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Week's Commercial Summary.

The great railroad strike at present completely demoralizing commerce and traffic in the United States is already having a depressing effect in Canada, especially in the border towns. We question the real advantage of strikes, as of wars, to any party—labor or capital. Every suspension of business inflicts numerous hardships and causes forced economy, which reacts upon the whole trading community. The present trouble may have the effect of ascertaining whether any body of men, however important, has a right to plunge the country into general paralysis. The damage to perishable goods will do simply incalculable, and particularly reprehensible in view of the business depression already prevailing, and also in view of the fact that a very large proportion of the strikers have no personal grievance and no remedial cure to seek. The inter-dependence of all branches of trade is so complicated and so far reaching that an interruption of the diffusion of commerce, and especially transportation facilities, must so far reduce margins of stored up saved products as to increase the cost to millions and unbalance the conditions most natural to trade. In the past enough of the product of our own locality had to be stored for the year's supply; but now the whole world is our field of production, and therefore it is important that the means of transportation should be placed beyond the whim or caprice of a few or even many labor bosses or as many capitalists.

Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian High Commissioner, heads a protest paper presented to Parliament, signed by all the representatives of the British colonies, against the levying of an estate duty on personal property situated in the colonies of a person domiciled within the United Kingdom.

The number of failures in the Dominion the past week, in Provinces, as compared with previous weeks, is as follows:

	Ont.	Que.	N.S.	N.B.	P.E.I.	Man.	B.C.	Tot.
June 28	20	5	2	2	..	3	2	35
June 21	9	5	2	2	..	1	2	21
June 14	11	6	3	2	..	..	..	22
June 7	15	15	1	2	..	5	..	41
May 31	11	4	1	2	..	5	2	27

There was again an increase in the number of business failures during the past week, the number being thirty-five, against twenty-four the week before and twenty-seven in the same week of 1893. The average of liabilities has also increased, but the total liabilities cannot yet be fully ascertained. The principal increase is in Ontario, where the number was twenty, against nine the week before, and the most important of these are John Ott, of Brantford; Merrick and Hartland, of Toronto Junction, and M. Dwan, of Toronto. In Quebec there were but nine failures, none of which were of great importance. There were three in Manitoba and two in British Columbia for the week.

Dun's Review of the week says: "The great strike of coal miners has ended at most points, but another threatens to interrupt business more seriously for a time, though the number of hands is comparatively small. Travel and traffic are well nigh arrested on about twenty western roads already, and strikes are threatened on all roads which use Pullman cars. As the public and the railroads loosing the cars have no power to say what wages shall be paid at the Pullman shops, and the receipts of that company from the railroads do not depend on the running of leased cars, it is difficult to calculate how long a regular a strike may last, or how far it may extend. On the whole, other changes during the week have been for the better. Many manufacturing establishments which were stopped to wait of fuel have resumed. The depletion of the treasury reserve has been checked by the voluntary deposits of gold by New York banks, Exports of gold have almost ceased. Crop prospects grow better as the harvest draws nearer. The cessation of work in mines and mills has made great progress, but the demand for coal is also yet smaller and less urgent than was expected. Buyers apparently wait for lower prices of iron and steel products, which manufacturers are slow to give, in view of the increased cost of material and production. After a suspension of half the working force for more than a month it was expected that orders for products would be very large, but instead there is general complaint of dullness and narrow demand, and prices of December pig and some finished forms are a little weaker. Although the working force has evidently increased, several establishments have stopped for want of orders, or because no settlement regarding wages for the coming year has yet been reached. The demand for cheaper goods remains fairly large, and in some grades are larger than a year ago, but in higher priced goods the business is still remarkably narrow. Speculation has tended towards lower prices in products and stocks. Wheat has declined two cents, the year closing with insignificant receipts, for four weeks of June only 2,930,610 bushels from Atlantic ports, against 9,917,151 last year, while western receipts have been 5,620,889 for the same weeks, against 8,910,924 last year, a much smaller decrease. No correct statement of failures for June or the half year is yet possible, but our weekly returns show gratifying improvement over last year. In June the failures have been about 950, and in the half year about 7,100. The aggregate of commercial liabilities only will part of June reaching, has been $13,183,155, against $13,545,570 in May, $8,816,862 in April, and $9,618,396 in the half year. The week the failures have been 211 in the United States, against 207 last year, and 35 in Canada, against 27 last year. Of late the number and importance of failures have increased a little, as is usual near the close of a half year.

He Got the Coat.

"Yes, I went to a clairvoyant once," she was saying to a friend as they waited for a car, "it was when my husband's overcoat was stolen from the hall of our boarding-house."

"And did he recover it?"

"He did."

"Wonderful! What did the woman tell you?"

"She said she saw a black cloth overcoat in a trunk. It had been stolen and hidden there."

"Dear, dear!"

"And the trunk was on a moving train going west. The owner of the trunk, she said, was a young man with red hair and blue eyes."

