

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS



Who Caused Explosion. Kate Genetti, sister of August Genetti, who lost his life with his chum, Louis Colonia, in the explosion at Consolidated mine No. 17, near Collinsville a few days ago, said later that she was certain the infernal machine by which the two men were killed was prepared by a young man whom she had refused to marry. In the locked tool and powder chest used by August Genetti and Colonia some time between the preceding Thursday evening and Monday morning there was placed a double barreled pistol with both barrels loaded. The trigger was fastened by a copper wire, passing through the two eyelets to the lid of the chest in such a manmer that it would be pulled and the weason discharged by raising the lid. Two holes were punched in the sides of a small powder keg within the chest and the two barrels of the pistol were left pointing toward these in such a manner that their discharge could not fail to explode the powder. The device did its intended work when Colonia opened the chest. Colonia was so badly burned that he died a few hours later at St. Mary's hospital, taken to the hospital, died later. Relacustom in Italy to invoke the law for pun- I the city. Inhment for such crimes,

BURY WRONG BODY AS MOTHER.

Obleage Women Later Find Their Parent is Alive and Well.

As the result of a strange confusion the kittens. of names and the mistake of a supposed daughter, the body of Mrs. Mary McCormack, an inmate of Bartonville asylum, who died last April, has been exhumed from the McCormick family lot in Gene and taken to Peoria for burial in the institution cemetery. Up to last April there were two women patients in the asylum, one bearing the name of Mary McCormick and the other Mary McCormack. In April Mary McCormack died. In the meanwhile inquiries had come from Chicago from Miss Sadie McCormick ask ing about her mother. As the woman who died had been sent to Bartonville ofrom Dunning, it was supposed that the woman who wrote was her daughter and the sad news of her mother's death was sent on to her. A request followed to send the remains to Genesco for burial and the funeral was held April 27. Later an investigation which followed revealed the mistake and Mrs. Margaret Hensler of Chicago, another daughter, went to Bartonville and found her mother alive and well.

STUDENT FOUND WANDERING.

Edward T. Jewell of University of Illiants Discovered at Hobart, Ind. With his mind temporarily broken by the strain of the examinations at the University of Illinois, Edward T. Jewell, gad 27 years, of Bouth Chicago, was found in a belpless condition at Hobart, Ind, where he had wandered after leav ling his home on June 28. Jewell's desire to learn and improve his advantages drave him to too great efforts in his studies. No trace of him could be found after his disappearance. Descriptions were sent throughout the State and into Indiana. Shoriff Gill onw a picture of Jewell and he recognized the student on the street at Hobart and notified the po-Hee of South Chicago. Jewell has no recollection of anything that happened between the time he left his home and when he was discovered by the sheriff.

GIRL IS KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Boy Fires Five Powder Kegs with One child was killed, three injured and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Haffron, were hadly burned at Chatham as the result of a patriotic celebration. Tommy, aged B, touched off five kegs of damaged powder which his father had brought home from the coal mine where he is employed. Mary, aged 4 years, was killed in the explosion. Ethel, aged 11; Ernest, aged 3 months, and Tommy were fatally burned. The powder had been given to the father by the superintendent of the mine with instructions to destroy it. Instead of doing so he took It home, intending to give his children an explosive treat.

FINDS BOY AFTER LONG SEARCH Woman Discovers Son

Whom She Lost 10 Years Ago. Mrs. Martha Wernecke of Chicago, af for a ten years' search for her lost son.

has found the child in the possession of Mrs. Mary Wilhite of Seatonville. Mrs. Wernecke's husband died while she was ill in a hospital, and her child was taken by a Methodist minister of Chicago, who later turned it over to another clergyman. When Mrs. Wernecke came out of the conjust she could find no trace of her She discovered him finally through an accident. The boy does not wish to leave his foster mother, and Mrs. Wilhite refuses to give him up. Mrs. Wernecke will go to court.

