WOMEN OPPOSE RIGHT TO VOTE

Anti-Suffragettes Appear Before House Body.

VOTE IS NOT NECESSARY

Mrs. Dodge Declares Ballot Seekers Have Appeared Before Congress and Protest is Unreasonable.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Declaring that "our army is to conserve the family and the home," the anti-suffragists, before the house rules committee made vigorous protests against the demand of the suffragists that the house create a special committee on woman's suffrage.

Mrs. Arthur J. Dodge of New York, president of the National association opposed to woman's suffrage, declared that the suffragists have numerous hearings before congress and that their complaint of unfair treatment was unfounded. She says her organization is comprised of organizations in sixteen states and numbering 90,000 women all of voting age.

"When you consider that women of our class do not relish organizing you will see that we have a remarkably large number of women in this movement," she said.

Miss Alice Hill Chittenden, president of the New York association opposed to woman suffrage, declared it was not within the power of congress to regulate suffrage in the states and that each state should be permitted to work out its own suffrage problem without interference from the federal government.

Obtain Standing Without Ballot.

"Woman has obtained the position she holds today without the ballot," said Miss Chittenden, amid applause. "We are not the women who sit quietly beside the fireside knitting in the twilight of another generation; we are not drones or parasites and we know something of the problems of today. Despite all that is said of the glorious economic independence of women, all persons recognize the limitations of women. Women may chafe and fret under these limitations, but it would be as useless to halt the stars in their course as to prevent the natural physiological trend of the sex.

"We seek to conserve the home and family life, where woman makes for righteousness of the nation. We seek to make woman man's helpmeet, not his rival and competitor. We stand finally for the conservation of women's energies."

Mrs. Shaw Remains President.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman Suffrage association, who has served nine terms as head of the organization, was re-elected when the returns of the primaries were announced. Dr. Shaw received 326 votes against 4 votes for her nearest competitor, Harriet T. Upton of Ohio.

First Vice-President Jane Addams of Chicago had no opposition, receiving 349 votes. Caroline Rautz Rees of Hartford, Conn., received 141 votes against 116 for Desha Breckinridge of Lexington, Ky., for second vice-president.

Plymouth, England, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Emeline Pankhurst, leader of the militant suffragettes, was arrested on board the White Star liner Majestic and rushed to Devonport on a government tug by government detectives, who outwitted six suffragette defenders of Mrs. Pankhurst who were brought here by Mrs. "General" Drummond.

At Devonport Mrs. Pankhurst was taken ashore and placed in an automobile, which set off in the direction of London. She was under strict guard all the time.

Mrs. Pankhurst was locked up in Exeter jail. She was imprisoned here because of threats made by her followers to start a riot in London upon her arrival. She was brought here by automobile from Devonport.

Tirman to Represent France.

Paris, France, Dec. 5.—The French government appointed a commissioner general to represent France at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco. He is Alexandere Louis Albert Tirman, director of expositions in the ministry of commerce.

Ingersoll Kin is Dead at 87.

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Margaret Kellogg, who was a passenger on the first train the Chicago & Northwestern railroad operated out of Chicago, died here. She was eighty-seven years old. She was a cousin of Robert G. Ingersoll.

Rats and Matches Blamed.

Boston, Dec. 5.—A combination of rats and matches is blamed for the Arcadia hotel fire in which 28 lives were lost, as a result of investigations by state officials.

Amateur Edison Is Blown Up.

Newton, N. J., Dec. 5.—Fifteen-year-old Gerald Gray, a high school student, was blown twenty feet by an explosion he caused in his father's office, by mixing two chemicals. An arm was torn off and a leg mangled and he may not recover.

Imported Eggs Are Cheapest.

New York, Dec. 5.—Eggs imported from Europe are being sold cheaper in this city than eggs laid in the United States, according to evidence said to have been obtained here.

Twenty-one Coal Claims Cancelled.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 5.—The register of the land office at Juneau, Alaska, decided on November 28, that twenty-one coal claims of the so-called McAlpine group of two hundred on Cook inlet be held for cancellation because of fraud.

McLean Indicted.

New York, Dec. 5.—Arthur McLean, treasurer of the democratic state committee was indicted yesterday afternoon on two counts for receiving contributions from republicans.

Bank Manager Killed.

Plum Coulee, Manitoba, Dec. 4.—A lone masked bandit yesterday afternoon held up the bank of Montreal branch here, stole $10,000 in currency, shot and killed the bank manager, H. M. Arnold, and escaped in a stolen automobile.

