

Study by Travel. Mr. Mosely, the British commissioner who came over to study our system of education three years ago, has a plan for continuing to keep England in touch with us educationally. He has persuaded the Council and other trustees to make a final plan for teachers at nominal rates during the winter season. Between November and March steamship accommodations for \$60 will be provided. Arrangements will be made to care for teachers on their arrival here and to distribute them among university centers. This is a form of educational reciprocity of which there have been numerous manifestations in England within a year. The interchange of visits between French and British workmen was a phase of it, as was the fraternizing of schoolboys from either side of the channel. Very recently French university fellows were welcomed as the guests of the University of London. The institution of the Rhodes scholarships gave a great impetus to it. In a sense the Mosely plan is an extension of the "abbatical year" system under which the more fortunately placed American college instructors study abroad every seventh year on full or half pay. Such an exchange of teachers between nations is bound to be productive of heightened interest and increased efficiency. Why should not the plan be adopted here? asks the New York World. If similar arrangements are held out to American teachers to visit Europe for study and improving travel it is likely that the main difficulty would be to restrict the number desiring to go. It should be feasible to secure like concessions for cheap transportation during the off season of travel and to make provision for expenses. The sending of American teachers of educational trips abroad under such auspices would be inestimable. They could visit the culture centers of Europe at a most favorable time, when the tide of summer travel is over and the schools are in session. They would bring back all that is new in education in Berlin, Paris and Oxford. Or they could visit historic Athens and Syracuse without danger to health, which is hardly possible in midsummer for persons of northern strain. Pupils not less than teachers would profit by the plan, and boards of education might well award partial pay to those undertaking such trips for general study.

Terrible Loss to Mankin. The editor of the Bronson (Minn.) Budget has been reflecting as follows upon the importance of environment: Johnny Olson, eldest son of one Andrew Olson, of the Roseau-Stephens stage line, is now a convict in the prison at Stillwater, having shot a man over a game of cards. The fate of this otherwise brilliant lad would have been an entirely different story had his early environment and training been different. Rearing in the scenes of lawlessness and vice common to the frontier, while yet a mere boy he had acquired the reputation of being the swiftest sport and most successful poker shark along the line, and we hear the news of his wild career with no semblance of surprise. He would have been a credit to his state had his youth been led through channels of usefulness, and guided in the straight and narrow way. An ornament to the legal fraternity of any state, a lawmaker, a leader among the leaders of the nation. Let us not wither our chin prospect this bit of ruined humanity. We cannot too closely observe the lives of God and man. Upon the children depends the fate of the nation." As Capt. Dunby would wisely remark: "The bearings of this observation lays in the application on it."

The proposition to tax bachelors is up for discussion again in England. The London Truth suggests the collection of such a tax by spinsters. The following imaginary colloquy takes place: Female Collector—Are you a bachelor? Bachelor—Yes, madam. Female Collector—Is so good as to show me your passbook. (She examines it.) You apparently make more than \$200 a year, and you have evaded the tax by not declaring the amount of your earnings. You are liable to a fine of \$200, but should you marry me, I will not report the matter to the authorities.

A Pittsburg inventor claims to have invented a device by which a telephone operator, after she has connected two telephones, cannot hear the conversation between the subscribers. If this be true, the telephone companies may have to raise the wages of the operators or put a male force at the switchboards.

Some of the geographers are asking if the earth is shaped like a pear. The trusts think it looks more like a plum.

DEMANDS ICE PRICE

TRUST IS SAID TO EXIST AMONG ST. LOUIS DEALERS.

ASK FOR CUMULATIVE FINE Court Urged to Impose Maximum Penalty for Alleged Violation of Statutes Forbidding Combines to Restrain Trade.

St. Louis.—After an investigation of the charges, Circuit Attorney Sager Tuesday filed suits in the circuit court against the Polar Wave Ice and Fuel company and the Merchants' Ice and Coal company on the allegation that these companies were in an alleged combination to restrain trade and to fix and maintain the price of ice.

