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SHORT NEWS NOTES

They Come From Many Parts of the World.

Information of Recent Date Collected in Various Ways and Condensed for the Convenience of Our Busy Readers.

The Commercial Telegraphers' union of America has filed a petition in the United States district court at St. Louis, asking Judge Adams to issue an injunction to restrain the Western Union Telegraph Co. from discharging men belonging to the union.

Five thousand union workmen are on strike at Bedford, Ind., and the stone industry there is completely tied up. The strikers include planners, saw operators and engineers in the cutting departments and the quarries. They seek to have their wages equalized at all the quarries.

The plant of the Consolidated Paper and Bag Co., at Elkhart, Ind., was destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$75,000, with \$20,000 insurance. Ray Harrington, aged 20, unmarried, was killed in the power house of the Michigan Traction Co. at Augusta, Mich. He stumbled against a high tension wire and received 25,000 volts in his body.

Edgar F. Luckenbach, of New York City, one of the owners of the oil tank steamer S. V. Luckenbach, which is missing, states that he has given up hope of the steamer ever being heard from. The S. V. Luckenbach left Sabine Pass, Tex., March 22 for Philadelphia, with a cargo of 1,100,000 gallons of oil. Her captain was George T. Thompson, of Brooklyn, and there was a crew of 32 men. She was due at Philadelphia about April 15.

Mrs. Myra Rose Searles was given a judgment for \$12,000 by a jury at Elizabeth, N. J. She was a handsome woman until she was injured in a collision between cars on a trolley line. Her attorney called attention to the loss of beauty as a result of the injuries and this is supposed to have had great weight with the jurors. She is now a helpless invalid. Her husband was given a verdict for \$3,000 because of the loss of his wife's companionship.

The Gatling gun which has been placed on the mountain commanding the approaches to the mine of the Raleigh Coal Co., near Stanford City, W. Va., was tried recently for the first time and proved a success. The gun was fired constantly for two minutes, during which time 2,200 steel bullets were hurled into the mountain opposite, and when the firing ceased the dense woodlands looked as though a cyclone had struck it.

The plaster casts have been removed from the limbs of 11-year-old Charles Willett, of Washington, who was operated upon last fall by Dr. Adolph Lorenz, the Austrian specialist, for an extraordinary case of club feet. The result is pronounced by the boy's attending surgeon to be a perfect cure. The boy walks easily and naturally.

All of the boiler-makers of the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. west of El Paso and Ogden and south of Portland quit work out of sympathy with the members of the International union who have been having trouble for the past six months with the Union Pacific. The number of men involved is about 420. The union machinists of the Union Pacific are also along with the boiler-makers.

Dozens of houses have been destroyed, also thousands of tons of hay and some live stock by a prairie fire on the range west of Velva, N. D. The fire is not yet under control and the village of Sawyer is threatened.

One of the boilers in the Indianapolis, Ind., honing mills exploded recently, killing one man and injuring several others. Of the injured, who were hurried to the hospitals, one will die.

Thirteen Christians were killed and nineteen were wounded and three Musselmans were killed during the recent outbreak at Monastir.

The board of agriculture of Great Britain has prohibited the importation into that country of animals from Argentina and Uruguay on and after May 12, in consequence of the existence of foot and mouth disease in those republics.

Chancellor Day, of Syracuse university, has suspended the entire freshman class for acts committed by some of its members, when the class numerals were painted over college buildings. Dynamite was exploded throughout the night, sidewalks ripped up and other depredations to property in the neighborhood of the university were committed.

The Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. has served notice on the city of Milwaukee, Wis., that it claims possession of all the land along the lake shore east of its tracks for a distance of a mile.

A Seaboard Air Line train ran into a washout at Cushman curve, two and one-half miles from Fernandina, Fla. Five or six passengers were slightly and three trainmen seriously hurt.

Frank M. Barnett, a clerk in the United States bureau of ethnology, has been arrested on a charge of forgery. Barnett's offense consisted in opening private mail addressed to officials in the office and abstracting therefrom two checks for \$175, which he cashed at a local banking house. He admitted his guilt.

A man who describes himself as George Reynolds, an Englishman, has been arrested at New York as a result of a robbery of silverware and jewelry valued at \$10,000 and some private papers from August Belmont. All the stolen property was recovered.

The commissioner of the general land office has temporarily withdrawn from entry 400,000 acres of public land in the Blackfoot district in Idaho for irrigation purposes.

