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NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Gleaning Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Foreign. A bomb exploded in a suburb of St. Petersburg, killing one of the two men who had it in their possession and wounding the other.

Ralph Wilner of New York, an engineer, was expelled from his hotel by the police today upon the expiration of his permit of sojourn in the country.

The recall from Paris of General Searski, the Russian commander, and the bulk of his forces, as reported a few days ago from Tabria, was announced on the 12th.

Lady Constance Lytton and Mrs. H. N. Brailford, who were arrested at Newcastle following a suffragettes' demonstration against David Lloyd-George, the chancellor of the exchequer, were sentenced each to a month's imprisonment.

A revolution has broken out in Santo Domingo. The insurgents, headed by General Andre Navarro, attacked Dajabon, a town near the Haytian frontier, but were repulsed by the government troops.

A G. L. d'Amad, having acknowledged both authority of the interview published October 7, in which he declared the time had arrived for France to call a halt on Spain's penetration of Morocco, War Minister Brun has placed him on the retired list.

Edgar W. Mix, victor in the international race for the Gordon Bennett balloon cup, was accorded a warm reception on his arrival in Paris.

General. O woman's scholarship has been added to the Rhodes Oxford scholarship examinations to be held in Yankton. The scholarship has been offered by the General Federation of Women's Clubs of the United States to the woman who passes the best Rhodes scholarship examination next week.

South Dakota is open for the prize, the scholarship being available at either Oxford or Cambridge.

Eleven nurses, the entire staff of St. Peter's hospital, Charlotte, N. C., except from the head nurse and superintendent, walked out on strike leaving thirteen patients to shift for themselves.

"We left because of ill treatment," declared one of the young women. The superintendent and head nurse are northerners and are always scoffing at the southerners and calling us fools."

The town of Denmark, Tenn., has been wrecked, two persons were killed, several are known to have been injured and others are missing as a result of the storm.

Dr. Ira Remsen, president of Johns Hopkins university national academy of sciences, will appoint a committee to examine the Arctic records of Commander Peary and Dr. Cook if the council of the scientific body decides it will be proper for him to accept the invitation to do so.

Fred Thomas, engineer of the city electric lighting plant at Newbern, N. C., was instantly killed by coming in contact with some part of an arc machine carrying 2,300 volts.

"Conochot," the home of former Governor William Sprague, one of the most beautiful estates in Rhode Island, was destroyed by fire, with all its contents. The loss is estimated at about \$1,000,000, on which there is no insurance. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague escaped without injury.

Henry R. Frankland, whose home is in Chicago, was found dying under the Tenth street viaduct in Omaha, his throat cut and his pockets turned inside out. His companion, a negro, is under arrest.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, Arctic explorer, headed the most impressive of the Centennial week pageants when he rode at the head of the military, historical and educational parade.

Solution of the "shortage of beef" problem is to have a large place in the scheme of education promulgated by the National Corn exposition in Omaha in December. How to treat cattle and how to treat meat so as to improve and perpetuate the breed and increase the production and domestic utility of the beef are the principles to be fostered.

Earl Bullock, formerly of South Omaha and now of Omaha, rises to remark that he is not the real Earl Bullock whom the Kansas police and posse are hunting for the robbery of a bank.

New York faces a pie famine as a result of the strike of the employer of several big pie bakeries.

T. P. O'Connor is coming to the United States to seek aid for the Irish. The proprietors of the bull rings in the north of Spain have formed an association which aims at the redemption and improvement of this animal.

The new state law of Wyoming, requiring saloons to pay a license of \$1,000 per annum, will become operative on January 1 next, and requires that applicants for a license shall file their request at least sixty days prior to that date.

Seventy thousand acres of land under the Carey act were opened for entry in Montana. Number one was drawn by R. A. Carpenter of Oak Park, Ill.

At Philadelphia Miss Campbell, the British champion, won her match with Mrs. R. H. Marlow, 3 up and 2 to play, thereby capturing the American championship.

Hog-growers in central New York are obtaining unheard of prices for this year's crop.

A West Indian hurricane swept up the Florida coast and in the interior, doing heavy damage.

The fifteen-year prison sentence of Charles W. Morse was sustained by the court of appeals.

Commander Peary produced his purported proof that Dr. Cook did not discover the north pole.

