

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.



Sixty-nine deaths from pneumonia, out of a total of 296, were reported in St. Louis last week, as compared with fifty-five the previous week.

Mayor Ross of Milwaukee vetoed the anti-spitting ordinance with a recommendation that the council first provide for cuspidors in public places and then compel their use.

The last search was made for bodies in the Harwick coal mine in Pennsylvania Saturday and work was resumed Monday. Since the explosion, Jan. 25, 178 bodies have been recovered.

Charles Osgood of the cutlery importing house of Osgood, Gray & Co., has been arrested at Boston, charged with defrauding the government in connection with the payment of duties on consignments of merchandise from Germany.

In order to become a partner in a Chicago firm of railroad contractors, Frank R. Coates, chief engineer of the Chicago Great Western, has resigned. The resignation becomes effective March 15. Mr. Coates has been chief engineer of the Great Western since October, 1900.

Martin Crowe, sergeant-at-arms of one of two Democratic city conventions held at Kansas City, was shot and painfully wounded by Cassimir Welch, a delegate to the opposing convention. One faction nominated William T. Kemper for mayor and the other named George A. Shelley.

Among the passengers who arrived in New York on the steamer Trinidad from Bermuda was Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, who is convalescent from an operation for mastoiditis.

For the formal opening of the rapid transit subway in New York invitations will be extended to President Roosevelt, Mayor Harrison of Chicago and Mayor Collins of Boston to speak.

The Santa Fe railroad has received reports from all over the state saying that Kansas wheat is unharmed.

The flagship Kentucky of the United States Asiatic fleet, with Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans on board, sailed from Manila for Hong-Kong Sunday, March 13. After being docked at that port the vessel will return home.

William Monroe, president of the customhouse brokerage firm of Stone & Downey of Boston, the largest house of its kind in New England, has been indicted by the federal grand jury as an accomplice in the alleged lace-smuggling cases which government officials have been investigating for several months.

The discovery in time of a home-made bomb at the rear of S. Barron's second-hand store, in the thickly settled business district of Sioux City, Ia., doubtless prevented a conflagration of large proportions. Inside a five-gallon can partly filled with gasoline was a dynamite percussion cap generally used in safe-blowing to which was attached a fuse six feet long.

Two men were killed and six injured in a snowslide at the Queen of the West mine, in the Cornucopia district, sixty miles northeast of Baker City, Ore. The dead are H. W. Holland and A. Cox. The injured, none of whom is fatally hurt, are: G. W. Estee, Thomas Smith, T. H. Mills, John Hunt, Frank Larimer and Neils Lundstrom.

Arbitration will decide the controversy which is now on between the coopers' union and the employing coopers in Milwaukee. This conclusion was reached at a conference between the heads of the coöperation establishments and a committee from the coopers' union.

Secretary Wilson is very weak from an attack of grip, but is improving steadily and is not confined to his room. He will go to Florida.

Chairman George D. Dunn of the New York state republican committee may be appointed secretary of the territory of Arizona. Mr. Dunn is a friend of Senator Platt. It has been understood for some time that Governor Odell does not favor Mr. Dunn's re-election as state chairman.

The steamer Lombardia, which arrived at New York from Genoa, Naples and Palermo, brought sixteen camels from Tunis for the St. Louis exposition. They were in charge of five natives.

The stoppage of shipping to the far east is causing great distress among the dock laborers and men employed in similar capacities at Odessa. Typhus fever has broken out in the poorer quarters and the price of bread has doubled owing to the speculation of grain brokers.

An explosion of a large charge of dynamite and gunpowder at the Pennsylvania railroad improvements west of Millersburg, Pa., killed James Kerns, a foreman, and a laborer named Masigotti.

Philippe Bunau-Varilla, who recently resigned as minister from Panama to the United States, has sailed for Havre on the steamship La Lorraine. Capt. Algernon Sartoris, grandson of Gen. U. S. Grant, who goes abroad to marry Miss Cecelia Nottstrand in Paris, also was on the steamer.