An explosion followed by fire occurred in a boat of the Standard Oil Co. at Long Island City. The vessel was towed into the middle of East river, where the flames were extinguished. John Quinn, the mate of the boat, was killed. A second explosion occurred while the craft was being held in mid-stream by tugs. No one was hurt.

Overcrowding at naval training stations along the Atlantic coast is causing concern in the navy department. There has been considerable sickness among the men recently, it is feared, due to this cause. The department has decided to relieve the congestion by quartering the overflow in tents.

The laying of a duplicate German Atlantic cable was commenced recently at Borkum, an island in the North sea, 26 miles from Emden.

President Roosevelt has tendered to Frederick W. Hells, of New York City, the position of umpire to act in the settlement of the claims of Germany and Italy against Venezuela.

It is reported that the Panama Canal Co. has offered the Colombian government \$12,000,000 of the \$40,000,000 the company receives from the United States for the canal property.

Five hundred feet of the permanent trestle work of the Lucien cut off adjacent to the east shore of Salt Lake, Utah, sank while a train was passing over it and 20 cars were thrown into the filled-in grade.

The ten furniture factories of Evansville, Ind., that had been closed down since April 1 because of the strike of the workmen have resumed and a majority of the strikers returned to work. Over 700 men were affected. The strike ended in a compromise.

The body of Mrs. Augusta Harper Lynde, who disappeared from her home in New York City about two weeks ago, was found floating in the North river. Mrs. Lynde was the daughter of James Harper, founder of the Harper publishing house, and the widow of Charles R. Lynde, who died several years ago, leaving a large fortune.

During a fire in the Pittsburg Bedstead and Spring Co.'s building, a number of girls at work on the fourth floor became panic-stricken and three jumped from the window into a net held by the firemen. All were seriously injured.

As a result of the refusal of the builders' exchange of Jackson, Mich., to accede to the demands of the building laborers for \$2 per day, the building business of the city is at a complete standstill and about 2,000 men are idle.

The secretary of agriculture has raised the quarantine upon cattle, sheep and other ruminants and swine in Rhode Island which was imposed by the order of November 27, 1902. All animals affected with foot and mouth disease in the state have been destroyed and the premises occupied by them thoroughly disinfected.

The American schooner James Slater, of Port Jerguson, Long Island, 34 days out from Savana-Lamar with logwood for New York, put into San Juan, P. R., having been driven back from off Cape Hatteras April 2. The crew had been subsisting on pea soup alone for 12 days and were very weak.

The grain situation at Montreal is becoming alarming as the result of the longshoremen's strike. There are millions of bushels of grain now in barges alongside the various ocean vessels waiting to be transferred, and millions more are on the way from the west for ocean shipment.

Statistics compiled by the board of health show that the population of the city of New York is increasing at a remarkable rate. The births reported in Manhattan borough alone during the first four months of the present year were 2,000 in excess of those reported in the same period last year.

The western Missouri court of appeals has decided that a member of a church congregation is not liable in law for the payment of the pastor's salary, and that a minister of the gospel must depend upon the consciences of the members of his flock for it, and has no legal hold upon them for it.

The Wisconsin assembly has killed the bill giving women the right of suffrage under specified conditions.

There was a little race riot in Saint Tammany parish, about 50 miles from New Orleans, the other night. An insolent negro was beaten with an ax handle by a white man. The negroes armed and a pitched battle with white citizens followed, in which four negroes, one of whom was the aggressor, were killed.

A new feature in the workers' strike in Kansas City is the refusal of the bakers' drivers to deliver to non-union restaurants. The order will affect every member of the Restaurant Men's Protective association, of which there are 48.

It is likely that a number of American cities will maintain a municipal pavilion as part of the "Model City," or install a municipal exhibit as part of the general exhibition of the Louisiana Purchase exposition. The committee on legislation has begun a movement to induce the municipal lawmaking bodies to make appropriation for this effect.

Richard Henry Stoddard, the poet, is dead at his residence in New York. Mrs. Stoddard died less than a year ago, and his son, Lorimer Stoddard, is also dead. Mr. Stoddard was the only one of the family left.

The crew, numbering 31 men, of the French three-masted Star of the Seas, bound for Newfoundland, have been rescued by the Russian steamer Capella and taken to Chersbourg. The Star of the Seas was abandoned and subsequently foundered.

