FAIR PLAY.

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THE betrothal of Grand Duke Nicholas, czarowitz of Russia, to Princess Alix of Hesse, youngest sister of Grand Duke Louis, was announced on the 20th.

IN the British house of lords, on the 17th, the amendment to the Behring sea bill submitted by Lord Kimberly was accepted, and the bill, as amended, passed its third and final reading.

MRS. JEFF GULLET, the wife of a prominent farmer of Magoffin county, Ky., has been arrested and placed in jail at Salyrsville, charged with having strangled to death her 11-year-old stepson.

IT is stated that Mrs. Nellie Grant-Sartoris, has finally decided to make Washington her permanent home. She enjoys an income from the property left her by her father-in-law of $30,000 yearly.

CONGRESSMAN J. B. BROWN, of Indiana, who has been suffering for some months from a cancerous growth on the lower lip, is greatly prostrated, and his condition is regarded as exceedingly serious.

CENTRAL and southern Kansas and the Cherokee strip were visited by a damaging hail-storm, followed by heavy rains, on the night of the 17th, doing much damage to growing crops and other property.

THE supreme court of the state of South Carolina has declared the dispensary law unconstitutional. Chief Justice McIver delivered the opinion, on the 19th, Justice McGowan assenting. Justice Pope dissents.

REAR-ADMIRAL A. E. K. BENHAM, retired, arrived at New York, on the 18th, on the Red "D" steamer Philadelphia, from Curacoa, West Indies, where he left the United States steamship San Francisco on April 8.

REPRESENTATIVE JERRY SIMPSON, who has suffered with kidney trouble and rheumatism for weeks past, is not making much progress toward recovery. His physician does not, however, think the result will be fatal.

ON the 16th the son of President Roderiguez of Costa Rica, who was a student in the polytechnic institute at Carlsruhe, Germany, stabbed a fellow-student named Mather in the breast with a poniard, inflicting a mortal wound.

THERE is the best authority for the statement that the negotiations between the managers of the transatlantic steamship lines looking to the establishment of a uniform rate of passage have been broken off, and will not be revived.

THE testimony in the Maney-Hedberg murder case, on trial in Chicago, was all in on the 19th, and the addresses of counsel to the jury began on the 20th. In his testimony Lieut. Maney claimed that he shot Capt. Hedberg in self-defense.

THE imports of dry goods at the port of New York for the week ended on the 20th were $1,503,330, and the amount marketed, $1,554,264. For the corresponding week in 1893, the imports were $2,586,998, and the amount marketed $2,534,910.

WITH the assent of the king of Italy and the emperor of Austria, Emperor William asked the czar to convoke a congress of the powers with a view to a general reduction of their military footing; but the czar refused to participate in any movement of the kind.

OFFICIAL notification has been received at the agricultural department in Washington of a meeting of the Friends of Trees to be held in Paris next month to organize for a warfare against deforestation and for the promotion of individual effort toward planting and propagating trees.

THE annual convention of the American Meteorological society was opened at the Columbian university, Washington, on the 20th. Papers were read by prominent scientists from all parts of the country, and especial attention was paid to the work accomplished by the United States weather bureau during the past year.

UPON conclusion of the evidence in the disbarment proceedings against Cyrus Huling at Columbus, O., on the 20th, the prosecution moved to dismiss the case as the evidence had not connected the accused with the alleged jury fixing. This the court did, entirely exonerating Mr. Huling in a formal decision.

OFFICIAL figures obtained at the treasury, on the 16th, show that for the nine months and a half of the present fiscal year expenditures have exceeded the receipts by $63,000,000; that the working currency balance of the treasury is $22,000,000. The net gold in the treasury, which includes the reserve, is $104,500,000.

SECRETARY GRESHAM has proposed to the government of Chili the establishment of a new commission to consider the claims which failed, through lack of time, to be adjudicated by the commission which was ended by the terms of the treaty on April 9, and an intimation that Chili will agree to the proposition has been received through unofficial sources.

ADVICES from Madagascar say that ex-United States Consul Waller has secured a concession of the whole of the southern part of the island, in spite of the repeated protests of the French residents. According to the French pioneer colonies all the nationalities engaged in the India rubber trade consider that their vested interests have been injured by this concession.

