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REJECT THE MINE SCALE

DEADLOCK OVER DEMANDS OF COLLIERIES.

Operators Reject Every Proposition Advanced in Behalf of the Workers, and Issue is Referred to Subcommittee and Back to the Joint Conference—Indications Point to Prolonged Struggle Over Issue.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 5.—The mine operators and mine workers, in a secret session of the joint scale committee, today disagreed upon every proposition submitted by the miners, and the whole matter was referred for discussion in the open joint conference held this afternoon.

Operators Reject Scale. There the operators voted unanimously against the scale proposition offered by the miners, and the whole matter was finally referred back to the joint committee.

President Mitchell argued in behalf of the miners, and Frank L. Robbins represented the operators.

All Propositions Voted Down. On motion of Delegate Reese of Iowa the scale was taken up serially and action, and each of the seven propositions was voted down by the operators. It became plain that the operators will not grant the scale asked by the miners.

The failure to "get together" in joint conference, as well as in the deliberations of the joint scale committee will lead to a reference of the disputed questions to the sub-scale committee of the operators and miners and prolongation of the conference.

Railway Strike Imminent.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 4.—It is reliably stated that a general strike of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, conductors, engineers and firemen of the Baltimore and Ohio, especially along the Pittsburgh division, is imminent. The above information comes from prominent members of one of the local brotherhoods, who said the different brotherhoods had been notified this morning that President Lores of the Baltimore and Ohio had refused to recognize the above brotherhoods, giving his reason that the road was now under the control of a different company.

GIRL STEALS FROM MOTHER.

New York Ingenue Pilfers from Home to Buy Presents for Sweetheart.

New York, Feb. 4.—When Mrs. Margaret Colgan of 210 East Thirty-eighth street, a widow, went to her bureau to get \$7 which she had saved for the rent, it was gone. She told her 13-year-old daughter, Minnie, that they would be disappointed, and the girl began to cry. She confessed later that she had stolen the money and had bought two silver watches, one for her sweetheart, 8-year-old Johnny Burke, who lives next door, and the other for herself.

Mrs. Colgan told the police. A detective went with her to the jeweler who had sold the watches, and he took them back and returned the \$7 he had received. So Mrs. Colgan will not be disappointed.

HIGH PRICE FOR A HEIFER.

Black Cap Judy Sells for \$6,300 in Chicago, Surpassing All Preceding Marks.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—The Aberdeen-Angus heifer, "Black Cap Judy," was sold at auction at the stock yards this afternoon to C. P. Gardner of Blandinsville, Ill., for \$6,300. This makes the female record price for all breeds since 1873 a Missie, a short horn heifer, selling for \$6,000 in Chicago on Dec. 5 last. The previous high record on an Angus was \$2,800.

MEETS DEATH FROM COLD.

Body of Well-Known Wisconsin Contractor Found Frozen Near Mellen.

Ashland, Wis., Feb. 4.—The body of Patrick Corrigan, a well known contractor and logger of Mineral Lake, was found today near Mellen. Corrigan had been missing since Sunday. It is supposed he succumbed to the intensely cold weather, and was frozen to death. There were no marks of violence upon the body.

WILL INVITE THE PRESENT.

Chicago Clubs Hold Joint Meeting and Decide to Ask Him to Visit City.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—A joint invitation to President Roosevelt to visit Chicago was decided upon tonight at a meeting of the committees representing the Hamilton, Lincoln and Marquette clubs. No definite time was named, but it is understood the president will not be able to come west before fall.

Cuban Reciprocity.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Representatives Haddock and Long of the ways and means committee called on President Roosevelt today and discussed with him the question of Cuban reciprocity. It was stated today by a Republican member of the committee that there was little further doubt that the committee would report some measure of Cuban reciprocity. Another member expressed the conviction that the rate of reduction would be about 20 or 25 percent. Other members of the committee insist that the rubens of several members are still open, and definite conclusions as to the course of the committee are not yet warranted.

