A GIANT BANKING TRUST.

Secretary Gage Proposes Consolidation of Interests.

New York dispatch: Secretary Gage of the Treasury Department proposed to the bankers of the City of New York a giant banking trust—a coalition of all individual members—a federation of financial institutions, so to speak—the greatest trust of all.

He did not go into details and warned them in advance that he believed in evolution rather than revolution in banking as well as all other business and political functions. He said that the law of nature provided better advantages to aggregated wealth by faithful service than by theft.

Scalding Steam Sweeps Car Ferry.

While entering Ludington (Mich.) harbor Sunday at midnight in a heavy southerly gale, the Pere Marquette car ferry, No. 16, struck a bar, disabling her machinery and breaking the main feed steam pipe. Great volumes of steam instantly escaped. Mike Taft, a coal passer, whose home was in Chicago, was scalded to death, and two other coal passers, whose names are unknown, were also terribly scalded. They now lie in the Marine hospital hovering between life and death. Many others who were in the hold of the car ferry received bad burns from the steam and suffered great hardships during the nine hours which followed before they were rescued. From the time of the accident until morning there was neither light nor heat on the boat. The wind was bitterly cold. Great seas rolled across the deck, and ice formed wherever the water fell.

Seven Die in Burning Train.

Seven persons were killed Monday night by an electric train catching fire in a tunnel near the Dingle station in Liverpool, England. It is said the fire started in the woodwork of a car. The strong air current through the tunnel, which is a fifth of a mile long, caused the entire train of three cars to catch on fire, igniting thousands of sleepers that were piled up, and filling the tunnel with dense smoke. Rumors were spread that forty or fifty persons had been killed, and owing to the dense volumes of smoke issuing from the tunnel it was some hours before an entrance to the tunnel could be effected. Many passengers jumped from the burning train and rushed out of the tunnel, while others were dragged out by their fellow travelers in a half-suffocated condition.

Four Perish on a Farm.

At Summerville, Jefferson county, Pa., the home of John Ashbaugh, a farmer, was destroyed by fire and four persons were burned to death. One was fatally burned, while four others were seriously injured. The dead are: William Ashbaugh, 22 years old; Maybel Ashbaugh, a 12-year-old daughter; Harry Ashbaugh, a 10-year-old son; James Ashbaugh, a 9-year-old son. The injured are: Herman Ashbaugh, 8 years old; fatally burned; Mrs. Ashbaugh, seriously injured; John Ashbaugh, the husband and father; seriously burned and suffering from exposure. Two young children, painfully burned. The fire happened at an early hour in the morning and was caused by an overheated stove.

Cut Off Fourteen Cow Tails.

A farm hand near Goshen, N. Y., cut off the tails of fourteen head of cattle belonging to the Rev. Andrew Schriver, a retired Methodist preacher and ex-presiding elder of this conference district. Schriver had reprimanded the farm hand for failing to do some work. The man wanted revenge on the minister. So he secured a butcher knife, went to the cow stables, and in a short time he had severed the tails of fourteen of the choice cows. He then fled, leaving the cow stables looking like a slaughter-house. Shortly afterward Schriver discovered the condition of his cows. He suspected who was guilty, and immediately notified an officer.

Child Born to Aged Couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klein of 229 Rusling street, Trenton, N. J., have announced the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Klein is 65 years of age and the husband is 70 years of age. Mr. Klein led all visitors back into the kitchen, where in a crib was a bright-eyed baby girl. The old man said: "We have been married forty years. We never had a child, and now the good Lord sent us this little one to brighten our lives. I am 70 and my wife is 65 years old. Some people may not believe that it is our baby because we are old, but look at Sara in Bible times."

Petroleum Found in Egypt.

Operators employed by the petroleum syndicate, after working two years at Gebel Gefi, near Suez, Egypt, have encountered petroleum, said to be at a depth of 2,115 feet. A terrific flow of gas ensued. This was followed by an explosion, which wrecked the boring plant and blocked the well. This points to the existence of an extraordinary quantity of petroleum. The discovery is considered most important.

Taft for Secretary of State.

Wichita, Kas., dispatch: Word has been received here from a reliable source in Cincinnati that Governor William H. Taft of the Philippines has been tendered the portfolio of Secretary of State by President Roosevelt, and that the real reason for the return of the governor to this country is to confer with the President upon the subject. President Roosevelt has on a number of occasions expressed his high regards for Governor Taft and the able manner in which he has disposed of the intricate Philippine problems.

