

A FRENCH naturalist named Gallen has made the discovery at Nimes that if a sparrow is put in the same cage with finches it will soon learn to imitate their song like a mocking bird; also, the chirping of a cricket.

An agent of an American firm has just been in England, and with but little difficulty obtained orders for 8,000 golf sticks. The American sticks are better made and finished than the English owing to improved machinery and advanced methods of manufacture.

The prince of Naples is compiling an illustrated work on the coins of Italy, modern and mediaeval, and is anxious to have all persons who possess rare Italian coins communicate with him. He has a collection of 18,000, but there are 30,000 yet to be accounted for.

THE richest gold mine in the world is located under the thriving town of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. It yields but half an ounce of standard gold to the ton, and yet the Band, Barton and Albion mine has yielded more than \$150,000,000 of gold since it was opened 30 years ago.

OFFICIAL reports have been received from Capt. Ray, who was sent to the Klondike country by the war department. Capt. Ray's report is one that will serve to keep people out of the country, as he says of all who have gone there in two years but 7 per cent. have earned a living, the others being destitute.

MISS MARY PROCTOR, the astronomer, gave a lecture a few evenings ago in the lecture course provided by the board of education of New York city. Her interesting subject was: "The Great Planets, Comets and Meteors." Miss Proctor has just been the recipient of a beautiful three-inch telescope, presented by Mrs. Floyd, of Boston.

VANCOUVER is enjoying a boom that presages a bright future and a verification that that city is the future great metropolis of British Columbia. Every vacant house has been rented, and to meet the demand others are in the course of construction. The 40 hotels in the place are filled with argonauts, and all the boarding-houses have as many guests as can be accommodated.

THAT New York and Philadelphia will eventually be connected by a trolley line seems to be assured. There are electric power lines now in several of the intervening cities and towns, and connections between them could be made in a comparatively short time. There is a line in operation between Jersey City and Newark, and this could be extended to connect with the Rahway and New Brunswick lines, which, in turn, could be carried on to Trenton, and then to Philadelphia.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has it in his power to have a curious and unequal record made a part of the United States navy history. Thos. E. Selfridge, a 14-year-old aspirant for naval honors, has made application for a cadetship at Annapolis. Should he be appointed three generations will be borne on the navy register and 30 years intervening between the first and the last entry. Thos. O. Selfridge, grandfather of the youthful applicant, is the sole survivor of all the officers who were in the navy in 1818.

WHEN the big department stores of Denver lately undertook to dictate advertising rates to the newspapers there and stopped advertising in order to enforce their demands the small stores took advantage of the boycott and began to advertise. They got immediate results, one house having to call for police to keep back the crowds, while the large places were practically empty. A little dry goods firm that had never been heard of before turned away a thousand people for want of room to receive them inside. The moral is obvious.

A NET of spiders' webs is being manufactured at the professional school at Antananarivo, and will be used as an experimental covering for a navigable balloon by M. Renard, the head of the French military balloon school at Chalais. The thread of several spiders is wound on winders, the quantity produced by each spider ranging from 15 to 40 yards. The covering of the web is removed by repeated washings, the web made into a thread of eight strands, which, when spun, is easily woven into a gauze very fine but exceedingly strong.

THERE are three canals on this continent of great commercial value. The Sault Ste. Marie canal and the Erie canal each carry more freight annually than the Suez, and the Chicago Drainage, when completed as a ship canal, will probably surpass either one of them. The Suez canal is 99 miles long and cost about \$90,000,000. The Erie canal is 365 miles long, but it is uncertain what it actually cost for construction. The North Sea-Baltic canal is 61 miles long, and cost \$40,000,000. The Chicago Drainage canal is 35 miles long and cost \$30,000,000.

MR. JUSTICE BREWER tells some curious coincidences concerning the members of the United States supreme court. The judges are seated on the bench on either side of the chief justice, in the order of the date of their appointments, the senior at the right, the second at the left, and so on. Before the retirement of Justice Field, on the right of the chief justice were seated the three colors, Justices Gray, Brown and White. None of the associates who sat on the right of the chief justice had children. Every associate who sat upon the left had a large family.

SEÑOR DE LOME MUST GO.

Spanish Minister's Note Regarding President McKinley Gets Him Into Trouble.

HE SENDS HIS RESIGNATION TO MADRID.