IT was rumored, on the 20th, that Mme. Joniaux, who was under arrest at Antwerp, Belgium, on charges of having poisoned her sister, brother and uncle in order to obtain the insurance on their lives, had confessed her guilt.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

IN the senate, on the 16th, the funeral services over the remains of the late Senator Vance, of North Carolina, were solemnized in the presence of the senators and representatives and the justices of the supreme court, the president and his cabinet. Soon after which the senate, as a further mark of respect, adjourned.....In the house, after the passage of resolutions appropriate to the death of Gen. Slocum, of New York, a former member of the house, and to the death of Senator Vance, a recess was taken to attend the funeral services in the senate, after which the members returned to the house and formally adjourned.

IN the senate, on the 17th, consideration of the tariff bill under unanimous consent was renewed. Notice of an amendment to the bill was given by Mr. Lodge in line with his recent remarks on the resolution for the coinage of Mexican standard dollars, and proposing a discrimination in the matter of duties against Great Britain and her colonies until she consents to take part in an international agreement for the coinage of silver.... In the house, the proposition to "count a quorum," introduced by the committee on rules, was adopted, after which the consular and diplomatic bill was taken up.

IN the senate, on the 18th, the tariff bill was taken up and Mr. Morrill addressed the senate. Mr. Mills gave notice that he would speak upon the measure on the 24th. Mr. Turpie then took the floor and spoke in favor of the bill.....In the house the New York and New Jersey bridge bill went over. Resolutions were agreed to providing for the printing of various reports and laws, and the house went into committee of the whole on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill.

IN the senate, on the 19th, the objects and rights of the army of the Commonweal were discussed at length. The tariff bill was then taken up and a speech was made in opposition to it by Mr. Perkins. Eulogies of the late Representative Enochs, of Ohio, were delivered.....In the house consideration of the diplomatic and consular bill was resumed, its discussion covering a wide range of subjects, and involving a somewhat acrimonious comparison between the late and present administrations. The urgent deficiency bill, as reported from the conference committee, was agreed to.

IN the senate, on the 20th, three speeches in opposition to the tariff bill were made by Messrs. Gallinger, McMillin (Mich.) and Dolph. Senator Hawley made a passionate and energetic protest against the Peffer resolution for the reception of the Coxey army, and denounced the speech of Senator Allen in defense of the Commonweal, which he declared contained "the bacilli and microbes of anarchism".....In the house the session was devoted almost exclusively to consideration of a bill to repay certain residents of Tennessee assessments levied by Gen. Sullivan during the war. Senate bill to rectify error in bill to give effect to findings of the Behring sea tribunal of arbitration was passed.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE Paris police, acting upon a clew which they had been following for some time, raided a house in the village of Rouillao, near Angouleme, on the 18th, and discovered one of the most complete counterfeiting establishments that has been discovered by the authorities in many years.

IN the British house of commons, on the 18th, Mr. John P. Nolan, member for North Galway, moved the repeal of the coercion act passed at the instance of Mr. Balfour in 1887. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wm. Redmond, member for East Clare.

MADELINE POLLARD says she intends to remain in Washington and support herself by her pen while she is living down her unenviable notoriety.

SIX THOUSAND pilgrims embarked at Barcelona, on the 17th, on their way to Rome. They were accompanied by several bishops and a large number of priests. They were not molested.

MANY guests were slightly injured by jumping from the windows of a burning hotel in Bangor, Me., early on the morning of the 18th.

NINETY-THREE oil-paintings from the collection of the late S. A. Coale, Jr., of St. Louis, were sold at auction in New York city, on the 18th, in the rooms of the American Art association. They fetched $12,697. The sale had been liberally advertised, but the prices secured were pitifully small when the character of the works is considered.

A SHOCKING domestic tragedy occurred at the courthouse in Oskaloosa, Ia., on the 18th. George Croft shooting and mortally wounding his former wife, who had just secured a divorce from him, and then turning his revolver on himself with fatal results.

THE assignment of Samuel L. Clemens, known over the entire world as "Mark Twain," and his partner, Frederick J. Hall, who compose the firm of Charles L. Webster & Co., book publishers, New York city, was filed in the county clerk's office on the 18th.

THE wedding of the Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg and the grand duke of Hesse was celebrated in Coburg on the 19th. The city was packed with royal and imperial guests, foreign visitors and German sightseers. Every building in town was decorated.