CONNECTICUT TOWN SWEEP BY BLAZE CAUSING LOSS OF \$2,500,000.

BUSINESS CENTER HARD HIT.

Smouldering Ruins and Debris Mark Site of One Hundred Buildings Razed by Flames.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 3.—There is a very strong suspicion that the fire which completely destroyed the Scovell house was the work of an incendiary. The fire originated in the pool and billiard room in the basement. The room was locked, and no one was supposed to be there. No fire was kept in the room, all the heat being supplied from a boiler in another part of the building.

People in a Panic. The fire came so close on the heels of the big conflagration that the thousands of spectators who witnessed it were thrown into a more complete panic than the original fire caused. The flames had only begun to die out along the bank, and on Grand and South Main streets, when the flames leaped upward, as if by magic, and the people feared the city was doomed after all. The fire burned far into the day, and was not extinguished entirely until evening.

Scene of Desolation. The scene about the city today was only a little less remarkable than that of the previous evening. Thousands of people strolled around the icy streets, and with the greatest difficulty were restrained by the militia and police from venturing within the danger lines. The tangled network of wires on the bank and on South Main street greatly hindered the work of extinguishing the last flames and clearing away the wreckage.

A revised list of the losses and insurance is very difficult to obtain. Few know just what the loss was on their buildings and stock. It is believed that when the truth is known \$4,000,000 will be not far from the correct estimate.

Work of Rebuilding. A remarkable feature of the fire was undoubtedly the absence, so far as is known, of the loss of life. Two men who were asleep in the Scovell house were reported missing, but both have been located. Temporary quarters have been secured by all the firemen. Many have already telegraphed for new stock, and will resume immediately. The American Publishing company is among the heaviest losers, the building being entirely ruined, but the paper was issued in abbreviated form tonight. There has been more or less disorder about the streets today, but the police are very active and the militia is of great service in handling the crowds.

Confusion Reigns. The streets were piled with household goods and strewn with small articles thrown from the windows. Some of this property was confiscated by passersby, but the amount of thieving was small compared with the opportunities offered by the confusion. The number of injured was very small, and in all but one or two cases the injuries are slight. The streets are rapidly being cleared.

Origin of the Fire. The big fire originated in the upholstering department on the third floor of the store of the Reid & Hughes dry goods company, and that store, as well as many adjoining buildings, are in ruins.

The first building to catch from the Reid & Hughes company store was a tall structure to the westward, occupied by the Salvation Army barracks and a Turkish bath house. A moment or two later the flames leaped back to the eastward and across Bank street and wiped out the Ryan and Fitzmaurice block, Cannon & Webster's drug store, Davis' cigar store and the store of J. B. Mullings & Sons. They burned rapidly through to South Main street, jumped across that street, shriveling the buildings like paper.

Flames Sweep on. At the same time the flames caught the Masonic temple and traveled from the Salvation Army building to the rear of the Franklin house on Grand street, and the entire block, consisting of seven or eight handsome five-story buildings, with 30 tenants, and the large and commodious headquarters of the Waterbury American were in ruins before midnight.

In all about 100 business houses were burned.

Militia on Guard. During the night two of the companies of militia were called out, and the city was practically placed under martial law. The armory, city hall, churches and other public buildings have been turned into shelters for the hundreds rendered homeless.

Fire Loss Reduced. Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 3.—Estimates by experts tonight place the total loss at close to \$2,500,000.

Bavarian Loan.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Emperor William has presented Count von Walderssee, formerly commander-in-chief of the allied forces in China, with a bronze cannon captured in that country which was cast under the supervision of Jesuit missionaries in 1750. In sending this gift, the emperor wrote: "In cordial recognition of your services performed in China."

Priceless Treasures Scorched.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The garments worn by the Egyptian kings when the pyramids were new, utensils from royal homes that were reduced to dust ages before Rome rose, and inscribed pottery shaped by workmen who lived before the days of Moses were threatened with destruction by a fire in the basement of the Haskell museum of the University of Chicago today.