On account of the wage question among the miners north of the Ohio river the convention of the western Kentucky miners, in session at Louisville, decided to postpone the joint meeting of miners and mine operators until March 24.

LATEST CASH MARKET REPORTS

Table with columns for WHEAT, CORN, OATS, and SHEEP AND LAMBS, listing prices for various locations like Chicago, New York, St. Louis, etc.

United States Ambassador Meyer at Rome gave a splendid dinner in honor of D. J. Hill, the American minister to Switzerland. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. D. Fearing of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Reilly, a brother of United States Senator Kean and the Misses Potter, sisters of Bishop Potter of New York.

A. J. Fleischman of New York, a world's fair concessionaire, was suddenly stricken with heart trouble at the St. Louis exposition grounds and for half an hour he was unconscious and it was believed he could not live. Physicians finally restored him and pronounced him out of immediate danger. He is an uncle of Mayor Julius Fleischman of Cincinnati.

Andrew Carnegie, asked whether he would accept the chairmanship of the National Civic Federation's committee, made vacant by the death of Senator Hanna, said: "I am leaving New York in two weeks for Scotland, to spend three or four months at Skibo castle. No offer of the Civic Federation chairmanship has been made to me and I could not, of course, say yes or no to it at this time."

Dr. W. E. Garrison of St. Louis, editor of the Christian Evangelist, has been elected president of Butler college, to succeed Dr. Scott Butler.

The cableship Scotia is ashore on Spanish rocks, Isle of Guam. The water is nearly up to her decks and she will probably prove a total wreck.

There is increasing dullness in the sugar trade in Russia and planters are diminishing the area to be sown.

The Czechs tried to introduce a novel form of obstruction in the reichsrath, Deputy Riba presenting an interpellation with a copy of Hauptmann's new play, "Rose Berndt," the whole of which he demanded should be read to the house. The president, however, ruled that this was impossible, as the house would render itself liable to prosecution for infringing the author's rights.

The tanners' union is awaiting instructions from the east whether or not to call a strike of the men employed in the Memomonee Wis. tannery of the Pfister & Vogel Company. The company reduced the wages.

Plans have been made by the Dorcas Coaching club of New York, said to be the only woman's coaching club in the world, to run a public conveyance during the coming season. Members of the organization, which includes the leaders of the younger set in fashionable society, will handle the whip. It is likely the coach will make daily runs from an uptown New York hotel to Morris park during the racing season. While the novel trip will be nominally open to the public, the club will exercise its discretion as to who may become patrons.

Among the passengers who arrived at New York on board the steamer Koenigin Luise from Genoa, Naples and Gibraltar were the grand duke of Oldenburg, who is on the passenger list as Count Lensahn, and Max Contag, an architect sent by the German government to the St. Louis exposition. The grand duke said he had come to America for the express purpose of viewing Niagara falls under winter conditions. He expects to sail for home Tuesday next on the Kaiser Wilhelm II.

A Montreal building occupied by the Canadian Jewelry and Importation Company, the Metropolitan Furniture Company and four other firms, was burned. Loss, \$75,000.

The strike of book and job printers at Boston has been settled by a compromise, and a new contract has been signed by the representatives of the union and the employers.

A fashionable audience attended a piano recital given at the New Willard hotel, Washington, by Miss Maria Von Unschuld, court pianist of her majesty the queen of Roumania. The affair was given under the immediate patronage of Baroness Hengelmueller, the wife of the Austrian minister.

An explosion of gas completely wrecked the millinery store of Miss L. M. Moran at Rockwell, Iowa. Miss Moran, Miss Etta Auger, Mrs. Kelley, Tarry and Howard Siegfried were blown into the street and all were more or less injured.

Mrs. J. Taylor Allington of Blue Banks, Ky., has been arrested on complaint of her stepson, William Allington. She married Dr. Allington who committed suicide by shooting, and his children charge that he was drugged before he took his life. Mrs. Allington says she is innocent.