Admits That He Penned the Offensive Document—Minister Woodford Demanded His Recall by the Direction of the State Department—No Serious Results Looked For.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Enrique Dupuy De Lome is no longer Spanish minister to the United States government. He cabled his resignation of the post to Madrid upon making the discovery that his letter to Senor Canalejas, reflecting upon President McKinley, had been published. To Assistant Secretary of State Day Senor De Lome admitted that he had penned the note, whereupon the state department wired Minister Woodford, at Madrid, directing that he demand from the Spanish government the recall of Senor De Lome. It is said that Senor De Lome will abandon the



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diplomatic service and seek political preferment in Spain. The affair will not in the least affect the relations between Spain and the United States; in fact, the belief is that the minister to succeed De Lome, who will be in closer touch politically with the Sagasta cabinet and its reform plans, will effect more cordial relations between the two governments.

De Lome's Offensive Words. Minister De Lome's letter, the discovery of which has caused the present sensation, was addressed to Senor Canalejas, the well-known editor of the Heraldo of Madrid. The portion which is looked upon as offensive reads:

"The president's message has undervalued the insurgents, who expected something else, and has paralyzed the action of congress, but I consider it bad. Besides the natural and inevitable coarseness with which he repeats all that the press and public opinion of Spain has said of Weyler, it shows one what McKinley is—weak and catering to the rabble and, besides, a low politician, who desires to leave a door open to me and to stand well with the jingoes of his party."

Madrid, Feb. 11.—At a meeting of the Spanish cabinet held Thursday under the presidency of the queen regent, the minister of foreign affairs, Senor Gullon, read a dispatch from Senor Dupuy De Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, saying that the published letter to Senor Canalejas was written by him and that his position, consequently, had become untenable and he begged the government to accept his resignation. The cabinet decided to accept the resignation of Senor Dupuy De Lome and the ministers subsequently met and decided to telegraph to Senor De Lome accepting his resignation and intrusting the first secretary with the conduct of the current affairs of the legation.

His Recall Asked For. Washington, Feb. 11.—The state department Thursday morning gave out for publication the substance of the cablegram sent Wednesday to Gen. Woodford, our minister to Madrid, in reference to the De Lome letter. The statement is as follows:

"There has appeared in public prints a letter addressed by the Spanish minister to Mr. Canalejas. This letter, the minister admits, was written by him. It contains expressions concerning the president of the United States of such a character as to end the minister's usefulness as a representative of his government in this country. Gen. Woodford, therefore, was instructed at once to say to the minister of state that the immediate recall of Mr. Dupuy De Lome is expected by the president."

A refusal to make a disavowal of De Lome's sentiments places the administration in a position calling for decisive action immediately. If Spain persists in maintaining this present attitude there is no alternative, it is urged, but the withdrawal of Minister Woodford from Madrid and the severance of diplomatic relations.

A Score Killed. Warsaw, Feb. 11.—During funeral services in the synagogue at Idzienciel, in Grodno, the woman's gallery collapsed. In the panic that ensued 12 women, five men and three children were crushed to death and many others were seriously injured.

Four Drowned. Oregon City, Ore., Feb. 9.—A boat containing five men went over the falls Tuesday. George Freeman, Sr., his sons George and James and L. J. Shannon were drowned. Harry Freeman held to the boat and reached shore.

Made a Confession. San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Salter D. Worden, under sentence of death here for train wrecking during the strike in 1895, has made a confession in which he implicates several officers of the American Railway union.

Last But One. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8.—John Lumberson, said to have been the last survivor but one of the war of 1812, died in Baltimore, Md., aged 91 years.

Fought with Pistols. Sexton, Ia., Feb. 8.—In a duel with pistols over a girl Herman Nicken was killed and Albert Rahm was fatally wounded.

FIGHTING FOR CUBA.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, Introduces a Resolution in the Senate. Washington, Feb. 9.—In the senate yesterday the following resolution and preamble was introduced by Senator Mason, of Illinois:

"Resolved, That the president of the United States be and he is hereby requested to notify Spain and the insurgents of Cuba that the war (so-called) must at once cease and be discontinued and that the United States of America hereby declare and will maintain peace on the island of Cuba. The resolution was preceded by a long preamble which declares that the war between Spain and the insurgents of Cuba has continued until all Christian freedom is shocked by its barbarities. Extended autonomy has been offered by Spain and refused by the Cubans in arms. The preamble then reviews the horrible barbarities practiced by the Spaniards being wrought in the island and the terrible sufferings of the people. It refers to the fact that the people of the United States are sending money, food and clothing to Cuba to aid the dying Cubans which ought to be furnished by Spain, for the reason that the concentration of the legitimate wards of Spain, having been put in their present starving condition as a Spanish war measure and their care would devolve upon Spain and would so be regarded by every civilized nation in the world. At parties, it declares, stood before the last presidential election in favor of the independence of Cuba, and it then goes on to quote the Cuban plank in the republican platform adopted by the republicans at national convention at St. Louis June 16, 1896.