Child Burns to Death.

Parkersburg, Va., Feb. 3.—In a fire near the Wise postoffice, Blanche, an infant child of Thompson Glover, was burned to death. Two other children were perhaps fatally and Mr. and Mrs. Glover seriously burned while trying to escape from their house.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS LOCALITIES.

General Happenings of the Past Few Days Taken from the Wires and Condensed to Suit—Of Interest to All Who Wish to Know What Has Been Going On in This and Other Countries.

Eighty-two new cases of smallpox were reported in London Friday.

Seals of the dowager empress, obtained in the loot of Pekin, sold at auction in London for \$1,930.

A railroad between Edinburg and Glasgow has been planned, with trains running 117 miles an hour.

The National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' association will meet at the Auditorium hotel, Chicago, on March 5 and 6.

The Atlantic hotel, Columbia office building, and a block of stores were destroyed by fire at Norfolk, Va. Loss, \$500,000.

The Boer war debate in parliament brought out the fact that the struggle so far has cost the British government £230,350,000.

As a result of successful experiments of wireless telegraphy between the steamship Philadelphia and shore stations on the other side of the Atlantic, Ok. T. Walter Childs was shot and killed by Ella Pitts, the result of a quarrel. The woman is under arrest at Ardmore.

Calvin A. Black, traveling man for a Chicago firm, fell over a banister in a hotel stairway at Wichita, Kas., and was killed. His home was in Somerville, Mass.

Bubonic plague is reported at Naples, Italy, and several cases occur daily at Rio Janeiro. In Manila 42 cases were reported during the month of August. Eleven cases are known of in Egypt.

Sister Mary Constance Bentivoglio, mother superior of the Omaha convent of St. Clare, and relative of Pope Leo, died this week at the monastery of pneumonia, after two weeks' illness.

Gilbert Parker, the English author and member of parliament, said before sailing from New York for home: "In my opinion the American workman is more enterprising than the British."

Bertha, aged 10, and Edgar, aged 5, children of Harry Burrows, a contractor, of Bellaire, O., were bitten by a dog afflicted with hydrophobia and were taken to Chicago for treatment.

The premier R. J. Serdon, announces that the government of New Zealand was prepared to give preferential treatment in the shape of rebate duty, to British goods, carried on British ships.

Denver Christian Endeavorers are urging the society to hold its national convention there in 1902. Work will be begun at once to raise funds to defray the expenses of that great meeting.

The idea that all coughs are produced in the chest is erroneous. Many coughs come from intestinal parasites, parasites in the stomach, foreign bodies in the ear, enlarged tonsils and numerous other causes.

Canton, O., is to have a hotel named the McKinley. Announcement has been made by Austin Lynch, attorney for Mrs. McKinley, that she had consented to allow the Saxton Hotel company to use the name.

About 100 union bakers and bench hands, employed by the six leading firms in Kansas City, have been locked out because of an attempt of the industrial council to form a union of bread wagon drivers.

The Dominion government has approved of an issue of \$20,000,000 stock of the Canadian Pacific railway, subject to the sanction of the company's shareholders, the proceeds of which are to be applied to improvements.

Disputes between hotel porters and dragomans over a division of backshish culminated in a shooting affray in front of a leading hotel in Constantinople, in which the head porter killed two dragomans and wounded a third.

It is announced that Rev. Charles S. Olmstead of Philadelphia has decided to accept the position of coadjutor bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Colorado, to which he was recently elected, and he will be installed shortly after Easter.

All the factories and mills in south western Michigan and Indiana that depend on water from St. Joseph river to furnish motive power have been compelled to shut down owing to low water. Several thousand men are idle as a result.

All students at the state school of mines, Golden, Col., absented themselves from the classes recently in consequence of the recent suspension of seven students by the faculty. An investigation is to be made by the board of control.