The announcement from Constantinople that Armenian revolutionaries had entered Armenia from Russia is looked upon as possibly being the commencement of another troublesome anti-Turkish revolutionary movement in a district which was the scene of former massacres of Armenians by Turkish troops.

SERIOUS TROUBLES

The Strike Fever Rages in Greater New York.

A Number of Assaults Made Upon Non-Union Men by Strikers - Contractor for the Subway Whipped Strikers' Places.

New York, May 12.—Serious troubles arising out of the recent strikes inaugurated in Brooklyn occurred in various sections of that borough yesterday. A gang of striking blacksmiths descended upon two blacksmith shops in turn and severely beat a number of the non-union men employed there. In both cases the police were called, but the strikers fled before the arrival of the officers.

A delegation of Italians attempted to stop men at work repairing the streets. Wherever the strikers appeared they were met by the police and dispersed. In some instances the police were obliged to use their clubs.

At a meeting of subway strikers in this city which was attended by about 6,000 men, it was decided to continue the strike for six months if necessary.

Subway Contractor John B. McDonald has declined to hold further conferences with representatives of the Central Federated union on questions involved in the subway strike, after the Rockmen's and Excavators' union had refused to return to work pending arbitration.

Mr. McDonald read a statement to the representatives of the union that they, by their own admissions, did not represent nor bind the labor organizations, and that unless the men return to work by Wednesday morning other men will be put in their places. He added:

"I say now to you most emphatically, not as a threat, but as a warning, that even if only one man wishes to work he shall be protected to the fullest extent of our power against violence, rioting, law breaking and lawbreakers."

One of the three Hecker-Jones-Jewell four mills, the employees of which have been on strike for ten days, was started up Monday and another will be put into operation next week. The plant of the New York City Milling Co., which is the only other big flour mill in this district, is still shut down.

A representative of one of the concerns said: "New York's output of flour was so little, compared to the supply from the west, that it has not affected the supply, not even exports to Porto Rico and Cuba. The strike happened to come just at a time when business was slack."

IN A CELLAR.

All but \$200 of \$20,000 in Currency Taken from a Safe by an Express Messenger in Four.

Philadelphia, May 12.—Detectives have recovered all but \$200 of \$20,000 in currency stolen from the safe of the United States Express Co. in transit from Pottsville, Pa., to this city. William J. Murphy, an express messenger in the employ of the company, who was arrested Saturday on suspicion of having some knowledge of the mysterious disappearance of the valuable package, is said by the police to have made a confession which led to the recovery of the money. He will be given a hearing today.

The money was consigned by the Safe Deposit bank, of Pottsville, to the Tradesmen's national bank, of this city. Murphy received for the package, but when the safe was opened the money was missing. The messenger was questioned, but his replies were vague and he was taken into custody. Yesterday, the police say, Murphy admitted his guilt and accompanied the detectives to the house of a friend, where \$19,800 was found buried in the cellar. Murphy has been in the employ of the United States Express Co. for 15 years.

A Crop Bulletin.

Washington, May 12.—The monthly crop bulletin issued by the agricultural department yesterday says: Returns to the department of agriculture made up to May 1 show the area under winter wheat in cultivation on that date to have been about 33,107,000 acres. This is 2.8 per cent. less than the area sown last fall, and 15.8 per cent. in excess of the area of winter wheat harvested last year. The percentage of abandoned acreage in all the important winter wheat growing states is unusually small. For the area remaining under cultivation the average condition on May 1 was 92.6.

Falled for \$250,000.

Providence, R. I., May 12.—Robert B. Treat, of Warwick, cotton manufacturer and head of two coal companies, each capitalized at a million dollars, with headquarters in this city, made an assignment Monday for the benefit of his creditors. The liabilities are estimated at about \$250,000, with assets in three times that sum.

Struck for Union Wages.

Chicago, May 12.—Two hundred armature winders and electrical repair men went on a strike Monday for the union scale of wages, which is from 10 to 50 per cent. increase over the present rate. Eight firms are affected by the walkout.

Gamblers in a Bribery Game.

Honolulu, May 12.—The committee representing the keepers of Chinese gambling houses has been placed under arrest, charged with attempting to bribe Deputy Attorney General Andrews to permit four games of paka pio to be run without molestation. Andrews arranged a meeting with the gamblers and concealed witnesses who heard the offer of \$5,000 a month made if Andrews would permit the conducting of gambling games. The Chinese state that they had formerly purchased protection from other officials, and interesting disclosures are expected.

WANT MORE PAY.