Cardinal Stefano Is Dangerously Ill.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 4.—Cardinal Luigi Oreglia Di Santo Stefano, dean of the Sacred college and the only surviving cardina created by Pope Piux IX. is ill with pneumonia.

GENERAL CARRANZA AND SOME OF HIS SUPPORTERS

Gen. Venustiano Carranza (front row, third from left), the commander-in-chief of all the Constitutionalists, who is daily becoming more and more powerful as the big leader in the rebellion against the Huerta reign, photographed with Governor Maytorno (second from left, front row) of Sonora province, the stronghold of Carranza.

LABOR LAW IS VALID

ILLINOIS CHILD STATUTE UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT.

Indiana State Court Upheld in Ruling Regarding New Constitution Forced by Legislature.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Illinois child labor law, which prohibits the employment of boys under sixteen years of age, at dangerous occupations, was declared valid in a decision of the Supreme court Monday.

Justice Hughes, who delivered the opinion, said that manufacturers of Illinois could be compelled by the state "at their peril to ascertain the ages of children employed by them," and declared there could be no possible constitutional objection to the law.

That the state courts of Indiana had the right to prevent the government and state officials from submitting to the people for adoption a new constitution framed by the legislature in 1911, was the decision of the Supreme court.

That the government is entitled, under the federal corporation tax act, to collect income sums of revenue from mining corporations operating in the United States was the substance of an opinion by the court.

The fight of the so-called book trust to maintain arbitrary sale prices on copyrighted books culminated in a decision in the Supreme court in which the court held against the trust. The main question at issue was as to whether the trust should have a "copyright monopoly" in the sale of such books.

30-FOOT WAVE FATAL TO 10

Water Coming Down Nolan Creek Floods Belton, Tex., and Causes Death.

Belton, Tex., Dec. 4.—Ten persons were reported to have perished in a 30-foot wave which came without warning down Nolan creek before daybreak. The creek runs through the center of this city. Fifty houses along the creek's banks in Belton were swept away. In the heart of the town Mrs. W. C. Polk and her four children drowned. Polk, carrying the fifth child, an infant, escaped to high ground. Five fatalities—a man, his wife and three children—were reported in another family, that of a camper. His name was not known here. When the Main street bridge in Temple, Tex., was demolished by the wave an unidentified man was on the structure. He was seen to go into the water. It is believed he perished.

CHICAGO STREET CAVES IN

Half Block of Pavement Sinks and Buildings Are Perilled—Big Mains Break.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Randolph street, from North Wabash avenue half way to State street, caved in on Tuesday night when two water mains burst, endangering two of the largest buildings within the loop, Marshall Field's retail store and the Masonic temple.

The cave-in occurred a few seconds after an Archer avenue car containing more than a score of passengers had traversed the track directly over the broken main. At one point the pavement sank to a depth of 12 feet below the street level.

Ex-Mayor Shank in Vaudeville.

French Lick, Ind., Dec. 5.—Lew Shank, ex-mayor of Indianapolis, has left French Lick accompanied by Mrs. Shank, for Kansas City, where he will open in vaudeville on the Sullivan & Considine circuit.

Liquor Sellers Are Fined.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 4.—Following a liquor investigation the proprietors of the Langren hotel were fined $4,000; Battery Park hotel, $2,000. Other alleged violators were dismissed. The liquor was given to a hospital.

Men in Shifts to Save Three.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Dec. 4.—Hundreds of miners, working in shifts of 25 minutes each, struggled to reach three men entombed in the Golden Cycle mine here, the property of J. T. Milliken of St. Louis.

Water Speed Record Set.

Paris, Dec. 3.—Paul Tissandier beat the world's record for speed on water in a test with his new type glider autoboat at Triel, on the Seine. He attained an average speed of 58.5 miles an hour.

Harrison New Head of Road.

New York, Dec. 3.—Fairfax Harrison, president of the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville railway, was elected president of the Southern railway to succeed the late President W. W. Finley.

To Hang Spencer December 19.

Wheaton, Ill., Dec. 2.—Henry Spencer, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat, will be hanged December 19, unless the intervening hand of the supreme court is stretched out to deny the noose its victim.

Cousin of Bryan Dies.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 2.—Governor Dunne received word of the death at Jacksonville, Fla., of Charles E. Jennings of Salem, Ill., a member of the state board of pardons and cousin of W. J. Bryan.

HOTEL FIRE KILLS 27

SEVERAL OTHERS MISSING AND MANY ARE IN HOSPITALS AT BOSTON.