The will of Henry Bernard, probated at Kokomo, Ind., leaves an estate of \$50,000 to a young wife, whom he recently married, and gives his four grown children \$5 each. All his blood relatives are ignored. The children will contest the will.

The Neues Wiener Tageblatt of Vienna asserts that negotiations are in progress for the sale of the Philippine islands to Germany, and that the visit of Admiral Prince Henry to the United States is preliminary to the announcement of this sale.

J. B. Haggin arrived in Lexington, Ky., on a special train with six architects and contractors employed on the residence of Green Hills. They will meet Mr. Haggin at the place and discuss certain alterations he desires in his \$250,000 residence there. He has decided to enlarge the former plans.

John Willis Baer, general secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, who arrived in Denver, will go east bearing an enthusiastic invitation from the city of Denver to the society to hold its national convention there in 1902. Work will be begun at once to raise \$15,000 at the least to defray the expenses of that great meeting.

Vice Admiral Sir Henry H. Rawson, who was commander of the British channel squadron from 1839 to 1861, has been appointed governor of New South Wales. This is the first time in history that the British government has appointed an admiral to a colonial governorship, which had long been a sore point with the navy.

At Niles, Mich., Michael Kennedy was given a judgment of \$1,500 against his son, Richard Kennedy, for false imprisonment in an asylum for the insane.

Henry A. Faulkner and Julius Lehman of the St. Louis house of deputies were arrested on the charge of perjury in connection with the council boodle investigation by the grand jury.

Fearing she would kill her 4-month-old baby, Mrs. Fred Hipskind of Wash, Ind., committed suicide. For two years she had been in delicate health and feared she was losing her mind.

At Elkhart, Ind., Ora Strine, aged 24, who killed his wife at the home of her parents on Dec. 14, was given a life sentence. Strine married Alice Cochran on Nov. 23, only three weeks before he killed her.

The Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel association says: "The total production of pig iron in 1901 was 15,878,356 gross tons, against 13,789,242 tons in 1900, 13,620,703 tons in 1899, 11,773,934 tons in 1898, and 9,652,680 tons in 1897."

Postmaster General Payne has relinquished a general promulgated by previous administrations prohibiting all employees in the service from visiting Washington, whether on leave with or without pay, for the purpose of influencing congressional legislation.

A series of visits to the chief European courts and countries is shortly to be paid by the young king of Spain. It will form at once his debut in the world and the finishing touches, so to speak, to his royal education. The boy king has now entered his 16th year.

It has been practically decided to place Admiral Dewey at the head of the special commission of three members that will be sent to Europe to arouse a more active interest in the St. Louis fair than is now being manifested by many of the Old World nations.

The Platte Valley State bank at Bellwood, Neb., closed its doors shortly after noon Wednesday, and is now in the hands of a state examiner. The suspension was unexpected and has caused much excitement. A. H. Gould, the cashier, is under arrest, charged with forgery.

After 34 years of blindness J. R. Perry of Portland, Mich., was given back the faculty of sight at the homeopathic hospital of the university of Michigan. The operation was performed by Dr. Royal S. Copeland, and was one of the most successful of its kind in the history of the hospital.

John W. Gates, the Chicago steel magnate, has just secured another of Rembrandt's oldest and finest paintings, entitled "St. Paul," which represents the apostle in prison. It was purchased of a New York dealer at a price somewhere in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

Former City Treasurer Moses T. Hale's shortage has been fixed by an expert accountant at \$27,800. The city of Colorado Springs, Colo., will not lose, as Hale's brother of New Berryport, N. Y., advanced \$50,000 some months ago with which to make good the default.

Alwin Charles, aged 65 years, has been arrested at Maryville, Mo., on the charge of embezzling \$1,600 belonging to the local Odd Fellows' lodge, of which he was for 13 years secretary. Charles is a justice of the peace and has lived in Maryville all of his life.