The suit asks that judgment for \$71,400 be assessed against the company as fines for the 714 days that the alleged agreement has been in effect, and it further asks that the charters under which they have been doing business be declared null and void. The charges are based on sections 8565, 8566 and 8568 of the Revised Statutes of the state of Missouri. The sections upon which the prosecution are based provide that any association of individuals or company which shall combine to regulate or fix the price of any article shall be deemed guilty of conspiracy to defraud and may be fined from \$5 to \$100 for every day such association continues to do so. The petition states that the Polar Wave company was organized February 13, 1903, and the Merchants' on February 1, 1897.

PEACE PARTY ON WARSHIP

Washington.—The navy department was informed Monday afternoon by cablegram from Commander Mulligan of the arrival of his ship, the Maribehad, at La Libertad, Guatemala. Commander Mulligan was instructed by the navy department to report to the American minister, Mr. Combs, at La Libertad, which is the port nearest Salvador, the capital of Salvador. Commander Mulligan will place his ship at the disposal of the American legation, so the minister will be in a position to carry out instructions to prefer to the governments of Salvador and Guatemala the use of this American warship as a place of meeting for the peace commissioners.

Judge Hargis Freed. Beattyville, Ky.—The jury in the Hargis-Callahan trial returned a verdict not guilty Tuesday, after being out 22 minutes. The men were charged with the murder of J. B. Marcum. The verdict is the culmination of a long and bitter fight in the courts to convict James Hargis and Ed Callahan, chief conspirators in one of the darkest crimes in Kentucky history.

Seven Girls Drown. Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Eight children at a picnic on the river bank, only three blocks from home, went wading. The smallest one slipped into a deep hole in the river and in trying to rescue her six others were drowned. The dead: Lucille Sweeting, 7; Hazel Sweeting, 14; Gladys Sweeting, 10; Jessie Sweeting, 12; Ruth Coyne, 11; Sioux City; Cora Coyne, 8; Sioux City; Clara Usher, 16.

Elks in Railway Wreck. Trinidad, Col.—Passenger train No. 7 on the Colorado & Southern railway, carrying hundreds of Texas Elks, to the convention in Denver, was wrecked three miles east of Pueblo Tuesday early Monday. Engineer Martin J. Cullom was killed.

Peasut Warehouse Burned. Franklin, Va.—The warehouse of the Franklin Peasut company was burned. The building was valued at \$2,000, and the contents at \$25,000. The Seaboard Fire and Marine and other business houses were saved.

Two Killed in Collision. Houston, Tex.—Two men were killed and three others seriously hurt in a collision between two oil trains on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad two miles north of Plantersville late Monday night.

THREE DIE IN EXPLOSION

WISCONSIN POWDER MILL IS BLOWN UP.

Accident Occurs Near Ashland and Many Window Panes in City Are Broken by the Shock.

Ashland, Wis.—A powder mill several miles from this city blew up Monday morning, killing three men. Twenty others were injured. The dead are: J. L. Pierce, Wilmington, general superintendent of the powder mill; William Wallace, laborer; George Woodruff. The neutralizing plant was totally destroyed.

The name of the company is the Atlantic Dynamite company, and there were 25 buildings in the group. The shock was terrific and broke many windows in Ashland. The cause of the explosion is not known. The accident occurred just as the number, was in the process of entering the building for the day's work. Superintendent J. L. Pierce, of Wilmington, Del., William Wallace, a laborer, and George Woodruff were first to enter the building. They had scarcely entered when the nitroglycerin acid let loose and for fully a minute a black cloud of smoke hid the killed and injured from view. Then came out the less injured men came out of the pall of smoke and each dashed back in search of their companions.

Coming from all directions of the plant, the employees of the 25 buildings crowded to the scene of the accident and a hasty search was made for other victims but without result. Fire had broken out on the debris of the wrecked building, but this speedily was subdued by the workmen. An examination of the other buildings on the premises showed that not one of the 25 had escaped some damage.

FILTHY KILLING PLANT FOUND

One Slaughter House in Kansas So Vile It Can Only Be Cleaned Up by Being Burned. Topeka, Kan.—A meat slaughtering house near Wellington, inspected by order of the state board of health, has been found to be in such filthy condition that Dr. J. S. Crumrine, secretary of the board, has sent notice to the county commissioners of every county in the state, directing them to examine the slaughter houses in their districts and if not found to be in a sanitary condition, to allow them to be cleaned up, as permitted by law. If the order is not complied with in the time specified arrest and prosecution may follow.