"How very strange."

"She charged me to tell this to the police, who were on a wrong clue, and that it would be some months before my husband would get his overcoat, but get it he certainly would."

"And did he?"

"Yes. He had found the overcoat and was wearing it when I got home. It was a light tan color, and he saw a man wearing it, took the coat from him and let him go. He was a sneak thief and had taken the coat from the hall."

"And the clairvoyant didn't have anything to do with it?"

"Oh, yes, she did. She made a dollar out of my foolishness; but don't you ever tell my husband, he would think it such a joke on me."

Great Head Work.

Joax—There goes a man who is known throughout the entire country for his marvellous head work.

Hoax—That seems strange, for his head would indicate that he has very little thinking capacity.

Joax—Well, that may also be true, as he has acquired his reputation by balancing tables and chairs on his cranium.

Be prompt and punctual in all your engagements.

NEWSY CANADIAN ITEMS.

THE WEEKS' HAPPENINGS.

Interesting Items and Incidents, Important and Instructive, Gathered from the Various Provinces.

What cutting has commenced in Wenworth.

The Northwest Assembly will meet August 2nd.

Milton has several cases of virulent scarlet fever.

Canada had twenty-three business failures this week.

The strike at the Joggins N.S., mines has been settled.

Four robberies were committed at Chatham on Thursday.

Influenza prevails among the horses about Mt. Forest.

Adjutant-General Powell resumed his duties on Monday.

Frank Tierney, of Trenton, has been drowned at Minden.

Tramps are breaking into houses in the country about Guelph.

A Port Perry man was fined $1 and costs for defacing a fishery notice.

Mr. Statton, of Sutton, recently had seven pig killed by lightning.

Victor Thomas, one of Winnipeg's best known pioneers, died on Monday.

Chatham Board of Health has decided to make vaccination compulsory.

Owen Sound Council has prohibited bicyclists riding on the sidewalks.

Charles Ted, a well-known baker of Bowmanville died suddenly Friday.

There was a slight frost about the Welland district last Wednesday night.

Guelph merchants are being petitioned to given a half holiday every Friday.

Stratford's rate is twenty-one mills on the dollar. It has no front-age rate.

The new bridge in Meaford will be ready for traffic about the 15th July.

The Canadian Electrical Association meet in the latter part of September.

The Britannia beat the Vigilant for the fourth time on Tuesday on the Clyde.

T. J. L. Orme will build a large business block at Port Stanley in the fall.

The Bay of Quinte exhibition this year will surpass that of any preceding year.

The pavement by-law was passed by the Hamilton City Council on Saturday.

Frank J. Curran, son of the Solicitor-General, has been admitted to the Quebec bar.

The eldest son of Mr. Francis Dame, Egremont, was killed by lightning Monday.

Walter Dawson, of Guelph Township, captured a burglar in his house Monday night.

Mr. J. Burnett, president of the Montreal Stock Exchange, died on Sunday, aged 52.

A mill at Cedar Springs, Ont., was destroyed by fire Friday night at a loss of $10,000.

Thos. Haggerty, aged 35, was drowned at Algoma, Ont., on Sunday. He leaves a widow.

The Colonial Telegraph & Telephone Co., of Niagara Falls, are seeking incorporation.

Andrew Fasson, Jun., of Stratford, had his car nearly torn off by being thrown from a vehicle.

Senator Glazier died at the Grand Union hotel at Ottawa on Saturday. He was almost 85 years old.

Mr. Wm. Thompson has donated a handsome stone drinking fountain to the citizens of Orillia.

Ex-Mayor Dunnet, of Belleville, left an estate valued at $76,000, and his life was insured for $10,000.

The police magistrate of London will have to try himself for violation of the waterworks by-law.

A barn was struck by lightning during the storm on Sunday near Bond Head and burned to the ground.

Allison fire brigade has been supplied with a new truck and ladders by the corporation of that town.

A child named Clark, aged 4 years, fell off the dock at Owen Sound Tuesday evening and was drowned.

Hector McDonald, an old resident of London, was killed in a runaway accident in Woodstock Saturday.

Kennedy & Sons, of Owen Sound, have shipped $10,000 worth of machinery for the lock gates at Sault Ste Marie.

Thomas M. Teide, chief clerk in the Peterboro' post-office, has been sentenced to penitentiary for robbing the mails.

William Loiselle, at Quebec, was given life imprisonment for incendiarism at Drummondville, which endangered life.

Montreal City Council has decided to borrow $250,000 and to vote $25,000 for the establishment of a military school in the city.

Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Gigault, of Quebec, has gone to Europe on business in connection with the dairy interest.

T. C. Thompson, aged 7 years, was fatally kicked by a colt near Greenoe, Ont., Sunday, while trying to catch a horse in a field.

Edward Brunt, the boat builder, of Hamilton, said to have been drowned some months ago, is now said to have been recognized in Chicago.

William Phillips, of Midland, while at work on the Sparling planing factory recently had his fingers almost severed from the hand by a cut saw.