The preamble closes as follows: "The people of the United States do not seek to acquire title to Cuba, nor do they seek to gain advantage in any way directly or indirectly of any nation by reason of this barbarism called war. They do not complain of our loss of trade with Cuba and have patiently borne the assault on the health of the people by the filth of Spanish rule in Cuba. They seek no redress for loss of business or health or money. They have patiently waited, not wishing (even indirectly) to interfere with the affairs of other nations, until the stretch on our very borders has passed endurance and the barbarous situation in Cuba has become a stain upon our continent and a blot upon our Christian civilization. The people of the United States, demanding no personal profit, having no fear and seeking no favor, clear and conscious as to the justice of our position, do in the presence of the civilized nations of the world and in the name of justice and liberty demand that the so-called war in Cuba must cease."

WISCONSIN'S JUBILEE.

Coming Semi-Centennial Celebration to Be a Gorgeous Affair. Milwaukee, Feb. 11.—The directors of the Milwaukee Carnival association have closed a contract with a St. Louis firm to build the floats for the semi-centennial celebration booked for the week of June 25 to July 3. The specifications call for 20 floats and the price for the same is about \$25,000. The pageant will display the legends, exploration and statehood of Wisconsin, and will take place on Friday evening, July 1. The entire week will be devoted to carnival festivities, and Milwaukee goes on record with a promise to provide six days' glorification, such as has not heretofore been attempted by another American city. One hundred thousand dollars will be devoted to the week's entertainment.

DAMAGE BY SLEET.

A Portion of Nebraska Visited by a Ruinous Storm. Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 11.—A sleetstorm of unusual severity prevailed Wednesday night and Thursday in Lincoln and throughout the southeastern and central part of Nebraska. The damage in this city is considerable, the telephone company being the greatest sufferer. For miles in the business district wires and poles are prostrated, and the service is badly crippled. The telegraph companies are also badly hampered. In country districts the storm was even more severe, thousands of fruit and shade trees being broken down. The weather is colder and unsheltered stock will suffer.

TROOPS FOR ALASKA.

Decided to Send Two Companies to Taiya and Skagway. Washington, Feb. 9.—At the cabinet meeting Tuesday it was decided to send two companies of troops to Taiya and Skagway, Alaska, immediately, for the purpose of preserving order and protecting life and property. Advice to the government state that the rush to the gold fields has attracted hundreds of the lawless element, and that troops are necessary at once to prevent trouble.

Stole Costly Gems.

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—The police report that Mrs. James O. West, of New York, who is visiting here at the home of Frank L. Norton has suffered the loss of \$7,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry, which was taken by sneak thieves while the family and their guest were at dinner. The jewels stolen were collected during years of travel in all parts of the world and could not be duplicated for many times their purchase price.

Zola at the Bar.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The trial of M. Emile Zola, who is being prosecuted by the government as a result of the letter which he wrote last December to the Aurore, strongly reflecting upon high officials connected with the Dreyfus case, opened Monday in the assize court of the Seine. The most keen public interest was manifested in the case.

Killed His Wife.

Warrenton, Mo., Feb. 9.—Early Tuesday morning Henry Wiehau, living at Wright City, shot and killed his wife. He was insanely jealous of her. Recently he was discharged from the state asylum, where he had been under treatment for insanity. He has been placed in custody.

Excitement Causes Death.

Dayton, O., Feb. 9.—Alfred Bradley, vice president of the Bradley Cordage and Twine company, whose factory was destroyed Monday by fire, died from heart disease, brought on by the excitement resulting from the conflagration.

Two Outlaws Killed.

Bonham, Tex., Feb. 11.—In an attempt to arrest William Green and Bob Hunter, outlaws, Thursday, both men were killed and officers Tom Miltstead and Charles Bridges were so badly injured that they will likely die.

THE NATIONAL CONGRESS.

A Daily Summary of the Work Being Done by Our Law-Makers in Washington.

RECORD OF EACH DAY BRIEFLY TOLD.

