

Are we to have the crook-worm disease again this winter?

Many football players are now emerging from the arnica stage.

In looking into the political future the blind man is under no handicap.

Kindly note the few fatalities among the billiardists this season.

"S S S," the new wireless call for help, may mean "Send five simoleons."

In arranging uniform divorce laws the whispering variety should be cut out.

November broke a record, but wait until we get the official returns from December.

A load of tobacco slipped off a wagon and killed two men in Virginia. A fatal weed.

The man who wears one weight of underwear the year round should not brag about it.

A man of experience would say that it depends on the barber whether he is an artist or not.

King Rameses, the 3,000 year old mummy, ought to create a furore in Philadelphia society.

When a man dies his expenses stop, but whether or not his experiences stop is another question.

The high cost of living is not reduced much, probably, by the unprecedented sales of automobiles.

Aeroplane height flying contests are all right providing the contestants come down—of their own accord.

When aviation becomes general the repair shops needed will have to be as spacious as a one-story cotton mill.

Extremely stout ladies should be approached with caution when they are to be invited to attend fat stock shows.

In order to get the most satisfactory thrill out of a series of football victories it is best to ignore the fatalities altogether.

The taxi-balloon is due to arrive and aviate next season. The rate will, however, be higher than in the things that cannot fly.

Because his baby disturbed him, a college professor committed suicide. What a selfish, narrow-minded individual he must have been.

The boy who hanged himself because he couldn't attend a football game probably will be listed as another victim of the "brutal sport."

The crying need of the times is the invention of an appliance which will cause an automobile to stop automatically before it hits a telegraph pole.

Says a Chicago minister—"They don't raise big men in flats." Mild statement—they're not allowed even to raise little babies there, nowadays.

New York is threatened with a shirt-waist famine, but that does not necessarily suggest a season of beauty unadorned, for sealskin weather is due.

Unless they are prepared to prove themselves justified, Central American republics should execute American citizens only by the thought-wave process.

All the history of the past and all the conditions of the present are eloquent with the argument that a poet should always have some other occupation on the side.

The Kansas baby crop numbers 2,000 less than last year, but as Kansas generally has a bumper corn crop, she can't expect to lead in every household necessity.

A terrible mine disaster is reported from Japan. It would be a great blessing to mankind if necessary heat and power could be obtained from something else than coal.

A minister in Chicago wants compulsory marriage by the state just as it enforces compulsory education. He also advocates women's proposing when the men hesitate. This is a radical age, but not so radical as to turn iconoclastic concerning things too deeply ingrained in the best impulses of human nature ever to go out of fashion.

The United States is not the only country in the world where the cost of living has advanced in recent years. The complaint is so great in Austria that a demand is being made that the government take over, through an agrarian bank, the cattle and meat business. It is also proposed that a central agency be established with branches in foreign countries so as to facilitate importation and dealing in cattle and meat products.

A New York widow who possessed many millions and might have married some foreigner with a title has become the wife of an American who isn't even a colonel on any governor's staff. Aren't some women strange creatures?

The czar is having all aviators closely watched to prevent the possibility of bombs being dropped on the palace from airplanes. Every step forward in civilization seems to present new perplexities for the head of the Russian government.

# WRECK ON MIL.

## PASSENGER NO. 43 LEAVES RAILS AT NIGHT NEAR MANKATO.

# TWIN CITY MEN VICTIMS

### Cars and Tender Upset and Every Person Aboard Injured.—Victims Taken to Hospitals in Relief Train.

Mankato, Dec. 24.—Every passenger on Milwaukee train No. 43, due at Minneapolis at 10:10 p. m., was injured in a wreck one mile east of Good Thunder, about 7:25 last evening.

The spreading of rails caused the accident. The coaches, mail cars and even the engine tender were overturned and fell down an embankment. The train had slackened its speed to cross a bridge just before the wreck occurred and is said to have been going at about 25 miles an hour when the rails spread.

Although all of the passengers were alive when taken from the cars, it was thought that some of them would not live through the night. Many of them were suffering from severely crushed chests. A number of Minneapolis and St. Paul people were among those on the train.

The list of injured is as follows: Wreck Victims.

Conductor T. J. Murphy, back wrenched.

Engineer Thomas Cary, hips, arms and face bruised.

Fireman John Anderson, left arm broken.

Brakeman Frank McNeal, head cut and left arm broken.

Minneapolis injured.