AS.000 FOR TELLING STORIES.

Captain liams Paid for Entertaining Millionaire Brokaw.

Captain Lewis Ijams gets but \$5,000 me his services as a companion and story fler to Aheam Brokaw, the eccentric noming on plowmaker, who died last me, leaving over a million dollars to be atributed among distant relatives. In for \$9,000, filed by Captain Ijama, he had been overlooked in the will, atracted attention the country over, due to the fact that it was based largely on ales have compromised by paying \$5,000. dren.

Bald an Embennier of \$2,000. HE B. F. Sienker has captured Minn. McJunken is charged sister. There are no indications of foul embendement of \$2,000 from play. Hippen & Co., grain dealers at

Comvicts in Fire Panie. penitentiary in Joliet was g fire Saturday. A blane

State News in Brief,

In the city of Galena, with a popula-Ento Genetit Gives Clew to Man tion of 5,000, not a death occurred during Condition on June 20 Only 75 Per June. This record never has been duplicated in the history of the city.

> The school census just completed at Zion City shows a population of 4,857 in the city. Of these 2,697 are over 21 years of age, and 681 are under 6 years.

The Navy Department in Washington has awarded to the Noel Construction Company of Baltimore the contract for the construction of eleven buildings for the naval station at Lake Bluff. The bid was \$1,500,000.

President Roosevelt has announced the appointment of Dr. Edwin Grant Dexter, head of the school of education of the University of Illinois, as commissioner of education for Porto Rico. He will as-

The safe at Lyndon postoffice was blown up by dynamite the other night and \$20 in stamps and the same amount in silver secured. The safe of Parmenter Bros., in the same town, was also cracked, \$50 being secured.

While driving over the tracks in Bloom ington, Ill., Thomas Farris was decapitated and his brother-in-law, Charles Tay-In East St. Louis. Genetti, who also was | for, fatally injured by a Big Four fast passenger train. The accident occurred tives of the dead men say it is not the at the most dangerous street crossing in Joliet Postmaster, Prison Warden

> A hen at R. Ehnen's farm, near Tampico, has adopted a litter of kittens, the mother of which was killed on account of her insatiable appetite for young poultry. An old hen that had been denied the privilege of setting decided to look after

> Gov. Deneen has appointed J. W. Dinneen of Albany commissioner of the Illinoispenitentiary at Joliet to succeed Benjamin Brown of New Berlin, Mr. Brown's term of office expired Jan. 1. Mr. Dinneen formerly was a member of the IIIInois Legislature.

With a large sum of money in the bank John Butterwick of Waterloo committed suicide by hanging himself with a leather line, because be imagined he was fit and could not work. He was missed and found hanging in the barn of Herman Hauptfleisch, his brother-in-law.

Emil Draccer, 14 years old, of Chicago died at the Post Graduate hospital of injuries suffered when he was struck by a baseball. While playing at Thirty-third street and Fifth avenue the boy was struck in the left side near the heart by a ball which had been batted by one of his

Whether a shoe is a deadly weapon or not must be determined by the Henry county Circuit Court, in the case of Charten Depritte, who was indicted in Kewapee for assaulting Edward Decker with that kind of a weapon. Decker teatifies that Depritte kicked him severely, Insects Ent Woodwork of Parmhouse inflicting bad injuries.

Ossian Guthrie, 81 years old and four Flower, 44 years old, were married at the bride's residence in Chicago by Rev. J. I that their operations have been reported. by her son in-law, Lawrence W. Ferguson, | den, they have inflicted considerable damand Frances Ferguson, her little granddaughter, was flower girl.