In the Senate Bills and Resolutions Are Discussed and Passed—In the House Important Measures Are Under Consideration—Busy Days at the Capital.

Washington, Feb. 5.—No business of importance was transacted in the senate yesterday. Senator Lindsay (dem., Ky.) commented sharply on the motives of the author and promoters of the resolution passed by the legislature of Kentucky demanding his resignation as senator. After defining his position upon the financial question he made it clear that he was the representative of the whole people of Kentucky and not in any sense the agent of the Kentucky legislature. Senator White concluded his three days' speech in opposition to the annexation of Hawaii in the executive session. Adjourned to Monday.

Washington, Feb. 8.—In the senate yesterday Senator Morgan (Ala.) presented an amendment to the Hawaiian resolution which declares for the annexation of the Hawaiian islands and says that the present government has a right to make such a cession to this country. Senator Teller occupied the entire four hours of the executive session in advocating the treaty.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Senator Allen (Neb.) offered in the senate yesterday as an amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill the Morgan resolution for the recognition of the belligerency of Cuba. Senator Cannon (Utah) offered a resolution calling upon the president to demand of Spain that she recognize Cuban independence before March 4; and in event of Spain failing to comply with the demand to serve formal notice from the United States that it will in 90 days step in and enforce the independence to which Cuba is entitled, and the state of peace which humanity demands shall be maintained. Senator Pettigrew spoke in executive session against the annexation of Hawaii.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Cuban debate consumed the whole day in the senate yesterday, speeches being made by Senators Cannon and Mason in favor of stopping the war and by Senator Hale in defense of the policy of the administration.

Washington, Feb. 11.—William Booth, of London, England, founder of the Salvation Army, officiated as chaplain at the opening of the session of the senate yesterday. The Indian appropriation bill was the only measure discussed.

House. Washington, Feb. 5.—In the house yesterday the whole day and evening was consumed in passing 37 private pension bills.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The bill making appropriations for fortifications and coast defenses was passed in the house Saturday and bills were favorably reported permanently locating the capital of the territory of New Mexico at Santa Fe; for a commission to inquire into the condition of labor, agriculture, etc., and the "free homes" bill, which opens to free homestead settlements lands acquired from the Indians. Mr. Barthold (Mo.) introduced a bill for an international exposition to be held at St. Louis in 1903.

Washington, Feb. 8.—In the house yesterday the military academy bill was passed, as was also a bill to limit the period for the refunding of the certificates of deposits of 1879 to December 31, 1899.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Consideration of the Aldrich-Plowman contested election case from the Fourth Alabama district occupied the time in the house yesterday, but no action was taken.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The Aldrich-Plowman contested election case from the Fourth Alabama district was settled in the house yesterday by the passage of a resolution declaring Mr. Aldrich (rep.) entitled to the seat. A special deficiency appropriation bill was passed carrying \$200,000 for the payment of jurors' fees in the United States courts and \$175,000 for witness' fees.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The entire session of the house yesterday was consumed in filibustering against two bills of minor importance. Adjourned to Monday.

Potter Re-elected.

St. Louis, Feb. 11.—Isaac S. Potter, of New York, was reelected president of the League of American Wheelmen at the annual meeting, yesterday. The report of the secretary shows that the league has 102,000 members. The next meeting will be held in Providence, R. I.

Both Are Dead.

Coffeyville, Kan., Feb. 11.—At Nowata, 20 miles south, John Wilson, city marshal, undertook to arrest a man named Dwyer, a whisky peddler, when the latter shot him. The marshal in turn shot Dwyer. Both died in about 15 minutes.

Passed Away.

Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—Rev. Dr. William C. Cattell, former president of Lafayette college, died at 1:45 o'clock this morning after a long illness of a complication of diseases. He was 71 years of age.

Is Eighty Years Old.

New York, Feb. 7.—William M. Evarts, the secretary of state under President Lincoln, quietly passed his eightieth birthday at his home in this city. He is feeble in health and nearly blind.

Killed Them Both. Crescent, W. Va., Feb. 7.—George P. Tucker, a coal miner, shot and killed his wife and William McAllister, whom he surprised together at his home.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

For the Week Ending Feb. 11. Paul Kruger has been reelected president of the South African republic. Fire at Fort Worth, Tex., destroyed business property valued at \$250,000. Two steamers sailed from Seattle for Alaska with 900 gold seekers on board. Japan has notified China that she intends to keep the port of Wei-Hai-Wei permanently.