Major-Gen. Herbert is reported to have sent in his resignation of the position of commandant of the Canadian militia, owing to the Powell incident.

Barrie Town Council contemplates purchasing the waterworks system of that town, which is at present controlled by a company in the United States.

The Colonial Conference at Ottawa discussed the trade question on Saturday and heard Mr. Haddart in reference to the proposed fast Atlantic service.

The coroner's jury at London returned a verdict that Delia McKechnie, like her lover, H. H. Thomson, caused her own death. Her request to be buried with him will not be complied with.

Mr. Stevenson, of the Montreal Exposition Company, has suggested to Hon. Mackenzie Bowell that a series of exhibitions be held in Canada, Australia and Africa to show the products and resources of the colonies.

The cable steamer Faraday anchored off Cape Canso, N.S., Wednesday, having completed the third Atlantic cable for the Commercial Cable Company. The Faraday was engaged only twenty days in laying the entire cable.

In the race for the Queen's cup on Saturday the Prince of Wales' yacht Britannia beat the United States yacht Vigilant in a very close contest. The Britannia again came in first on Monday, leading the Vigilant about two minutes. Britannia rules the wave!

YOUNG BURGLARS CAUGHT.

Four boys between the ages of 10 and 13 years were caught Tuesday night while trying to enter a Brantford store by means of a skylight. They had the nerve to make the attempt at 9 o'clock in the evening, and one of the proprietors, who happened to be inside at the time, managed to catch one of them. He gave the names of his companions, and they will be arrested. The same establishment was entered a short while ago and $7 taken.

FELL AND BROKE HIS NECK.

John Beroman, a retired farmer, living in Madoc for the past year, fell off a chair and broke his neck while whitewashing a room in his house. He died in a few minutes.

CANADIANS MOVING.

Many workmen are said to be moving their families from Canada to the United States side of the Niagara River, owing to Immigration Inspector O'Brien's recent order that no persons living on the Canadian side could be employed on city work.

AUSTRALIAN-ENGLISH MAILS VIA THE C. P. R.

The strike situation in the United States has influenced an agitation by a number of members of the House of Commons in favor of having the Australian mails, which now come through San Francisco, sent by way of the Canadian Pacific.

NO DETECTIVE STORIES WANTED.

MacWherrell's confinement in Brampton jail is very irksome to him. In a letter to a friend in Toronto he says that he continues to eat regularly and sleep well. He would like some literature to pass the time away. But, he says, "send me anything but detective stories, be it religious or no. I have had enough of detectives, and besides they won't allow that kind to be brought into the jail."

LARGE INCREASE OF BRITISH IMPORTS FROM CANADA.

The British imports from Canada have increased £694,665, or 40 per cent., in the past six months as compared with the same period of 1893. The chief increases are: Sheep, £18,000; bacon, £57,000; hams, £5,000; butter, £3,000; cheese, £38,000; eggs, £11,500; flour, £278,000; wood, £260,000. Exports from Great Britain to Canada during the same period decreased 28 per cent. For June alone the imports increased 25 per cent. and the exports decreased 37 per cent.

MYSTERIOUS DROWNING CASE.

A somewhat mysterious drowning accident occurred at Algoma about 7.20 Saturday evening. A little boy while crossing the river bridge near the railway station observed a man named Thomas Haggerty struggling in the water below, but before he could render any assistance the man had sunk. The body has been recovered and an inquest will be held. Haggerty was about thirty-five years of age, and leaves a wife to mourn his loss.

FROM WINNIPEG.

Sidney Rollinson, a well-known young farmer living near Carman, attempted to insert a cartridge that was too right into his rifle. An explosion resulted, and Rollinson will lose his eyesight. Petitions are being circulated in Winnipeg in favor of Sunday cars. The City Council will shortly be asked to sanction them. Winnipeg's School Board has lately been indulging in the extravagance of costly buildings and expenses for so-called higher education, with the result that they now ask for so much money that the City Council cannot see how to keep civic taxation within 2 per cent., which is the maximum legal rate.

DRINK AND TROUBLE.

Stephen Medland, a Brooklin farmer visited Oshawa, Saturday to purchase seed buckwheat, and in the course of the day is said to have drunk enough spirits to intoxicate him. While in this condition he fell in with three young men—Charles Wade, R. Peate and a man who has been acting as a hostler at the Queen's Hotel. He charges that they robbed him of about $25 at the hotel sheds and then skipped. Constable Hallman succeeded in capturing Peate, who was locked up but released Sunday morning, ex-Ald. McCraw going his bondsman. The others are still at large.

PINNED TO THE FLOOR.