Mobile & Ohio Employees Out Work and Tie Up the Road.

St. Louis, May 11.—Mobile & Ohio conductors, brakemen, yardmen and baggagemen all along the line between St. Louis and Mobile went out on strike at 9:30 o'clock Saturday because they were not given a 10 per cent. increase in wages for freight service and a 7 per cent. increase for passenger service which they have been trying to get since January last. About 800 men are involved.

Jackson, Tenn., May 11.—The strike on the Mobile & Ohio railroad now on in this city is assuming alarming proportions. One man killed, two trains wrecked and business badly tied up is the result of the day in Jackson. Chief of Police Gaston and his force were called by the officials of the road, on account of a wreck there, alleged to be the work of strikers. A fishplate had been laid between the rails of a switch and an engine was derailed. The engine was replaced on the rails and returned to the shops, and when it returned to carry the train north the switch was thrown and another derailed.

Mobile, Ala., May 11.—Yesterday, the second day of the strike of the trainmen on the Mobile & Ohio, has been a quiet one here. The road is completely tied up. The passenger trains all piled out on time, however, being run by officials of the road.

Meriden, Miss., May 11.—The Mobile & Ohio strike situation remains about the same in this city, except that the company succeeded in getting one train out and nine in yesterday with non-union conductors and brakemen.

St. Louis, Mo., May 11.—The local situation in the Mobile & Ohio railroad strike is quiet and indications are that there will be no trouble.

FATAL BLAZE.

Two People Burned to Death at Buffalo, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 11.—Herman M. Blaisdell, of North Collins, a former assemblyman, after whom the town of Blaisdell, N. Y., is named, and his wife, were so badly burned in a fire which started from an explosion and which destroyed their home yesterday, that they died a few hours later. An adopted son, who was the only other occupant of the house at the time of the explosion, was slightly burned.

Mrs. Blaisdell was conscious for some time before her death, and from her it was learned how the explosion occurred. Awakened early in the morning by a strong smell of gas she began an investigation. When she reached the hall she struck a match, and instantly there was a terrific explosion.

The walls of the house were forced outward and one side of the building dropped. Fire broke out in half a dozen places and the whole house was soon in flames. The adopted son rushed to his foster mother's rescue and succeeded in smothering the flames that enveloped her. Mrs. Blaisdell walked out as far as the street, where she fell unconscious. Mr. Blaisdell, who had been awakened by the explosion, endeavored to reach the stairway, but found himself cut off by the flames. With his night clothing ablaze he was forced to jump from an upper window. The shock of the fall and the severe burns resulted in his death.

DEMAND GRANTED.

Miners in the Wyoming Region Receive the 10 Per Cent. Advance.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 11.—As a result of the recent agitation the rock miners in the Wyoming region will receive 10 per cent. advance in wages, the same as decreed the coal miners, dating from April 1. Some of the men received their advance on Saturday last and others have been promised it this week. The difficulty is not all settled, however, as the rock men demand 10 per cent. back pay on all wages since November 1, and there is still a question whether they will receive this.

The rock miners met in convention here again yesterday afternoon and the matter was referred to a committee of rock men, who will bring it before the conciliation board that is expected to meet in this city or at Scranton soon.

TRAINS COLLIDED.

Three People Killed and Eight Injured at Nelson Lake, N. Y.

Utica, N. Y., May 11.—Three people are dead and eight others are seriously injured as the result of a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the Mohawk division of the New York Central & Hudson River at Nelson Lake, in the Adirondacks, which occurred Saturday afternoon. The wreck occurred near the siding at Nelson Lake, one of the sharpest curves on the road.

The trains which collided were Nos. 650, south bound, from Montreal, and 651, which leaves this city at 1:15 p. m. daily for Montreal. Both trains had several extra coaches because of heavy traffic during the last few days.

Longshoremen Strike Settled.

Montreal, May 11.—The longshoremen's strike was practically settled late last night at a conference of the strike leaders and the shipping men. The basis of settlement was drawn up to be submitted to the strikers today. It is expected they will accept and in this event the scoopers will agree also.

Discussed Canal System.

Panama, May 11.—Lagardo Puicico, a prominent member of the conservative party, discusses the canal system in a recent issue of Correo Nacional, published at Bogota. He says the renewal of the canal concession granted by President Sanclemente is legal, the government having constitutional powers to take this step. No company nor European government is willing to risk any money in the canal venture after the De Lesseps failure, says Senor Puicico, before the United States can undertake the construction of the canal with chances of success.

