MG 1088 AT RANTOUL, ILL.

Fire Destroys Fifty Business Houses and Dwellings.

LOSS IS UPWARD OF \$300,000.

Soverely Injured, But Many Lose Their

The entire business district of Rantoul, Ill., and half a dozen blocks of residences have been destroyed by fire. A spark from a passing railroad engine started the fire and a high wind, a six weeks' drought which had left every building as dry as tinder, and the lack of a city water works were the factors that made it so swift and Serce that it was uncontrollable. Champaign, sixteen miles south o Rantoul and Paxton sent their fire departments, but water could not be obtained in sufficient quantities. Dynamite was tried, but it did not hinder the flames where buildings were close together. Over fifty business and residence houses were burned. The loss is estimated at upward of \$300,000, with insurance of less than half that amount, but that figure will not cover the injury to the town, which has left only one hotel, which was located outside the business district, and one lumber yard. Luckily no lives were lost and no one was severely injured. but half the residents are lamenting the loss of great parts of their be-

Takes Food Through Side.

county, Ind., has not eaten a particle of food in four years, but still maintains a hold on life by taking liquid food through an artificial opening in his side. This manner of procedure is caused by his cardiac orifice being completely closed. Seven years ago Arbuckle had a severe attack of typhoid faver. When he recovered was found his cardiac orifice was closed and an operation was performed. The side of his stomach was fastened securely to the wall of his abdomen. An opening was then made through the adbomen, through which | guilt, he takes his food. Arbuckle has fairly good health and accomplishes the work of the average man each day on the

Try to Corner Apple Crop.

A gigantic combine is trying to corner Missouri's big, red apples. St. Louis commission men are going to fight the syndicate and St. Louis will be the battle ground. Judge W. R. Wilkinson, president of the Missouri state board of agriculture, said that representatives of the Armour Packing company were visiting hundreds of orchards and trying to induce their owners to sell the entire output. Judge Wilkinson has learned much of the plans of the syndicate and is one of those who will endeavor to nip the apple trust in the bud.

12 Hurt in a Train Wreck. Two of the three sections of an At-T lantic City special, crowded with excursionists collided near Configence. Pa., injuring one person fatally and a was engaged in prayer at a revival dozen more or less scriously. The third section crashed into the rear of ly killed by a member of the church the second, telescoping the last car, a named Charles Jones. In the con-Pullman. A relief train with ten doc- fusion that followed Jones was stabtors was dispatched from Connellsville bed and killed by Samuel Jackson, and to the scene.

INDIAN CHIEF IS KILLED.

Bloody Fight Between Red Mon Farm in New York.

Jesse Jamison, for years the recognized chief of the Seneca nation Indians on the Cattaraugus, N. Y., reservation and one of the most prominent red men in that part of the United States, was slain, and Richard Crouse another red man high in the councils of the Indians, seriously wounded in a bloody fight which took place on the Crouse farm, about six miles from Gowanda, N. Y. Feeling runs high among the other Indians. It is said that those who have the reputation of being quiet are arming and further trouble is expected. The fedreal authorities in Buffalo have been notified of the trouble. It started over a woman who had been a housekeeper for Jamison, whom he had chased away from his home. She went to the Crouse home and Jamison procured a gun and started for that place He broke open the door and began firing into the room where Crouse and the girl were hiding. Crouse was shot in the ear and above the heart. Crouse's son, who was in the barn, ran to his father's assistance and Jamison ran away, but was found several hours later with his body riddled with bullets. Crouse's son has been arrested.

MOB BURNS A NEGRO.

the Torch.

Five hundred enraged and determined citizens of Coffee county, Alabama, Wednesday morning took part in burning at the stake a negro who gave the name of John Wesley Pennington. The mob was composed of both white and black residents and not one in the crowd displayed the least Thomas Arbuckle, aged 24, of Scott show of mercy as the miserable wretch pleaded, prayed, cursed, wept and screamed in terrible agony. As the names gnawed into his vitals his eyes bulged from their sockets and the victim struggled with herculean efforts to break his chain. Still not one of his severe judges relented, and it was not until all that had been a human being had been converted into ashes that the crowd seemed to have been satisfied. Pennington had committed a brutai assault upon Mrs. J. C. Davis, the wife of one of the most prominent farmers of Coffee county, and confessed his