GIVE UP PORT ARTHUR Persistent Rumor That the Great Russian Stronghold Has Been Evacuated---Confirmation Not Forthcoming.

London, March 14.—The rumor of the evacuation of Port Arthur is repeated from different points, but it is absolutely without confirmation.

According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph rumors are current there that later telegrams describe the bombardment of Port Arthur as much more serious than has been admitted officially.

Special dispatches from Tokio and Yinkow also give reports of heavy Russian casualties at Port Arthur, amounting to sixty men killed and 100 wounded, but they are so conflicting in details that it is not wise to give them much credence.

In a dispatch from Tokio dated March 13 a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that in the latest attack on Port Arthur two Russian tor-

pedo-boat destroyers were sunk and great damage was done to the docks, forts and arsenal, including the explosion of a powder magazine.

Daily is reported to have been almost entirely destroyed. Several guns there were dismantled and the crews of four torpedo-boats in the inside harbor are said to have deserted.

The Daily Telegraph publishes a dispatch from a correspondent at Yinkow who reports that the Russian battle-ship Retvizan at Port Arthur has hit five times by Japanese projectiles and that there were twenty casualties on board.

This correspondent declares further that the presence of Japanese at Feng-Huan-Cheng, the Manchurian town about forty-five miles northwest of Wijn, has been confirmed.

Special dispatches from Port Arthur say there are rumors among the Chinese population that the projected descent on the Liao-Tong peninsula is imminent.

The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Daily Chronicle reports that 10,000 Japanese are nearing New-Chwang.

The Times publishes a dispatch from Seoul, dated March 11, in which the correspondent confirms previous reports that it is the intention of Japan to wait until the ice breaks up before making large disembarkations, in order to avoid difficulties on the roads. Transports are still arriving to make good the deficiencies in the Seoul-Chemulpo line, which has been denuded of troops, but some time is likely to elapse before any great achievement is attempted.

A correspondent of the Times at Tokio says the latest news received there shows that the Korean coast between Gensan and Song-Chin is entirely free from Russian troops.

Czar May Assume Command of Troops in Far East. Paris, March 14.—"It is almost certain," telegraphs the St. Petersburg correspondent of Gil Blas, "that the emperor will assume command of the troops in the far East after the first important engagement."

Russian Officials Deny Port Arthur Has Fallen. Ch'oo, March 14.—Russian officials here deny the rumor that Port Arthur would be evacuated and that the new town is in flames. The Russian officials report receiving advices that all is well. They declare Russia will never evacuate or surrender Port Arthur and that the new town is intact, only one house being destroyed by shells.

Russians still claim that one of the Japanese destroyers was sunk by electrically discharged mines in the engagement Wednesday midnight. They say that the Japanese fleet rescued the survivors, but that many dead were washed ashore on the west beach at Port Arthur.

Fourth Attack on Port Arthur Did Immense Damage. Tokio, March 14.—Official and private reports both indicate that Admiral Togo's fourth attack on Port Arthur March 10 was the most effective since the first assault of a month ago. One Russian torpedo boat destroyer was sunk and several Russian torpedo boat destroyers seriously damaged. The fortifications and city were subjected to a heavy bombardment lasting nearly four hours. The naval bombardments of the land works generally have been ineffective,

yet the peculiar topographical conditions of Port Arthur made immunity from serious loss from bombardment almost impossible.

Admiral Togo's torpedo flotilla opened the action by boldly steaming in under the batteries and successfully placing a number of mechanical mines at the mouth of the harbor. Following that there was a desperate bow to bow encounter between the torpedo boat destroyers, in which the Japanese appear to have scored a clear victory. Then followed a long-range duel between the cruisers, ending in the retirement of the Novik and Bayan, the only Russians engaged.

The closing action was the bombardment of the inner harbor by the Japanese battleships. The latter took

few hundred, to march direct overland or to proceed in open boats fifty miles to Haifu. Thus the country north of Seoul is starred with parties converging into the Pingyang neighborhood. A large number of three-inch field guns, made in Japan, have been landed at Haifu and moved north.