The constitutionality of the Illinois 2-cent rate law is attacked in an action brought in the federal circuit court by the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad company.

Secretary Knox chopped off the official head of Charles R. Crane, minister designate to China.

Federal Judge Anderson ruled for the Indianapolis editors in the Panama libel case.

Candidate Barnard believes he has a chance to win the New York mayoralty.

George W. Bowers, acting general manager of the South Omaha plant of the Armour Packing company, who disappeared a month ago, was located at Fort Francis, Ont., by a representative of the company.

Governor Hughes was the central figure in the Hudson, N. Y., celebration.

Cholera threatens to become seriously epidemic in Seoul. The authorities are taking every precaution, but Seoul is not a sanitary city and the disease has spread rapidly. The palace of the ex-emperor has been invaded.

At Chicago Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Arctic explorer of Brooklyn, N. Y., told the story of his discovery of the North pole to an enthusiastic audience, after he had been extended a royal welcome by a special committee from the Hamilton club.

Washington. A recommendation that the navy yards be divided into four departments, each in charge of a general manager, is said to be the most important result of the investigation by a special board of naval officers, headed by Rear Admiral Swift, whose report reached Washington. It is understood that there is a supplementary report signed by a minority of the board.

Organized labor, representing many parts of this country, Canada and Cuba, paid a notable tribute to the coming of Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor, who arrived from New York. The celebration in honor of his return, after an absence of several months, was probably the most enthusiastic demonstration ever accorded an American labor leader. There was a monster parade, followed by a big mass meeting at convention hall.

Nebraska and Kansas millers are pressing for early action in the prospective litigation on the flour bleaching question. The department of justice and agriculture last spring agreed that a shipment of Nebraska bleached flour should be seized and a case made up and taken to the courts just as soon as possible for test of the whole question and decision whether the bleaching is injurious or amounts to adulteration in the view of the law. The months have rolled along and no case has been started. Now it is explained that the agricultural people are doing all they can.

Brigadier General Amos S. Kimball, U. S. A. (retired), who saw forty years' service in the army, and was retired at his own request in 1902, having been made a brigadier general several days before his retirement, died at his home here at the age of 69.

The secretary of the treasury has notified the postmaster general that the new postoffice at Watertown, S. D., will be ready for occupancy between November 15 and December 1.

The popular idea that the American Indians are decreasing in number is dissipated by official figures showing that there are more than 300,000 red men in the United States. The increase in population is about 40,000 in the last two decades.

Personal. Harvard university formally opened by installation of President Lowell.

Lewis Hammond, aged 64, has registered for a home in the Dakota land drawing.

Senator La Follette's Chautauqua tour of the west, which he is to resume at once, will take him over the identical country, which President Taft is about to leave.

Street car strikers in Omaha have determined to go on with the fight.

John Pearson, brother-in-law of Senator J. P. Dooliver, was his case in the United States circuit court of appeals, the suit brought by Ware Leland to recover upon book account and notes.

Mrs. Sarah T. McAllister, widow of Ward McAllister, famous in his day as a leader of New York society, died at her home in New York.

The man who accompanied Dr. Cook on his Mt. McKinley climb declares they did not reach the summit.

Chinese Minister Wu attended a spiritualistic seance at Washington, and was impressed.

NARROW ESCAPE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT RISKS HIS LIFE IN SHOOTING AN ELEPHANT.

CHARGED BY ANGRY BULL

After Killing His First Elephant Furious Animal Devoted From Its Charge by Cunningham by Game Hunter.

Nairobi, British East Africa, Sept. 17.—Creswell, a government engineer in the public works department at Nyero, came late Nairobi this afternoon and brought word that Roosevelt had a very narrow escape when shooting his first elephant, for when shooting elephants, it is often necessary to creep into the herd and shoot the selected bull at a range of 15 or 20 yards.

Roosevelt accompanied by Cunningham, a big game hunter, and a guide, followed this procedure and killed an elephant at the second shot. Suddenly before Roosevelt could reload, the elephant bull charged him at close range from the herd.

Both Cunningham and Roosevelt got behind trees and Cunningham fired and turned the bull from Roosevelt just in time.

CLOWS OUT BRAINS.