William Jacobs probably fatally shot his wife at Pittsburgh, Pa., and then killed himself. The first estimate of population of the consolidated city of New York gives a total of 3,438,899.

Henry Twiehaus, recently discharged from an insane asylum, killed his wife at Wright City, Mo. The business portion of Plainfield, Ill., was destroyed by fire, the second time within five years.

A remarkably dangerous counterfeit one dollar American certificate was discovered in Montreal, Can. All the breweries in Cleveland, O., have passed into the hands of a syndicate of eastern capitalists.

A cow derailed a train at Hematite, Mo., and Engineer Franey and Fireman Childs, both of St. Louis, were killed. For the first time in history the upper Missouri river, or that part of it below Canyon ferry at Helena, Mont., is dry.

Capt. B. R. Wagner died at Tyndall, S. D., aged 70, from the effects of a wound in the battle of Shiloh during the late war. George Lord, the oldest mason in the United States and also the oldest odd fellow, died in San Bernardino, Cal., aged 98 years.

The yacht Buccaneer, which took Julian Hawthorne to Havana for a New York paper, has been seized by the Spanish in the harbor. It is announced that Russia will not allow any increase in the number of Turkish troops in Crete, or be a party to any coercion of the Cretans.

The justices of the supreme court and their wives were the guests of honor at the state dinner given at the white house by the president and Mrs. McKinley.

United States mariners were landed at San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, for the protection of the American consulate, owing to the fact that a revolution had broken out.

At the session in Tampa, Fla., of the south and west commercial congress resolutions were passed urging reciprocity trade between the United States and all foreign powers.

Mrs. Annie C. George, widow of the late Henry George, has been awarded a verdict of \$500 against the Pennsylvania Railroad company because of a sprained ankle received from a fall in the company's station at Philadelphia.

DIED AT THEIR POSTS. Six Firemen Killed and Four Injured in a Boston Fire. Boston, Feb. 7.—Six firemen, including a district chief, a captain and a lieutenant, were killed at a fire here Saturday morning which burned out the interior of a five-story building on Merrimac street occupied by G. W. Bent & Co., manufacturers of beds, bedding, etc.

Booth at the White House. Washington, Feb. 11.—Gen. William Booth, commander in chief of the Salvation Army, and his son-in-law, Commander Frederick D. Booth-Tucker, of the American Army, arrived here Thursday, and in the afternoon called on President McKinley at the white house. The president received his callers very cordially, and in the course of the interview he expressed to Gen. Booth his great admiration for him and for the great work of the Salvation Army, especially in the United States.

Not an Attack on the Law. Colorado Springs, Col., Feb. 11.—Judge Hunt, of the district court, said Thursday that his recent disposition of the case against the Colorado Springs street commissioners for working men nine hours does not in any way affect the question of the constitutionality of the eight-hour law in Colorado. He dismissed the case upon the recommendation of the district attorney without passing on the merits of the action.

Foreign Riders May Attend. Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 11.—Charles Ward, the trainer, who now has Earl Kiser and Dr. J. A. Brown under his wing, has written friends that all of the crack riders who are now racing on the new track at Belleair, Fla., expect to come to Indianapolis next August. The foreign riders who are at Belleair are all counting on attending the '98 meet. If this is so the L. A. W. race meet will be an international affair.

Her Vigil Cost Her Life. St. Louis, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Kate R. O'Neill, wife of ex-Congressman John J. O'Neill, of this city, is dead and her husband is dangerously ill at the Mullaphy hospital. Several weeks ago Mr. O'Neill was taken sick, and his wife's illness resulted from overwork and worry on account of his condition. Owing to his weakness Mr. O'Neill has not been notified of his wife's death.

Death of Consul Jones. Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 11.—Advices from Shanghai, China, say that the death is announced of Gen. Jones, United States consul at Chin Kiang. The late consul was 75 years of age. Gen. Jones led an adventurous career before going to the far east. He was born in Virginia and served in the confederate army, being at one time on the staff of Gen. Johnston.

Death of a Noted Physician. Delevan, Wis., Feb. 11.—Dr. Frederick J. Von Suesmith died Thursday, aged 77 years. He was one of the foremost specialists in Wisconsin. He was a thirty-third degree mason, and at the time of his death was treasurer of the grand commandery and of the grand lodge.

MANY VICTIMS OF A FIRE.