O. J. Johnson, Minneapolis, news agent, both knees broken.

S. P. Smith, Minneapolis, hand and left shoulder dislocated.

Miss Helen Griggs, Minneapolis, left side hurt.

A. Coleman, Minneapolis, left side bruised.

Miss Cora Coffin, Minneapolis, left hip and knees hurt.

Mrs. Eric Coleman, Minneapolis, left foot hurt.

St. Paulites injured.

J. E. Ebert, St. Paul, left shoulder and collar bone broken.

J. T. Huth, St. Paul, express messenger, left arm and wrist broken.

J. Courtney, St. Paul, back and right leg hurt.

J. M. Myron, St. Paul, right hand cut.

O. Hauzer, St. Paul, right foot broken.

Basel Dufrane, St. Paul, right hand crushed.

Injured From Other Places.

W. L. Bradshaw, Mankato, collar bone and right arm broken and hip dislocated.

B. Wheeler, Mankato, right leg broken.

A. T. Miller, Mankato, chest crushed.

E. J. Robel, Mankato, head and feet hurt.

P. Malzalum, Mankato, back wrenched.

H. J. Risser, Mankato, right hand hurt.

O. Esse, Mankato, neck cut.

F. Staber, Mankato, left side hurt.

F. C. Davis, Mankato, chest crushed.

J. Klapp, Mankato, elbow hurt.

A. Knott, Mankato, right shoulder dislocated.

F. F. Heath, Mankato, knees and right arm hurt.

George Blach, Mankato, left arm and head hurt.

William A. Benson, Mankato, right arm broken.

Miss Eva Benson, Mankato, left arm and shoulder hurt.

Louis Rosen, Mankato, back and neck hurt.

M. J. Nerbovig, Mankato, left limb broken.

C. A. Wyatt, Mankato, back wrenched and left elbow hurt.

O. Amdalsud, Mankato, back wrenched and left leg broken.

R. Peterson, Mankato, hands, arms and head injured.

A. Dawson, Mankato, back wrenched and left wrist broken.

O. Ovil, superintendent of schools of Blue Earth county, left shoulder dislocated.

George Clifford, Mapleton, head cut.

E. P. Farrell, Bloomington, Ill., calf of right leg torn off.

J. Janosko, Chillwick, B. C., head cut.

Brakeman Carries News.

The first word of the accident was brought to Good Thunder by brakeman Frank McNeal, who although suffering from a number of severe cuts on his head and a broken arm, walked and ran the mile from the wreck to the station. Messages were immediately dispatched to Mankato where a relief train was made up to render assistance to the victims. Word was also sent to Austin and a wrecking train was immediately sent from there.

XMAS TREE FIRE KILLS EIGHT.

Entire Family Wiped Out at New Castle, Penn.

# 600 SUITS MAY BE FILED

## ANOTHER RAP FOR POOR OLD STANDARD.

### Injured Parties Will Bring Action If Decision Ordering Dissolution is Upheld.

Springfield, Massachusetts.—"Five or six hundred suits against the Standard Oil Company, involving claims for damages of \$250,000 or more, will be filed if the circuit court decision ordering the dissolution of the big monopoly is upheld," was the statement made by Thomas L. Hisgen, president of the Independent Petroleum Makers' Association of the United States, and also president of the Four Brothers Independent Oil Company, the most aggressive competitor of the Standard Oil Company in the East.

Hisgen said the actions would be brought under section 7 of the Sherman anti-trust law, under which the Standard Oil Company stands convicted, which is as follows:

"Any person who shall be injured in his business or property by any other person or corporation by reason of anything forbidden or declared to be unlawful by this act, may sue therefor in any circuit court of the United States in the district in which the defendant resides or is found without respect to the amount in the controversy, and shall recover threefold the damages by him sustained and the cost of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee."

"It's a little more than an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth you see," explained Mr. Hisgen.

"Specifically the Standard Oil Company will be charged with depressing the price of crude oil in certain parts of the country, notable in Oklahoma."

According to the independents, it is section 7 of the Sherman act that the trusts have most feared, because after a trust has been found guilty about all that an injured party has to do is to prove damages.

# BURIED A WEEK, FOUND ALIVE.

## Michigan Buried in Space Few Feet Wide and Without Food.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 22.—Frank Condello was snatched from the jaws of death when the rescuers found him in the Cleveland Cliffs Iron company's mine at Negaunee. He had been entombed 600 feet beneath the surface since a week ago, along with three other men.

Peter Mundi was found dead. The other two men have not yet been reached.