HADLEY AS A BOY.

Peculiarities of Yale Man Far from Disclosure as a Youngster.

It is said of President Arthur T. Hadley of Yale that as a boy and youth he was not only very peculiar but a keen disappointment to his parents. He was eccentric and apparently quite without promise. One of the guests at the recent bicentennial celebration at Yale is responsible for this story:

"When Hadley was 10 years old his mother took him to New York, where she met one of her girlhood friends, then also engrossed with family cares. To her Mrs. Hadley rehearsed her troubles, dwelling particularly on the one uppermost in her mind—Arthur T. When she concluded her friend tried to console her by saying: 'Well, bear up and never mind, dear, my son is just as bad.' I wonder what the friend would say if she could have seen Hadley conferring the degree of LL. D. on Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States."

One of the listeners, who is certainly no respecter of persons, says the New York Times, remarked: "Perhaps Roosevelt was the other son."

A Blacksmith's Story.

Goodland, Kans., Dec. 23.—N. E. Albertson, a local blacksmith, had almost decided to give up his shop altogether on account of Rheumatism which had crippled him so that at times he could not use his hammer.

His shoulders and arms were so sore that he couldn't sleep at night. He had suffered for years, but was gradually getting worse, till at last he had about made up his mind to give up. But just then he heard of some wonderful cures of Rheumatism by Dodd's Kidney Pills and thought he would try for a cure once more.

They cured him completely and he has not a trace of Rheumatism left. The shop will not be given up and Mr. Albertson may be seen there any day hard at work as if nothing had ever ailed him.

Corn Bread with Bacon.

Corn bread cooked with bacon is a dish that is never seen in Philadelphia, but hunters and other persons who get out into the wilds return to rave over it. They describe it thus: The corn bread in the raw state is laid in a pan about two feet square, and then a piece of bacon is chopped up into bits as small as possible, and these bits are stuck, about an inch apart, into the dough. The cooking begins, and in the process the bacon fat melts. When the bread is done it has a peculiar and delightful flavor.—Philadelphia Record.

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A Fad to Own Shootings.

It has now become a fad to own shootings in the South, where this year it is said that the birds were never so plentiful. The shootings are as extensive as those of Scotland, and among the owners of parks of this kind in North and South Carolina are many New York millionaires. Shooting parties are given during the winter, the guests being taken down in special cars.

Stevenson's Neglected Grave.

A New Zealand paper reports that Robert Louis Stevenson's grave in Samoa is overgrown with weeds and is in some danger of being lost altogether. Many persons used to visit it, but it is said that the yearly average is now something like six.

Suicide in the French Army.

According to a French army paper, suicide is more common in the French army than any other in Europe. Of the annual death rate in all branches of the service suicide accounts for five per cent.

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In The Atlantic Monthly for 1901 important political papers will touch upon "Disfranchisement and the Race Question," "Education in the Philippines and in Cuba," "Colonial Legislatures," "Army Reorganization," "The Normal Development of the Navy," and "The Organization of Labor," etc., etc.

In his illustrated Mother Goose, Denslow has done his best work. It is one long series of happy conceptions interpreting the purest and the best of the merry jingles.

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The Chinese Monthly Times.

By the courtesy of Mr. Young Chung-hsun of Peking, for the editor, we have received the first number of the mandarin paper, the transcripts of which we chronicled in this column some days ago. The subjects treated are: Why we are issuing a paper in mandarin not in wenli, Chinese and foreign news, the treaty, the history of Poland, the last hundred years of women in the west, a catechism on the earth, two fables, and concluding with the rules of the paper. The first journal of this kind was issued at Hangchow, and now Peking follows suit. It will be issued once in ten days at ten cents per number. This startling departure we might expect to emanate from foreigners—e. g., missionaries—who are tired of the trammels in which Chinese wenli wraps the human mind and strike off in a new line, aiming at the diffusion of knowledge as against its present concentration in the hands of the select few. But no, it is heathen scholarship which thus dares to cast aside the canons of the past and brave the ridicule of the long-robed crowd by printing—actually printing, mark you—a language understood of the common mass of the people. All honor to those who thus break the ice. May their enterprises be successful.—Shanghai Mercury.

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