VICTIMS DIE WHILE ASLEEP

Men Trapped in Burning Building Leap to Street and Are Seriously Hurt—Some Are Rescued by Firemen—Distaster to Be Probed.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Fire which destroyed the Arcadia lodging house at 1202 Washington street caused the death of 27 persons on Wednesday. This is the heaviest death toll ever recorded in a fire in Boston.

Two persons were fatally injured while more than a score were slightly hurt or overcome by smoke. There were 179 men asleep in the lodging house when the fire broke out.

The flames spread swiftly through the flimsy building and a number of men, caught on the upper floors, leaped from windows.

All of the victims were poverty-stricken men, the lodging house being a 15-cent-a-night affair, catering to the poor. Many of them were homeless wanderers and for this reason the authorities believe that the names of all the victims will never be known.

The conflagration was attended by many thrilling escapes. Firemen spread nets and into these many of the panic-stricken lodgers leaped.

One man wrapped a mattress around his body and jumped from the fifth floor, the mattress saving his life.

The great rapidity with which fire leaped from floor to floor caught the lodgers and scores awoke to find their beds hemmed in by flames.

There they clung as the flames belched from windows beneath them and crept across the beds they had vacated to the sills of the windows.

Several narrowly escaped being hurled from the coping into the street in the rush for the ladders, which fell just short of the coping on which they were clinging. The firemen ascended as far as they could and caught the lodgers as they jumped to the tops of the ladders four stories in the air.

Medical Examiner Leary, after an examination at the scene of the fire, declared:

"I am going at this matter with an ax. This is one of the greatest crimes ever committed in this city. An inquest will be started at once. I think we have taken all the bodies from the ruins. Boston has nearly a dozen such fire traps. It is a crime to allow them to exist. This building looked like a slaughter house. There is no good excuse for such a condition of affairs."

TRAIN KILLS TWO IN BUGGY

Thanksgiving Day Bride One of Victims of Accident at Fairfield, Ind.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Wilber Youngman, aged twenty, of Champaign, Ill., was killed and her husband, aged twenty, was fatally injured at Fairfield when a Lake Erie & Western train struck the closed buggy in which they were riding on Sunday. They were married at Champaign Thanksgiving day. Edward Grishaw was also killed.

$5,000 Reward for Train Bandit.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Vice-President Calyin offered $5,000 reward for the capture of the bandit who killed Horace Montague and held up the Sunset express near here on Monday.

Two Union Miners Wounded.

Hartman, Ark., Dec. 1.—Two union miners were wounded here.

Find Body of Lake Victim.

Menomonie, Mich., Dec. 4.—The body of Edward Johnson, seventeen years old, who perished with six others when the lake boat Plymouth sank November 10, was found half buried in sand near Frankfort, Mich.

Kin of Carnegie's a Suicide.

Darien, Wis., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Martha Lindaman, forty-eight, a cousin of Andrew Carnegie, died here on Tuesday by her own hand, following a quarrel which separated her from her husband.

Commission Rule in Effect.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Commission form of government went into effect on Monday in a majority of the cities of Pennsylvania, the bicameral system of select and common councils going out of existence.

Two Ironworkers Indicted.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 3.—Harry Jones and George E. Davis, an ironworker, were indicted on charges of conspiracy to transport unlawfully dynamite and nitroglycerin, by the federal grand jury.

Tainted Meat Poisons 105.

Madrid, Dec. 2.—One hundred and five persons were poisoned on Monday at Fuente Ovejuna, near Cordoba, by eating bad meat. Thirteen have died. Many of the others are in a critical condition.

Lincoln's Guard Is Dead.

Gettsyburg, Pa., Dec. 2.—Isaac W. Bucher, who acted as one of President Lincoln's bodyguard when the latter delivered his famous address in Gettysburg 50 years ago, is dead at his home.

KILL IN STRIKE RIOT

NEGRO SLAIN AND FOUR WOUNDED IN INDIANAPOLIS FIGHT.

Men Employed to Guard Ice Company's Wagon Shoot When Attempt Is Made to Block Way.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 4.—A negro was killed, another was probably fatally wounded and two were shot but not seriously wounded in a strike riot at Indiana and Capitol avenues on Tuesday. The dead man is Claude Lewis.

J. M. Mason, a negro barber, was shot in the abdomen and is not expected to live. John Ashley, a white man, was shot through the foot. Archie Smith, a negro saloon porter, was shot through the shoulder.