C. D. Pierce, consul of the Orange Free State, at Nek York, said in regard to the report that Paul Kruger might come to this country in April, in response to the many invitations he had received, that it had been definitely settled that he would not come. He spoke as if this decision was final.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage will go to New York Monday to consider the offer made to him by the International Banking corporation. Of the many offers received by the retiring secretary this and an offer to become president of the Chicago Title and Trust company are the only ones whose acceptance he is seriously considering.

Geo. Reeder, a Northern Pacific freight conductor, is dead as a result of a peculiar accident. Reeder was running an extra to Duluth, Minn., from the west and discovered that a brake shoe was frozen to one of the wheels. Procuring a lining bar he leaped over on the step and struck at the shoe with the rod. While in this position one end of the rod happened to strike the ground and the other end pointed straight at Mr. Reeder. The rush of the train forced the rod heavily against his stomach, producing internal injuries from which he died.

Mrs. Lease, the former Kansas orator, now of New York, advanced the following original idea the other day, apropos of the liquor question now being agitated there: "I would make whisky as free as water; I would let the man who wants it drink his fill. It would result beneficially in killing off a lot of saloon frequenters, who are only a burden to the world and to themselves, and eliminating their progeny, who furnish the recruits for the great army of crime and disease, and would bring into actual operation the law of the survival of the fittest."

The Buenos Ayres correspondent of the Northwestern Miller says: "The harvest is now in full swing and the results in the provinces of Santa Fe, Cordoba and Entre Rios are fully bearing out my predictions both as regards wheat and flax. In the province of Buenos Ayres things are better, though we are having rather too much rain; on Wednesday a heavy storm swept over the province and some damage was done to the standing crops. On the other hand, the corn crop is a magnificent one and will help to make up for the loss of the others. It will be the largest we have ever had and the quality will also be magnificent."

Joseph Wade and B. H. Dalton were hanged at Portland, Ore., Friday for the murder of James B. Morrow whom they killed for 25 cents. Morrow was stopped on Nov. 14 and ordered to throw up his hands. Morrow made a movement toward putting his hands in his pockets when Wade fired the fatal shot.

A Dawson letter says that after a strong fight Dawson decided at the polls that it desires a city government with a mayor and council rather than government by a commission to be appointed by the governor of the territory. The total number of voters registered was 963. Only British subjects were allowed to vote.

TWO REPORTS FILED ON BILL TO REDUCE WAR REVENUE IN TAXES

Democrats, While Approving the Step, Want Congress to Engage in General Revision but to Maintain Tax on Accumulated Wealth.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Both the majority and minority reports were filed on the war revenue repeal bill today. The majority report says that the probability of the early withdrawal of the troops from Cuba and the reduction of the force in the Philippines will make further reductions possible, and also reviews the condition of the treasury. It cannot be denied, it says, that a large surplus furnishes a temptation for extravagant expenditure and, while congress may generally be relied upon to keep the national expenses within reasonable bounds, it should be relieved from the pressure which with plausible schemes, from every quarter, to raid an overflowing treasury.

Minority for General Revision.

The minority report approves of the proposed reductions, but asserts that they should have been made long ago. It also advocates a general revision of tariff taxation with a retention of taxes on accumulated wealth. There is a general denunciation of the Dingley law as the "mother of trusts," and the reports says it enables the manufacturers to charge a far greater price to the home consumers than are received abroad for the same goods, which is characterized in "plain robbery."

Taxing Accumulated Wealth.

"While in approving in general the policy of repealing the war taxes," says the minority, "we insist that certain taxes on accumulated wealth should be allowed to remain. We refer to such taxes as are imposed on sugar and petroleum refiners. A tax of one-fourth of one per cent on the annual gross receipts of sugar and petroleum refiners in excess of \$250,000 yields about \$1,000,000 annually. This tax has been paid without demur or protest, and there is no reason why the great combinations which monopolize these businesses and from which colossal individual fortunes have been built up, should not pay some part of the national expenses, as well as the masses of the people who use and consume the various things which are the subject of customs and international revenue taxation."

