

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

A substantial building boom has set in at Clark.

The Beatrice public schools opened with an enrollment of 1718, an increase over last year.

Mrs. James Hughes of Greeley Center was adjudged insane and ordered taken to an asylum at Hastings.

Reports from various parts of Antelope county state the farmers are losing a large number of hogs.

The vinegar factory which started up in Falls City last year has so many orders it was necessary to call in its salesmen.

Commandant Askwith of the Soldiers' home severed his connection with that institution last week and his successor has taken charge.

Eighty-five floats have been promised for the industrial parade of the Golden Anniversary to be held in Beatrice the latter part of the month.

Mrs. Marz L. Adams, of Lincoln, has fallen heir to a large estate in Clinton county, Ohio. Her uncle, William Kline, left her a portion of the estate.

Rev. A. L. Zink, pastor of the Christian church in Plattsmouth, has been appointed secretary of the Second district of the Christian churches in Nebraska.

Plans are now being made whereby in the near future David City will have a new \$20,000 public library and gymnasium and a \$35,000 Catholic church.

Out of the large number from Cook who attended the state fair at Lincoln this year, six reported the loss of considerable money by the pick-pocket route.

State Treasurer Brian has bought \$60,000 of Idaho state bonds at par as an investment for the school funds. The bonds bear six per cent interest and run only two years.

E. A. Wurf, who recently lost his \$15,000 stock of general merchandise by fire, caused by an explosion of gas, which nearly caused his death has commenced business again.

Rev. Herbert E. Waters, for four years pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Tecumseh, tendered his resignation to the congregation, at the close of the service last week.

The Paddock opera house, which was closed last spring by order of the city council because of inadequate exits in case of fire, will probably be opened for the season in a few days.

Bruno O. Hostetler of Kerney, republican candidate for judge of the twelfth judicial district, has filed a showing that he expended \$11.12 in his statement with the secretary of state campaign.

Hildreth voted on the proposition of issuing bonds to the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of putting in a system of water works and the result of the vote was 81 for and 8 against.

A large barn belonging to George Schlick, a farmer, two miles east of Clay Center, was destroyed by fire at an early hour in the morning. Ten head of horses were also burned. The origin of the fire is not known.

The canning factory at Auburn made record runs on two days last week. On Monday 88,500 cans of corn were put up in fifteen hours, and Tuesday the remarkable run of 77,000 cans in eleven hours was made, being an average of 7,000 cans an hour for the day's run.

W. A. Shannon, a Burlington brakeman engaged in switching in the yards at Friend, missed his footing and fell under the train. One leg was severed at the knee and part of the foot on the other limb. Shannon is a single man, whose home is not far from Enid, Okla. His recovery is doubtful.

State Auditor Searle whose duty it is to appoint a state accountant has left Lincoln for an absence of several days and the various applicants for the position of state accountant will have to await his return unless something unforeseen occurs. The auditor is said to have presented the name of the man of his choice to Governor Sheldon.

Several wholesalers at St. Joe have notified the food commissioner of Nebraska that they will comply with the Nebraska law relating to branding pack ages and that they are now repacking and labeling packages for the Nebraska market. A Chicago coffee house that puts magazine subscription tickets in packages of goods has been notified that this practice is contrary to the Nebraska law which prohibits prizes, premiums and gifts.

All Anderson, a painter, had a narrow escape. He started home, two miles from Lorton, and had crossed a bridge and fell from his buggy and lay beside the road all night in a severe rainstorm.

The 6-year-old son of Albert Allen, the local manager of the Farmers' Home Telephone company, playing with matches on his father's farm in Buffalo county, set fire to the out-buildings and destroyed the barn and granaries, together with two crops of wheat and much other grain.

A threshing outfit, consisting of a traction engine and separator, went through a bridge into the Blue river, half way between Crete and Wilber. It was the property of Joseph Koverik. No one was hurt.

The state railway commission overruled the motion of the Burlington for a ninety-day continuance on the matter of grain rate reduction. After filing this motion the Burlington challenged the jurisdiction of the commission and asserted that the commission had no authority to regulate or reduce the freight rates on grain.

EFFECT OF CHILD LABOR LAW.

Omaha Merchants Relate Ills Resultant From It.

Omaha—The working population of Omaha has been cut down about fifteen per cent by the action of the child labor law. This is the average ascertained by a careful canvass of the larger business establishments. In some of the factories the percentage is higher, while the department stores claim that it affects them to a smaller degree.