MAJ. CLIFTON COULY, president of the ordnance board, is dead. He was stricken with paralysis on the 17th, while directing the tests of the Crozier-Buffington disappearing gun carriage at the Sandy Hook proving station, and died on the 18th.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT withdrew his offer of $50,000 for the yacht Vigilant, and, on the 18th, the syndicate who owned the vanquisher of the Valkyrie sold her to Mr. George J. Gould for $25,000. This intelligence will be a great surprise to yachtsmen, as Mr. Gould was never thought of as a possible purchaser.

THE New York Herald says that Mgr. Satolli, the papal ablegate, has prepared charges against Archbishop Corrigan of New York, backed with proofs, of conspiracy against him, and that the New York divine has been "invited" to Rome, where he is to be formally accused of intriguing against the papal representative.

IN the Golden Gate park at San Francisco, on the 19th, Sequoia chapter, California lodge of the Daughters of the American Revolution, planted a "liberty tree" in historic soil that the women had been gathering for six months past.

A GOOD many of the Coxyites who were carousing in the town of Hancock, Md., when the start was made on the 19th, were left, and had to walk the tow-path in the wake of their more sober comrades.

SENATOR STOCKBRIDGE, of Michigan, was reported, on the 19th, to be seriously ill in Chicago.

GEORGE M. HOFFMAN, a wealthy butcher of New York, aged 50 years, shot and killed himself on the 19th. Grief over the recent death of his wife caused the act.

THE Brazilian minister at Washington, Senhor Mendonca, on the 19th received a cablegram officially announcing the end of the rebellion.

DRUNK the absence of his wife, on the 19th, Lloyd Rodabaugh, a prosperous farmer of Calhoun county, W. Va., hanged his two children, aged 3 and 5 years, and then took his own life.

THE naval stability board has submitted to Secretary Herbert a report of thorough tests of the three great battleships, Indiana, Massachussetts and Oregon, to determine the question of their stability. The result of these tests was entirely satisfactory, and is held to show that these ships are superior to any warships afloat of corresponding size.

REV. GEORGE BURROWS, D. D., widely known as a Greek and Hebrew scholar, died at his home in San Francisco on the 19th. He was the author of a well-known commentary on the Song of Solomon, a portion of Scriptures he is said to have read in the original Hebrew 700 times. Dr. Burrows had read the Greek Testament 445 times.

DICK BISNOR and Frank Latham were lynched, on the 19th, by the settlers living near Watonga, Okla., for horse stealing. Both men belonged to a gang that were systematically stealing horses from the settlers and driving them into the Panhandle of Texas.

THE Wabash Railway Co. has settled all its losses caused by the accident at Kingsbury, Ind., last September, by which twelve persons were killed and a large number injured. The company's loss was $55,000, of which $[illegible] went to satisfy claims for the deaths and injuries.

A DISPATCH from Perry, Okla., on the 19th, announced that a desperate battle had been fought between a posse under Chief of Police Tighlman of Perry and the Dalton gang near Ingalls, Okla., in which Bill Dalton and others of the gang and two of the posse—eight in all—were killed. Confirmation of the report was anxiously awaited at Perry.

THE Indiana state asylum for the deaf and dumb at Indianapolis caught fire on the night of the 19th. Seven hundred deaf mutes are inmates, and the fire caused much consternation for awhile. No lives were lost, however, and the damage will not exceed $2,000.

PRIMROSE DAY, the anniversary of the death of Lord Beaconsfield (Benjamin Disraeli), who died April 19, 1881, was more generally observed than usual in London. The Beaconsfield statue was lavishly decorated with primroses.

EX-GOV. J. T. JARVIS, of North Carolina, has been appointed by Gov. Carr, and has accepted, the United States senatorship to succeed the late Senator Vance.

A PROCESSION of over 1,000 workingmen formed in Omaha, Neb., on the 20th, and started to Council Bluffs to demand of the railroads that they allow a train to be chartered to take Kelly's industrial army eastward. At Council Bluffs the procession was swelled by the addition of thousands, but the company refused the demand, and sent men to tear up the track to prevent the possibility of a captured train moving out.