John Halford, a well-known farmer in Maidstone Township, was loading hay in his barn Tuesday when he met with a serious accident. A large travelling hay-fork, being used to lift the hay, became loosed from its fastenings while at the top of the barn, the forty pounds of steel fell to the floor, the prongs striking Mr. Halford on the right side, passing through the groin and pinning him to the floor. Men working with Mr. Halford hurried to his assistance. One started for Windsor, while others removed the steel prongs from the bleeding form. Dr. Casgrain drove to the scene. The injuries were at first thought to be fatal, but the doctor said Wednesday morning the believed Mr. Halford would recover.

HE COMETH NOT, SHE SAID.

A party of very pretty and very angry young ladies were gathered at the Union Station, Toronto, on Saturday morning before the train for New York left the city. They were stage-struck girls, and came with hopes full of expectancy and a strong grip on their satchels. Each one had the intention of becoming a Marie Tempest or a Lillian Russell when she entered the station. Perhaps some of them still cherish the ambition, but their hopes certainly were dampened to some extent by the defection of the person who was to open the door to fame. They had been engaged for the chorus of a comic opera company and were to have departed on Saturday for New York. The person who had engaged them they described as a "dark gentleman." As train time drew near they became anxious and began to make inquiries of the porters and the various city hotels as to the whereabouts of the dark gentleman who was to be there with their tickets. But inquiry brought them no enlightenment on the subject of the said brunette personage. As the train went out the stage-struck maidens turned sadly away, balked at the very outset of the march toward fame. Some could scarcely repress their tears; others said that the dark person was a "mean thing," while all agreed that "no gentleman would do a thing like that." It is said that some of the girls had paid the alleged manager their savings as a guarantee of good faith.

DANGEROUS GAMBLERS.

The going of gamblers who are travelling with Cook & Whitby's circus reaped a rich harvest at Walkerton. They said it was the richest town they had struck in Canada. Notwithstanding repeated warnings in the press, they succeeded in beating a number of unwary individuals out of about $1,500. Two women, who had lost respectively $33 and $15, appealed to Constable Pat Heffernan to get back their money. That, being Irish, went to their aid and arrested the chief gambler. He was instantly knocked down by the man's confederates and badly kicked in the head and body. But he held on to his man and landed him in jail. The fellow, who gave his name as George Brown, from London, England, was tried Wednesday before Magistrates McNamara and Robb and fined in the aggregate $101.50. The fines were promptly paid. "Col." Boynton, chief of the gang, who also, under the gentle persuasion of Heffernan, returned some $700 to the victims of the gang. The circus proper took in between $6,000 and $7,000, and all the side shows reaped a rich harvest. An interesting feature of the occasion was the abundance of money that the "poor farmers" of this section seemed able to invest in the amusement. The gamblers' tent was constantly crowded with farmers, young and old, eager to

MONTREAL CASUALTIES.

Suicides, sudden deaths and fatal accidents have occurred to the dozen during the past few days. Wednesday a girl tried to do away with herself by taking paris green, but did not succeed as well as the young laboring man who went up the mountain side also with suicidal intent. About 6 o'clock some people who were on Fletcher's field, in the vicinity of the elevator, heard the report of a pistol shot, as if quite near at hand. Looking over in the direction of the elevator, they saw a man swaying to and fro, and finally he threw up his hands and fell heavily on the ground. While, hastening to where the tragedy took place, sounds were heard coming from the lips of the fallen man, but when they came up to him all signs of life had fled and nothing but a corpse remained. A smoking revolver was still clasped in his right hand, and blood, slowly oozing from an ugly wound near the temple, told all that could be then gathered of the mysterious affair. The body was taken to the morgue, but as yet it has not been identified. About the time of the suicide detailed news reached headquarters that a well-known grocer named Cagnon, doing business at Cote St. Paul, had been run over by a Notre Dame electric street car. The ambulance reached the spot at once, but the unfortunate merchant breathed his last before reaching the hospital.

TRANSATLANTIC DOINGS.

ALL ABOUND THE GLOBE.

Pointed Paragraphs Practically Put for Busy Beings to Obtain an Intelligent Idea of Foreign Facts.

Prince Bismarck enjoys an annual income of about $100,000.

Victoria, Australia, had a gold output of about $15,000,000 last year.

During the intensely hot summer in India apoplexy is almost unknown.

There have been twenty deaths from cholera in St. Petersburg since Sunday.

Clark Russell, the brilliant writer of sea stories, is in a very delicate state of health.

Two Swedish ladies have received honorable mention at the Paris salon for sculpture.

In most countries diphtheria has nearly doubled the number of its victims in twenty years.

Scots living in London say that Robert Buchanan is not treated fairly by the English press.

It is estimated that 3,000,000,000 oysters are consumed in the United Kingdom annually.

Sometimes the crop from an acre of orange trees in New Zealand amounts to £200.

There are as many dialects spoken in the Flowery Kingdom as there are in all Europe.

Lord Dunraven has exonerated his crew from all blame for the disaster to the Valkyrie.

It is proposed that the French army shall carry light aluminum shields capable of turning a bullet.

The oldest railway in France runs between Paris and Havre. It was built more than half a century ago.

