

HAPPENINGS in the BIG CITIES

Queer Noises End When Hoboes Are Arrested

CLEVELAND, O.—For six long weeks police of the second precinct station, Oregon avenue Northeast and East Twenty-fourth street, had been trying to solve the mystery of queer noises that came from the "hole in the wall" of a factory at the foot of East Thirty-seventh street.



Prepared for the worst, an exploring party was formed the other night, headed by Sergeants Holcomb and McMasters.

Result: Sergeant McMasters, bruised and loser of a perfectly new uniform.

Patrolman Snider recovering from effects of a fall into an eight-foot tank of water, from which he was rescued by his fellow officers with the aid of long poles.

Other explorers suffering from bruises and strained limbs.

Fourteen hoboes locked up in the second precinct charged with vagrancy.

Mystery of the "hole in the wall" solved. Queer noises were results of hoboes' snoring.

It was nine o'clock at night when the party arrived at the "hole in the wall." Halt was called by the sergeants, and the party went into conference.

It was decided to surround the place and let Sergeant McMasters, the thinnest of the party, climb through the hole.

Thus decided, Sergeant McMasters started his trip into the pitch dark place.

While McMasters continued scrambling, Patrolman Snider, stranger to the place, went on a little trip of his own. He fell into a tank of lukewarm water.

His cries for help were heard by other members of the party, who managed to fish him out of the tank. He was taken to the station in the emergency auto.

While attention was directed to the saving of Patrolman Snider, hoboes in a long line began filing out of the place.

Sergeant Holcomb discovered them escaping. With three other officers he managed to corral 14 of them.

Confusion of Tongues, Garments, and Parents

NEW YORK.—The wisdom of parents who know their own children was sadly lacking on the part of one mother on Ellis Island the other day.

On that account, had it not been for his acute perception and his persistence, Abraham Blaz, two and a half years old, might now be Miss Josepha Lasich, two years old, so far as records are concerned.

Abraham and his mother arrived a few days ago from Warsaw, Russia, and his first step toward American citizenship was to acquire that inevitable American infantile malady—measles.

The measles hindered his progress somewhat, for he was sent to the Ellis Island hospital, where he met for the first time little Josepha Lasich. Josepha's little sister was very ill, so she and her mother were detained.

Abraham emerged from the measles unconditionally several days ago, and the physicians decided that he could resume his clothes and prepare to leave the island. At the same time little Josepha awoke and asked in her very best Croatin to be dressed.

Coincidentally, something out in the bay attracted the attention of the nurses for a moment so that Abraham, reaching for a garment, picked up something belonging to Josepha before the nurses returned.

Presently the unprotesting Abraham was garbed in the clothes of Josepha, which bore the little girl's tag of identification as well.

When Mrs. Blaz called to see her son and—well, she got his clothes, but the contents thereof did not seem to respond to her paternal affections with all the readiness of a week before.

A shift of clothing worked wonders both in the restoration of relatives and the joy of the mothers.

Man Was So Excited He Just Couldn't Remember

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—It is not often that the secrets of the grand jury room are bared to the public and less often are these secrets "let out" by the judge of the criminal court, but Judge Markey of the criminal court says a recent grand jury investigation of a gambling case which he attended brought out a witness who would match up well with the trust witness who so ably says: "I just can't remember about that."

A craps game had been going on for some time in Indiana avenue and a witness was called before the grand jury, which desired to obtain some of the names of the players.

James E. Deery, deputy prosecutor in charge of the grand jury, questioned the witness.

"Now, tell us the names of some of those men you saw there," said the prosecutor.

"Well, you know," replied the man, "when I went in there I saw about eight men I knew. But there were so many there I really can't say how many I did know. You see when I rushed in there I looked around for a minute and then I forgot all about who was there."

"Well," said the prosecutor, "give us an idea of the number of men there. Were there a million?"

"No, there wasn't a million. Just about 75."

"Give us the names of the men you knew there."

"Well, you see, I knew them at the time, but I just can't remember their names now. You see I was so excited."

Percy Did Not Believe in the Human Eye's Power

CHICAGO.—Houston Plunkett is not much of a runner, having only one leg, but as a hypnotist he admits that he is probably the greatest the world has ever known. He made his boast in a rooming house in West Lake street a few evenings ago. It was greeted with guffaws by unbelievers. Percy Milton was one of the leaders among the faithless.

"Hypnotist! Huh!" sniffed Percy.