Cashier of Defunct Wisconsin Bank Commits Suicide.

Mineral Point, Wis., Oct. 18.—F. E. Hanson, cashier of the wrecked First National bank of Mineral Point, was found at a late hour last night lying over the grave of his mother in the family lot of the social cemetery, he having ended his life by shooting through the head.

Mrs. John Gray, aged 50, mother-in-law of the dead banker, and whose to whose home Hanson's body was removed, dropped dead when her son-in-law's body was brought in.

Since the failure of the bank, Hanson had been working night and day and was very despondent.

Hanson was a brother-in-law of Phil Allen, Jr., vice president of the bank, for the alleged cause of whose funds Allen was arrested last Friday. The bank for a generation was regarded as one of the strongest in southwestern Wisconsin. It was closed a week ago after a week's investigation of the books by Bank Examiner Goodhart.

QUEBEC HAS BIG FIRE.

Flames That Do Damage of Millions, Start in G. g. Elevator.

Quebec, Oct. 18.—A most spectacular fire destroyed over a million dollars' worth of property here between 9 and 11 p. m., originating in the Great Northern railway wheel elevator which was nearly half filled with grain. The flames shot up over 300 feet in the air, illuminating the country for miles around.

Other property destroyed are the steamship freight sheds close to the elevator and most of the contents, and thence the fire spread to several small buildings in proximity and to the custom house, which is now burning.

For some time fears were entertained for the safety of the Canadian Pacific railway steamship Empress of Ireland, which was moored at the adjoining wharf. Her danger is now believed to be past.

STILL BELIEVE COOK.

Danish People Still Loyal to Cook and His Claims.

Copenhagen, Oct. 18.—The affidavit of Edward Barrill, denying that Dr. Cook reached the summit of Mount McKinley and which was considered here as a vague reply to the affidavit by Dr. Cook, is believed to have weakened somewhat the American explorer's position that he ascended the mountain to its apex. Public opinion, however, still favors his claim that he reached the north pole. The newspapers are reticent on the subject, but the authorities and the explorers continue in their belief in Dr. Cook.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

Potsdam.—Machinist Keldie undertook a trial flight in the Wright machine at Borstad Commons and exploded when at a height of thirty feet. The machine was badly broken, but Keldie was not seriously hurt.

Chicago.—Max Baas, general immigration agent of the Great Northern railway, died Sunday at his home in this city. Mr. Baas had been in the employ of the Great Northern for more than twenty years.

Paris.—A special from Madrid says that King Alfonso has had a violent quarrel with the premier because of the latter's failure to give his majesty an opportunity to exercise the royal prerogative of pardon in the case of "Terror."

San Antonio, Texas.—President Taft spent a busy seven hours in this city before leaving for his brother's ranch near the southern tip end of the state. At the ranch he is to spend four days resting and enjoying himself.

Williamsburg, Ky.—Former Congressman H. C. Finley, for many years a leader in the republican party in this state, died at his home here. He was 77 years of age.

FIGHTING IN SAN DOMINGO.

Government Forces Are Routed and Several Men Killed.

Cape Haitien, Oct. 18.—Dispatches received here indicate that the revolutionary movement in Santo Domingo is spreading. A battle was fought at St. Saba, near Dajabon, a day or two ago, in which the insurgents had five killed and ten wounded. The government troops were routed. The insurgents entered Dajabon without resistance.

Another engagement was fought last evening between regulars, numbering 250 who arrived from the capital, and 600 insurgents.

News of Montana

SLAYER SURRENDERS SELF. Man Charged With Shooting At Butte Now a Prisoner.

TIGERS LOSE FINAL GAME

As Series of Seven Games Between National and American Pennant Winners, Pittsburg Takes Four.

Butte.—After spending the night under an old culvert and wandering the morning through around Butte hill in an aimless fashion, Tim Griffin, the slayer of Patrick Shea, was apprehended and taken into custody by Deputy Sheriffs Mulcahy and Neil O'Donnell. Griffin was on the Mountain Con hill apparently headed for Meadeville when he was arrested. He made no attempt to resist, although he was a little slow in putting his hands in the air when commanded to do so. The rifle with which he fired the shots which snuffed out Shea's life was found in the pit of an abandoned engine house on the Ramsdell Parrott property. In ejecting a shell from the gun shortly after the killing it stuck and in his efforts to release it he broke the extractor, rendering the rifle useless.