Pingyang will be the northern Japanese base, under Maj. Gen. Kigoshi. It is an ancient walled stronghold, capable of easy defense. The imperial guard division already is there, hurrying forward the fortifications and walls.

A landing will commence soon at Gensan, where the arrangement is perfect.

A garrison of 6,000 men has been permanently established at Seoul. The new barracks are nearing completion here and also at Masapho, Fusan, Gensan, Mokpo and in northern Korea in the vicinity of Pingyang.

Anju already has been the scene of the first land engagement in the present war, when Russian scouts were forced to retire after a short skirmish. Certain routes south of the Yalu river, leading to Pingyang, are still held by the Russians, where each village contains a party of fifty or sixty cavalry, aggregating 3,000.

The present scheme of the Japanese apparently is to mass a great army at the narrowest part of the country above Pingyang and await the Russian attack for a reasonable time, failing which a forward march will be commenced, possibly co-operating with a column which will be landed at Gensan for eastern coast work, ultimately arriving before Vladivostok.

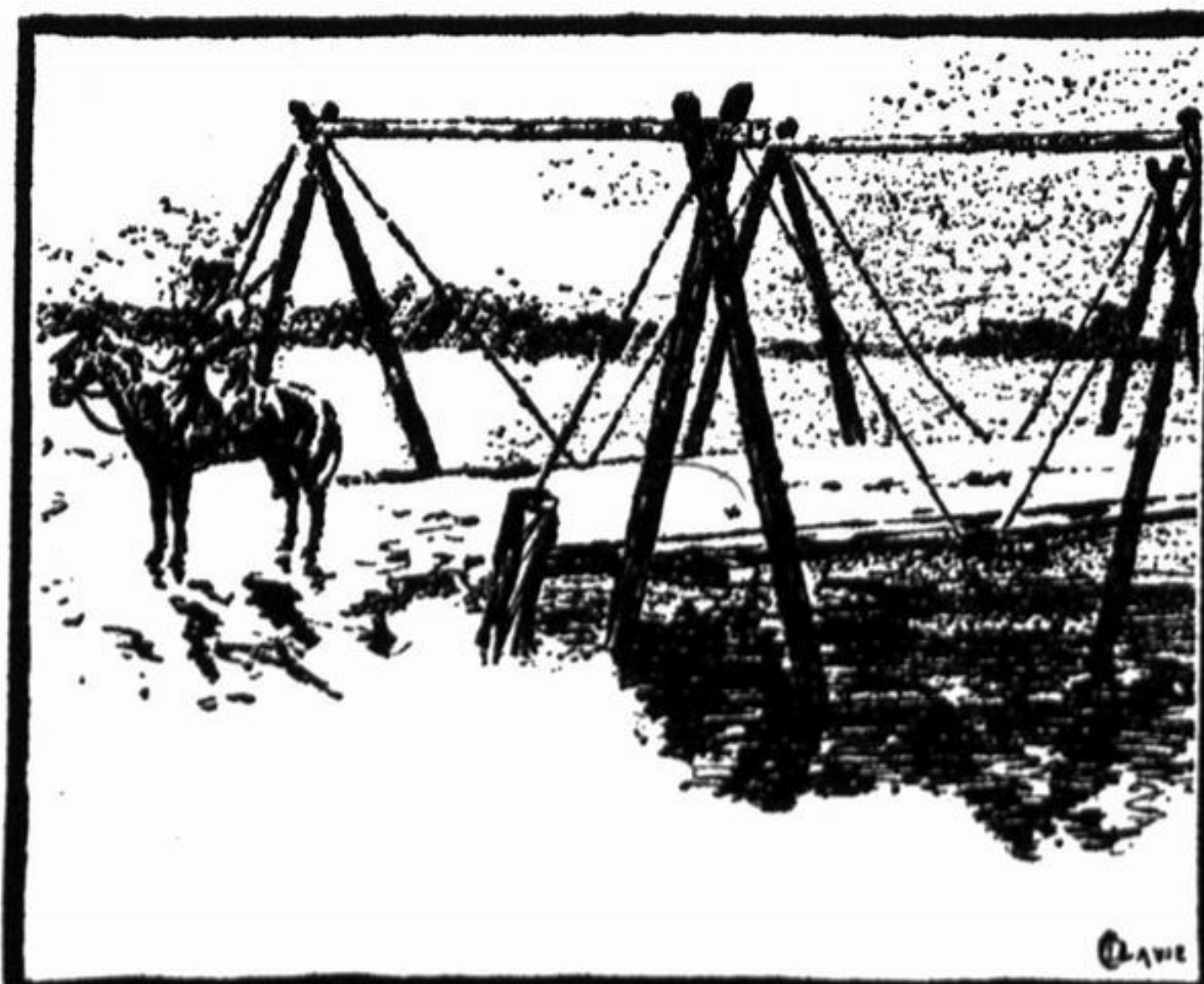
Telegraphic communication with Anju suddenly has been interrupted, indicating a Russian advance southward, probably with the idea of dislodging the Japanese at Pingyang before they are too strongly entrenched. The first movement from Seoul will be made northward to-day, only the garrison remaining.