The shooting was done by three negroes and two white men—employes of the Citizens' Ice company, who had been deputized with special police power.

The men on the ice wagon drove up to a saloon on Indiana avenue and started to unload some ice. A crowd gathered around and some rocks were thrown. Suddenly some man in the melee pulled a gun and shot and then four or five shots rang out in rapid succession.

Bicycle policemen rushed to the scene and other emergency police soon got there. They found one negro dead, two others and one white man shot. They took the five ice company deputies in charge.

The special police on the ice wagon claim that some one in the crowd fired first, but witnesses to the accident declared that no one in the crowd fired at all—that all the shooting was done by the men on the ice wagon.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Washington, Dec. 2.—That preponderance of foreign born white people in the United States speak the English tongue is revealed in a report on the native languages of the foreign white stock in the United States, about to be issued by Director W. J. Harris of the bureau of census, department of commerce.

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—After shooting and killing the cashier of the Palo Verde Valley bank at Blythe, bandits robbed the vaults of the bank of $[illegible]000 and escaped. Detectives left hurriedly for the scene of the robbery.

Bingham, Utah., Dec. 5.—That Frank Lopez, the Mexican outlaw whose deadly aim has claimed six victims in the last few days, has escaped from the Apex mine, where he has been thought a prisoner by more than a score of sheriffs and deputies, is the fear of the men who are standing guard at the exits of the mine. This, however, is not in accordance with the belief of Sheriff Smith, who announced that he expected to find the body of Lopez.

EXPLAIN NICHOLLS TELEGRAM

Navy Back Received Message Intended for a Mrs. Nicholls, Whose Father Was Ill.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 4.—That the telegram received by Quarterback Nicholls of the Navy football eleven just before the game with West Point at New York last Saturday, which seemingly told of the serious illness of his father, was intended for the wife of Lieutenant Nicholls, who is stationed at Portsmouth, N. H., was learned through friends here of Mrs. Nicholls. The telegram was sent to apprise Mrs. Nicholls of the serious illness of her father in Baltimore. It was believed that the telegram was sent so as to weaken the navy's team.

Two Freights Are Ditched.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 3.—Two freights were ditched and one man killed on the Saginaw division of the Pere Marquette because one crew forgot that a new time card did not become effective until the next day.

Lauds Scott for Indian Pact.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Secretary Garrison has sent a congratulatory telegram to Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, at Farmington, N. M., for that officer's work in pacifying the Navajo Indians.

Girl Convicted of Murder.

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 3.—Cathleen Oka Simmon, aged thirteen years, was convicted of murdering her nine-year-old playmate, Julia Jenex, on the afternoon of June 21 last. The little girl told the court of her crime.

Strike Leaders Sent to Jail.

St. Louis, Dec. 3.—Judge Grimm in the circuit court ordered four members of the waiters' union, which has been conducting a strike here for several months, to be imprisoned for nonpayment of fines.

Pindell Is Named Again.

Washington, Dec. 3.—President Wilson sent to the senate for the second time the nomination of Henry M. Pindell of Peoria to be ambassador to Russia. Brand Whitlock, ex-mayor of Toledo, named minister of Belgium.

Fire Causes $65,000 Loss.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 2.—Search of the ruins of the Vanderveen & Stonehouse building, which burned here and destroyed several homes, revealed that no lives were lost. The property loss is $65,000.

MANN PREDICTS WAR

LEADER BASES PREDICTION ON HASTE WITH WHICH HOUSE ACTS ON ARMY BILL.

BIG INCREASE IN FORCE

Women and Children Join Exodus on Foot—One Man Carries $2,500,000 With Him, Which He Withdrew From Bank.

Washington, Dec. 5. — Government officials were more confident than ever Wednesday that the patience which the United States had shown in its treatment of the Mexican problem was soon to be rewarded with a solution.

After a discussion into which the Republican leader, Mr. Mann, injected the Mexican situation, the house passed the Hay army volunteer bill, which went then to the senate. This would put war volunteer forces on an equal footing with the regular army.

The men would enlist "for the war" and the president would appoint all officers.

Representative Mann said that Chairman Hay of the military committee, the administration and all others connected with the bill would deny the measure was presented now, because the government was preparing for a war with Mexico; he recalled that just before the Spanish-American war the appropriations committee presented a bill to put $50,000,000 into President McKinley's hands.

"I took a minute then to say," added Mr. Mann, "that at least there was one man in the house who was not attempting to deceive himself while all the others had said that this was not in expectation of war, but to prevent war.