ALFRED BEIT PASSES AWAY

South African Millionaire Succumbs to Disease from Which He Suffered for Some Time. London.—Alfred Beit, the well-known South African financier, died Monday. He had been in bed for some time. Mr. Beit was born in 1853 in Hamburg. Mr. Beit, who is said to have been the richest man in London, and who controlled the output of the world's diamonds, was at one time alleged to be forming a "gold trust," in which the names of prominent American financiers were mentioned. He gave large sums of money to the Red Cross and other institutions and recently gave \$500,000 to found a university at Hamburg.

TO PROBE GRAIN BUSINESS

Railroads Asked to Forward Information Regarding Elevators to Interstate Commission. Washington.—An investigation is to be made by the interstate commerce commission, by authority of the United States senate, of the elevator, grain buying and forwarding business of the country to determine to what extent special favors have been granted to them by railroad companies; the influence which the alleged monopolizing of this branch of business has had upon the market; the injury it has worked to grain producers; the extent to which railroads, their officers, directors, stockholders and employees are controlled by the grain buying and grain forwarding companies; and the manner in which such holdings, if any, were secured.

WISCONSIN MARSHAL SLAIN

Italian Laborers Attack Officer and Assistant Serving Warrants for Violation of Game Laws. La Crosse, Wis.—Deputy Sheriff Hammel of Pierce county, Wis., was dangerously injured and City Marshal Isaac, of Prescott, Wis., killed in an attempt to arrest members of a gang of Italian laborers near Prescott. Hammel and Isaac visited a gang of 50 Italian laborers employed in track work on the Burlington and served warrants on several men wanted for violations of the Wisconsin game law. One of the defendants was lodged safely in jail, but when the officers returned for the others the Italians turned on them with their shovels, beat Hammel to death and wounded Isaac so badly that he was thought to be dead.

QUEEN MAUD NEAR ACCIDENT

Aalesund, Norway.—While driving to Nordangasdale on Sunday Queen Maud had an exceedingly narrow escape from a serious accident. The horses drawing her carriage, startled by an avalanche, backed the carriage toward a ten-foot ditch and for some moments the vehicle hung over the edge. King Haakon, who was in another carriage, saw the danger of the queen, ran forward and caught the horses by their bridles. Typhoid Epidemic. Ipswich, Vt.—Over 100 cases of typhoid fever have already been reported in this section as the result of drinking lemonade which was served at a celebration at Evans. The water was taken from an old well. Castro Gears Prisoners. Washington, Pa.—The men in the Venezuelan legation here confirm the report that Gen. Castro in commemoration of his resumption of the presidency, has pardoned all offenders arrested by the state courts.

BIG GAME.



TO SHIFT SCENE OF FIGHT ON OIL TRUST

PROSECUTION OF STANDARD OIL COMPANY AT CLEVELAND DROPPED—TO BE CONTINUED AT CHICAGO.

Cleveland, O.—The federal grand jury, which has been in session here investigating alleged violations of the interstate commerce laws and anti-railroad rebate laws, adjourned Tuesday afternoon without bringing any indictments. The investigation was directed particularly concerning the Standard Oil company and the Lake Shore Railroad company, and was the result of testimony of witnesses before the interstate commerce commission here recently in which evidence of alleged rebating by the Standard Oil company had been given. The failure to return indictments, it is officially stated, was due to the fact that the investigation developed the fact that the court here was without jurisdiction of the alleged offenses upon which testimony was given and that all of the evidence secured here is to be transferred to the federal grand jury at Chicago, where the cases are to be prosecuted. Following the discharge of the grand jury, which made no report, District Attorney Sullivan gave out the following statement: "Mr. Sullivan's Statement. "On Monday Attorney General Moody and myself met in the United States attorney's office in New York city and reviewed the evidence brought before the present grand jury relative to alleged violations of the federal law by the Standard Oil company, in connection with the transportation and storage of its products by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company. We came to the conclusion that the afore-