Northern Korean ports will be ice free in a week, then probably the bulk of the Japanese army will be landed near Chinampo, thus obviating a six days' march.

Japanese Admiral Tells of Vladivostok Fight. Tokio, March 11.—The report of Vice Admiral Kamimura, in command of the Vladivostok naval expedition, reached here early this morning. It evidently came by way of Gensan, where the squadron was expected to call upon its return. The report throws little additional light upon the movement, except it seems to show that the Russian squadron remained safely within Vladivostok harbor under the protection of the shore batteries.

The full report is as follows: "As prearranged, we reached the east entrance to Vladivostok on the morning of March 6 through a frozen sea. The enemy's ships were not seen outside the harbor. We approached the batteries on the northeast coast from a point beyond the range of the batteries on the Balizan promontory and Bosphorus strait. After bombarding the inner harbor forty minutes, from 1:50 o'clock in the afternoon, we retired. I believe the bombardment effected considerable damage. Soldiers were seen, but the land batteries did not reply to our fire. Black smoke was observed at the east entrance to the harbor about 5 o'clock p. m., and was thought to be from the enemy's ships, but this smoke gradually disappeared.

On the morning of March 7 we reconnoitered American bay and Strelok bay, but saw nothing unusual. We approached the east entrance to Vlad-



Sentinel Guarding Russian Military Bridge Over Yalu River.



Official Map of Harbor of Vladivostok, Showing Location of Batteries and Forts.

Japanese Soon Will Have Army of 150,000 in Korea. Seoul, March 8, via Chefoo, March 11.—The situation now is this: The Japanese will have an army of 150,000 men in Korea within three weeks, including 35,000 already landed at Chemulpo. The scene here daily is one of well ordered chaos. The harbor's edge is piled high with 200,000 tons of stores, packs of equipment, light guns, carriages and bullet proof shields for 5,000 cavalry and pack horses.

Perfect system obtains. The troops daily entrain for Seoul, whence they advance to the north in bodies of a

lotstok at noon. The enemy's ships were invisible, and the batteries did not fire. We turned toward Possiet bay, but seeing the enemy retired."

Report Small Japanese Force Cut Off From Main Body. St. Petersburg, March 12.—It is reported that 2,500 Japanese who landed at Plaskin bay, north of Gensan, Korea, recently, intending to march to Manchuria, have been cut off from the body which landed later at Port Lazareff to reinforce them. The Russians who cut them off occupy both roads by which a junction could have been effected.

BETTER TRADE IN ALL LINES

Good Weather and Movement of Freight Are the Main Features.

