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Was Not to Be Improved.
There is an antique anecdote, but one so much to the point that it will bear repetition, which throws a side-light on Mendelssohn's acute criticism. A pupil confessed himself unable to solve a problem in counterpoint—did not know where to put another note. "I am glad of that," was the response, "for neither do I."

Gossip is Necessary.
Gossip responds to a human need, and gossip about dead men cannot hurt them. It clearly shows the stuff that reputations below a certain grade are made of. Many of the smaller glories owe their longevity to the lazy-mindedness of the survivors. For who can afford to be painstaking about such trifles?—Frank Moore Colby.

MANY HOMELESS

Hundred Residences Destroyed at Presque Isle, Me.

FIRE SWEEPS LARGE SECTION

High Wind Responsible for Rapid Spread of Flames.

Presque Isle, Me., June 8.—The entire northeastern section of this village, comprising the district where were situated the most pretentious residences, was swept by fire, a high wind carrying the flames and embers from street to street until 100 dwelling houses and the Congregational church, the Masonic hall and several other structures had been reduced to ashes. The Canadian Pacific railroad station and two large store houses for potatoes were burned. The total loss is estimated at \$300,000. Upward of 1,000 persons are homeless.

A high wind which prevailed all day is responsible largely for the extent of the disaster. It carried blazing embers a distance of a quarter of a mile in many cases, and new fires started after the first was well under way.

Several persons were reported injured, but there were no fatalities.

The burned section covers an area of half a square mile, including North Main street, Allen street, Third street, Blake street and South street to Main street.

The financial loss may exceed \$300,000, but that figure is regarded as a reasonable estimate. The insurance will not exceed \$150,000.

Presque Isle has a population of nearly 5,000. It is the center of the potato raising district of Aroostook county and is located on the Bangor and Aroostook railway and at the terminus is a branch of the Canadian Pacific railway running from Aroostook Junction. The total valuation of the town is \$2,000,000.

KILLED ON WAY TO COURT

St. Louis Tragedy Culmination of Political Feud.

St. Louis, June 7.—Fred Mohrle, who killed Constable Sam Young in North St. Louis several weeks ago, was assassinated in the corridor of the criminal court building by William Kane, a former deputy under Young.

The shooting occurred as Mohrle was being taken to court to stand trial for the death of Young and is the culmination of a bitter political feud.

Mohrle had asserted shortly after the Young shooting "that the gang" had threatened to "get him," but following the ethics of the "gang" he refused to reveal the identity of the men who had threatened him, saying that he could take care of himself.

ELEVEN BODIES RECOVERED

No Other Persons Missing as Result of Collapse of Pier.

Mandeville, La., June 8.—Eleven bodies have been recovered from the waters of Lake Ponchartrain at the scene of the disastrous collapse of a small pier, upon which scores of excursionists had crowded to board the steamer Margaret, about to return to New Orleans.

As far as can be ascertained, no other persons are missing, but searching parties continue to drag the lake.

A revised list of the dead shows that all of the victims were residents of New Orleans.

The responsibility for the catastrophe has not been fixed, but a rigid inquiry has been instituted by the authorities of St. Tammany parish.

MME. STOESSEL IN TROUBLE

Alleged Shortage Found in Funds Under Her Control.

St. Petersburg, June 7.—The Port Arthur Benevolent society held a meeting here and as a result of an investigation found a deficit of \$7,500 in the accounts of the society under the presidency of Madame Stoessel. It was decided to lay the matter before the crown prosecutor. Madame Stoessel is the wife of General Stoessel, who was in command of the Russian forces at Port Arthur at the time of the capitulation to the Japanese, at which period the deficit occurred.

CHAUFFEUR SENT TO PRISON

Given Indeterminate Sentence for Killing Pedestrian.

New York, June 4.—A sentence of not less than seven years nor more than twenty years in Sing Sing prison was imposed upon William Darragh, a chauffeur, whose automobile ran down and killed Ingveard Trimble in this city on March 27. Motions for a new trial and arrest of judgment were overruled.

Dominicans Expelled From Hayti.

Cape Haytien, June 7.—The Dominican revolutionaries, who last week were driven over the frontier to Haytian territory, have been expelled by the Haytian government and will leave here June 14 for St. Thomas.

THAW'S APPEAL IS DENIED

Slayer of Stanford White Must Remain in Asylum.

New York, June 4.—Harry K. Thaw must remain in the state asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan under a decision rendered by the appellate division of the supreme court in Brooklyn. Thaw's application for a writ of habeas corpus releasing him from the asylum was dismissed by a justice of the supreme court several



HARRY K. THAW.

months ago. He then appealed to the appellate division, which sustained the lower court and dismissed the writ. Thaw's application was based upon the contention that Justice Downing's order committing him to the asylum after he was declared not guilty of the murder of Stanford White was illegal.

IMMENSE DAMAGE DONE

Canadian Forest Fire Covers Hundreds of Miles.

Dauphin, Man., June 4.—A forest fire covering hundreds of miles of timber is sweeping over the North Saskatchewan country.

The fire extends for hundreds of miles between Crooked river and Bowsman and from Hudson Bay Junction almost to the pass.

No loss of life is reported as yet, but it is feared that farmers living in comparatively sparsely settled districts and away from the railroad have suffered.

It is estimated \$1,000,000 worth of property has already been destroyed. The entire plant of the Ruby Lake Lumber company and saw mills on the Hudson Bay branch were wiped out.

Passengers arriving on trains from the north reported that the heat was so intense that they could feel it in the coaches. The windows were so hot they could not touch them.

The district is largely settled by United States immigrants.

Girl Maltreated and Murdered.