"About fifteen per cent of our employees were under sixteen years of age before the law was passed. I have turned away at least 400 applicants for places this summer because they did not come up to the age limit by the law made and provided," said Manager G. N. Roberts of the Bemis Omaha Bag company. "Many of these were children who wanted to earn a little extra money during the vacation months. The law took that power out of their hands. I could have given them employment and we would both have been benefited. Many of them were children of people who had just moved to the city."

PRIMARY NOT EXPENSIVE.

Judicial Candidates Report Payment of Small Sums of Money.

Lincoln—The expense accounts filed by the various candidates so far do not bear out the charge that the direct primary is expensive from the standpoint of a candidate. The following expense accounts were filed with the secretary of state by candidates for district judge nominations: Guy T. Graves, fusionist, Eighth district, \$35; B. F. Good, fusionist, Fifth district, \$10; George A. Day, republican, Fourth district, \$95.10; Lee S. Estelle, republican-democratic, Fourth district, \$19.50; Jesse L. Root, republican, Second district, \$15.30. Judge Day, who topped the bunch, said he spent his for advertising in Omaha and other papers in his district and for cards, which with his filing fee made up most of his expense. Judge Estelle said he paid no fee as a democratic candidate and did not know if any one else paid it.

CAN'T MAIL OUT NOTICES.

Railroads Forbidden to Notify of Reduced Rates.

Lincoln—Judge T. C. Munger of the federal court issued a temporary restraining order which forbids the members of the state railway commission from mailing or delivering notice of the reduced rates of grain on the railroads of the state.

The application was made by the Burlington, the Northwestern and the Union Pacific lines. Hearing that the commission intended to announce a schedule at the conclusion of the present hearing, the railroads took action. The whole matter will be fought out in the courts and in the meantime the crops will be moved. The hearing on the order is set for September 23 at Omaha.

BARKER CASE GOES OVER.

Hearing on Liability for Costs Set for Wednesday.

Until the question of who will pay the costs in the Frank Barker inquiry in district court is settled, it is probable there will be no further hearing of the case. The county of Lancaster has resisted payment of the costs of the first inquiry, which resulted in a disagreement of the jury, and Judge Frost has insisted that this question be settled. A test case is now pending wherein Jesse Chappell, one of the jurors, sues to get his pay.

Angus Cattle at the Fair.

York—The "Doddies" or Aberdeen Angus, while not as many as was expected, presented this year a strong front at the Nebraska State fair. As in former exhibitions "quality" was a conspicuous feature and those who were interested in Angus could well be proud of the showing from Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri. Unlike previous years, Nebraska this year furnished nearly as many prize winners as the fine Angus show herds from Iowa and Missouri, and the judges placed many ribbons on Nebraska products.

Bursting Bin Kills Children.

Hastings—The two children of H. H. Mohlman, a prominent farmer living four miles southwest of this city, were killed. Mohlman was assisting in the harvesting operations at the farm of Fred Grothen, a neighbor. The two children, one of whom was just two years old and the other five, had accompanied him, and were standing outside a large grain bin, their father being at work on the inside. Without warning, the side of the bin gave way, precipitating 2,000 bushels of grain on the little ones. Both were smothered.

Boy Tramp Meets His Death.

Central City—Earl Malrick, sixteen years of age, whose home is in Findlay, O., sustained fatal injuries by falling from the blind baggage beneath the wheels of passenger train No. 12. He was badly mangled.

Anderson Appointed Regent.

Governor Sheldon has appointed C. B. Anderson of Crete regent of the state university, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Regent E. C. Calkins of Kearney.

Costly Fire at Dodge.

Dodge—Fire totally destroyed the mill at this place, together with about 2,000 bushels of wheat. The fire did their utmost to extinguish the flames, but their work was of no avail, as the fire had gained too much headway.

Barber Ends Life at Alliance.

Alliance—In a fit of despondency as a result of continued drinking, J. E. Moonaw, a barber of this city, committed suicide by drinking four ounces of carbolic acid.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Complete Review of Happenings of Greatest Interest from All Parts of the Globe—Latest Home and Foreign Items.

"Not even respectable nonsense" was the way former Ambassador Luke Wright, who just returned from Tokyo to resume private life, characterized the war talk between the United States and Japan.

Walter Wellman started for home after a disastrous attempt to start for the north pole in his airship. The balloon was driven back by a violent storm and landed on top of a glacier, where the party took it to pieces. Wellman said he would return to Spitzbergen and make another start next year.