"I fear the same situation arises now."

Jaurez, Dec. 5.—"I will have 20,000 men surrounding the City of Mexico about Christmas," was the statement with which Gen. "Pancho" Villa met the news from the federal capital that President Huerta had recalled ex-President Porfirio Diaz to the active list of the Mexican army.

While Villa did not know the whereabouts of the seven generals who had evacuated the City of Chihuahua and offered to surrender to him, he was not alarmed by the prospective appearance on the battlefield of the exiled ex-president. He did not believe that the leadership of even the once loved Diaz would avail to avert Huerta's downfall.

City of Mexico, Dec. 5.—"I have no intention of yielding," said President Huerta. "Should this fighting in Mexico continue for years I shall continue to do my part in it if I am still alive.

The president's outburst came soon after publication of President Wilson's message to the American congress, and news of the evacuation of the City of Chihuahua by Huerta's forces.

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 4.—Seven generals of the Mexican federal army are ready to surrender and the backbone of the Huerta dictatorship in the north has been broken. A peace commission arrived in Juarez Tuesday bearing terms of surrender.

Fleeing over the desert and pursued by Villa's rebels, several thousand persons, including the rich Creel and Terrazas families, who deserted Chihuahua City in fear of a rebel attack, were reported to be nearing the United States border. Among the refugees is Luis Terrazas, head of the wealthy Terrazas estate, who is said to carry 5,000,000 pesos which he withdrew from Chihuahua banks. The caravan, composed of men, women and children, was described as being more than a mile long.

BANDIT KILLS RAIL AGENT

Robber Boards "Sunset Express" and Slays Passenger Official; Posses on His Trail.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 3.—Train No. 9 on the Southern Pacific, the Sunset Express, was held up just west of Los Angeles on Monday. The holdup man boarded the train at Pomona. H. L. Montague, traveling passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, tried to interfere with the holdup man and was shot dead. A sheriff's posses is searching for the bandit.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS ILL

Chief Executive Remains in Bed by Orders of Doctor—Bad Cold Is the Cause.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Owing to a slight cold in the head, President Wilson remained in bed on Wednesday on the orders of his physician, Dr. Cary T. Grayson. The president was suffering from the cold when he made the trip to the capitol to deliver his address, and his physician told him to take no chances of its making further progress.

Sends Strike Leader to Cell.

Philippi, W. Va., Dec. 5.—Van Bittner, president of District No. 5, United Mine Workers of America, was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail by United States Judge Dayton for violating the court's orders.

400 Thrown Out of Work.

Laporte, Ind., Dec. 5.—Four hundred employes of the locomotive repair shops of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company at Garrett are out of employment as the result of closing down of the big shops.

Fifty Students Flee Fire.

Medford, Mass., Dec. 5.—Fifty students of Tufts college were forced to drop from windows and fire escapes in making their way out of East hall, which was on fire. One student was slightly burned.

Sutro Gives Up Aviation.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Adolph G. Sutro, who is a grandson of a famous former mayor of San Francisco, and who holds the first hydroaeroplane license, announced that he had made his last flight.

Zelaya Released; Must Leave U. S.

New York, Dec. 5.—Former President Zelaya of Nicaragua was released by United States Commissioner Shields on condition that he would leave the country immediately for Barcelona, Spain.

Loot Bank and Kill Man.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 5.—A branch of the Bank of Montreal at Plum Coulee, was held up and robbed of $10,000 and the manager killed by robbers. Police are closing in on the bandits.

POSTOFFICES IN CITIES TOO SMALL

Unable to Handle Large Parcel Post Business.

DRASTIC FEATURES IN NEW ACT

Supreme Court Holds No One May Practice Medicine in Ohio Unless Licensed by State Medical Board.

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It is being revealed here that the postoffice in Columbus and those in many other Ohio cities are becoming too small to handle the volume of business that has resulted from the operation of the parcel post. In the future, and probably the very near future, plans will have to be made for a general enlargement of postoffice facilities. Other states probably are experiencing the same difficulty, but it has become pronounced in Ohio early, because of the quickness of Ohio people to take advantage of the parcel post system. The announcement made by the postmaster of Columbus that the new postoffice building, hardly two years old, built at a cost of $750,000, is entirely too small to handle the increase in business, has been a stupendous surprise here. The general public was led to believe when the plans for the building were made that it would be large enough to take care of business for years to come. But Postmaster Krumm goes so far as to intimate that within a very short space of time Columbus may have to have an entirely new postoffice building. He points out incidentally that in the past the government has been giving more consideration to beauty and ornamentation in the erection of its postoffices than it has to space and utility. The result is that a general cramping of postoffices is confronting the postal officials. The city of Chicago, for example, that recently erected a postoffice building that cost millions, is now compelled to use the structure which was used temporarily while the new structure was being erected.