A vein of mineral wax which resembles pure butter, has been discovered by peat diggers in Ireland.

"Gen." Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, says that he never reads the newspapers.

Debeniozky Debeniorze, a member of the House of Magnates, committed suicide at Budapesth Sunday.

Rosa Young, a direct descendant of one of the Pitcairn mutineers, is writing a history of the Pitcairn colony.

It is said that Mascagni has given himself up to gambling and has lost a large part of his fortune in Monte Carlo.

Emigration to Canada through British ports declined 61 per cent in June as compared with the same month last year.

Emperor William of Germany will be the guest of the Queen at Buckingham Palace at the end of the present month.

The Princess of Wales and Miss Annie Paterson, of Dublin, are the only honorary Musical doctors in the United Kingdom.

Lenbach, the famous portrait painter of Germany, has painted more portraits of Bismarck than perhaps all his brother artists.

Dr. Warre, the head master of Eton, has given orders that in the future the college museum is to be opened on Sunday afternoon.

The three richest men in Brussels are a manufacturer in Dortmund, name not given; Krupp and Rothschild, of Frankfort-on-the-Main.

The Bulgarian authorities have decided to indict ex-Premier Stambuloff for an alleged abuse of the power entrusted to him.

A stained glass window in memory of Charles Kingley has been placed in the parish church of his native place, Holne, Devon.

Royal German Chamberlain Von Kolze, recently arrested for writing indecent letters to various high personages, will be released.

Gladstone, at the age of eighty-four, is making an attempt to learn the Basque language, a dialect that has long been a puzzle to philologists.

Miss Jayne MacVeagh is so youthful in appearance that the Rome correspondents recently spoke of her as the embassador's daughter.

Railway employes in England are now instructed to the first aid to the injured, under the auspices of the St. John's Ambulance Association.

It is about thirty miles across town in London, and for that entire distance there is said to be an unbroken line of residences and stores.

J. L. Molloy, the song writer, is an English barrister, who divides his time between his profession and music, which he considers recreation.

The most notable attraction in a mosque at Delhi is a single red hair, which is said to have been plucked from the mustache of Mahomet.

Miss Peel, a granddaughter of the great Sir Robert Peel, has recently published an addition to erotic literature in a volume entitled "Polar Gleams."

A company has been formed in New Zealand to establish a whaling station on the Kermaeef Islands, in the Pacific ocean, northwest of New Zealand.

Rubenstein is giving his services either for charitable purposes or for purely invitation affairs, in which case students of conservatories are the beneficiaries.

The renting of portions of the sidewalks in Paris to proprietors of cafes, who set out tables there, bring in a rental to the city of 900,000 francs a year.

A popular uprising is reported from Quito, Ecuador caused by the action of the Senate in expelling non-Catholics elected to membership in that body.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has extended an invitation to American clergymen and laymen to attend the Anglican Missionary Conference in London during the summer.

Lieut. Weathe, of the German army is about to form a peculiar colony on some idyllic South Sea island. Its members must all promise to eat no meat and wear no clothes.

Authorities expect the Australian wheat yield will be the heaviest in the history of that colony. They anticipate there will be a surplus available for export of 11,735,000 bushels.

The large, white Yorkshire pig has become the favorite breed with Danish bacon factories, and large numbers of them are imported yearly from England for breeding purposes.

The Grand Duchess Xenia, the Czar's eldest daughter, who is to be married in August, and her brother the Czarewitch, who are to be married in October, are extremely amiable and unassuming and immensely popular.

Orders for 250 locomotives and several thousand railway carriages have been given by the Russian Government to Austrian and Belgian firms, for the trans-Siberian railway.

Parisians are intensely fond of canaries and other pet birds. It is estimated that there are fully 100,000 pet birds in the city, or one to every twentieth individual, including babies.

Australia mined 4,037,299 tons of coal last year. The supply is apparently inexhaustible, and is counted an important factor in the future industrial development of the country.

Lady Mary Wort Joy Montagu says that Circassian women who are capable of blushing invariably fetch a higher price in the seraglio of the Sultan than the less susceptible of their sex.

Benjamin Kidd, whose volume, "Social Evolution," has recently attracted much attention and praise in England, is in the British civil service and holds an appointment at Somerset House.

Theatrical managers in Russia are required by law to deposit with the Government sufficient money to pay the railway fares of the company back home when the troupe is on the road.

The late Dr. Bigandet, Roman Catholic Bishop of Ramanetter, in Southern Burmah, one of the most liberal-minded ecclesiastics in India, was one of the most learned Buddhist scholars living.

Two thousand five hundred weddings were celebrated in St. Petersburg during the first week after the Russian Easter. This week is specially chosen for marriage by Russian of the orthodox Greek faith.

Italian grape culturists are now making a very nice illuminating oil from grape seeds, from which they get a product of from 10 to 15 per cent. It is clear, colorless and inodorous and burns without smoke!