The Illinois board of pardons decided that the time was not at hand for them to grant a release from the penitentiary for Paul O. Stensland, former president of the collapsed Milwaukee Avenue State bank of Chicago, and he was sent back to prison to serve the balance of his term.

The Lusitania lowered the record for the trip from Queenstown to New York to five days and 54 minutes. The big turbine steamship failed to lower the hourly speed average of 23.68 knots made by the Kaiser Wilhelm II. of the North German Lloyd line, or the average of 23.51 knots made by the Deutschland, though it covered the distance between ports in an average of 23.01 knots, which is a record for maiden voyages.

Jacob Johnson, a machinist, infuriated after he had been knocked down by a passing automobile at Michigan avenue and Sixteenth street, Chicago, leaped into the machine and stabbed the chauffeur, H. R. Almenev, in the arm and breast.

The mines of the Amalgamated Copper company will not be closed because of the glut of the copper market. General Superintendent John Gillis says that while work will be abandoned on Sundays there will be no general close down.

Sir Thomas Lipton mailed to the New York Yacht club a challenge for the America's cup.

Three bandits broke into the First State bank at Leola, S. D., wrecked the safe and escaped with \$1,200. An explosion of dynamite placed in a bundle of grain injured five men and wrecked a threshing machine on the farm of Peter Peterson near Chippewa Falls, Wis. Investigation developed the fact that sticks of dynamite had been placed in several bundles of grain.

In a riot between Purdue university students and city toughs at Lafayette, Ind., six students were seriously injured and 15 others were badly beaten.

Virginia Reed, the negro woman who, according to Charles E. Letten, the defaulting tax clerk of New Orleans, received about \$90,000 out of the \$100,000 or more he stole from the state, attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the Bayou St. John. She was fished out.

Eight former striking operators, including the vice president of the local telegraphers' union, returned to work with the Postal Telegraph & Cable company in Cleveland, O.

As a result of strikes declared in several shops 60 or more of the leading manufacturers of furs in New York decided, it is stated, to lock out their employees. The lockout will affect about 7,000 men.

The census bureau announced that the total population of the territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, as made public, is an increase of 78 per cent over 1900, and that the aggregate population is larger than any state at the time of admission into the union.

Andrew Carnegie has begun suit in the New York supreme court to have the taxes reduced on his residence in Fifth avenue and on Carnegie hall.

Mrs. Gertrude G. Clinton, of Reading, Pa., was slain by Frank Palmer, for whom she deserted her husband.

Forty miners were hurt by an explosion in mine No. 10, owned by the Union Pacific Coal company, at Rock Springs, Wyo.

More arrests have been made in Prussia on charges of betraying military secrets. One of the men under arrest charged with high treason is a noble.

M. H. Saville, professor of ethnology at Columbia university, has returned from a trip of exploration to Ecuador, where he discovered a ruined city, supposed to have belonged to a race of high development, now unknown, but which existed 500 or more years ago.

Judges Wilson and Audendried of the common pleas court in Philadelphia declared unconstitutional the two-cent railroad fare law passed by last legislature they offered important case upon which the decision was rendered will be taken to the supreme court.

A combined Chinese and Japanese organization of Vancouver made overtures to the Hindus to join them in an industrial strike all along the British Columbian coast. The Hindus refused. The Japanese government had assurances that Canada would make amends for the Vancouver riots.

Nellie Wolkowitz, a Russian girl, was arrested in New York, charged with the theft of a brooch from Mrs. Bourke Cockran. The jewel contained a religious miniature which awakened the girl's reverence and it is alleged she possessed herself of it to satisfy this passion.

Crased by jealousy over attention paid to his wife by another man, Lee Leedy, proprietor of the City hotel at Weatherford, Okla., fired three shots at Mrs. Leedy, killing her instantly. Two hours later Leedy was shot and killed by a posse of citizens.

ALLIED!



G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT OVER

VETERANS INSTALL OFFICERS AND ADJOURN UNTIL 1908.

Resolutions Urging Legislation on Various Matters Adopted—Appointments by Commander-in-Chief.

Saratoga, N. Y.—Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic who have been attending the forty-first annual encampment of the organization concluded their business Friday and adjourned until 1908.

Installation of the officers elected Thursday, adoption of several recommendations from the committee on resolutions and Commander-in-Chief Burton's announcement of appointive officers took up the time of the veterans.