Consider It Just.

"As the supreme court denied congress the right to tax incomes for the support of the government, it is well to place accumulated wealth under some form of contribution, and we know of none more just or equal than a tax such as that imposed by the war revenue act on oil, and sugar refiners."

Chicago Lake Front Decision.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Justice Harlan of the United States supreme court today announced the conclusion of the court in the case of the State of Illinois vs. the Illinois Central railroad. It is a remnant of the old Chicago lake front case, and involved the contention of the railroad that under its riparian right it should have the privilege of constructing docks and piers so as to reach navigable wharves. Both the circuit court of the northern district of Illinois and the circuit court of appeals held that the company's piers did not extend beyond the line of practicable navigability, and they were, therefore, allowable. These were affirmed by today's opinion.

The supreme court also passed upon the motion to reopen the original question as to the ownership of submerged lands, declining to again consider that point.

NEGROES WILL NOT LEAVE.

White Miners in South Undertake to Make Them Do So, and Trouble Is Feared.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 3.—Almost a reign of terror exists in the vicinity of the Millstone mines, 17 miles above Crossville. Some dissatisfied miners and others recently posted a notice, signed with a skull and cross-bones and in red ink, warning the negroes to leave at once. The negroes did not leave, and the mob has twice fired into their cabins. The last time the negroes returned the fire, and the mob retreated. Sunday night the mob attacked the company's commissary, but William Nixon, son of Manager Nixon, at the head of a number of white employees, charged the mob with Winchester rifles and a pitched battle ensued, the mob retreating to the woods. The situation has been reported to Adjutant-General Brandon, who has promised the company protection, and the Crossville company of militia is ready to be called out.

TRACED TO DAKOTAN TOWN.

Missing Evanston Boy and Alleged Abductor Said to Have Been Located.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The chief of police today received a telegram from Chief Ballard of Casleton, N. D., saying that Florence Ely and Frank Ely Rogers, the boy whom the woman is said to have kidnaped from Evanston last July, are in that town. The telegram stated that Miss Ely is said to have confessed her identity.

Blaze in Toledo School.

Toledo, O., Feb. 3.—A fire in the Nebraska avenue school today caused \$10,000 loss. The prompt action of the teachers prevented loss of life among the pupils who were at first panic-stricken.

Tragedy Over Dog Fight.

Grand Rapids, Wis., Feb. 3.—In a quarrel over a dog fight this afternoon at the farm of William Moody, near Arpin, Herman Heimz, it is charged, shot and probably fatally wounded A. R. Moody. Heimz was arrested.

Shoe Factory Destroyed.

Janesville, Wis., Feb. 3.—Fire tonight destroyed Marsulf & Co's shoe factory, one of the largest in the state. The loss is \$80,000.

NEWS OF MISSOURI

ALL SORTS OF THINGS CAUGHT FROM THE WIRES.

General Happenings Throughout the State Prepared for Perusal by Busy Readers.

A bench warrant for bribery issued by Judge Fisher of St. Louis, for Ellis Wainwright, millionaire president of the St. Louis Brewing association, director in the Suburban railroad, and one of the most prominent and influential capitalists of this city and New York. He is wanted by the grand jury in municipal corruption investigation. Mr. Wainwright has made his home in New York for some time, and when the deputy sheriff returned to the court with the information that Mr. Wainwright was not in the city it was presumed that he was in New York and could be brought back here. It has been learned that Mr. Wainwright is in Cairo, Egypt, on a pleasure trip.

Dramatic Scene in Court.