WHILE Bell telephone linemen were repairing a wire in Philadelphia, on the 20th, it became entangled with a live electric light wire. Two of the workmen were killed and two seriously injured.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

IN the senate, on the 21st, Mr. Peffer presented a petition from citizens of Pennsylvania for the issue of $500,000,000 in treasury notes to be used in the improvement of roads. The tariff bill was taken up, and Mr. Dolph continued his speech in opposition to it, yielding, however, to permit Mr. Quay to present the memorial of Philadelphia workingmen in convention in Washington, against any change in the tariff laws.....In the house, after preliminary business, the house went into committee of the whole upon the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, which, at 2 o'clock, was laid aside and eulogies of the late Senator Randall L. Gibson, of Louisiana, were pronounced, after which the house adjourned.

THE statement of the associated banks of New York city for the week ended the 21st showed the following changes: Reserve, increase, $1,177,025; loans, increase, $2,130,000; specie, decrease, $1,178,000; legal tenders, increase, $3,864,100; deposits, increase, $6,032,700; circulation, decrease, $69,000.

LIEUT. W. H. BEHLEN, of the naval hydrographic office, submitted to Secretary Herbert, on the 21st, a report of successful practical tests of the solarometer, a new instrument designed to do away with the present means of determining latitude and longitude.

THE Berlin Spring fair, which was intended to supplant the famous Easter fair in Leipsic, proved a failure. The American buyers were conspicuous by their absence. Most of them went to Leipsic, where trade was as active as ever.

THE imports of specie at the port of New York for the week ended on the 21st were $731,197, of which $711,904 was gold and $19,393 silver. For the corresponding week last year the imports were $41,254.

ADMIRAL MELLO has written an open letter explaining the causes of the collapse of the Brazilian rebellion in which he scathingly denounces the conduct of a number of his associates and coadjutors.

THERE was a run on the Sherman bank of New York when it opened its doors on the 21st, and it was generally believed in Wall street that the institution would go into voluntary liquidation.

THE New York city associated banks held $82,008,025 in excess of the requirements of the 25-per-cent. rule on the 21st.

CHOLERA is epidemic in west Russia.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

St. Louis Business Stability.

On his return from his western trip Mr. Chauncey M. Depew said in an interview published in a New York paper:

But while the business depression and unprecedented number of unemployed are the common condition of our western states, we found one conspicuous exception, and that was St. Louis. St. Louis seemed to be doing as much business and in a more prosperous condition than ever before. Its local industries are active and healthy and its merchants, with all that means in the way of employment, are doing an increasing and profitable business.

THE CAUSE.

The St. Louis business men say that this is because St. Louis has developed more slowly, it is true, but much more safely and on more permanent and conservative lines than its rivals, and especially its great rival Chicago. There may be something in that, but it is more due to the fact that Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma, which are the markets of St. Louis, have been less affected than any other part of the country by the panic and the depression in business.

WE MUST REMEMBER

that 500,000 people have gone to Oklahoma in the last fifteen months, and they draw their supplies from St. Louis. The products of Arkansas found a ready market, and its requirements from the St. Louis market were correspondingly great, so that St. Louis stands with its banks filled with money and its business, its industrial and credit conditions absolutely improving during the whole period of this depression.

Chews His Cud.

The St. Louis Academy of Sciences held an interesting meeting a few evenings ago.

Dr. E. O. Runge, of the St. Louis medical college, told of the case of a man who remasticates his food, returning it to his mouth in the same manner as do ruminating animals, the process being familiarly known as "chewing the cud." The case is a very rare one. A series of experiments and examinations have been made to determine the condition of the stomach. The research for gases and of various kinds usually found in the stomach was illustrated by chemical experiments.

The doctor said that his patient attributed his condition in some measure to having eaten when a child very freely of bramble berries in his native country, a fruit similar to our raspberries. He was in the habit of eating rapidly, swallowing the food with but little mastication. It retained its normal condition until remasticated, the second process beginning at irregular intervals of from half an hour to an hour and a half after eating. The doctor did not deem it wise to attempt to stop the abnormal habit, but concluded to let well enough alone, the patient being quite well nourished by his food.

Malicious Prosecution Charged.

A. G. Stevens, of Monroe county, has brought suit against E. E. Durand for damages.

Stevens was acquitted recently in the Pettis county criminal court of complicity with Gus Hall in an attempt to rob the Farmers' and Mechanics' bank at Green Ridge last December. Plaintiff asks $10,000 for false imprisonment and an equal sum for malicious prosecution. The evidence at Stevens' trial disclosed that he was a stranger, and was passing through Green Ridge with a team on the day that Hall held up Durand, who was cashier of the bank. When Hall fled from the bank building after the alarm had been given he struck out in the direction of where Stevens' team was hitched, and the latter was arrested for complicity in the crime notwithstanding had never seen Hall before.