A Scottish minister made the following announcement from the pulpit: "Weel, friends, the kirk is urgently in need of siller, and as we have failed to get money honestly we will have to see what a bazaar can do for us."

Ex-Empress Eugene, who was not long ago a guest at dinner with Queen Victoria, has now only a carpet on hire, and a sad, dullish expression of the face, whose beauty was the admiration of Europe.

It is said that so much farm land in England has lately been allowed to lapse from cultivation that wild animals which ten years ago were in danger of extinction are now flourishing and increasing.

THREATENED THE PRINCE OF WALES.

While the Prince of Wales was driving in Bangor Tuesday afternoon a drunken man forced his way through the crowds which lined the roadway, and was successful in reaching the Prince's carriage. The man assumed a menacing attitude and indulged in threatening language, but was quickly seized by detectives.

SHE SLEEPS WELL.

How One Woman Cured Herself of Insomania.

"Insomania is curable," remarked the woman in the blue hat emphatically, as she declined lobster a la Newburg, "and the cure is only to be worked by one's own efforts. I cured myself."

"How did you do it?" the girl in the green bonnet anxiously inquired, taking two spoonfuls of the rich dish.

"By exercise and temperate eating," replied her companion, looking from the large mass of lobster on the plate to the face of her neighbor, a pale, nervous creature who had been complaining of sleeplessness.

"About a year ago, after suffering many things from indigestion, I found I was slowly losing my power to sleep, so I fled to my physician. For a month or two I got along more comfortably on the soothing doses he gave me, and then I fell into the very bad practice of dosing myself on bromodia, sulfonal and all sorts of quack pellets. Their use gave me a glimpse down the broad, straight road that leadeth to hysterics and nervous prostration, and I threw them away.

"Then it was I began to experiment with a view to discovering a cure. I overlooked my diet and struck out of coffee and wine—anything I found that excited my nerves, left me without a wink of sleep. I replaced the coffee with tea, one cup freshly made and not strong for breakfast. At that meal I introduced fruit as a steady article of diet, ate my meat broiled, my eggs boiled, my potatoes baked, and cut down my allowance of hot bread one-half.

"For luncheon I took some cold meat, a cold vegetable with French dressing, more fruit, cold bread, a cup of hot bouillon if I wished, and some simple sweet. For dinner I ate whatever was left, only eating in moderation. I took my allowance of any rich dish, trying to eat jellies, puddings, and such digestible desserts as far as possible in place of pastries and heavy desserts.

"When I felt any of the usual signs of indigestion I took a spoonful of a simple charcoal preparation any physician will give to correct acidity, and this I added to these simple schemes the efficacy of exercise. I could not afford to ride either a bicycle or horse, so I tried to walk at least four or five miles a day. Then in my bathroom in the morning I went through all the Swedish movements I could learn before taking a cold bath as I could healthfully stand. By and by I bought a yard of rubber tubing that had a perforated nozzle at one end. This I would fasten on the cold water faucet of the bath tub and spray a gentle cold stream up and down my back one and over my liver. That, I found, had all the exhilarating effect of an electric shock, and after a vigorous rub down with a Turkish towel I had little or no languor as the result of a wakeful night.

"Following this regimen closely, adding to my repertory of Swedish exercises some of Sandow's theories, particularly those of strengthening the muscles of my stomach, I found I could sleep like a top and rarely miss a night.

"When by unhappy chance I do find any difficulty in dozing and feel I am growing restless and nervous, I set about trying to make a remedy to cure it at once. I usually begin by dumping the bolster of the bed and trying to get my head on a level with my heels. If this does not help me into a comfortable position I turn about and lie with my head at the foot of the bed. Orange flower water or syrup will help to soothe excited nerves, so I always keep a bottle of one of these delicious, harmless extracts on my night table, and for an hour try, by taking little doses and shifting my position, to fall into unconsciousness. When everything fails I resort to the mustard plasters. You buy them already prepared at any apothecary's. Ask for the half strength sort, and after moistening them according to directions on the box lay two on the pit of the stomach. Let them burn smartly three or five minutes, then move them down to just inside the knee and in five minutes more carry them down to the soles of the feet. They rarely fail to set me dreaming in half an hour. If going to bed, my feet are cold or my head feels heavy, as though over full of blood, I set my little plasters to work at once, knowing I'll get no sleep until the blood goes circulating warmly and my brain is clear and cool. Never get up and try to distract your mind by reading, as some people advise, and never give up trying to get to sleep, and, above all things, try to get a wink or two during the day. Give way to nods and yawns in the afternoon, and if directly after dinner you suffer a sensation of drowsiness let it have its way, and, bit by bit, you can conquer the most obstinate case of insomnia."

He Was a Plumber.

"The plumber joke is worked to death, but I will tell you one anyhow, just because it is true," began a friend yesterday. "The young woman that figures in the story lives on Broadway near Floyd street. She was sprinkling the street this morning and used a hose that was sadly in need of repair. An itinerant plumber came along with a kit of tools slung over his shoulder. He asked the young woman if she wanted the hose fixed.