At St. Louis a dramatic incident marked the hearing of the divorce proceedings by Theresa Sohm against Joseph L. Sohm, before Judge Hough in the circuit court. At 7 o'clock a heavily veiled woman took a stand at the door of court room No. 1. The testimony for the plaintiff was proceeding, and the veiled woman arose and moved swiftly toward the bench. Facing the judge and Mrs. Sohm, she threw aside her thick veil, and with a paper in her uplifted hand, said: "Before this goes further, I want you to read this, judge." As she brushed by the plaintiff and ascended the steps to the witness box, she said in a tone audible to all within the rail inclosure: "You helped part my husband and me; now is my turn." Judge Hough took the paper from the woman. Mrs. Sohm was called to the stand and read the letter. She denied having written it, and stated that her signature to it was not genuine. Sohm was also given the letter to read. He stated that it was written and signed by his wife. On the stand, the veiled woman stated she was Mrs. A. C. Gould, and lives in Carondelet.

Returned to First Love.

The little town of Harrisburg, in Boone county, is all agog over the matrimonial escapade of Jasper Rowland, a thrifty and well-known young farmer and stock dealer of that vicinity. A few days ago Rowland went to Columbia and procured a license to wed Miss Minnie Hawkins a popular young lady of the neighborhood. Returning to Harrisburg with the marriage document in his pocket, he happened to meet Miss Georgia Lyons, of Harrisburg, who was an old sweetheart. After chatting a while Rowland told his intended marriage to Miss Hawkins. Miss Lyons then made use of her persuasive powers and induced her old lover to accompany her to Fayette, where another license was procured, and repairing to the residence of Rev. F. H. Quinn, Mr. Rowland and Miss Lyons were married. But while happiness reigned in one home there was a heart-rending scene in another. Miss Hawkins, who had heard of the unfaithfulness of her intended, became crazed with grief and remorse and attempted to take her life.

Project Big Trust Company.

A trust company, the magnitude of which is greater than any ever before organized in this country, is planned by a number of St. Louis business and professional men. It is to be called the Associated Trust company or the Louisiana Trust company. It is planned to organize a corporation with a capital of \$5,000,000 under the laws of South Dakota. Then sub-corporations will be formed with a capital each of from \$50,000 to \$500,000 in every state in the Union. All the sub-companies will be directly responsible to the parent company, which will be located in St. Louis.

Says Bishop Kain Can Sell.

Judge Hough of the St. Louis circuit court has decided that Archbishop Kain has a right to sell the property of the Immaculate Conception church. Judge Hough said he believed it had been shown that the property was cathedral, or diocesan property, according to the canons of the church, and as such the archbishop had a right to sell it if he wished. The parishioners, he said, had no property right in it to entitle them to have an injunction granted. The title, he said, was held by the bishop in trust for cathedral purposes, and if the bishop followed the laws of the church there was no reason why he could not sell it.

Missouri in Brief.

The Missouri State Amateur Shooting association will hold its next annual tournament in St. Joseph, April 15, 16 and 17.

H. B. Smith known as "Bate" Smith, a prominent merchant of Carthage, committed suicide by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor.

Former Congressman Chas. E. Pearce of St. Louis is suffering a serious attack of pulmonary trouble as a result of a cold caught a short time ago.

The census bureau's preliminary report shows that the increase in capital invested in manufacturing in St. Joseph in the last decade is 112 per cent, which is 25 per cent higher than that of Kansas City, which stands next in the list. The increase in the value of the manufactured products of St. Joseph is enormous. In the decade the value of the products has increased 156 per cent. The products are less than \$5,000,000 below those of Kansas City, whose increase is only 14 per cent.

Secretary George B. Ellis of the state board of agriculture predicts a poor peach crop this season, and predicts only about one-third crop of small fruits, such as raspberries, strawberries, and blackberries. He predicts a good apple crop.

At least ten large wholesale drygoods houses on the Missouri river have entered into a combination as a result of which their native traffic from New York and New England will be controlled by one man—C. L. Thomas, at one time contracting freight agent of the Burlington in Kansas City, and for the past several years agent for that road in New York.