Damages for Loss of a Husband.

An important suit will soon be tried in St. Joseph.

Plank were removed from the bridge of the St. Joseph Stock Yards & Terminal Co. on a dark night a short time ago and John A. Wheeler, a farmer, drove on to the bridge, and himself, team and wagon plunged through, falling a distance of 40 feet, killing Wheeler and his team. Mrs. Rebecca Wheeler, the widow, has brought suit for $10,000 damages for the death of her husband. The Terminal company had a practice of lifting the plank of the bridge whenever they chose, to compel farmers to take another road. Wheeler had crossed the bridge only a short time before, and was given no warning of danger. The suit will be watched with great interest, as it will determine the legality of arrogated rights of the company to an important highway.

From Washington.

NEW POSTMASTERS.

Dogwood, Douglas county, Humphrey Wells, vice J. W. Wagner, removed.

Hackney, Greene county, John Dunlap, vice A. L. Tupper, resigned.

Tilman, Stoddard county, J. M. Richmond, vice J. N. Tilman, removed.

Zoara, Camden county, W. T. Blackman, vice W. W. Miller, resigned.

Index, Cass county, C. P. Scholl, vice W. B. F. Bullock, resigned.

Guilford, Nodaway county, W. H. Wilson, vice J. R. Hawk, resigned.

Oyer, St. Clair county, F. S. Oyer, vice John Breeden, dead.

Pose, Ladiede county, G. J. Burns, vice J. M. Pose, resigned.

Tea, Gasconade county, Logan Hartmeister, vice J. F. Hartmeister, dead.

Cliff, Phelps county, J. R. Kester, vice E. J. Kendall, resigned.

Vilden, Bates county, C. L. Pointer, vice W. A. Conger, resigned.

Both Were Mistaken.

A laughable though exciting incident occurred in St. Joseph the other day.

J. R. Moore, a well-known citizen, was mistaken for a burglar. Moore in turn took a policeman for a footpad, and when Moore was ordered to halt he started to run. The policeman then drew his revolver and opened fire, which was answered by a volley from the citizen's revolver. All the time the latter was yelling: "Police!" at the top of his voice, and presently ran into another policeman. The latter held him until the other officer came, and half an hour's time was necessary for explanation.

Much Valuable Information.

Engineer Frizzell, of the southeast Missouri swamp land commission, has gained much valuable information since he has been in the field.

Among other things he has ascertained that the bed of the St. Francois river is full three feet below the bed of Black river, which is good news, proving beyond a doubt that all the bottom and most fertile land in Butler county is susceptible of perfect drainage.

For the Loss of Her Eye.

Mrs. Susie Dorn attended the sixty-first anniversary celebration of the city of St. Joseph last July and during the street parade one of her eyes was destroyed by a skyrocket. She has sued the committee having the celebration in charge for $5,000 damages.

Alive with Locusts.

Pettis county farmers report the soil alive with locusts. In places they can be scooped from furrows by the shovelful. Many fear damage to crops.

Missouri Homœopaths.

The eighteenth annual session of the Missouri institute of homœopathy was held in St. Louis. About 100 physicians, twelve of them ladies, attended.

The Final Order.

The final order in the receivership of the old National Bank of the State of Missouri was entered in the federal court in St. Louis the other day.

MISSOURI CULLINGS.

H. J. Ruthrauff, aged 62, died at Warrensburg.

The republicans of La Grange elected their entire ticket.

The Howell county democrats will nominate on June 2.

Wm. G. Goff has been appointed postmaster of De Soto.

The Palmyra presbytery held its regular session at Perry.

E. L. Cook, a St. Joseph druggist, despondent, shot himself.

Near Cedar Gap, Wright county, a storm wrecked a schoolhouse.

The Randolph county republicans will hold their convention May 19.

The democrats of the Thirteenth congressional district will meet at De Soto, June 26.

The Concordia Canning Co., of Concordia, capital, $12,000, has been organized.

The city council of Springfield wants to assess nickel-in-the-slot machines $25 per year.

H. F. Avery, mayor of Clinton, is the youngest mayor of any city of the third class in Missouri.

At a special election the people of Cape Girardeau indorsed the proposition to erect water-works.