The officers were installed by Robert B. Beath, of Philadelphia, past commander-in-chief. The encampment adopted the report of the committee on resolutions which recommended legislation by congress authorizing the erection of a soldiers' hospital in the vicinity of the Gulf of Mexico; increasing widows' pensions to \$12 a month; providing some suitable memorial for the soldiers and sailors of the union army who were in the south when the war began and did not join the southern forces, and directing that widows of soldiers buried in the national cemeteries may be buried beside their husbands. These recommendations will be incorporated in bills to be presented to congress.

Commander-in-Chief Burton's appointments include the following: Jere T. Dew, Kansas City, Mo., adjutant general; Charles Burrows, Ruthersford, N. J., quartermaster general; Col. D. R. Stowitz, Buffalo, inspector general; L. L. Collins, Minneapolis, Minn., judge advocate general; J. Henry Heacomb, Philadelphia, assistant general and custodian of records; J. Corle Winans, Toledo, O., senior aide-de-camp and chief of staff.

Saratoga, N. Y.—Charles G. Burton, of Nevada, Mo., a former member of congress, was elected Thursday commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is holding its forty-first annual encampment here.

Other officers elected by the encampment were as follows: Lewis C. Griffith, Troy, N. Y., senior vice commander; William M. Scott, Atlanta, Ga., junior vice commander; Dr. Lane Taneyhill, Baltimore, Md., surgeon general; Bishop Samuel Fallows, Chicago, chaplain-in-chief.

Toledo, O., was selected as the place of meeting for the next encampment. The date will be fixed by the national council of administration.

Watterson Has Another Fire. Louisville, Ky.—Fire which broke out late Wednesday afternoon, for a second time endangered the plants of the Courier-Journal and Times and threatened to destroy that portion of the Courier-Journal office building left intact after the disastrous fire of ten days ago. The flames were brought under control with a loss of \$25,000. The Times was forced to abandon its last edition. The origin of the fire which broke out on the top floor of the building, is unknown.

Banker Killed in Auto Wreck. Pittsburg, Pa.—President John Runnett, of the Metropolitan National bank of Pittsburg, is dead and Dr. M. C. Cameron, a prominent physician of this city, is seriously injured as a result of the latter's automobile coming into collision with a telegraph pole late Thursday.

Lipton's Challenge on way. New York.—The New York Yacht club received a cablegram Friday saying that the challenge of Sir Thomas Lipton for the America's cup, made in the name of the Royal Irish Yacht club, was mailed to the New York Yacht club Friday.

Japanese Perish in Collision. Roseburg, Ore.—A double end collision, in which five Japanese were killed and five were seriously injured, occurred at Dillard station, ten miles south of here, Thursday night.

Steamer Sighted on Reef. New Orleans, La.—A steamer stranded on the Casyfoot Reef off the Florida south coast was sighted on Sept. 10 by the steamer El Dia, which arrived here Thursday from New York. The El Dia did not stand by to learn anything of the plight of the stranded vessel and was too far away to make out her name or how many persons were on board. The funnels of the steamer indicated that she was a Munson Line freighter. She grounded far out of the line of regular travel of Munson passenger steamers.

LUSITANIA DEFEATS SISTER.

Makes Trip from Queenstown to New York in Five Days.

New York.—A new steamship record between a European port and New York has been made by the Cunard line's new giant turbine ship, the Lusitania, which arrived here Friday.

The Lusitania left Queenstown, the nearest transatlantic port to New York, at 12:10 p. m. Sunday.

The log of the Lusitania gives her time of passage as five days and fifty-four minutes, and her time of arrival off the Sandy Hook lightship as 8:05 a. m. Her average speed, according to her log, was 23.01 knots per hour, and the day's runs were five miles, 556, 575, 570, 592, and 483 to the lightship, a total distance of 2,782 miles.

The Lusitania's time, according to the log, is six hours and twenty-nine minutes better than the previous Queenstown-New York record of five days and seven hours and twenty-three minutes, held by the Lucania of the same line.

While the Lusitania has made a new record for the time a passenger is actually on board ship, she has not beaten the average speed per hour recorded. The Kaiser Wilhelm II. has made an average of 23.58 knots per hour from New York to Plymouth and the Deutschland has a record of 23.51 knots per hour average to Plymouth.

ATLANTIC RATES CUT AGAIN.

Mercantile Marine and Cunard Companies Make Reductions.