Drastic Features in Law.

The more the new license system is studied by the state liquor license commission the more drastic does its features appear. In the latest construction given its provisions the conclusion has been reached that if a saloonist violates the license law he may be forever barred from getting a license or from being employed in any capacity by a licensed saloonist. Joseph Tope, a Cincinnati saloonist, is the first to be convicted of a violation under the license law. He pleaded guilty to keeping open on Sunday. The state board has advised every license board in the state of the conviction. Every county board will have a record of all convictions, so that if a person is deprived of a license he will not be able to go to another county and obtain another license. Saloonists throughout the state are awakening to a realization that it is certainly up to them to obey the licensing laws to the letter. This calls for shutting up on time at night and of remaining closed all day Sunday.

Must Have State License.

The decision of the supreme court holding that no one may practice medicine in Ohio unless licensed by the state medical board was a surprise to the board members, who were not aware that the case in which the board's authority has been questioned had been taken to that court. "Nevertheless, we are much gratified over it," said Dr. George G. Natson, the secretary of the board, who has come to be something of a terror to those who try to evade the requirements of the medical law. The decision will strengthen the arm of the board. It was given in the case brought by Laura Hobson McQuestion of Mansfield, who was graduated from a Cleveland medical college, and who sought to enjoin the board from prosecuting her for practicing without a license. The court denied her application.

Recommends Reduction in Rates.

The report of the joint legislative committee which has been investigating the subject of fire insurance rates will be completed at a meeting the members will hold in Columbus next Tuesday. The report will recommend legislation for a reduction in rates. It will be acted upon by the general assembly at the special session to be held early in the new year. A copy of the report will be turned over to Gov. Cox, and he will call attention to its recommendations in his call for the extra session.

Madison County Family Honored.

The honors in the big corn raising contest go to the family of John A. Gossard, a farmer of South Solon, Madison county. Three of his children won in this contest. No other family made such a showing. The Gossard children who won were Margaret E., 18, who is a sophomore at Wittenberg university, Springfield; Robert, 16, and Jay, 14. Margaret raised 99 bushels and 25 pounds of corn on her acre. Robert raised 99.17 bushels and Jay 92½ bushels. There were no happier children than they on the trip. The Madison County Corn Improvement association offered the prizes won by Margaret and Robert and the Stokes Township Corn Improvement association gave the prize won by young Jay. In each case the prize was a free trip to Washington on the corn special.

Girl Is Good Farmer.

Margaret is every inch a farmer, but to look at her you would never suspect it. She plowed, harrowed, hoed and everything else that must be done in corn raising. She also husked and then loaded the corn in a wagon and drove off to town with it. "I sold it for 60 cents a bushel, but believe I could have gotten more if I had held off until later," said she. "I love farming, and it does not seem to hurt me any." And from her appearance it would seem that this statement was very true. Her hands show no evidence of the hard work they have done. They are soft and shapely and her fingers taper. She has a complexion that any queen would envy. When she reached Columbus in company with her brothers she was attired in a modish traveling habit that looked as if it came from Paris.

"I think every girl in the state should give attention to farming," said Miss Gossard. "If they would I am sure it would help a great deal towards solving the cost of living. It would also accomplish another thing just as important, if not more so. It would make them more robust and give them an added interest in life. I intend to farm all my life."

Find Love Letters in Pen.

One would imagine that in the heart of those confined within the walls of the penitentiary there wuold be little place for amorous poetic fancies. But not so. Clandestine love notes have been passing between the men and women prisoners for some time. A lot of them have just been confiscated by the prison officials, and never did more overweening sentiment flow from the pen of callow, unbridled youth than may be found in the scrawled notes that have been ruthlessly read by others than those for whom they were intended. Incidentally, it has been found that trusted penitentiary couriers have been the carriers of the secret mail. In the letters and the replies the terms of utmost affection are employed. Undying devotion is pledged and promised. And in most cases the sole basis for the romance has been merely a glance furtively exchanged during chapel service on Sunday. These occasions are about the only ones when male and female prisoners ever are brought in contact. But they give rise to epistles whose authors vow faithful and undying passion. The upshot of the whole discovery will be a great espionage both over the chapel services and over the clever postal system that has been operating behind the walls.

