to the notes they left, and he lives in Pikeville, Ky.

NEW RAILWAY LINE.

It Will Be Built From Midland City To Hillsboro.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., Aug. 19.—F. S. Pichel, of Michigan, president of the Licking River Lumber Co., at Farmers, Rowan county, will within a short time begin building a line of railroad from Midland City, Bath county, through Bath and Fleming counties to Hillsboro, on the C. F. R. railroad. The new road will be about 30 miles in length and will be broadgauge. It will connect with the Chesapeake & Ohio at Midland and probably be extended into the Morgan county coal fields, where the Licking Lumber Co. owns large tracts of land. The right of way has been secured. Michigan capitalists are behind the new project, it is said.

KILLED THE BOY.

Held Him With One Hand and Cut Him With a Knife.

Smithland, Ky., Aug. 19.—Roy Duncan, 16-year-old son of Rev. Duncan, of near Dycusburg, this county, died from wounds received while fighting with George Bevers, aged 22. Bevers cut Duncan in a dozen places holding him with one hand and slashing with the other. Bevers has not been captured but a posse are in hot pursuit and expect to get him soon. Duncan had an excellent reputation in his neighborhood, and feeling is high against his slayer.

Find Murder Indictment.

Covington, Ky., Aug. 17.—Boone county grand jury returned indictments for murder and manslaughter against George B. Ritchie, farmer, of near Constance, Ky. Ritchie is charged with stabbing to death William Smith and John Warner.

Shot in the Breast.

Burkesville, Ky., Aug. 18.—Six miles north of here, on Renox creek, Dave Bowen shot John Surratt twice in the breast, killing him almost instantly. Several persons witnessed the crime. Bowen has surrendered to the authorities and is now in jail. He was jealous of Surratt.

Suing For His Salary.

Henderson, Ky., Aug. 19.—Ned Crowder, of Louisville, formerly shortstop for the now defunct Henderson team of the Kitty League, filed suit in the circuit court against the Henderson Baseball association for \$62.25 salary due him when the team disbanded.

Death of Capt. V. P. Collins.

Covington, Ky., Aug. 19.—Capt. Val Peers Collins, who was the oldest coal mine operator and towboat owner in the Ohio valley, was suddenly seized with cerebral hemorrhage at his home in this city and died.

Louisville's Free Library.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 19.—Work on the excavation for the Louisville free public library, which is to be built at a cost of \$250,000, was commenced, when the first spadeful of dirt was turned before a large gathering of city officials and citizens.

The Horse Came Back.

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 19.—John Dickerson, a farmer, residing in Owen county near the Franklin line, was much surprised to find at his barn door a horse which had strayed or been stolen from him eight years ago.