It is apparent from his wanderings of the morning and his conduct of the night before that Griffin was torn between conflicting emotions—his desire to escape on one hand increased by the fear of consequences of his act, and a disposition to "face the music" on the other hand and take his chances with the courts.

ENTERTAINS UNDERGROUND.

Butte Hospitality to Eastern Guests Takes Novel Form.

Butte.—Twenty-one hundred feet underground seventy-eight members of the Massachusetts Steel Railway Association were banqueted. In the party were ten ladies, who, with the men, donned overalls and joined in the festivities in the lowest level of the Stewart mine, one of the properties of former Senator W. A. Clark.

Beside an ore truck over which the miners pushed their cars, stretched a festal board entirely covered with fresh pantries. Numerous waiters attended the guests with orders from a grotesquely worded menu which every visitor found beside his plate inclosed in a miniature government mail sack, with: "Here's your mail. Sort it yourself."

Copper ingots, mine samples and souvenir cars accompanied the mail sacks. An underground wireless telegraph flashing messages to the visitors afforded much amusement. Mayor Charles P. Nevin was toastmaster.

COPPER EXPORTS DECREASE.

Butte.—According to the returns made by the United States custom house, the exports of copper for September were the smallest of any month this year excepting the months of January and February, says the Wall Street Summary. Last month the total shipments aggregated 44,927,650 pounds, as compared with 51,129,366 pounds in August and 43,518,720 pounds in September of last year.

The shipments during the first three weeks of September were comparatively small, but during the last week there was a decided improvement in the outflow of the metal, the shipments averaging more than 1,000 tons a day or double the shipments made earlier in the month.

Notwithstanding the shrinkage in the shipments of the metal from this side, the stocks of copper abroad continue to increase, the European visible supply on Oct. 1 showing an increase to 210,224,000 pounds, the largest visible reported in a long time.

ENLARGE ROUNDHOUSES.

Billings.—In order to take care of the passenger engines now in service and to arrange for a number of new ones which are expected to be put in commission within the next few weeks, the Northern Pacific Railway Company has begun remodeling and improving the roundhouses in the local yards. All of the transcontinental passenger trains change engines in the Billings yards, the place having been made the permanent terminal for the passenger department. Part of the old smokestack of the roundhouse was carried away by the wind a short time ago, and a new one is being erected. The Burlington is also arranging to enlarge its roundhouse, and with the Great Northern will soon begin the erection of an immense freight terminal depot in the northern part of the city.

RUSH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Billings.—Bids for the construction of the addition to the chamber of commerce building are being received by Architect Curtis Oehme and President Selvidge. The bids are being made on the labor only, as all of the lumber and other material necessary has been donated by the various lumber yards. It is expected the work of construction will begin Monday, and will be hurried as rapidly as possible.

The first carload of exhibits for the dry farming congress display have arrived in the city from Helena, and are now being arranged in the Northern Pacific wool depot, where the exhibits will be made.

ROZEMAN.—Four of the surveyors who have been examining the timber on the forest reserves this summer in the city. They are Captain Jones, William B. Piper, J. St. J. Benedict and Nelson C. Brown. They have been working on the He'ena and Gallatin reserves and are now on the way to the Beaverhead to continue the work there. All the timber on each reserve, including that on the railroad land is mapped and its value as it stands estimated. The work is under the direction of the district office at Missoula.

PITTSBURG LEADS

"PIRATES" OF NATIONAL BASE BALL LEAGUE WIN WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

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Detroit, Oct. 18.—Pittsburg won the world's baseball championship at Bennett park today by defeating Detroit by the overwhelming score of 4 to 0 in the seventh and decisive game of one of the greatest battles ever fought for the world's title. This gives the National league champions a victory by a count of four games to three. This is the third successive defeat of the American league champions in the world's series, the Chicago team having defeated Detroit in 1907 and 1908.

To Charles Adams, the phenomenal young pitcher from the Louisville American association, belongs the lion's share of the credit for the victory, and his wonderful pitching has crowded Wagner, Leach, Clarke and other Pittsburg stars into the background. Today's victory was his third of the series, and he held Detroit safely throughout the entire game. He allowed but six hits, and in only one inning—the fourth—did Detroit get more than one safety. Adams allowed only one base on balls, and in four innings he retired the hard-hitting American leaguers in one, two, three and four.