Condello is in surprisingly good condition. He was buried in a space only a few feet square and was without food. He had plenty of water, however, and when he was taken out of the mine he was able to walk with one man supporting him. The rescued miner is married, and his is now a happy home.

The two miners still entombed are Oscar Wattallie, married, and Victor Makki, single. It is not known in just what part of the sub-level they are, but it is hoped to find them within the next 24 hours.

Condello is in the Negaunee hospital. He will be out in a few days, and will spend Christmas with his family.

# Score One for Mrs. Leopold.

Pointoise, France.—The court decided in favor of Baroness Vaughan and ordered the removal of seals which had been placed upon her property at Ballincourt. Attorneys for the daughters of the late King Leopold had sought to seize the residence given the baroness by their father and as a first step had placed seals indicating the claim of ownership upon the property.

# Storm Sweeps the Atlantic.

New York, N. Y.—According to wireless reports from incoming liners a storm of great magnitude is prevailing upon the Atlantic. The Lusitania, the St. Paul, the Minnetonka and La Touraine are among the west-bound liners which have found the weather very severe. They will all reach New York behind schedule.

# Mafia Huris a Bomb.

Rome, Italy.—A bomb was exploded in front of a grocery in Palermo, wrecking the front of the shop. The outrage was the work of the Mafia, which had demanded \$50,000 from the groceryman, which he refused to pay.

# New Governor for South Africa.

London, Dec. 24.—The report that Herbert Gladstone, secretary of state for home affairs, would be appointed governor general of United South Africa was officially confirmed.

# The French Will Fly.

Paris, France.—The government asked for an immediate supplementary credit of \$48,000 to be used for the purchase of aeroplanes for the army. The machines will be used for scouting purposes.

# BANKER AND ROBBER BATTLE.

Thieves Make \$1,500 Haul From Centerville, Kas.

Mound City, Kansas.—Robbers early blew open the safe of the State bank of Centerville near here and escaped with \$1,500. One of the robbers, the last to leave the building was fired upon by C. H. Brown, president of the bank. The robber returned the fire and after a lively fusillade of shots drove Brown to cover and escaped. Neither was wounded.

# STORMS IN EAST

## WEST WING OF RAILROAD SERVICE ALMOST WHOLLY CUT OFF FROM N. Y.

# FLOODS BOSTON SUBURBS

### Great Damage Inflicted in New England—Several Deaths Reported—Two Peculiar Tidal Waves Cause Big Loss.

New York, N. Y.—New York and its environs were practically storm-bombed Sunday for the first time this winter. The west wing of railroad service was almost wholly cut off, wire communication in every direction was crippled, metropolitan streets were blocked with snow and shipping, even within protection of the harbor, suffered damage.

The snowfall, which began shortly before noon Saturday, continued part of Sunday.

This was followed by a cold wave which froze the damp snow to wires, switches and roadway.

Nearly ten inches of snow fell and the poor, who ate their fill of free Christmas dinners Saturday, had an opportunity to work up another appetite Sunday by shoveling.

More than 10,000 shovelers and 6,000 trucks were called out to clean the streets.

# Fast Train Delayed.

The two 18-hour Chicago trains were delayed to almost record-breaking limit, the Pennsylvania, due here at 9:45 a. m., having failed to arrive up to 8 o'clock at night, and the New York Central's flyer, due here at 10:20 a. m., being over seven hours late. The Pennsylvania railroad reported that no trains from points west of Philadelphia had arrived since Saturday evening.

At 3 a. m. a small tidal wave swept into the harbor and with occasional fury dashed over the battery sea wall and flooded many cellars. Two small vessels were driven ashore during the night on Staten Island, but they were pulled off later.

The coastwise freight steamer Thurman ran ashore off Toms river, N. J., and remained fast aground. Her officers and crew, 22 men in all, were taken off by life savers with the breeches buoy.

Three deaths in the city were charged to the severity of the storm. The victims were men who had spent the night vainly seeking shelter and food, finally succumbing to exposure. One of them, Joseph Hart, 65 years old, died in a pew at a Catholic church. More than 50 persons were injured by falls.

Two additional deaths due to the storm were reported. Frederick E. McDonald, a traveling salesman, of White Plains, N. Y., was found frozen to death on Staten Island. Two Christmas gifts were clutched in one hand.

Rudolph Carlson was tossed from a barge as it pitched at anchor off Bay Ridge. He drowned despite the efforts of his wife to throw him a line.