"'What will you charge?' she answered.

"The man looked at the hose critically and then said he would repair it for fifteen cents. This was contrary to all traditions relating to plumbers' prices, so the young woman told the man she did not believe that he was what he represented himself him to be.

"'Still,' she said, 'go ahead and fix the hose.'

"The man took out his tools and soon had the hose nearly as good as new. The miss gave the man fifteen cents. He shook his head and said he wanted forty-five.

"'Why,' said the young woman in surprise, 'you said you would do the work for fifteen cents.'

"'Yes, I know,' he returned, 'but there was more work than I thought.'

"'Well, I was afraid you wasn't a plumber when you first came up, but now I know you are and am willing to give you a certificate to that effect,' was what the young woman said when she gave the man his pay."

Horse Sense.

Mudge—If there is anything I pride myself on it is my horse sense.

Yabsley—You'd do better if you had some mule sense. The mule will not take on a bigger load than it can carry.

FROM THE UNITED STATES

DOINGS ACROSS THE LINE.

Uncle Sam's Broad Acres Furnish Quite a Few Small Items that are Worth a Careful Reading.

The bill for the admission of Utah has passed the United States Senate without a division.

The Union League Club, of Philadelphia, will present a gold medal to Rear Admiral Benham.

The assessed valuation of the church property in New York City exempt from taxation is $35,000,000.

Sir Julian Pauncefoote, the British Ambassador, will spend the summer at Berkeley Springs, W. Va.

Chief of Police Kent, of Champaign, Ill., has been arrested for whipping a negro afflicted with smallpox.

Revenue inspectors have discovered several hundred brandy distilleries in the mountains near San Francisco.

Ernest Longfellow, a son of the poet, who lives in Manchester, Mass., has no literary bent, but is a good painter.

Elder Charles Baker, pastor of the Christian church at Denton, Tex., deserted his bride after living with her for three weeks.

More than fifty army officers are now stationed at various State agricultural colleges instructing students in military tactics.

Dr. Herbert Flint, a hypnotist, says that George Jacob Schweinfurth, the pseudo Christ of Rockford, Ill., is a mesmerist.

Robert C. Winthrop of Boston, aged eighty-six years, is the oldest living ex-speaker of the National House of Representatives.

The Tacoma Grain Company has purchased the sixty-nine elevators belonging to the Northern Pacific system in the Northwest.

The wedding presents of Mrs. Blaine Beale represented a small fortune, a single diamond star among them having cost $20,000.

Mrs. Hardie, the daughter of Senator Cullum, and who has recently died, was known to thousands as "the lady in the pink gown."

The Rev. John R. Paxton paid the fine of $10 inflicted upon him for neglecting to record the marriage of Col. Breckinridge to Mrs. Wing.

"Unsold Locks and Bocksmithing" is the sign on a Ninth avenue window near Fifth street, New York. The "Unsold" is the locksmith's name.

Baltimore has become the headquarters of the Spiritualists of the United States. Believers have proposed the erection of a $1,000,000 church in that city.

"Bat" Shea, of Troy, N.Y., has been sentenced to die at Dannemora prison during the week of August 21 for shooting Robert Ross in an election day riot.

It is said semi officially that when Dr. Talmage returns from his present long tour he may preach regularly in the Madison Square Garden, New York City.

John F. Andrews, of Rome, N.Y., now in his ninety-first year, claims to be the oldest living ex-Congressman. He represented the Steuben District from 1837 to 1839.

Whitworth College, Sumner, State of Washington, has conferred the honorary degree of LL.D. on Dr. A. M. Stewart, editor of the Scottish American, of New York.

Miss Harriet Blaine, now Mrs. Truxton Beale, is said to be a very charming young woman, not pretty exactly, but owning a face attractive from its intellectuality.

At Spring Valley, Ill., Tuesday afternoon a company of troops fired on a mob, killing one man and wounding several. The troops had been viciously stoned before firing.

The Colorado River from Fort Yuma to its mouth is being surveyed by the chief of the Mexican Boundary Commission with a view to the improvement of its channel.

A surgeon in the Albany Hospital removed a set of false teeth from the stomach of Mrs. Fred. Stokes, of Canajoharie. The woman swallowed them while eating.

At a cotillion recently given in honor of Miss Julia Dent Grant, some of the favors were shepherds' crooks, enamelled white, with big bunches of roses tied with white ribbons.

When Mme. Yang Yu, wife of the Chinese Minister, receives a ceremonious call she appears superbly dressed, and with her, attended by their nurses are her little children.

The prize given by La Salle College for superior excellence in bread-making is a miniature loaf of bread in solid gold. It is worn this year as a watch charm by Miss Sara Bond, of Boston.

Mrs. Eva M. Blackman, who is the police commissioner of Leavenworth, Kan., is the editor and proprietor of a populist paper called the Labor News. She is twenty-seven years old.