Houston said not a word. He advanced on the unbeliever, looked him straight in the eye and made several rapid passes with his hands, accompanying each movement with a "phufft! phufft!"

Percy's hilarious laugh resolved into a peaceful smile; he sank back in his chair and snored soundly.

"And now, ladies and gents," Houston announced to his open-mouthed audience, "I'll show you a trick with an overcoat."

He took Percy's overcoat from Percy's unresisting form; also his undercoat and with a series of awe-inspiring "phufft-phuffts" and more mysterious passes he hobbled out into the street.

In Judge Dolan's court Percy described the incident in elaborate detail. He said he had slept 26 hours, and still felt "dopey."

Houston admitted that he pawned the garments. He said he needed 50 cents to buy a magic wand.

Both Houston and Percy are negroes.

NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

KERNELS CULLED FROM THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS.

STORIES FROM OVER GLOBE

Items From Happenings of World Arranged in Their Briefest and Most Succinct Form for the Busy Reader.

Washington

The senate foreign relations committee at Washington voted to recommend immediate treaties with Great Britain, Japan and other nations, 24 treaties in all.

President Wilson sent the following nominations to the senate at Washington: Receiver of public moneys at Crookston, Minn., James P. O'Connell of Warren, Minn. Postmasters—Charles H. Mullikin, Champaign, Ill.; James W. Patton, Springfield, Ill.; S. J. Jackson, Kankakee, Ill.; Obadiah C. Mitchell, Springfield, Mo.

Representative Palmer of Pennsylvania and a delegation of United Spanish War Veterans asked President Wilson to speak at a celebration of that organization at Easton, Pa., when a monument to the veterans will be unveiled on June 24.

President Wilson sent the nomination of Col. George W. Goethals to be governor of the Panama canal zone after April 1 to the senate.

The government brought suit against Theodore Haviland & Co., New York importers of China, to recover \$1,200,000 alleged to be due on imports which have undervalued by fraudulent invoices.

It was decided by the federal reserve bank organization committee at Washington that no bank shall be allowed to take stock in its reserve bank in its district amounting to more than six per cent. of its capital and surplus.

Former United States Senator Shelby M. Cullom died at Washington. The end came as the result of a general breakdown after the aged statesman had fought against death for six weeks. He will be buried at Springfield, Ill.

By a vote of 53 to 13 the senate at Washington seated Blair Lee, a Democrat, as a senator for Maryland.

That in case of war with Japan the Japanese could capture the Philippines within a short time was the testimony given by Rear Admiral Vreeland, a member of the general board of the navy, to the house naval committee at Washington.

Millions of dollars paid annually to great industrial plants—so-called trusts—by railroad systems in the form of "allowances," or special services, were held by the interstate commerce commission at Washington to be unlawful and unreasonable preferences; in fact, unlawful rebates, operating to the disadvantage of smaller manufacturing concerns throughout the country.

Domestic

A warrant charging an offense against a young girl was issued at San Francisco against Maury I. Diggs, whose recent trial and conviction under the Mann act caused nationwide comment because of its political complications. Mrs. Elizabeth Pearrin, a doctor's wife, swore to the complaint, alleging an offense against her daughter, Ida Pearrin, seventeen years old.

Alfred Craven, chief engineer of the New York public service commission, has just had his salary increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000, which makes him the highest-paid official in the service of the city or state. He will now get twice as much as the governor and \$5,000 a year more than the mayor or corporation counsel.

Injunctions against John T. Barker, attorney general of Missouri, preventing him from proceeding with suits to recover \$24,000,000 excess freight and passenger charges made by railroads while the Missouri rate cases were in litigation, were dissolved in an opinion by Judge Smith McPherson, filed in the federal court at Kansas City.

U. S. Circuit Judge E. B. Adams of St. Louis ordered that the Washburn railroad be sold under the foreclosure mortgage held by the Equitable Trust company of New York. The minimum sale-price fixed by Judge Adams is \$34,000,000.

A state hospital for the study and treatment of pellagra will be established in South Carolina under a bill favorably reported by the senate finance committee at Columbia, S. C. The measure appropriates an initial fund of \$35,000.

Sixty persons were driven from their beds and seven firemen were injured during a blaze which swept the Broadway block on Essex street, Lawrence, Mass. Many occupants of apartments on the upper floors were rescued in life nets.

Forty-one persons aboard the Old Dominion liner Monroe perished when that vessel collided with the steamer Nantucket during a dense fog off Norfolk, Va. Ninety-nine persons were rescued by the crew of the Nantucket.