The crowd was a distinct disappointment, as there were only 17,562 paid admissions. It was expected that the game would break all local attendance records because of its importance. The receipts were \$19,477, and were divided \$1,957.70 to the National commission and \$1,854.06 to each club owner.

This brings the total attendance for the seven games up to 145,444, and total receipts to \$189,392.50.

CHURCHMEN PARADE SLUMS.

Gypsy Smith Arranges Demonstration in Chicago Revival.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—"Gypsy" Smith, evangelist in his sermon at the Seventh regiment armory, assailed the churchy critics of his plan to lead a parade of religionists through the red light district of the South Side Monday night.

In a blanket challenge to the opponents of the parade—who include in their number Deans Walter T. Samuels, the Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus and Prof. Graham Taylor—the Roman preacher asserted that "whoever leaves the beaten path to be inventive for Christ, invites persecution."

"If you think I am not doing my work right in Christ's name, get out of your easy chairs and do it a little better," was his reply to the churchmen who think him sincere but unwise in his plan to parade the streets.

"All who approve stand up," he shouted, and practically the entire audience stood up.

"Show your appreciation as well next Monday night," he admonished, speaking earnestly from the pulpit, and the people applauded vigorously.

DR. CREGGAN ARRIVES.

New Head of Fargo College Now on the Ground.

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 17.—Rev. Charles C. Creggan, D. D. formerly of New York city, arrived in the city last evening, and will immediately enter upon his duties as president of Fargo college.

Dr. Creggan is acknowledged to be a valuable addition to the educational development of the state.

BLUGGING CONTEST SETTLED.

Johnson Still Champion at Close of Ketchel Match.

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—Jack Johnson vindicated his right to the heavyweight title today by knocking out Stanley Ketchel in the twelfth round. The end came so suddenly that when Ketchel rolled onto the floor and Referee Welch counted him out, the 10,000 persons crowding the arena were quiet for a full minute.

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Nashville, Tenn.—Figures received show that 33 people were killed and 19 injured by the tornado in Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia.

Washington.—Twenty more casks containing the skins of animals killed by ex-President Roosevelt have arrived here. It is, however, impossible to ascertain the different points contained in the casks as the invoice has not as yet been received at the Smithsonian institute.

Washington.—Frank Pierce, acting secretary of the Interior, has designated 450,450 acres more as coming within the enlarged homestead act in the state of Montana, making a total up to date of \$2,424,980 acres, so designated in that state.

Aven, Minn.—Three robbers robbed the bank of Aven early today and blew open the safe. They secured \$1,700, stole a team and drove to the village of Holdingford, where they boarded a freight train on the Soo road and made their escape.

THE PRESIDENTS MEET.

Premised Meeting at Boundary Passed Without a Hitch.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 16.—With cannon roaring a sequence of salutes, with soldiers everywhere and pomp and ceremony seldom witnessed in this country, President Taft of the United States and Porfirio Diaz, president of Mexico, met here today and exchanged formal greetings of good will and friendship. The meeting took place behind closed doors in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce building and only two assistant secretaries to President Taft were there to report the address of the executive.

TALK OF NEW YORK. Gossip of People and Events Told in Interesting Manner.

Glad the Hudson-Fulton Fete Is Over



NEW YORK.—It would be interesting to learn what Henry and Robert think about the disturbances which shook Manhattan island and the territory about it during the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

An interview with these two old water-adventurers would be a pleasant respite from Peary and Cook. But not even Prof. Hyslop, the spook expert, has ventured to reach beyond the veil and ask questions; surprising, too, in one who has called up the spirits of the dead for advice as to whether he should marry again?

Especially as the interview, if authenticated, would have brought good money from the newspapers.

But there is no vagueness or uncertainty as to mundane impressions of the celebration. There has been no room for cavil or criticism. The millions in town and the millions who

came to town unite in expressions of satisfaction and praise. Only one discordant note has been heard. It was from a Brooklyn alderman, who offered to punch the nose of a Manhattan alderman because he did not receive as many dermastic stand (sh) ets as he believed himself entitled to.