Miss Nellie McGuire, for thirteen years a popular St. Joseph teacher, died of consumption.

Ted Ryan, a laborer, aged 50, was killed in St. Louis by a tank weighing 3,500 pounds falling on him.

J. S. Lynch, the new United States marshal for the eastern district, will take charge of the office May 1.

The late-hour law has been put in effect in Sedalia, and many all-nighters have been sent to the calaboose.

At Marshall two boys and two dogs killed 330 rats while Conway Bros. were moving their slaughter-house.

Mrs. T. C. Buchanan, wife of a wealthy merchant of St. Joseph, eloped with a college student named Nason.

William Gannon, aged 36, a St. Louis fireman, was working at a fire, kicked an electric-light wire and fell dead.

Chas. D. Horton, cashier of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy system in Hannibal, died very suddenly of cervical abscess.

In Moniteau county there will be a good many fall apples, cherries, plums, pears and berries, but no peaches or early apples.

Rev. S. H. Dana will preach the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of the Hannibal high school, Sunday, May 27.

In the circuit court of Scott county Thomas Jones was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for stealing a horse and buggy.

The grocery store of J. Swearinger, in East Moberly, was burned. It is believed that burglars robbed the store and then applied fire.

Rev. W. L. McEvon, of the Webster Groves Presbyterian church, has received a call to the Third Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The contract for the new courthouse at Carthage has been let. The building is to cost over $100,000, and of this sum Carthage voted $50,000.

The 4-year-old son of Levi Reynolds, proprietor of a saw and grist-mill at Forsyth, Taney county, was caught by a belt and whirled to death.

Charles Brown and George Malon, alias Wilson, confess that they have committed over fifty burglaries in St. Louis in the past three months.

Thomas Grim, aged 75 years, died of consumption April 17. He was a native of England, and had been a resident of Louisiana for fifty years.

The public schools of Louisiana have closed. The graduates of the high school this year were Misses Lizzie Anderson, Rosie Pribe and Maud Baxter.

John Smiley and Ben Ware, farm hands on the farm of James Offutt, near Bowling Green, were struck by lightning the other day and almost killed.

Near Summerville, Texas county, a storm destroyed much property, and the wife and three children of Val Keel, an influential citizen, were instantly killed.

County Treasurer James C. Orr, who had held public office in Boone county for thirty years, and was the best known man in the county, died at Columbia, aged 70.

The Northwest Missouri district convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will meet in St. Joseph, May 19 and 20. About 300 delegates will be present.

John Hayner, charged with being an accomplice in the attempted robbery of the bank in Gilliam, Saline county, in 1892, was acquitted in the Pettis county criminal court.

George W. Seasholtz and William E. Minton, real estate dealers of St. Joseph, after a four-years' struggle in the courts, have been acquitted on charges of forging a large number of warranty deeds to land in Stone county.

After a three days' trial in the Greene county criminal court A. T. Van Pelt was acquitted of the killing of W. L. Cawlfield. It was proven to the jury that Van Pelt's life had been repeatedly and openly threatened by Cawlfield.

Rev. E. J. P. B. Williams, formerly rector of Calvary Episcopal church, of Louisiana, who, two years ago, was deposed from the ministry at his own request, has been restored to the same and has accept a call to Mammoth Springs, Ark.

The store of Geo. W. Miller, second-hand furniture dealer and money lender, in St. Louis, was burglarized, and $1,000 in money, jewelry and diamonds taken. The safe was opened.

The officers of the State Sunday-School association are preparing for the house-to-house canvass of every county and township in Missouri. The canvass will commence Tuesday, May 8.

Ninety-three oil paintings from the collection of the late S. A. Coale, Jr., of St. Louis, were sold at auction in New York, bringing the pitiful sum of $12,587, or about one-tenth of their value.

AN ALABAMA LYNCHING.

Three Self-Confessed Negro Incendiaries Taken from Jail at Tuscumbia, Ala., by a Masked Mob from Leighton, While the Sheriff was Attending a Banquet, and Hanged to a Bridge—Their Bodies Riddled with Bullets.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 22.—Fayette Deloney, Ed Felton and Emmet Deloney, three negroes, charged with incendiarism, were taken from jail by a mob at Tuscumbia, Ala., and lynched.