# Great Damage in New England.

Boston, Mass.—Grim winter swept into New England on the wings of a northwest storm with such terrific energy as to cause great damage, much inconvenience, not a little suffering and a few deaths.

The gale drove a great tide into Massachusetts Bay, the wet snow prostrated wires, and railroad trains were stalled.

Three persons lost their lives in Everett and Chelsea by the sudden rise of the water.

Coming on a full moon, the gale rolled a wave along the coast, which in some places reached a height of over 14 feet above low water mark and has only been exceeded, according to local records, by that which swept the coast at the time that Minot's Light was destroyed in April, 1851.

In this city the tide went across Atlanta avenue on the water front and filling hundreds of cellars, caused an estimated damage of over \$1,000,000.

In Everett, Cornelius Harkin and his wife were caught in their beds and overwhelmed by the flood, while an infant child lost its life in Chelsea under similar conditions.

# FREDERICK REMINGTON IS DEAD.

### Heart Failure and Shock From Operation Removes Artist.

Ridgefield, Conn.—Frederick Remington, the artist, died at his home here from heart failure and shock superinduced by an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Remington had been in good health until last Sunday, but it was not until Wednesday that he suffered pain. A New York specialist was called and the next day an operation was performed.

# ENTOMBED MINER'S BODY FOUND

Evidence Indicates Makki Had Been Instantly Killed.

Negaunee, Mich.—The body of Victor Makki was recovered terribly crushed, in the Negaunee Iron mine in which four men were entombed 10 days ago. Makki had evidently been instantly killed.

One was rescued alive after several days' imprisonment, one was taken out dead several days ago and another is still to be reached.

# SEN. M'LAURIN IS DEAD

## HAD JUST REMARKED HOW WELL HE FELT.

### Mississippi Solon Succumbs to Heart Disease in His Brandon Home.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 23.—United States Senator A. J. McLaurin died suddenly at his home in Brandon. Death was due to an attack of heart failure and came at 6:30 o'clock.

When the fatal stroke came upon him Senator McLaurin was seated in a rocking chair in front of the fireplace in his library. He suddenly fell forward, without speaking a word, and life was extinct when members of his family reached his side.

Just before his death Mr. McLaurin made the remark that he was feeling better than had at any time since his recent severe illness, resulting from an attack of ptomaine poisoning.

As to a successor to Senator McLaurin, it is pointed out that an appointment might be immediately made by Governor Noel or selected by the state legislature which will convene early in January.

Governor Noel stated that he would not announce for some days as to whether he would appoint a successor to Senator McLaurin or refer the selection to the legislature which will convene in regular session early next month.

Should he make the selection, however, he stated that the names of Congressmen Byrd, Bowers and Candler and several others would be considered in connection with the appointment.

# SCHENECTADY STRIKE OFF.

## Locomotive Workers Have Returned to Work.

Schenectady, New York.—Following a conference between James A. McNaughton, vice-president and head of the manufacturing department of the American Locomotive Company and delegates from the local boiler-makers, tank men and crane men's unions, it was announced that the strike which was called here Dec. 7, would be settled.

# Duplication of Government Work.

Washington, D. C.—Postmaster General Hitchcock has found one way to help decrease the postal deficit and incidentally the postal expenditures. The accounting section, division of finance, of the office of the third assistant postmaster general, will be abolished. This action will save \$33,900 a year and the 27 clerks assigned there will go back to the bureaus from which they were taken. After a careful investigation Hitchcock found that the accounting section merely performed a duplication of work.

# More Warriner Charges.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The grand jury may be recalled and a third indictment returned in the case of Charles L. Warriner, former local treasurer of the Big Four railroad, now under penitentiary sentence of six years in connection with the \$643,000 embezzlement from the road. This probable development resulted from a conference between the convicted treasurer and Prosecutor Hunt. It was intimated that the further proceedings will be taken against a person who has not yet been named in connection with the case.

# Satelli Near Death.

Rome, Dec. 25.—The condition of Cardinal Francis Satelli became suddenly worse through the complication of blood poisoning with the nephritis from which he has suffered.

Receiving cablegrams from Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Farley, the prelate commented: "My American friends give me my last consolation."

# Pioneer Druggist Dead.

Minneapolis.—Thomas K. Gray, Minneapolis' oldest merchant and the oldest druggist in the state of Minnesota, died at his home after a lingering illness. He was 76 years old. He had been in poor health for two years, his condition for the last month having kept him confined to his bed.