As the result of persistent demands on the part of the State, James Robert Bruce Van Cleave, former superintendent of insurance, has returned \$191,1880 to the public treasury. The final payment of this sum, \$31,980.75, was made recently A previous payment made on May 9 of last year amounted to \$28,000. Mr. Van Cleave retired from office six years ago, Charles S. Miller, To years old, for

eighteen yenra a judge at Ottawa, died the other day at Wesley he-pital of can cer of the month. Mr. Miller came to Chicago twenty-six years ago and pracago, maintaining an office in the Schiller ler, who died in California six years ago soon after the death of Mrs. Miller.

The verdict of the Kellems jury at Alblon was guilty. Life penitentiary terms were given David and Albert Kellems for the murder of Sheriff Alex. Compton last December in Wahnsh counts. The prisoners heard their doom without apparent emotion. Compton was shot dead from ambush by Albert Kellems, while riding along a lonely road. The father was convicted as an accessory before the

Jesse Barr, arrested on a burglary charge in Paris, pushed Mrs. Winn, wife of the sheriff, into his cell when she brought him his supper and locked the door. Starting for the street door, he was caught by Miss McAdams, a member of the sheriff's family, but throwing her to one side, he escaped. He had used steel saws in cutting away two bars of his cell door, and having climbed through the hole into the corridor, was waiting there for Mrs. Winn when she should enter from the outer corridor door.

Andrew Carnegie has offered Augustana college in Moline \$20,000 to apply to its endowment fund, provided the college raises \$50,000 additional. Augustana synod, in behalf of the college, is raising \$250,000 for the endowment fund, to be completed by the time of the semicentennial of the college in 1910. The college the other day received 20,000 kronen, \$5,291.01 in United States money. from Consul Oscar Ekman, Swedish philanthropist, the gift having been ordered on his deathbed.

At the age of 3 years and 3 months, Charles Ross Buchanan, son of a farmer at St. Francisville, reads books that the majority of children do not read until they are ten years older. He has excited the attention of educators. Asked what kind of reading he liked best he replied; "I have just finished rending Shakspeare ? 'As You Like It.' but I like Charles Dickens much better." His mother, who was refees as an entertainer. For four years a school teacher at Vincennes, Ind., says ame had devoted his life to cheering up | Charles spends about four hours each day | Missouri and Illinois Coal Company at a aged millionaire, and thought his ser- in reading to her. He has never been to the Willisville mine, was killed by a fall ware worth at least \$9,000. The school, and seldom plays with other chil- of slate. He is survived by the widow

Conrad Kuntkonky, aged 23, of South Chicago, was found dead in the woods se W. McJunken of Spring Bay at near Otia, Ind. He had gone to visit his

Twenty-two-year-old Herbert Spring of Rockford, who on June 1, in a drunken frenzy, shot and killed Mrs. Edna Rummelhagen on the street in Freeport, has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

A legal battle for the \$300,000 estate of the into Cornelia A. Miller was begun in Joliet. Charles Fish, the favorite ILLINOIS CORN OUTLOOK POOR.

cent of Seasonable Average. The condition of the corn crop on June 20, as reported by the State board of agriculture the other day, was discouraging, but the warm weather and occasional rains since that date have put the crop in much better condition. The condition of the crop was 75 per cent of a seasonable average, a decrease of 13 points from the June, 1986, condition. The June 30 condition of the wheat crop is reported as being 91 per cent of a seasonable average, an increase of 2 points since May 1. The prospect for the crop is promising. The spring wheat crop, which always is small in Illinois, shows a condition of 102 points, being an increase of 12 points since May 1. The average condition of oats is but 80 per cent of a seasonable average, the green bug having done great damage, especially in central Illinois. The June 20 condition of rye is the same as May 1, being 90 per cent of a seasonable average. The condition of meadows is Si per cent of a seasonable. Several counties report serious damage to meadows by cut and army worms.