The show was magnificently shelved, elaborately arranged for, and successfully carried out. No greater thing of the kind was ever seen in America. But New York is glad that it is over.

Ten of millions of dollars poured into New York because of it. If one could total the cash paid to the hotels a one in the two weeks it would make the United States debt look small.

Every hotel in town was packed to the doors, and you will know, gentle reader, how the most of them can make an expense account look at the end of a fruitful ten days.

Add the receipts of the railroads, the street car lines, the restaurants, the steamboats, the stand owners, the souvenir sellers, the saloons, the hundred and over takers of money for which New York is famous, and you reach a total that speaks for the abundant and generous prosperity of the country.

Who Slew Thomas, a Market Mystery



THE Brokers' Bread; or, Who Slew the Black Cat. is the title of the latest Produce exchange mystery in New York City. Furthermore, it is likely to remain a mystery, deep and impenetrable, until the present generation of brokers has passed away and the old Exchange building, grim and stanch as it is, has crumbled to dust.

When the janitor arrived to open the exchange he was horrified to find, stretched upon the floor with a look of terror and pain upon its face, the body of Thomas, the exchange's black cat, stark and stiff in death.

The janitor, whose wife's brother sometimes delivers parcels to a detective agency, is naturally of an inquiring turn of mind and by association has acquired the instincts of a detective. He immediately began a search for clues.

Obviously the cat was dead. He deduced that almost immediately when he picked the animal up and found that it was cold and rigid. He was not satisfied with this progress, however, and determined to probe the

mystery to the bitter end. Granting that the cat was dead, there remained only the simple discovery yet to be made, i. e., why was the cat dead?

"Here," he mused, "we have the effect, and for every effect there must be a cause. It is the cause we want now, or words to that effect."

Then Walter Moore hit upon a theory that he was certain would put an end to the cloud of mystery that enveloped the market. He was sauntering carelessly across the floor when he discovered several flour brokers at their oven baking bread. The flour traders have a stove on the floor in which they make bread.

It was this scene that gave Mr. Moore the clue upon which he relied to clear up the crime.

"Ah, ha!" he said to himself (detectives always say "Ah, ha!"). "Ah, ha!" he repeated, "the cat ate of the broker's bread. That explains the look of horror on its face."

Calling a cab, he dashed madly across the exchange floor and found the janitor.

"Fish! tush!" he said in a low voice! "not a word. Come and give me the corpse of the cat. It was killed by eating a biscuit baked by a broker, and I will p-p-rove it," he hissed. "I will have the chemical department hold an autopsy, and if we do not find a biscuit in that cat's stomach my name is not Jack Rogers."

All of Their 12 Children Born on Water



AD NOW there's another little Vedders to add in the swelling of Uncle Sam's humble but important mercantile marine force, and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vedders of New York City, commandants of the good ship Edith—rated coal barge—are receiving congratulations of the harbor fleet because of the arrival of a baby boy, their twelfth child.

The youngster was born on the Edith. This is not an unusual happening in the Vedders family. Capt. Vedders himself was born on a towboat 52 years ago at Roundout, N. Y., and so were his father and mother; likewise Mrs. Vedders, who first saw the light of day on one of the old train-carrying, shallow-draft Erie canal boats at Lockport, N. Y.

The Edith, on which Capt. and Mrs. Vedders, including the baby, now reside, is one of the newest and finest coal-cows in the New York cruising fleet. It is only a year and a half old, 90 feet long, and the property of Patterson & Bowns of 1 Broadway.

When seen on his boat Capt. Vedders was seated on the back "porch." Surrounding him were a dozen or more captains of other barges moored near by, as well as several of the directorate of the power house of the immigration bureau.

"Yes," said Capt. Vedders. "I'm the man. They're doing fine. It's a boy and we're going to name him Frederick Ellis Vedders, just to show how much we think of this island."

"Why, of course, I'm not at all bashful. I've had 12 of 'em, all born on either coal or ice boats, and, barring two who died when they were babies, they never saw the inside of a drug store or had a doctor at their tongues."

"My youngsters have been the huskiest lot you ever saw. The three oldest girls married barge captains themselves, and the two oldest boys have got their own boats now. Funny thing, too, we're all working for the same firm."