LADY CURZON IS DEAD

WAS WIFE OF FORMER VICEROY OF INDIA. DAUGHTER OF LEVI LETTER

Offering of Chicago Dry Goods Merchants for the Married Widow of her Secretary Who Rose to High Position. London.—Lady Curzon, of Kedleston, wife of the former viceroy of India, who has been ill for some days, died at 5:40 o'clock Wednesday evening. She never quite recovered from her serious illness at Walmer castle, Kent, in 1904, and the recent hot weather brought on a pronounced attack of general debility. It was announced at the Curzon residence that the final cause of Lady Curzon's death was heart failure, but she had been suffering from complications which were the sequel of her terrible illness of two years ago. The funeral will take place at Kedleston. It was in 1898 that Curzon, eldest son of Rev. Alfred Nathaniel Holden Curzon, fourth Baron Scarsdale. They were married in 1895, after Curzon had held the office of assistant private secretary to the marquis of Salisbury, under secretary of state for foreign affairs. In 1898 Curzon was created First Baron Curzon of Kedleston, and in 1899 was appointed viceroy and governor general of India, which post he resigned in August, 1905, and was succeeded by the earl of Minto. Daisy Letter, one of the sisters of Lady Curzon, was married to the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, in Washington, December 26, 1904. Nancy Letter, another sister of Lady Curzon, was married in Washington, November 29, 1904, to Maj. C. P. Campbell, of the British army. Lady Curzon leaves two daughters.

ARMISTICE IS IN EFFECT.

Guatemala Minister Denies Report That His Country Violated Provisions for Temporary Peace. Washington.—The Guatemalan minister, Mr. Munoz, is much annoyed by reports to the effect that Guatemala continued fighting after it had agreed to cease hostilities. "Such stories are absolutely without foundation," he said. "We have no agreement to cease fighting until the armistice went into effect Wednesday morning, and the enemies put it in a false light. Negotiations for an armistice have been going on for some time, and an agreement to stop war, and in justice to my government I hope it will be generally understood that any fighting done previous to Wednesday was not in violation of any peace compact."

ARKANSAS IS AFTER TRUSTS

Attorney General Sees Cotton Seed Oil Mill for Alleged Violation of the Anti-Trust Laws. Little Rock, Ark.—Sult was entered Wednesday against the five cottonseed mills of this city by Attorney General Rogers and prosecuting Attorney Hobson, charging them with combining to violate in violation of the anti-trust law and alleging restraint of trade. The suits ask judgment in the sum of \$5,000 per day, aggregating \$120,000 against each company, and also the revocation of their charters in this state. It is the understanding in court circles here that suits are to be entered against the five mills as soon as the papers can be filed. Nationalization in Japan. Washington.—According to advices received by the bureau of manufactures, the Japanese government has undertaken one of the greatest experiments in its war history which indicates a clear purpose to protect, supervise, develop and nationalize all Japanese industries. It is stated that the provision for the nationalization of the railways was but a single step in the great plan of industrial nationalization toward which the country fast is approaching.

WILL PROBE THAW'S SANITY.

New York.—The World says: Harry Thaw will never be placed on trial for the murder of Stanford White. An application will be made for the appointment of a commission to inquire into his sanity. There is no doubt that he will be declared insane and sent to the hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan. District Attorney Jerome is not expected to interpose any serious objection to the appointment of a commission to inquire into Harry Thaw's sanity.

JAIL FOR FORMER BANKER.

Philadelphia.—Judge Gray handed down a decree Monday affirming the conviction of Henry Lear, former president of the Duquesne National bank, found guilty of abstracting funds of the institution. Gambling Devices Burned. Sedalia, Mo.—The paraphernalia of a gambling house here that had been confiscated at the instigation of Rev. J. Murdy, pastor of the First Christian church, was burned in the principal street of the city.

ELKS SELECT MEETING PLACE.

Denver, Col.—Philadelphia was chosen by the grand lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks as the convention city for next year. Philadelphia received 455 votes, Baltimore 265, St. Joseph was withdrawn. King Not to Visit Canada. Ottawa, Ont.—King Edward will not visit Canada, but will be dispatched through Lord Elgin, secretary of state for the colonies, to the governor-general, says the king is physically unable to make the trip.