HEAVY DEMAND BY CONSUMERS

Buying Strong Among Retailers, With Large Transactions in Staples and Luxuries—Equal Inquiry for Food-stuffs and Fancy Apparel.

Chicago dispatch: Dun's Weekly Review of Chicago Trade says:

"The return of more seasonable weather conditions and lessened difficulty in the movement of commodities were favorable factors. Reports show gain in the distribution of goods and larger receipts of farm products, while the manufacturing industries advanced in activity. New business improved in the volume of finished iron and prices were strengthened, although commitments were mainly confined to present requirements.

"Notwithstanding the high average cost the final consumption of necessities has continued strong and buying was heavier in leading retail lines. Jobbing sales of spring wares reached a satisfactory aggregate, with frequent requests for early shipment to Western points. Large transactions were closed in the dry goods, millinery, clothing and footwear divisions, and dealings were increased in suits and cloaks, men's furnishings and hats and caps. Easier deliveries placed groceries and canned goods in better position and sales widened. Mercantile collections generally presented little complaint.

Urgent Call for Iron.

"The demand for iron and steel has shown more urgency and covered a wider variety of needs, with rails, pig iron, structural and wire materials in best request. Prices assumed a higher tendency for all but railroad requirements. New specifications have shown very plentifully, and with the heavy construction and building work now inaugurated there will be an enlarged absorption of metals and lumber.

"Receipts of lumber ran 20 per cent short of the volume a year ago. Prices are firm and buying good in hard woods and for building uses. New building permits and real estate sales both show some increase over the corresponding week of 1903. Receipts of hides were 2,722,491 pounds, as compared with 3,227,297 pounds the previous week and 1,479,436 pounds a year ago. The market was quiet but steady at quotations recently ruling. Leather and shoe demands were moderately augmented.

Lighter Grain Shipments.

"Grain shipments were 2,372,457 bushels, 16 per cent under those of a year ago. With the recent fall in values improvement was looked for in the spot demand, but actual sales failed to develop importance, and receipts of all breadstuffs, except corn, were heavier. Prices declined steadily until Wednesday, when recovery set in, but, compared with the closings a week ago, quotations have declined in wheat 1 cent, in corn 3/4 cent and in oats 3/4 cent. Provisions were in better demand and advanced, in pork 5 cents per barrel, in lard 5 cents, and in ribs 17 1/2 cents. Receipts of live stock were 252,251 head, as compared with 297,436 head a year ago, showing the first notable decrease this season. Choice hives and heavy hogs both declined 10 cents per hundredweight, but sheep were in request and gained 15 cents.

Failures in the Chicago district number thirty-five, against twenty-three the previous week and twenty-four a year ago."

LOSES MONEY ON PATTI'S TRIP

Robert Grau Company Sinks \$25,000 in Exploiting the Singer.

New York dispatch: The best stateroom of the Lucania when it cleared its pier for Liverpool Saturday morning contained the once illustrious song bird Adelina Patti, and a section of the ship's "strong room" held \$200,000, which an inquisitive American public contributed for the privilege of looking upon her on the last of her series of "farewell" tours. Patti is the only one who profited by the tour. She took the cream of her concerts at the rate of \$500 for each performance and the Robert Grau company, which brought her over, paid the freight for a total loss of \$25,000.

Fire at Manitowoc.

Manitowoc, Wis., dispatch: The Wernecke & Schmitz business block was destroyed by fire entailing a loss of about \$35,000, partly covered by insurance. The heaviest losses are: Wernecke & Schmitz, building and hardware stock, \$20,000; Vogelsand & Murphy, furniture, \$7,000; Seehase & Wernecke, dentists, \$1,800.

Building Strike Ends.

New York dispatch: The strike of the building laborers which tied up almost all the skyscrapers in course of construction has been settled, by the men going back to work on the old conditions pending arbitration.

Veteran Shoots Himself.

Norwalk, O., dispatch: Capt. O. W. Williams, a veteran of the civil war, was found dead in bed. He shot himself. He had for many years served as secretary of the Home Savings and Loan association.