A few weeks ago several negroes in the vicinity of Leighton, Ala., were arrested for burning the barn of Claude King, of Leighton, which occurred over twelve months ago, in which he lost twenty-one head of horses, a lot of provender and a number of farming implements, aggregating a loss of $5,000. This was one of a series of burnings, and the people of Leighton were in a state of constant suspense.

Suspicion pointed to Fayette Deloney and his son Emmet, Ed Felton and Grant Ricks, all negroes living in that vicinity, and the evidence continued to strengthen until a negro detective was employed to work up the chain. He went to Leighton, and in the course of a few days had completely won the confidence of the negroes, who unfolded themselves and confessed that they had destroyed the barn to avenge themselves upon King, who had foreclosed a mortgage against one of their number. They confessed that it was their intention to fire his storehouse and residence, but that the opportunity had never presented itself. They also showed the detective a key which would admit them into a number of business houses in Leighton.

Upon this evidence they were arrested, and at a preliminary hearing before a Leighton magistrate the three first named were adjudged guilty and bound over to await the action of the grand jury, Grant Ricks having been acquitted. They were brought to Tuscumbia ten days ago and placed in jail.

Saturday night at 11:30 o'clock about thirty masked men visited the Tuscumbia jail—the sheriff, Shelby Frisham, being in attendance at a Masonic banquet—and taking the three negroes in charge, rushed them to a county bridge a few blocks away, hanged them and riddled their bodies with bullets.

The deed was done so adroitly and systematically that not a dozen people knew of it until yesterday morning. The mob came from Leighton, each member being disguised. After accomplishing their object they quietly dispersed, leaving the bodies hanging to one of the beams of the bridge.

SIMPLY APPALLING.

Awful Loss of Life by Earthquake in Greece—Hundreds of Persons Killed and Large Numbers Injured—The Fatalities Greatest Among Those Gathered in Churches for Worship—The King on the Ground.

ATHENS, April 23.—Many reports from the towns which have suffered from the earthquakes of the last few days were received yesterday evening. The loss of life and property is much greater than was at first supposed. In the Locris district, 129 persons are known to have been killed by falling walls and many others are missing. A parish church in Proskino collapsed during vespers and thirty men and women were killed outright, while several who were dug out alive from the ruins are likely to die. Ninety persons were buried in the ruins in Malesina and sixty of them were killed. The others may recover.

In many towns whole households have disappeared without leaving an inkling of their fate. In Martino thirty-nine persons were killed by falling timbers. Most of them died within the walls of a church whose roof fell in during service.

Although there has been small loss of human life in Athens and its environs, the damage to property has been enormous. The buildings in which the Austrian Lloyd and Floroo Rubattino companies had their offices, were wrecked completely. The roof collapsed, the floors broke, and the walls are rent. Hardly a whole piece of furniture was left in either building.

For years the work of restoring the famous Byzantine church at Daphne has been in progress. The dome and walls had been repaired, but yesterday they were cracked and crumbled and the beautiful mosaics were disfigured beyond hope of restoration.

Appeals for help come in hourly. But little can be done toward allaying the prevailing distress, and there are no charity organizations of importance here. In dozens of towns the houses have been deserted; the inhabitants are camping unsheltered and almost unfed in the fields and cannot be persuaded to return to their homes. The king, accompanied by the minister of the interior, has begun visiting the districts which have suffered most keenly.

Lieut. Maney, Declared Not Guilty of Murdering the Man He Killed.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Lieut. James A. Maney of the Fifteenth infantry, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill., was found by a United States jury yesterday not guilty of the charge of murdering Capt. Heilberg, of the same regiment, last October at the garrison. He pleaded self-defense, and the charge of Judge Grosscup to the jury sustained the plea. The jury retired at 3 o'clock and returned with their verdict in three hours.

Loss of the Steamer Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—The steamer Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast Steamship line, bound north from San Pedro and way ports, went ashore in a heavy fog Saturday night, at Point Sur, forty miles south of Monterey. Two boats, containing twenty passengers and crew, reached shore safely. Another boat, containing four passengers and Capt. Leland, was picked up by the steamer Eureka. Those who reached shore safely were taken to Monterey, where they took the train for this city. The Los Angeles is a total wreck.

THE BITUMINOUS STRIKE.

Local Settlements Will Not be Permitted—The Entire Union to Act as a Unit Until a Readjustment of Wages to a Living Basis Has Been Brought About—A Big Fight Begun with an Almost Empty Treasury, But With Confidence of Victory.