Omaha, June 7.—The body of Annie Nelson, a Danish girl aged twenty-two, who disappeared from the vicinity of Florence, Neb., May 22, was found in the Missouri river near South Omaha. There were evidences that the girl had been ill treated and murdered and her body thrown into the river to conceal the double crime. There is no clue to the murderer.

GRAIN AND PROVISION PRICES

Minneapolis Wheat.
Minneapolis, June 7.—Wheat—July, \$1.30%; Sept., \$1.11% @ 1.11%; Dec., \$1.08% @ 1.08%. On track—No. 1 hard, \$1.35 @ 1.35%; No. 1 Northern, \$1.33% @ 1.34%; No. 2 Northern, \$1.31% @ 1.32%.

Duluth Wheat and Flax.

Duluth, June 7.—Wheat—To arrive and on track—No. 1 hard, \$1.34%; No. 1 Northern, \$1.32%; No. 2 Northern, \$1.30%; July, \$1.30%; Sept., \$1.12%. Flax—To arrive and on track, \$1.78; July, \$1.77; Sept., \$1.51%; Oct., \$1.44.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

St. Paul, June 7.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$5.00 @ 6.50; fair to good, \$4.50 @ 5.00; good to choice cows and heifers, \$3.00 @ 4.00; veals, \$5.25 @ 6.00. Hogs—\$7.00 @ 7.50. Sheep—Wethers, \$6.00 @ 6.25; yearlings, \$6.75 @ 7.00; lambs, \$7.25 @ 7.75.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, June 5.—Wheat—July, \$1.18% @ 1.19; Sept., \$1.09% @ 1.09%; Dec., \$1.07%. Corn—July, 72% @ 72%; Sept., 69% @ 69%; Dec., 58% @ 58%; May, 59 @ 59%. Oats—July, 53% @ 53%; Sept., 44% @ 44%; Dec., 44% @ 44%; May, 47c. Pork—July, \$19.85; Sept., \$19.97%. Butter—Creameries, 22 @ 26c; dairies, 20 1/4 @ 24 1/4c. Eggs—12 @ 21 1/4c. Poultry—Turkeys, 14c; chickens, 13c; springs, 20 @ 30c.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.

Chicago, June 7.—Cattle—Beeves, \$5.20 @ 7.30; Texas steers, \$4.65 @ 6.35; Western steers, \$4.75 @ 6.40; stockers and feeders, \$3.60 @ 5.55; cows and heifers, \$2.50 @ 6.30; calves, \$5.75 @ 7.75. Hogs—Light, \$7.00 @ 7.50; mixed, \$7.20 @ 7.70; heavy, \$7.30 @ 7.75; rough, \$7.30 @ 7.45; good to choice heavy, \$7.45 @ 7.75; pigs, \$6.10 @ 7.00. Sheep—Native, \$4.00 @ 6.50; yearlings, \$6.25 @ 7.40; lambs, \$6.00 @ 8.35.

DOLLIVER LEADS IN HARD BATTLE

Woolen Schedule Taken Up in the Senate.

HOUSE RATES INCREASED

Finance Committee Proposes to Re-establish the Dingley Tariff Throughout and Senators Warren and Smoot Defends That Policy. Iowa Declares Former the Greatest Shepherd Since Abraham.

Washington, June 9.—Having concluded the cotton schedule the senate began consideration of the woolen schedule. Taking up the first amendment proposed by the committee on finance Senator Dolliver opposed the increase over the house rates. This amendment proposed a return to the Dingley rates on top waste, roving waste, etc., or an increase of from 20 to 30 cents per pound. This increase was in accordance with the finance committee's settled purpose of re-establishing the Dingley rates throughout the woolen schedule.

In defense of the higher rates Senator Warren, who is considered an expert in the matter of wool, explained the propriety of maintaining the Dingley duties. Referring to the fact that the Wyoming senator is re-



SENATOR DOLLIVER.

puted owner of a great many sheep Senator Dolliver declared that Senator Warren is "the greatest shepherd since Abraham."

Mr. Dolliver had read several memorials of carded wool manufacturers asking for an ad valorem duty as the just method for protecting all parties in interest in the wool business.

Senators Warren and Smoot maintained the admission into this country of top waste and kindred wools supplanted just that amount of American wool. Mr. Warren insisted that rags and shoddy would come into the United States under the lower duty advocated by the senator from Iowa.

"So long," responded Mr. Dolliver, "as many people are obliged to go without woolen clothing in cold weather it is better to have the old and short wool obtained from such rags to make their clothing than to have no woolen clothing at all."

INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE

Bill Providing Territorial Government for Alaska.

Washington, June 9.—Delegate Wickersham of Alaska, in a bill introduced in the house, proposes the establishment of a territorial form of government for that territory, with the capital at Juneau. Under its provisions all Russian subjects who resided in Alaska March 30, 1867, are to be considered as citizens of that territory. The first election for the assembly is proposed to be held in November, 1910, and the sessions are to begin in Juneau on the second Monday in January, 1911.

SUGGESTED TO PRESIDENT

Number of Changes in Interstate Commerce Law.

Washington, June 9.—Amendments having for their purpose the more efficient administration of the interstate commerce law were suggested to President Taft by a delegation of prominent citizens of Spokane, Wash., who were accompanied to the White House by Senator Jones and Representative Poindexter of that state. The chief amendment was one which would give to the shipper the same right of appeal to the courts that is now enjoyed by the railroads.

Spreckels-Case Engagement Broken.

New York, June 9.—The engagement of Miss Mary Case, the concert singer, to marry Claus Spreckels III of California has been broken and Miss Case will soon start for Seattle alone. Information of the engagement became publicly known when Mr. Spreckels and Miss Case arrived from Europe Sunday. Miss Case said she broke the engagement.

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