A little girl was born at Atlanta, Ga., that was only eleven inches long and weighed but two pounds. An ordinary finger ring can easily be pressed over the child's hand and along its arm.

An Enid (O. T.) man, whose only pair of trousers were stolen while he slept the sleep of the just, was hauled up for impersonating a woman while looking for them. He wore a "Mother Hubbard."

An interesting bicycle race against time from Chicago to New York is soon to take place. Harry Tryax, of Chicago, who has up to a short time ago the celebrated boy soprano, will undertake the trip.

Miss Edith Shepard, daughter of Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard, is much interested in tenement house life and during the summer she provides a trained nurse, whose duty it is to care for sick women and babies.

Alabama miners have issued an address to the Governor of the State threatening that if the Government does not compel mine owners to come to a settlement and resume operations the miners will resort to force of arms.

During the year there were 196 convictions by the Government of the United States for making and passing counterfeit bills and coins. The aggregate fines amounted to $20,750, and the aggregate sentence 220 years.

The strike has increased the price of provisions at Buffalo. Butter has gone up 2 cents to 24 cents a pound, and now sells at 20 cents; eggs are 12 cents a dozen, and now potatoes $2.75 a barrel, an advance of 75 cents.

Among the women in New York who pay high taxes into the city's treasury is Miss Sara Tahman, who is a very generous woman as well as a very rich one. Some years ago she built the Church of the Beloved Disciples.

A RICH MAN SUICIDES.

P. C. Handford, well known as the Chicago manager of the Standard Oil Company, committed suicide by shooting himself at the hotel Metropole, Chicago, Wednesday morning. He was supposed to be very wealthy, but worried over the financial situation.

THE GREAT STRIKE.

After the Battle is Over.

Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away, a survey of the field may be taken and the results noted.

What are the facts in the case? Early last May wages in the Pullman car shops at Pullman, Ill., were reduced, and the men objected. Mr. Pullman, the head of the company, stated to them in a conference at that time the reasons that had impelled the company to reduce wages. As a result of the business depression, orders for cars had greatly fallen off. Many orders which had been placed were cancelled. There was a general shutting down of the car works for a time. All the car builders, of course anxious to keep going and their force together and employed, the orders became sharp, and prices of ordinary passenger, refrigerator and Pullman cars built by the company were reduced about 25 per cent. on an average. Solely to keep the shops employed as possible, Mr. Pullman bid for a large order of cars for the Long Island railroad less than the actual cost of the parts to construct them. Of the 3000 stock-cars were built for the Northwestern road the company got $12 a car, and for refrigerator cars were bid on the same rate of loss, five cars being built for which the company showed a loss of $15 a car. And this is how the men employed, the vice-president of their leading railroad, how one of the Dobs, 2,500 of the May 11th and the workers in the Pullman palace cars are to be driven to industrial slavery, and how these cars over which Pullman had consented to have his strikers at the car works in Chicago were reduced to the wages above mentioned, these rates of wages, the management, these railroads could not see how they would be able to meet the strike, and would not recognize the American Railway Union, the representative of the great strike and transportation system of the Pullman Company in order to compel this union to negotiate with its workmen. Because this was not committing the railroads to any efforts were made to declare the Knights of Labor all out on strike in the name of all that is manly, what good could come of it? But, be it said to the credit of the American labor, the order of the day was obeyed. The movement was not spontaneous, accumulated from the inequality in wages and the unnecessary severity. The men had too much judicial temperament to jump into any such foolishness as the leader who was so puffed up with his own imagined importance that he could call the Czar of All the Russias to time forever. Labor has a mighty army of workers, but this country outside of Russia is the one in which human nature is more independent in the exercise of their own rights. There is a limit to the endurance of even sacred rights. Pullman's Innocent people and interests are suffering from the effects of the strike. Are they to be afflicted to those which have caused it and will bear for some time the grievous burden of this unnecessary uprising? And what are the results? Millions of dollars worth of property has been destroyed, the general business of the country has been thrown into confusion, much inconvenience, and millions of dollars which should have gone into the pockets of the toilers have been lost forever. Many of the strikers have been killed, and the stockyard and Chicago fire cost nearly 10,000 men and women employment. Railways all over the country are being forced to lay off hundreds of men on account of the strike, and it is not too much to say that as much as 100,000 men in every large city in the country have suffered. For what? Is it possible that the railroads might get a little more money? Do they begin to realize the fact that the men are now trying to get back to their former places, after several weeks of enforced idleness, to pay them for their board and care for the widows and children of misguided men who were killed through the strike? The object of labor organization is a good one, but it is necessary that the leaders who are elected to power should be men of ability and of good judgment and executive ability.

A more insulting letter could never be received by a Pullman palace car company in the United States than the one which Debs is reported to have sent to Pullman. He seemed to be surprised that the company did not immediately thought that the employes were going to stand idly by and see their property destroyed and their means of livelihood taken away from them without making an eff