COLUMBUS, O., April 22.—With the successful inauguration of the great miners' strike, comes probably the chief difficulty that will beset the managers in carrying it to a successful issue. President McBride received yesterday many requests from local assemblies to be released from the order to strike because the employing operators had agreed to pay the wages demanded by the convention, and others asking what to do in case the local operators accede to the terms of the strikers. The following answer has been prepared by President McBride and is sent in answer to all such inquiries:

DEAR SIR:—The fight for living wages is a general fight, and no local settlements will be authorized or recognized. Until a general settlement has been declared, the following rule must be observed by all miners and all localities:

As ordered by the national convention, coal must not be loaded at any price, or for any purpose, but where companies want engines run, water hauled, timber or any other kind of repair work done, it will be permitted, provided wages are according to scale demanded by the convention.

The questions reach the point in the tactics of this strike upon the miners' side, upon which the leaders base their hope of success—that is the working of the whole union as a unit. In former strikes, they have found that permitting the miners of one district to resume operations as soon as the local operators agreed to pay the scale, helped to supply the coal demand and injured the chances of their brother miners in other districts to win their fight. The result of this strike probably depends upon the ability of the managers of it to enforce this order and prevent the miners going to work where there is no dispute as to wages. In Pennsylvania a number of operators are already offering to pay the scale.

President McBride did not receive special advices from many parts of the coal fields yesterday as to how the strike order was obeyed. He had only arranged to get telegraphic reports from the doubtful points. As to those districts in which the miners in mass-meeting had decided to strike, he had no doubt about what was done yesterday. Reports from them will come in to him by mail. Telegrams from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois, Indiana and Tennessee showed that all were expected to go out and most had laid down their picks at noon.

Summarizing the special reports he had received, and the dispatches in the evening newspapers, President McBride said to the United Press representative last evening that 31,000 men had gone out, about whose action he was somewhat in doubt Friday night. He was perfectly satisfied with the situation. "I am entirely confident," said he, "of the ultimate success of the undertaking."

It is claimed that there is now mined a full month's supply of coal ahead, and that the funds of the miners' organization do not exceed $2,000, which will be exhausted very soon.

Not much, if any, financial aid is looked for from other labor organizations, according to President McBride; and disinterested persons, pointing out the fact that the demand for coal is not large now, express some fear as to the success of the strike.

To this President McBride says that some of the biggest battles ever won by the miners in this country were fought without money, and this struggle will be of that class. Every miner is well acquainted with the condition of the national treasury of the union, and knows that no strike benefits will be paid. Every miner will be thrown upon his own resources to earn a livelihood, pending the settlement of the strike, and all are fully informed on that point. A full and complete understanding of the situation, together with a determination of the men to go into the strike at whatever cost to themselves, is evidence to Mr. McBride that the miners are prepared to hold out for months if need be.

As showing the feeling of other labor organizations towards the strike, President McBride gave out the following telegram from the president of the American Federation of Labor:

NEW YORK, April 21.

Executive Council, American Federation of Labor, in session, send fraternal greetings and express sincere sympathy with movement to secure fair conditions and some degree of justice for miners. If in any way we can cooperate to make effort successful we are at your service.

[Signed] SAMUEL GOMPERS.

It Does Not, But May, Affect the Coke Region.

SCOTTDALE, Pa., April 22.—The national strike ordered by the United Mine Workers will not affect the coke region unless Monday's delegate convention decides to order the men out. This convention will be composed of delegates independent of organization. The unorganized men are largely in the majority, and their refusal to come out on April 1 made the strike inaugurated on that date a failure from the start. If the English-speaking workmen declare for a strike on Monday, the foreign element will be found eager to join in the demands. Monday's strike, if ordered, will be for a revival of the one inaugurated April 1 and will be for ninety cents per 100 bushels for mining, and twelve per cent. advance on the Frick scale for all other work.

Col. W. P. Rend Favors Arbitration.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Col. W. P. Rend, whose firm employs 2,000 miners in Ohio and Pennsylvania, said to-day that the strike inaugurated by the United Mine Workers' organization could not last longer than two weeks if the miners and operators would get together and arbitrate.

"I am personally in favor of that plan," said he, "and I know of other operators who agree with me. With that end in view I have written to President McBride of the United Mine-workers of America asking his co-operation."