A STUBBORN FIGHT.

Six Thousand Men in Nigeria Killed by British Troops.

The Dusky African Warriors Were Mowed Down, but They Would Not Surrender—Defenders of Sokoto Were Well Equipped.

London, May 13.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain announced in the house of commons yesterday that as a result of the British military operations in the Sokoto and Kano districts, ending with the capture of the emir of Kano, 100,000 square miles of territory had been added to northern Nigeria and would be administered by the government of that territory.

Interesting details have been received here of the capture of Sokoto March 14 by the British column commanded by Col. Morland. The engagement lasted 2 1/2 hours. The British numbered about 500 men, with four quick firing guns and four Maxims. The enemy's horse and foot were estimated to number some 6,000 men, their riflemen being armed with modern rifles and using smokeless powder. The British camped during the night of March 13 one and one-half miles from Sokoto, after a hard march of 100 miles from Kaura, with but little water and having passed through a difficult country.

At daybreak March 14 the British moved out in square formation towards the valley in which Sokoto lies. Immediately after the British appeared over a ridge the Fulanis charged with fanatical bravery, undeterred by a withering Maxim and rifle fire. They had no proper leadership, but the isolated bands continued to advance over heaps of dead and dying, often only individuals reaching within a yard of the square, where, refusing quarter, they were shot down while shouting "Allah" with their last breath.

The main body of the natives was finally routed, leaving a remnant of about 30 chiefs around the emir's great white flag. These chiefs were defiant to the last and their corpses were found hedging the standard when the British entered the city, which consisted mostly of thatched houses. Its ruined walls extended seven miles around the place and were pierced by eight gates.

A few days later the populace returned and the Fulanis tendered their submission to Commissioner Lugard, who arrived March 19. The British then returned towards the coast, leaving a garrison of two companies of infantry.

GOES INTO EFFECT.

Pennsylvania's Governor Has Sanctioned the New Libel Law.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 13.—Gov. Pennypacker approved the Grady-Salus libel bill yesterday and at the same time issued a long statement giving the reasons for his action. The bill, which was in the governor's hands for more than a month, goes into effect immediately and repeals all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the new act.

The governor claims there is nothing in the terms of the measure which prevents any newspaper from making such comments upon legislative measures or upon the official acts of state, municipal, county or public officers as are proper for the information of the public, or are in the line of legitimate public discussion.

Continuing, he says: "The bill in its application is not confined to officials, but affects as well the citizen or business man, whose conduct constitutes no part of the right of the public to information. The corporation officer who has been falsely charged with crime; the manufacturer who has been falsely accused of being a drunken brawler; the woman whose domestic griefs have been unfeelingly paraded, or whose chastity is improperly suspected; the student who has been falsely accused of murder; the clergyman who has been cruelly maligned; the quiet citizen whose peace of mind has been destroyed by the publication of evil gossip; the merchant whose credit has been affected by groundless rumors; the sufferers from reckless but not necessarily malicious publications are given the right, not to prohibit publication, but to recover the damages which they have sustained, provided they prove negligence or lack of care on the part of the publishing newspapers. All of these are instances of what has in fact recently occurred."

Injunction Against Business Men. Omaha, Neb., May 13.—Judge Dickson in the district court last night, on application of John O. Yeiser, an attorney representing the labor unions whose members are on strike, issued an injunction against the business men and proprietors even more sweeping than that issued by the federal court against the unions last week. The order restrains the business men from refusing to sell goods to dealers who employ union labor, prevents them from boycotting union labor and requires the Business Men's association to cease holding meetings or conspiring against the unions, or in any way interfering with the unions in the management of their affairs.

A Wine Denier's Trial. Berlin, May 13.—Dr. Schlamp, a wine grower of Nierstein, has been charged with wholesale adulteration of his product and the case is now being heard before the court at Mayence. More than 200 wine growers have been called as witnesses, and a large number of doctors, chemists and professors will testify for the state. Dr. Schlamp held annual auction sales at which he sold enormous quantities of his product, much of which went to the United States. The case is attracting considerable attention, as Dr. Schlamp is the largest wine grower in Germany.

Buckeye Pickups.

The Situation at Fremont.