# Five Dead; Seventeen Injured.

Shawnee, Okla., Dec. 26.—Five men are believed to be dead and seventeen injured as the result of an explosion of an engine in the shops of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad. At least a dozen of the injured are being cared for here, while others are at McAlester.

# Ten Killed; Twenty-Eight Injured.

Prague, Dec. 26.—Ten persons were killed and twenty-eight seriously injured, while many others suffered minor injuries in a collision between a passenger express train bound for Vienna, and a freight train at Ubersko station near Chotzen in Bohemia.

# \$4,000,000 IS STOLEN.

Vault in Home of Dead Senator Looted.

Naples, Dec. 25.—The theft of \$4,000,000 in cash and securities, part of the estate left by the late Senator Patani, was reported after the authorities broke the seal of the vault in the Patani mansion and found the vault empty. Following Patani's death the vault was officially sealed pending the appointment of executors. There is no clue to the thieves.

# APPEAL TO TAFT

## STRIKERS MAY TAKE GRIEVANCE TO WASHINGTON—RAILROADS FIRM.

# MAY BE GENERAL STRIKE

### Pres. Perham of the Federation of Labor Will Talk to Interstate Commerce Commission—If That Fails Will Go to Taft.

St. Paul, Dec. 23.—All of the leaders who have been in consultation with President Hawley of the switchmen's union have left the city and there were no new developments in the strike situation early today.

President Perham of the Railway Telegraphers, who was chairman of the American Federation of Labor railway section, is in Chicago today and tomorrow evening he expects to be in Washington where he will confer with members of the interstate commerce commission to learn if that body or possibly President Taft may be induced to intervene in the dispute between the switchmen and the railroads and thus avert a general strike.

Pres. G. B. Howley, of the State Federation of Labor, is in Duluth today, leaving President Hawley and his assistants alone in charge of the strike here.

Being asked if the report was true that freight handlers, machinists and clerks unions, which have grievances of their own, would go on strike without waiting further communication from Mr. Perham, President Hawley said:

"Such action on the part of these unions would turn public sentiment against the strikers and would not in any way help the cause. I am not in favor of that kind of a sympathetic strike."

# NO PEACE IN NICARAGUA.

## General Estrada Will Not Accept the Terms of Madrid.

Washington, Dec. 23.—General Estrada the revolutionary leader in Nicaragua will not accept the extraordinary terms proposed by the new president, Madrid, as a basis for peace. A telegram from Bluefields, received last night, announces that on Dec. 22, Madrid had proposed in a telegram, to Estrada (a suspension of hostilities, pending the arrival of a commission which he was sending to discuss an amicable settlement.

Madrid begged the revolutionary leader not to hinder his efforts for peace. General Estrada in his reply expressed a willingness to meet Madrid's commissioners, but said that the revolutionary party would not recognize the action of the legislative assembly in placing the power in the hands of Madrid.

Estrada denied emphatically the assembly's right to deal with the election of a president and declared Madrid a usurper.

# WHOLE TOWNS DEVASTED.

## Spanish Towns Experience Severe Floods.

San Sebastian, Spain, Dec. 23.—Details of the damage caused by the destructive floods last week poured into this city today. Only three houses were left standing in the village of Santa Christiana and at La Vicilla, a church was the only building able to withstand the storm.

Ben Avente, a town thirty-four miles north of Zamorra with a population of about 5,000 was under water for five days, during which time all traffic in the streets was conducted by boats.

The village of Villabeza has been destroyed and the crops in the Castile plateau ruined.

# Chinks Fights in New York.

New York, Dec. 23.—Scores of detectives and uniformed patrol men were sent into Chinatown today to check if possible the outbreak of a tong war in which one Chinaman had been killed and another mortally wounded. Police Captain Galvin states that new assassins, known in the tongs as "gun men" were sent here from Boston following the recent legal execution there of five Hip Sing tong members who were convicted of killing several of the Leong tong men and that their mission was revenge.

# Dog Saved the Horses.

Cooperstown.—Horse thieves had five horses securely tied together ready for the trail when they were stopped by the fierce barking of a dog on the Thomas Riley farm near here. Riley was awakened by the dog and went to the barn where he discovered the horses tied together, but the would-be thieves had made their getaway in the darkness. The next morning it was discovered that they had lain in hiding only a few hundred feet from the barn at the time Riley was awakened.

# Steamer Had Fire.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Fire was discovered in the hold of the White Star liner Celtic last Wednesday, when the vessel was four