Become Detectives Vigilant.

The newly licensed saloonkeepers of the state have become detectives vigilant. In many cities they have constituted themselves as spies upon all sellers of intoxicants that do not hold the coveted license. In some localities they have perfected organizations to employ sleuths to spy upon drug stores and other places suspected of selling unlawfully. Up in Toledo the licensees have banded together in a close corporation. They have their laws and bylaws and their various mutual understandings. And one of the agreements is that the law preventing free lunches, which up to this time has been a dead letter, shall in future be rigidly enforced.

Plaint From Dillonville.

List to the plaint from Dillonvale. Located in the hills of Jefferson county, surrounded by a score of mining camps and hamlets, most of which are in dry territory, the saloons of Dillonvale are unable to find rooms large enough to accommodate their thirsty patrons. They have appealed to the state board. In the old days Dillonvale, with 2,000 population, and 3,000 more within patronizing distance, supported 21 saloons. Under the law it has four. Bars have been lengthened, more bartenders employed, but recently the rooms were so packed that many patrons had to go out in the street to sip their foaming drinks, giving others their places near the bar.

Criticism Is Heard.

Not a little criticism is being heard here regarding the action of the courts at Ironton in reinstating Former State Senator L. E. Andrews, who served a sentence in the penitentiary for bribery, into the good graces of the legal profession. In view of the hard time that Charles Thatcher of Toledo experienced in securing readmittance to the bar, despite the comparative smallness of his offense, it is being contended that the alertness of the court in reinstating Andrews will cause even greater bitterness in the public mind against the attitude of the judiciary.

Apple Industry in State.

Something far more pretentious than most people imagine is the apple industry in Ohio. It's worth somewhere between $30,000,000 and $40,000,000 in revenue every year. That's a shade better than the wheat crop can boast of and nearly twice as much as can be claimed for the hog industry. And yet the modest apple never pretends to demand a third of the attention that usually is lavished upon other industries. Now comes a brand new movement designed to boost culture of the "king of fruit."

Of Interest to Veterans.

Such articles as false teeth, canes, crutches, a pair of women's corsets and a man's wooden leg were found on the place where the Ohio veterans camped at Gettysburg during the famous reunion last July, after the dismantling of the camp, and Col. Lewis E. Beitler, secretary of the Pennsylvania Gettysburg commission, has written to Adjt. Gen. George H. Wood to find the owners. "If any of your veterans are 'shy' any of these useful commodities let me know and we will try to fit him out," said Col. Beitler.

Epidemic of Smallpox.

For the first time in several years there is a serious epidemic at the state school for the deaf. Eight cases of smallpox have developed there. As a result of this a general order for vaccination has been issued by the city health department. All persons presenting themselves for vaccination will be given the treatment by the board free. Every effort will be made to stamp out the disease. Ten years ago the city suffered from a smallpox outbreak which caused many deaths.

Urges Merging of Interests.

The state administration plan to make Ohio State university a help to the state departments and institutions in a concrete and definite way is taking form. Gov. Cox has recommended that the entire state department of health remove itself to the State university and virtually become a part of the state institution of learning. It is the governor's idea that both the department of health and the educational institution would benefit by the merging of interests. The new step also would constitute an advance

Will Discuss Many Subjects.

There will be a wide range of discussion on rural life and agricultural subjects at the county farmers' institutes, which begin Dec. 1 and continue until March 1. Thirty-seven subjects have been selected by the state agricultural commission for the lecturers for these meetings. Lecturers are directed to call for a round table discussion of 20 minutes of at least two of the stipulated subjects. Persons in the audience should not talk more than three minutes and should speak gelist.

Appointment Causes Shakeup.

The appointment of W. B. Baldwin of Akron as one of the two deputy state tax commissioners for Summit county will necessitate his resignation as postmaster of that city, and will also bring about the resignation of A. Ross Read of Akron as representative from Summit county in the general assembly, as he is to succeed Mr Baldwin as postmaster. Mr. Read had planned to resign either after or towards the close of the special legislative session, but his resignation will come in December

MISMANAGEMENT CHARGES MADE

Former Superintendent Criticises Board of Trustees

WANTS STATE TO TAKE CHARGE

Home for Orphans of Soldiers and Sailors in Deplorable Condition, Says E. D. Sawyer—Complains to Governor.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Cleveland.—Definite charges of mismanagement of the Soldiers and Sailors Orphans' home in Xenia, O., have been placed in the hands of Gov. James M. Cox by E. D. Sawyer of Cleveland, former superintendent of that institution. Sawyer asks that the management of the Xenia institution be taken from the board of trustees that has conducted it since its inception and be placed with the state board of administration, which manages all other state institutions.