The final session of the convention of the United Mine Workers of America at Indianapolis, Ind., was marked by disorder. Duncan McDonald of Illinois declared that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was "gloriously drunk" at the Seattle convention of that organization. These remarks were interrupted by cries of "Liar," "Slanderer" and "Libelous" from Mr. Gompers.

Yeggmen dynamited the vault of the bank of Lyrerly at Lyrerly, Ga., after engaging in a fusillade with citizens, and made a successful escape with \$4,000.

Elaborate receptions were held in honor of the party of 100 Nobles of the Mystic Shrine who have arrived at Manila from Seattle.

A counterfeiters' den in the state prison at Joliet, Ill., was discovered. Five convicts who have been making counterfeit five-cent pieces in the machine shop were detected. The nickels were passed in the prison store.

Millions of dollars of the resources of city financial institutions were offered to the Bank for Savings of New York when depositors began a run for which the bank's officers could not account except that it might have resulted from malicious rumors circulated by enemies.

MOYER WILL COME BACK FOR PROBE

STRIKING MINERS ARE TOLD LEADER WILL BE PRESENT AT INVESTIGATION.

FEDERATION OFFICIALS WILL BE ARRESTED.

Union Men Declare They Will Present Testimony Enough to Keep Congressmen Busy for Several Weeks.

Houghton, Mich.—Word from their leader, Charles H. Moyer, that he would be back in the copper country in time to help present their case to the congressional committee, was brought to the striking miners Saturday by Dan Sullivan, president of the district council of the Western Federation of Miners.

Moyer and Sullivan met Friday night in Chicago. The former was on his way to the federation headquarters in Denver after attending some of the sessions of the United Mineworkers at Indianapolis. Sullivan was en route home from the state labor conference at Lansing.

Vice-President Mahoney and several other officials of the federation probably will accompany Moyer, he said. These officers are under indictment on a charge of conspiracy. They will be arrested, according to Sheriff Cruse, as soon as they come within the jurisdiction of the court.

Union leaders are gathering information which they hope to put before the investigating committee of the house of representatives. Sullivan said the strikers would have enough witnesses to keep the committee in this section for several weeks.

Frederick W. Vanderbilt's yacht Warrior was wrecked off the north-west coast of Colombia, between Savanilla and Santa Marta. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt and their guests, the duke and duchess of Manchester, were taken off the yacht by the United Fruit steamer Almirante.

After two days of conferences with political leaders Thomas Taggart, Indiana's member of the Democratic national committee, issued a formal statement that he would not be a candidate for the United States senate.

Rev. G. E. Tidwell, pastor of a Baptist church at Macon, Ga., was killed at his home in East Macon when a pistol dropped from his pocket and exploded as he was leaning down to kiss his two-year-old baby good-by.

The temperature at Pittsburgh January 29 reached 72 degrees. Sanford H. Ferree, aged seventy-nine, of Coraopolis, Civil war veteran, was overcome by the heat and died of exhaustion.

More than 1,000 unemployed men and women in the ghetto district of Chicago fought policemen, who, with revolvers drawn, sought to force them to leave mass meetings being held in the streets. Two I. W. M. men, alleged leaders in the rioting, were arrested. Policemen were fired upon by gunmen.

The scout cruiser Birmingham was badly damaged by fire at Philadelphia. Fifteen hundred bluejackets fought heroically, and it was by their efforts that the entire reserve fleet was saved from destruction.

Donald Patridge, aged eleven, was killed, another boy was fatally hurt and several other boys and two girls were injured when a "bob sled" crashed into a telephone pole at Honesdale, Pa.

Mexican Revolt Francisco Villa, military commander of the rebels, disclaimed any ambition to become president of Mexico in the event of the revolution being successful. He does not wish to overshadow General Carranza, whom he recognized as the leader of the revolution.

American ranchmen and Mexicans on a train from Juarez, Mex., were held up by bandits near Guzman. Castillo is reported to have threatened to kill all foreigners.

Personal The will of William Deering was admitted to probate at Chicago. The widow, Charles Deering and James Deering, sons, and William Deering Howe, a grandson, are the beneficiaries of the \$12,000,000 estate.

Foreign A revolution has begun in Brazil, according to reports received at Washington. The disaffected territory consists of four northern provinces, Pernambuco, Ceara, Amazon and Para.

A dispatch from Vienna says the Austrian premier has informed the leaders of the German and Czech parties in the Bohemian diet that the Austrian government proposes to alter the Bohemian constitution in such a way as to enfranchise women.