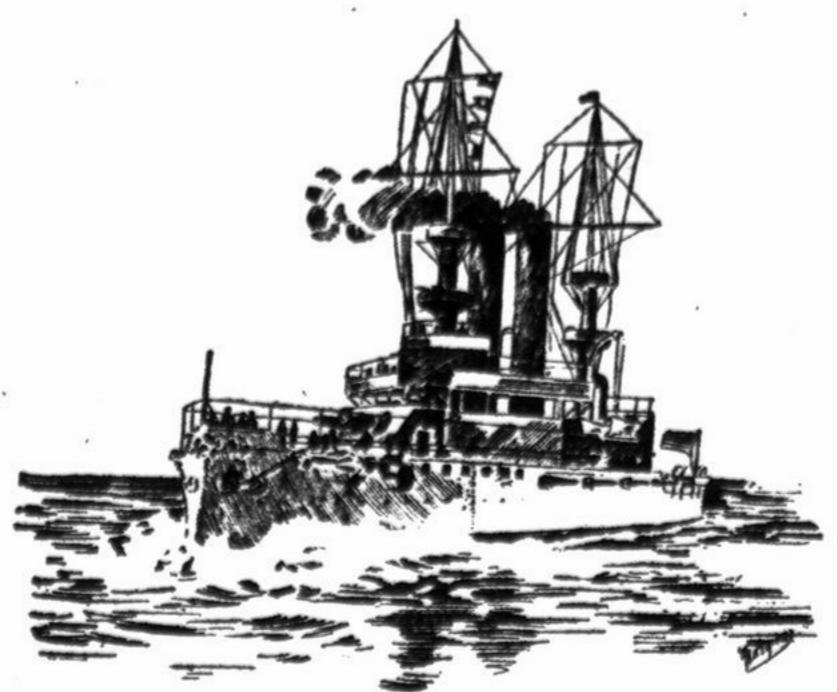
> Earthquake in the North. The slesmograph at the meteorological office at Victoria, B. C., on Friday recorded some severe shocks of earthquake which the superintendent believes occurred in Alaska, as the records are similiar to those made when the last earthquakes occurred up north. The preliminary tremors commenced at 1:30 a. m. and continued until 4:08, the pendulum in this interval recording several oscillations. At 5:15 another disturbance commenced, which rapidly assumed immense proportions, until at 6:15 the swing of the pendulum had completely crossed the record paper and maintained this incessant movement for some twenty minutes. At 10:40 fresh

pronounced for nearly an hour. Killed While Praying.

vibrations began, which were very

In sunica county, Mississippi, John Littlejohn, a deacon in a negro church. service when he was shot and instantthis broke up the meeting

THE WISCONSIN MAY GO TO PANAMA.



famous battleship Wisconsin has been ordered to proceed to the Isthmus in case the protection of American interests requires her presence there. She will be at San Francisco while awaiting orders from Washing-Seneral Uribe in a manifesto. says he is fighting now for the reunion of the great Colombia, as the federation of Venezuela, Colombia, and Valencia, Governor of the Department Reuador, was known previous to 1830, of Santander,

and this, he adds, "was the ambition the liberator, General Simon Bollvar." In this manifesto is the explanation for the recent trouble on the frontier of the Venezuela and Colombia. Two unsuccessful attempts, one last Friday, have been made to invade Venezuela from Colombian territory by a force of something like 6,000 men, said to be led by General Gonzales

War Near at Hand. Added gravity is given the warlike aftuation along the Colombia-Venezuea border by a report from Willamstad, on the island of Curacoa, that a Colombian army under command of the minister of war had invaded Venezuela at a point near Colon. There was no official confirmation as to this, but if it should prove correct there seems little chance of avoiding an open conflict between these two countries, as such an invasion by Colom- been struck by lightning and fallen ble would be in itself an act of war. over the bank.

Girl Killed by Lightning. Allegra Eggleston Seelye, a graduate of Cornell University, and granddaughter of Edward Eggleston, the author, was found dead in Cascadilla Gorge near Ithaca, N. Y. She was found hanging by her feet from roots over the edge of the bank shortly after a violent rainstorm. The position in which she was found and the condition of her features indicate that she had

GRAND TRUNK EULOGIZED.

Severnor of Minnesota and Party Passes

Flattering Resolution. During the month of June the Grand Trunk Railway system transported the Minnesota Press Association by special train from Chicago to Buffalo, Buffalo to Toronto and return to Chicago. Governor Van Sant and suite accompanied the newspaper party, to be present at the dedication of the Minnesota State Building, returning home with the Western scribes.