New York.—The International Mercantile Marine company announced Wednesday a reduction in minimum east-bound cabin rates of \$22.50 on the steamships Adriatic, Baltic, Cedric, Arabia, Celtic, Minnehaha, Minnetonka and Metropolis, to correspond with the reduction made by the company recently on the Oceanic, Majestic and Teutonic.

Later, the Cunard line announced a new schedule for its steamers, showing a further cut, in addition to that of a few weeks ago. The east-bound first cabin rate on the Campania and Lucania, which had been \$100, was cut to \$72.50. The rate on the Caronia and Carmania, recently reduced from \$95 to \$75.50, was further cut to \$72.50. The rates on the Umbria and Etruria, recently cut from \$82.50 to \$60, was further cut to \$57.50. Whether or not the rate on the new giant turbine steamer Lusitania will be cut the agents were unable to tell.

Torturer Confesses Crime. Lincoln, Ill.—Albert Wehr, a paroled convict, who was trailed by a bloodhound and arrested following the torture and robbery of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Mundy, a wealthy couple in their Lincoln home Saturday night, gave the police information which led to the recovery of \$60 of the loot. The county authorities also say Wehr confessed to taking part with two other men in the robbery. The three masked men entered the Mundy home and forced Mr. and Mrs. Mundy to tell where the money was hidden by applying lighted matches to their feet.

Break in Wire Strike. Cleveland, O.—There was a decisive break in the local telegraphers' strike Friday when eight former striking operators, including the vice president of the local telegraphers' union, returned to work with the Postal Telegraph & Cable company.

Defaulter Lacks Courage to Die. New Orleans, La.—Charles E. Letten, chief clerk in the office of the first district tax collector here, who disappeared several days ago, leaving a shortage of over \$100,000, was discovered Thursday afternoon standing on the bank of the Mississippi trying to summon up courage enough to jump in the water and commit suicide. He said he had started toward the water several times, but each time his courage had failed him. He made a full confession and was brought to this city and locked up.

Louisville to Have "Long House." Norfolk, Va.—The features of Wednesday's session of the great council of Red Men were an agreement to reconsider on Thursday the resolution barring liquor dealers from the order; the selection of Louisville, Ky., for the permanent location of the "long house" of the national body, to be erected at a cost of \$100,000; the recommendation by the finance committee that the next great council fire be held in some middle western city in order to curtail expenses, and minor changes in the funeral ritual.

WELLMAN IS FOILED

ARCTIC EXPLORER'S AIRSHIP LANDS ON A GLACIER.

STORM IS ENCOUNTERED

Machinery Worked Well, but Gale Was Too Strong—Attempt to Reach Pole Abandoned For Year.

Tromsø, Norway.—Walter Wellman and his party, composing the Wellman-Chicago Record-Herald polar expedition, arrived here Thursday evening on the steamer Frithjof from Spitzbergen.

Mr. Wellman says the airship America left her shed September 2 and made an ascent in bad weather, but she proved so strong and behaved so well that a start north was immediately made. The airship, however, encountered a storm, was driven back and landed on top of a glacier. Everything was saved.

When the airship left the shed it was anchored to a steamer, the Express, which helped to tow it to Vogel Bay island, two miles northward to



Walter Wellman. Camp Wellman, Riesenberg and Vandman occupied the car. The motor was found to work splendidly and when it was started, drove the America ahead of the steamer. It was found that the airship answered her he'll well.

Beaten Back Over Mainland. Off Vogel Bay island the America was freed from her anchor ropes, but an increasing gale and a driving snowstorm beat her backward over the mainland of Spitzbergen. Seeing the hopelessness of attempting to battle with the gale the valves were opened and the balloon quickly descended on a glacier.

The occupants of the car secured the balloon. A rescue party from the steamer reached the glacier an hour and a half later and had considerable difficulty in saving the airship. The balloon portion had to be cut in two and the car was taken to pieces in order to enable the rescuers to transport it over the ice hills and fissures to the sea.

Announces Plan to Delay. Tromsø, Norway.—Walter Wellman on arriving at Tromsø announced that he had definitely abandoned for this year, after a disastrous trial of his airship, the proposed attempt to reach the north pole.

The airship ascent September 2 was in a strong northwesterly wind, which drove her southeastward over the land. It was found necessary to cut the balloon drift from the other parts of the airship, but it was recovered after two days' search.

Mr. Wellman says he will make another attempt, with a new airship, in 1908.

ADMITS GOODS WERE SMUGGLED. Miss Olson, of Chicago, Confesses to Officials at Port Huron.