"Conditions at the Xenia home are deplorable," said Sawyer. "At present there are 190 employes and but 600 boy and girl residents. The 190 employes include 34 matrons, about 30 teachers and the other officers and assistants. The per capita cost of maintaining the home is far above the figure that it should be. While I was superintendent I reduced the per capita cost $5.75 in the first eight months and informed Gov. Harmon that it should and could be reduced further $25 per capita."

Sawyer then quoted from the report of Examiner Bliss that turkey, chicken, oyster, melons, grapes, cucumbers, squabs, mushrooms, pineapple, fancy cakes and other luxuries are foods of almost daily consumption at the home.

"None of these foods is ever seen on the children's tables," said Sawyer. "But they are purchased for the superintendent's and employes' table."

Fails in First Theft Case.

Canton. — The government lost the first round of a fight to put behind bars men suspected of complicity in a $200,000 robbery of freight cars. George Fisher, Canton saloonkeeper and cigar dealer, arrested on a charge of interfering with interstate commerce, it being alleged he had received 50,000 stolen cigars, was discharged by United States Commissioner Julius Whiting at a preliminary hearing.

It is understood an effort will be made to obtain indictments of many by the federal grand jury at Cleveland. Thousands of dollars' worth of cigars, cigarets, silks, rubber, whisky and other commodities are said to have been stolen from railroads.

Twenty-four arrests have been made in Toledo and three in Detroit and the men arrested in Toledo have been held for trial by the federal grand jury.

Lawyer Is Acquitted.

Cleveland.—W. D. Tighe, tried on a charge of embezzling $6,200 of the funds of the Western Reserve Syrup Co., owned by eastern capital and for which he acted as representative, was found not guilty by a jury in Judge Lieghley's court.

It was charged that McTighe failed properly to account for some money received by him when the syrup company was sold. William H. Boyd, McTighe's attorney, held that McTighe had a power of attorney from J. J. Joyce, Boston multi-millionaire, who was the heaviest stockholder in the company, and that it was impossible for McTighe to embezzle the money as charged. This point the jury upheld.

Tiffin Gets $76,000.

Findlay. — After years of litigation, the city of Tiffin will shortly come into possession of bonds with a face value of $66,666, as well as interest amounting to about $10,000, from Thomas Connor, at one time a resident of Tiffin, who moved to Joplin, Mo., years ago, where he died. His will gave the amount mentioned to the city, but this precipitated a fight, and the case has been in courts for many years. Recently the supreme court of Missouri decided for Connor's will, and the money will be paid over in a few weeks.

Closes Busy Fruit Season.

Port Clinton. — With the closing of the fruit season, a summing up shows this has been one of the busiest seasons in the history of the district. Over 600,000 bushels of peaches were shipped from the orchards of Ottawa county this season. They brought an average of nearly $1.50 a bushel to the grower. Ottawa county also raised over 40,000 bushels of apples, making the income to fruit growers and farmers over $1,000,000.

Protects Health of Pupils.

Canton.—As a forward step in protecting the health of public school pupils, Canton board of education has employed a professional visiting nurse at $1,000 a year to aid needy pupils.

Barns, Cows and Horses Burn.

Gallipolis.—Two large barns were burned and thirteen cows and several head of horses were cremated as a result of a fire supposed to have been of incendiary origin near Cadmus. The property destroyed was owned by Mrs. Louis Evans.

Judge Outlines Marriage Obligations.

Akron.—"More than love is required to make a happy home. A girl should inquire into the ability of her fiance to furnish pork chops. There would be fewer divorces if young folks about to marry would dilute their sentiment with the common sense of business."

Judge S. G. Rogers of common pleas court made these observations after he had heard a divorce case in which the wife had paid for the marriage license and managed the support of her self and husband until out of funds.

Baby Falls Into Scalding Water.

Amherst. — The two-year-old son of William Sollock fell into a tub of scalding water and is in a serious condition at Dr. Frederick's hospital, Lorain. The baby is not expected to live.

Arrest Murder Suspect.

Kenton. — Janko Korisa, an Austrian, suspected of being implicated in the murder of a countryman at the Erie railroad construction camp east of here Nov. 19, has been returned to this city. He was arrested in Steelton, Pa.