On the return journey a resolution was unanimously adopted in the car containing the Governor's staff, expressing much pleasure as to the treatment they had received while on the Grand Trunk, the following being an extract from a letter addressed to the company by Governor Van Sant:

you that in the car containing my staff, self and party, a resolution was unanimously adopted expressing much pleasure on account of the splendid treatment accorded us by the Grand Trunk Railway and their representatives. The adoption of the resolution was moved by Senator Clapp, seconded by Col. Monfort, and unanimously adopted."

Undone by Love of Pic.

Little Johnny is a Philadelphia boy with an appetite for pie, and the North these probably did not include more than 5,000 individuals.-Philadelphia American tells of the dismal failure of his suit against a railway company through an innocent disclosure of his prowess as a pie-devourer. Six doctors had testified in a five-thousand-dollar damage suit that Johnny was an inva-

lid as the result of his sudden ejectment from a trolley-ear, when Willie low that she could not do her house-Brower took the stand, and incidentally spoke of Johnny's achievements in the ple-eating line. "Could he eat a whole pie?" asked the lawyer. "Why, yes, he ate five within a few minutes last week," replied Willie, enviously. vain Johnny's lawyers contended that the pies were very small and should not be allowed to figure in the case. The testimony was admitted, and the company's lawyer argued that any boy who could eat five mince pies was not much of an invalid. The jury took this view of the matter, and decided that Johnny had not made out a case. The

mince-ple testimony-for the pies were

of the mince-meat variety-had been

fatal.

Wore Elizabeth's Cast-Off Garments. It is not often that a woman of today can array herself in any fabric that once formed part of the wardrobe of Queen Elizabeth. The Countess of Pembroke has, however, this privilege, and at the last drawing room she attended she wore a white and silver gown, the peach-colored train of which was trimmed with old Point de Fiandre, which not only had been owned, but also worn, by the famous Tudor

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Betting on the vote of a particular county in an election is a betting on the election in violation of the statute, holds the Court of Appeals of Kentucky in the case of Brand vs. Commonwealth (63 S. W. Rep., 31) and if the bet was in fact made in Kentucky the parties violated the Kentucky statute, though the stakeholder did business in Tennessee and received the money there.

Petrified Footprints in Crussing. Probably the most valuable street crossing in the country is one at Manhattan, Kas., which consists of flat stone slabs bearing petrified footprints of prehistoric birds. They were collected by a geological student, attached for freight duties, and finally taken by the town marshal to repair the crossing. The valuable side, however, is kept underneath.

An anglishman once said to a French friend: stily language. For instance, you call bread pain." "Yes," replied the Frenchman, "but to us, you know, it is just as strange to call pain bread." The Englishman reflected. "I suppose it is," he said finally, "but then it is bread, you know."

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General Dewet's Borsemanship. "General DeWet," says an American acquaintance of the Boer soldier, "Is the finest horseman in South Africa. He sits on horse as gracefully as a prince, and sticks on like a cow-

Canadiana Write Many Letters. In Canada last year the 9,627 postoffices forwarded 178,288,500 letters. Such returns form an essential postscript to prosperity's epistle.

Norway and Sweden also reported damage by the hot winds. Even the midnight sun seemed to be warming

Mathematics for the Barbes Few people have an adequate con ception of what a million means, although we are getting to be quite familiar with the term itself. The other day I found myself under the razor of a barber, who was a stranger to me. He began conversation by remarking that I had a stiff board. Taking this as an apologetic hint that I was to be badly scraped I replied that some barbers did not think so, as they generally shaved me without much trouble. "Well," said the barber, "I ought to know, for I have shaved millions of men." "Thousands, you mean," said L "No, millions," said he;"I am sure I have shaved more than a million." I inquired his age, which was 31 year; learned that he could shave four persons in a hour, and then took home to my children "I take great pleasure in informing a little sum in arithmetic, which they worked out in this way: If a barber should shave four men per hour, ten hours a day, for 365 days a year during sixteen years, the number shaved would be 233,600. It would take him nearly seventy years to shave 1,000,000 persons. If he should shave continuously night and day for sixteen years he would get over less than half a million faces. It is not at all likely that our 31-year-old barber had shaved altogether more than 100,000, and unless he moved around a great deal

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