Fremont, May 13.—As a result of the trouble caused by the strike in the shear factory two dozen colored men, their wives and families, have vacated the town for fear of harm, and nearly all have gone to Oberlin. Prosecutor Hunt has decided no preliminary hearing is necessary and will bring the cases against the alleged murderers direct to the grand jury. During the funeral of Otto Mischke, the murdered young man, business was at a standstill. At least 500 union men, representing every labor organization in the city, turned out, and, headed by the Light Guard band, escorted the remains to St. John's Lutheran church, where services were conducted in German and English.

Offered \$5,000 Reward.

Lorain, May 12.—The county commissioners on Monday issued the following circular: "Five thousand dollars reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of Agatha Reichlin. The victim was slain in her home at Lorain about 12:30 o'clock on the morning of May 1 by an assassin, whose weapon was a jagged rock. The commissioners of Lorain county have given from the public funds \$1,000 of this reward, and a wealthy citizen of Cleveland, who is a member of the Knights of Columbus, has contributed \$4,000. This reward of \$5,000 will be paid after conviction upon application to the county commissioners of Lorain county."

Refused to Raise Tax Values.

Cleveland, May 9.—The Cleveland & Pittsburg Railroad Co. had its hearing before the county auditors Friday. Auditors from ten counties through which the line passes in the state were present, together with several of the company's officials, their attorney and Prof. Bemis, of the waterworks department, who had prepared figures, on the advice of Mayor Johnson, pertaining to the value and the taxation of the road.

Bemis said that the company's property has been assessed at only 12 per cent. of its market value, and main-tained that it should be assessed at 50 or 60 per cent. of its market value. The auditors refused to increase the valuation.

The G. A. R. Encampment.

Marietta, May 13.—The thirty-seventh encampment of the Ohio department of the G. A. R. met here Tuesday with an unusually large attendance. The decorations of bunting were elaborate and 20 electric arches illuminate the business streets. Among the distinguished guests are Gov. Nash, Ohio senators and congressmen and Commander-in-Chief Thomas J. Stewart, of Philadelphia. The contest for department commander is animated between Charles C. Dewstoe, of Cleveland; Dr. A. C. Yengling, of Salem, and B. M. Moulton, of Lima. The Sons of Veterans are also holding their annual meeting here.

Two Electric Lines Incorporated.

Columbus, May 12.—The Youngstown & Salem Railroad Co. and the Youngstown & Southern Railway Co. were incorporated Monday by Ashbel W. Jones, R. L. Andrews, John H. Ruhlman, Jonah R. Long, W. S. Anderson and Jasper W. Loag. The former has \$300,000 and the latter \$1,500,000 capital stock. The latter is to run from Youngstown to East Liverpool and the former makes a connection near Leetonia and runs to Salem. Both are to be electric lines.

A Magistrate Assaults a Woman.

Findlay, May 9.—Justice of the Peace P. A. Kemerer, of Benton Ridge, assaulted the wife of W. C. Swinehart, a farmer living on an adjoining farm, with a spade yesterday. The woman was knocked down and dangerously cut about the head and shoulders. The result of her injuries cannot be determined at this time, but it is feared they may be fatal. The affair grew out of a quarrel over a line fence.

A Big Railroad Deal in Progress.

Cleveland, May 12.—The Plain Dealer says: Information from private sources is that the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. is making arrangements to take over the Hoeking Valley railroad. It is even stated that the deal has progressed to such an extent that the Pennsylvania interests are already figuring upon vast terminal improvements for the northern terminus of the property.

Knapp's Trial to Begin June 15.

Hamilton, May 13.—State's Attorney Gard announces that the trial of Alfred A. Knapp, the strangler, for the murder of his third wife, Hannah Goddard Knapp, will be commenced June 15. Knapp declares that the state has no direct evidence against him, repudiates his confession, and apparently believes that he will escape conviction.

Death Sentence Commuted.

Columbus, May 13.—Gov. Nash has commuted the death sentence of Leonard Quint, murderer of Virgil Blake, to life imprisonment. The action was based on doubt as to whether premeditation had been fully established.

Sues for \$25,000 Damages.

Columbus, May 13.—Hugh Murphy has sued the city of Columbus for \$25,000 damages for a whipping he claims to have received at the hands of Dr. J. A. Riebel March 24, while Murphy was an inmate of the pest-house. Murphy is alleged to have cut another inmate and to have acted in a disorderly manner. Dr. Riebel, it is claimed, gave him 25 lashes with a whip while tied to a post. Murphy sues at the rate of \$1,000 per lick. In his petition he alleges that he was rendered almost unconscious by the beating.