Charles K. Moser of Virginia, American consul at Colombo, Ceylon, has been awarded \$25,000 damages, according to a Calcutta dispatch, in a suit brought by him against Mrs. Virginia Graham, an American visitor to Ceylon, for defamation of character.

Merger of Grape Associations. St. Joseph, Mich.—An important grape merger that will include the biggest grape associations of New York, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan is now being worked out and on February 27 and 28, representatives of grape associations from these various states will meet in this city to consider the proposed plan of federation.

It is quite probable that at the coming meeting a representative of the new bureau of marketing of the United States department of agriculture will be sent here to assist in the preliminary work of getting the federation under way.

Angry Convict Attacks Keeper. Jackson, Mich.—Angered because he was being reprimanded, John E. Baker, a convict in Jackson prison, seized a hammer and attacked J. H. Maloney, his keeper, inflicting a serious injury to the keeper's head. The assault occurred Thursday, but was kept secret until Saturday afternoon. Baker was employed in the chair shop, where Maloney is a keeper. But for the prompt interference of other inmates Maloney might have been killed by the infuriated convict.

Fox Raising in Otsego County. Waters, Mich.—The raising and breeding of foxes, which was started near here but a few years ago, is now one of the most profitable industries in Otsego county. W. S. Chalker was the first to experiment with the fur-bearing animals. His experiments proved successful, and one by one the neighbors ceased farming and began raising foxes. Oftentimes these people have in their possession black breeding foxes valued at \$5,000 a pair.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF. Rev. Frederick P. Datson, rector of Grace Episcopal church, Menominee, has accepted a call to Wichita Falls, Texas. Rev. Datson was formerly rector at Iron Mountain and Ironwood, Mich.

Vessel property representing a value of more than \$500,000, has been wrested from the rocks by wrecking outfits and towed into Port Huron by tugs since the storm of November 9. This record is perhaps without a parallel in the maritime history of the lakes.

Predicts State Will Engage in Lumbering

Lansing, Mich.—State Land Commissioner Carton, who is also secretary of the public domain commission, which state department has complete charge of the state forest reserves, is of the opinion that within five years the state will actually be engaged in the lumbering business on state forest reserves and will turn many thousands of dollars into the state treasury.

Michigan News in Brief

The sixtieth anniversary of the organization of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Saginaw was celebrated Sunday.

At a meeting of directors of the Barry County Agricultural society the next county fair was dated for October 6-9.

John Doty has been appointed postmaster at Riley Center, under the civil service classification order of May 7, 1913.

The citizens of Unionville, will vote at a special election March 9 on whether to issue bonds for a city electric lighting plant.

Because of a new law in Michigan permitting the taking of beaver in certain months, the price of pelts has slumped from \$8 to \$5.

To give work to 500 idle men, the board of park commissioners of Grand Rapids has let a contract for \$56,000 worth of street improvements.

The Battle Creek Masonic Temple association has filed a \$37,500 mortgage with the register of deeds. The money will be used to help build a new temple.

The Sigma Chi fraternity is the first Albion college Greek letter society to build a house on the college campus for use as a dwelling for the fraternity members.

Leonard Rogner, 45, saloonkeeper, of Frankenthum, fell down his cellar stairs, fracturing his skull. He died soon after. His widow and nine young children survive.

Mrs. Ernest E. Clark, of Jackson, was awarded a \$9,000 verdict for the death of her husband, who was killed in a collision on the M. U. T. near North Concord last May.

While playing on the floor, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bird, of Flint, picked up a box of poison tablets and swallowed one. She died soon after.

Sydney Mallhot was drowned in Portage Lake as she attempted to cross a channel made by the tug Favorite. He seized a board which was thrown to him, but released his hold.

Grand Trunk engineers are surveying land adjoining the present locomotive shops at Battle Creek and it is said that the company intends to spend \$4,000,000 at that point.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the West Michigan Pike association in Traverse City it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Muskegon on Friday, February 27.

Henry H. Mildon, the oldest living Odd Fellow in the upper peninsula in point of years of membership in the fraternity, has been presented with an honorable veteran's jewel by Ahmeek lodge of Ishpeming.

Six residents of the upper part of Wexford county were caught in the act of hunting rabbits with foxes Saturday by Deputy Game Warden Kidder, of Tustin. They pleaded guilty in the Mesick justice court and paid fines totaling \$50.

