

NEWS OF THE WORLD

DOMESTIC

MOTORMEN MAKE PLEA. — The motormen of Chicago are among the strongest supporters of the proposed ordinance to prohibit smoking in street cars. Consumption and accidents predominate as to the cause of deaths among motormen.

"Nothing is so closely connected with these two morality factors as is the atmosphere in which motormen are forced to work," says one of them.

"Front vestibules generally are thick with smoke and wet with filth. Yet it is there that the motorman must spend ten hours each day and seven days a week. The smoke makes him dizzy and sick; in that condition he is an easy victim to consumption.

"It is but a short step from a sick, dizzy motorman to an accident and death. I have been a motorman for twenty-one years, and I do not think there is any work in the world which requires closer vigilance than that of running a street car."

FOR LINCOLN MONUMENT. — With the excavation of a spadeful of earth in Potomac Park, the first step was taken this week toward erecting a memorial of pure white marble to Abraham Lincoln on the banks of the Potomac River, near the Washington Monument.

The structure will cost \$2,000,000. The late ex-Senator Cullom had full charge of the undertaking at the time of his death. J. C. S. Blackburn, who was an officer in the confederate army, is a Kentuckian and ex-Senator, holds ex-Senator Cullom's old place on the memorial commission.

TRADE IMPROVING. — Dun's Review of trade conditions in Chicago says these are improving.

Failures reported in the Chicago district for the week numbered 30, against 35 last week, 25 in 1913, and 25 in 1912. Failures with liabilities over \$5,000 number 13, against 17 last week, 11 in 1913, and 10 in 1912.

STANDARD OIL IN CHINA. — The Standard Oil Company has agreed to develop oil fields in certain Chinese provinces. The Company already has \$23,000,000 invested in China.

DISEASE INCAPACITATES FRENCH ARMY. — More than 25,000 soldiers of the French arm were on the sick list during the month of January, according to figures made public in the chamber of deputies by Deputy Edouard Lachaud.

"A few weeks ago," Lauchaud said, "out of a total strength of 717,000 men in the French army, 194,000 were sick in the barrack rooms, 44,000 were confined in the barrack infirmaries, and 21,000 were in station hospitals, so that at one time or another during the month more than a third of the soldiers belonging to the army were ill."

IRISH IMMIGRATION.—Thirty-Seven thousand and seventy-three immigrants from Ireland landed at the port of New York during 1913, an increase of more than 3,000 over 1912. These immigrants brought a total of \$1,985,703.

BIG INCREASE IN LAND VALUE. —An eighty-acre tract of land in Chicago

has grown in value from \$1,000 to \$250,000. is the remarkable fact brought out in negotiations for the land which the Board of Education has been trying to secure for more than sixty-five years. A suit for the possession of the land has been in progress more than sixty years

The land is located at Cottage Grove avenue and Eighty-third street. It went to the Board of Education in 1847 on the foreclosure of a mortgage. Its claim to the property is being contested by the estate of N. K. Fairbanks.

ILLINOIS LEADS IN CROPS. — Illinois leads all other states in the total value of its crops, as shown in the agricultural statistics of the thirteenth census, just published by the census bureau. In addition, it leads in the production of corn and oats.

The total value of the crops in Illinois in 1909 was \$372,000,000. Iowa was second, with \$315,000,000; Texas third, with \$298,000,000, followed by Ohio, with \$230,000,000; Georgia, \$227,000,000; Missouri, \$221,000,000; Kansas, \$215,000,000; New York, \$209,000,000. and Indiana, \$204,000,000.

FOREIGN

TWO NOTABLE MEN PASS ON.—Japan's foremost Statesman, Siuzo Aoki, left this life February 16th. He was privy councilor, formerly ambassador to the United States, and long in other offices.

Viscount Aoki was the son of a village doctor, born in 1844, and considered a self-made man. He was among the first of the Japanese to seek an education abroad, going to Germany for this purpose in 1869.

A few years later, he was appointed secretary to the Japanese legation at Berlin, and thus he began a career which led him to be considered the most experienced diplomat in Japan. He was twice minister for foreign affairs. Besides, he served his country in London, and was ambassador to Washington in 1906 and 1907.

CHINA GETS BIG LOAN.—A French financial newspaper says that it has received news that the industrial bank of China has arranged a loan for the Peking government of \$120,000,000, at 5 per cent.

According to the report, the money is to be used for the construction of a port at Yamchow, a railroad 1,250 miles long from Yamchow to Chungkink, with an option on a plan for the construction of railroads from Nanking to Luchow, and from Suifou to Chengtou. It is said that French firms are to supply all the material for the construction of these roads.

SUFFRAGE LOSES.—A bill for the enfranchisement of women in the Union of South Africa has been defeated on the first reading.

BIG SUM FOR NAVY.—The Japanese house of representatives has adopted the budget providing an appropriation of \$62,000,000, spread over five years, for the expansion of the navy.

BERTILLON PASSES AWAY. — Alfonso Bertillon, creator of the system of criminal identification, which made his name known throughout the world, passed away in Paris, February 18th. He was 61 years old.

LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Edna Bingham, of Redfield, South Dakota, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barton.

Deacon August Hammock, after two weeks at home with his family, returned Monday to his place of employment in Cincinnati.

Mr. C. W. Mole, who has been employed as a departmental manager in a store in Kenosha, has taken up his residence at 2920 Ezra Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hire and son, Richard, arrived in ZION CITY, Saturday, February 14th, from Ligonier, Indiana, and intend to make this their future home.

The classes in the Elocutionary Department of ZION Conservatory of Music and Art will not meet during March. Miss Dora J. Reynolds, the instructor in the department, will visit in Minnesota.

Deacon and Mrs. E. G. Nelson, are home from a two-weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Dakota and Wisconsin.

The Athletic branch of ZION Educational Department will hold a special meeting for organization, under the direction of Dr. H. Em. Wilson, in charge of that work by the General Overseer's appointment, at 8 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, February 26th.

Mr. John Springer, of Bancroft, Wisconsin, has been in the City for a number of days preparing to make this his future home. He will dispose of his farm at Bancroft, Wisconsin, and will locate, by April 1st, on the T. R. Cole farm, west of the Electric Line.

The Western Representative of the Felgemaker Organ Co., of Erie, Pennsylvania, was in ZION CITY on Tuesday last, accompanied by two organists from Chicago. They had heard much about the ZION CITY Organ, and wished to hear it played. They expressed themselves as highly satisfied after hearing a few selections by Dr. Wilson.

Notes From Zion Industries

The Mail Order Department of ZION Stores is doing a nice business in a large number of states. The field workers are instrumental in sending in some good orders.

ZION Meat Market, through mail orders, handles several tons of ZION shortening a month, and a large quantity of beef bacon; and is shipping orders regularly to twenty-six states.

ZION Printing and Publishing House is rushed with job work—some in four colors. The plant is in operation night and day.

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