SUE FOR WRECK INJURIES.

and Business Man Ask Damages. Three damage suits for sums aggregating \$140,000 have been filed in the Unitd States Circuit Court of Cambria county, Pa., against the Pennsylvania railroad by persons injured in the wreck of the Pennsylvania special, the 18-hour train between Chicago and New York, at Mineral Point, Feb. 22. The plaintiffs are John T. Clyde, postamster at Joliet, Ill.; Everett J. Murphy, warden of the Joliet penitentiary, and Henry F. Pipenbrink a business man of Joliet. Mr. Clyde and Mr. Murphy each demand \$50,-

BIG TENT FALLS; LIVES IN PERIL.

000 and Pipenbring asks for \$40,000.

Scores Buried in Canvas at Elgin Chautauquat One Injured.

During an electrical and wind storm the Chantauqua tent in Elgin collapsed, endangering the lives of scores of people. W. D. Chamberlin was the most seriously injured, being struck by one of the tent poles. The accident occurred just as the audience was leaving for the night, which accounts for the fact no one was killed. A number of women and children who had sought shelter beneath the tent were buried in the debris, but all were rescued without serious injury. The speakers of the evening noticed the storm approaching and cut the program short.

WHITE ANTS A NEW PEST.

and floneycomb Its Beams. White ants a quarter of an Inch long times a widower, and Mrs. Elizabeth P. | are a new pest which is worrying Illinoisans. This is said to be the first year 1. Rondthaler. The bride was given away | On the farm of John Smehe, near Virage, having caten the woodwork of his house and outbuildings and honeycombed heavy timbers so that they have had to be replaced with new ones. The destruction they have wrought is almost as great as that done by the famous African anta.

Death Tikes a Centenarian. Francis Rinjon died at his home in Vernon, aged 107 years. His father lived to the age of 1001 and his grandmother was 110 years old. He was an ardent Democrat and coted for every Democratic presidential nominee from Andrew Jackson down to Parker. He was a carpenter, and in the carly days ticed law in that city until a few weeks made most of the culfins in which now lie the pioneer settlers of Fayette countr. building. He had one son, Charles Mil. He was the father of nine children and has living thirty-three great-grandchil-

Thinks Son Burglar: Kills.

Mistaking his 9-year-old son for a burglar, George South, a resident of Carmi, shot and killed the boy. The previous night burglars attempted to enter the South home and were frightened away. About 4 o'clock in the morning South heard a noise in an adjoining room. It is was his boy, who had arisen, but South Lie did not discover that until the lad fell, mortally wounded.

Lightning Stuns Farmer,

During an electrical storm Elden Akea, farmer near Xenia, who was plowing his field, took refuge under a tree which was struck by lightning, and Akes | 17 was knocked twenty feet away and rendered unconscious for more than an hour. His 7-year-old son, who was with him, escaped injury. Akes' team ran away, but was not injured.

Father Killed, Son Hart. Frank J. Vincent, a wealthy farmer, was killed, and his son, Elmer Vincent, was probably fatally injured when a work train struck a carriage containing the two on a grade crossing near Sugar Grove. The son is at a hospital. The father was driving a young horse, which became frightened and rushed on the

Court Lenient to Sick Man.

Charles Pritt of Kewance, convicted of petty larceny, was sentenced to pay a fine of 1 cent and to remain in jail four days. The court's leniency was due to Pritt's poor health.

Train Behends One, Kills Another. While driving across the tracks in Bloomington Thomas Farris was decapitated and his brother-in-law, Charles Taylor, fatally injured by a Big Four pas-

Killed by Eall of Slate. W. P. Heifer, mine inspector for the and several children.

Children, Lost, Walk 20 Miles, Murrell and Lester Cross of Hamilton county, aged 9 and 6 years, becoming lost, wandered to Dahlgren, a distance of twenty miles, before their parents learn ed of their whereabouts. Many persons were seeking them in every direction, The boys could scarcely talk because of excitement and fatigue when found.

Parent Has Dealer Arrested. George Hinthorne of Bloomington swore out a warrant for the arrest of James Williams, charging him with selling to Hinthorne's son a toy revolves which exploded, mangling his hand,



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