They Are Crushed Under Falling Walls at a Conflagration in Pittsburgh, Pa.

BIG COLD-STORAGE HOUSE DESTROYED.

The Property Loss Is Estimated at \$1,775,000—Hundreds of Barrels of Whisky Explode with Terrible Results—Numerous Persons Injured by Flying Bricks and Beams.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 10.—A fire of mysterious origin was discovered at about eight o'clock Wednesday evening in the large six-story cold storage plant of the Chautauqua Lake Ice company, and the entire building was destroyed, together with about \$1,775,000 worth of merchandise of all kinds stored within its walls. The building occupies the block from Twelfth to Thirteenth streets, between Pike and Mulberry alleys. It is a six-story brick with three heavy fire walls, making in reality four buildings. The ice company has its ice-making plant and storage warehouses on the lower floors, and the Union Storage company occupies the balance of the building with merchandise of all descriptions, the property of innumerable merchants and householders of the city. One of the compartments is used as the government bonded warehouse and contains about 400 barrels of whisky and alcohol.

At 11:15 p. m. an explosion of whisky occurred which blew out the Mulberry alley wall with terrible results. At the time the alley was full of firemen, policemen, newspaper men and others. Many were caught by the falling wall.

Six Bodies Recovered. There are six bodies now at the morgue. Those first identified were the remains of Police Lieut. A. J. Berry, who was acting captain, and William Scott, Jr., aged 20, son of William Scott, president of the Chautauqua Ice company. His brother John, aged 18, is missing and is supposed to be buried under the ruins. Later three of the victims were identified as Mrs. Sife, aged 50 years; Stanley Sife, aged 15 years, and David Loveless, aged 35 years.

Many people were injured by flying bricks and beams and all the ambulances and patrol wagons of the city were in constant service. Until the falling walls have been cleared away there can be no certainty as to the number of victims.

List of the Losses. The following is the best list of losses obtainable:

Hoover Storage company, building and contents..... \$ 600,000
Chautauqua Ice company..... 150,000
Union Storage company..... 1,000,000
Penn avenue houses..... 25,000
Total..... \$1,775,000

Death List Grows. Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 11.—Eleven people dead, 27 missing and 19 injured, and property loss of \$1,500,000, with about \$1,000,000 insurance, is the awful record of the big fire Wednesday night. All day yesterday firemen, policemen and other city employes have been working, but up to nightfall but little progress had been made in the clearing away of the debris. The work will be continued without cessation until it is known no bodies remain buried.

SECURED A FORTUNE. Miss Nancy Fix, of Delaware, O., Robbed of \$15,000. Delaware, O., Feb. 8.—A startling statement was made Monday night by Miss Nancy Fix, who was tortured and robbed of a fortune on Tuesday night last, and who is in a dying condition from the effects of her injuries. She recovered sufficiently to describe her assailants, four in number, two of whom were mere boys. She said that after binding and torturing her the men compelled her to reveal the hiding place of her money and that they secured \$15,000 in cash from a jar where she kept it.

Disappointed Lover's Desperate Deed. New Hampton, Ia., Feb. 11.—Wednesday night a shooting affair took place a few miles northwest of here. A young man named William Christoph fired two shots at Emil and Minnie Boos, but both took effect in the girl's side. He then went home and shot himself twice in the chest. Both are in a critical condition. Disappointment in love was the cause.

President Will Attend. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 10.—The University of Pennsylvania has received word from President McKinley that he will be present on February 22 at the annual function of the university in celebration of Washington's birthday and will address the faculty and students. Many other prominent men will be present.

Pioneer Mail Carrier Dead. Depere, Wis., Feb. 9.—Alexis Claremont, who carried Uncle Sam's mail on foot from Green Bay to Chicago 66 years ago, died Tuesday, aged 97. He repeated the trip during the world's fair. He was born in St. Ignace, Mich., and served in the Blackhawk war in 1832.

Deny the Story. Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 11.—The officials of the Carnegie company were shown the dispatch from Cleveland, in which it was stated that the Carnegie company was making an effort to form a pig iron trust, and they pronounced it false in every particular.

Seven Drowned. Palermo, Feb. 11.—In the wreck of the Austrian bark Matten, for Pensacola, at this port, before reported, the captain and six of the crew were drowned.

Five Killed. Kirkland, Tenn., Feb. 11.—A collision occurred on the Louisville & Nashville railway near here, killing Will User, engineer; Ed. Davis, fireman, and three tramps.