Sheriff Ponda, of Battle Creek, says that half the sensation of a "shot in the arm" is imagination. He has been injecting warm water into the arms of two boys sentenced to Jackson and the effect on them has been the same as that of the "dope".

The Central State Normal college, with the co-operation of the Western Michigan Development bureau, is urging rural teachers to set aside the week of February 23-25 for a study of the caterpillar and a systematic search for caterpillar eggs masses in orchards.

A school board has not the right at a special meeting to reopen a school once closed in compliance with the law, according to the ruling of the supreme court in the Kent county school case.

Alfred G. Papineau was ground to death under the wheels of a Grand Trunk train at Tappan Junction, a few miles west of Port Huron, Saturday morning. Because of the mangled condition of the body, it was some time before the man was identified, which was done when the watch he carried was shown to his wife.

RACE AROUND THE WORLD IN THE AIR

EVERY TYPE OF MOTOR-DRIVEN AIR CRAFT TO BE ELIGIBLE.

TO START FROM SAN FRANCISCO DURING BIG FAIR.

\$150,000 to Be Put Up By Exposition and An Equal Amount to Be Raised By Subscription for Prizes.

San Francisco—Under the auspices of the Panama-Pacific exposition, a great race is planned for any type of motor-driven air craft, around the world, starting from San Francisco, the Aero Club of America announced Sunday.

The exposition will put up \$150,000 for prizes and an equal fund will be raised by subscription. It is planned to start the race in May, 1915, and to allow contestants 90 days in which to cover 22,900 miles around the globe.

Government Ownership of Telegraphs Washington—Purchase by the government of the telephone systems of the country, except the "farmer" lines, and the establishment of a federal monopoly over all telephone, telegraph and wireless communications, are recommended in a report submitted to the senate Saturday by Postmaster General Burleson. The report is in compliance with the resolution of Senator Norris requesting information, and was made on findings of a departmental committee which studied the practicability of government ownership of telegraphs.

Nineteen Lost When Boat Sinks. London—The German bark Hera, from Pisagua, November 1, went on the rocks near Falmouth in a gale Saturday night and 19 of the crew were drowned.

The Hera missed Falmouth in the intense darkness and thick weather and hit Gull Rock. The bark sent up rockets and the Falmouth light-house launched a lifeboat and started, in a tremendous sea, to look for the vessel. The bark could not be located for hours.

Boys Strike Against Tipping Trust. Chicago—Thirty boys, employes of Jacques Roussio, head of the so-called tipping trust, which rents the checking concessions in hotels and cafes, went on strike Sunday because Roussio had substituted girls for some of their number. The employment of the girls, the boys said, was in hopes of making a stronger appeal to the hearts of cafe patrons.

Merry del Val Succeeds Rampolla. Rome—Cardinal Merry del Val assumes the position of arch-priest of St. Peter's on Monday, succeeding the late Cardinal Rampolla, and a solemn ceremonial was held. The pope, in honor of the occasion, presented through Cardinal Merry del Val, to the basilica a magnificent gold chalice and pyx incrustated with precious stones.

Wilson Names Two Commissioners. Washington—Winthrop Moore Daniels, of Princeton, N. J., and Henry Clay Hall, of Colorado Springs, Col., were Saturday nominated by President Wilson to be members of the interstate commerce commission.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF. Fred H. Bogle defeated William Fassbender for mayor in Marquette's first election under commission government.

The Negro Grand Masonic lodge passed resolutions denouncing the treatment they received in Kalamazoo and decided on Detroit for the meeting place next year.

Commissioner of Schools W. H. Sparling has compiled a Huron county school directory and list of qualified teachers for 1913-1914. The book is especially interesting to teachers and educators.

Rufus Barnard, aged 30 years, was killed by an angry bull Saturday night at Hickory Hill dairy farm, near Lyons. The body was found after being pawed by the angry animal nearly five hours.

Hector A. McCrimmon, of Caseville, and Edna Oakley, of Portland, won the Normal oratorical contest Wednesday night and will represent the Ypsilanti Normal college in the inter-collegiate contest at Albion, March 2.

A suit for \$10,000 has been filed by attorneys for Thos. Hall against the Michigan Sulphite Fiber Co., of Port Huron, for injuries Hall sustained when a number of logs he was unloading from a ship struck him on the head and body, crippling him for life.

Benjamin George, oldest pioneer of the Marquette iron range, is dead at the Methodist Episcopal mission in the L'Anse Indian reservation in Baraga county. He was 101 years old and was a man of more than 30 when the first white settlers reached Marquette. His wife died a month ago.