Port Huron, Mich.—When arraigned Wednesday before United States Commissioner Harris on the charge of smuggling, Miss Anna Olson, of Chicago, who was detained by customs officers here Monday, together with Mrs. Lucy Rapp and Mrs. A. Hulbert, also of Chicago, admitted that the contents of the three canvas trunks which the party had, worth about \$5,000, were smuggled goods.

Miss Olson declared that the other two women had no money invested in the goods, but were only helping her with the use of their trunks. She said she was in the ladies' furnishing goods business in Chicago and later Mrs. Hulbert and Mrs. Rapp also admitted that they are in the same business.

Stensland Must Serve His Time. Joliet, Ill.—Paul O. Stensland, former president of the collapsed Milwaukee Avenue State bank of Chicago, must serve out his full term in the penitentiary. This was decided Friday by the state board of pardons, which refused to grant a plea, to release Stensland from the penalty of his conviction. Stensland will leave the prison after eight years and three months—if he maintains constant good behavior. Without the deductions for good behavior the maximum penalty is 14 years.

Defaulter's Friend Tries Suicide. New Orleans.—Virginia Reed, the negro woman who, according to Charles E. Letten, the defaulting tax clerk here, received about \$90,000 out of the \$100,000 or more he stole from the state, attempted to commit suicide Friday by jumping into the Bayou St. John. She was fished out.

South Dakota Bank Is Robbed. Aberdeen, S. D.—Three bandits broke into the First State bank at Leola early Friday morning, wrecked the safe and escaped with \$1,200.

Beloit Banker Fatally Injured. Janesville, Wis.—Walter M. Brittan, president of a bank at Beloit, was probably fatally injured Wednesday and his wife and Mrs. Fred W. Strong were seriously injured when their touring car fell over a 25-foot embankment. Mr. Strong, also a bank president, escaped by jumping.

Wisconsin Tobacco Pioneer Dies. Janesville, Wis.—James Murwin, the founder of the tobacco industry in Wisconsin, is dead at Evansville, Wis. He was 85 years old.

WILL CLOSE COPPER MINES

AMALGAMATED SOON WILL SHUT DOWN AT BUTTE, MONT.

Deadlock as to Sales Has Resulted in Tremendous Over-Production—10,000 Men Will Lose Jobs.

New York.—A crisis in the copper situation, due to a deadlock between the producer and the consumer, has resulted in a tremendous over-production of the metal, and the Amalgamated Copper company, the largest producer of copper in this country, will soon shut down its mines in and about Butte, Mont.

News of the intended suspension of operations there was made known Thursday by an interest closely identified with the company. Amalgamated stock fell over four points on the stock exchange when the news became known, and the shares of the company sold down to \$60.25, which is 61 points under the high record price of the year. It is said that the suspension at the Butte mines will throw 10,000 men out of work. The Amalgamated company has had difficulty in obtaining an adequate supply of fuel at Butte and this is said to be a contributing cause for the shut-down.

The Amalgamated Copper company, along with other copper companies, has been piling up a large surplus of copper for several months, and it is authoritatively stated that there is a surplus of 250,000,000 pounds of refined copper in the United States. The present situation has developed from the seeming inability of the producer and consumer to reach a price for the metal that would prove satisfactory. The selling price of copper has been steadily reduced in the copper markets of the world, but the consumer has steadfastly declined to purchase except when needs were pressing. The official price for copper has been lowered from 25 cents to 18 cents a pound by the United Metals Selling company. Copper producers on the metal exchange in their efforts to tempt the buyer have gradually cut the price of copper to 15¢ for electrolytic, which figure was reached Thursday. As a consequence of this acute situation copper stocks have accumulated rapidly. The production of refined copper in September, it was stated Thursday, will be 6,000,000 pounds less than last month. There were reports in the financial district that certain banks have declined to carry any more copper metal in their loans.

PENNSYLVANIA LAW VOID. Two-Cent Railroad Fare Act Declared Unconstitutional.

Philadelphia.—Judges Wilson and Audendried of the common pleas court, Tuesday declared unconstitutional the two-cent railroad fare law passed by the last legislature. The case upon which the decision was rendered will be taken to the supreme court at once.

The Pennsylvania was the first to make the attack, bringing suit in the local courts to restrain the county of Philadelphia from collecting the fine for violating the provisions of the act. The hearing lasted nearly a week, and among the witnesses were President McCrea and several vice presidents of the Pennsylvania.

All other railroads operating in Pennsylvania have brought similar proceedings in various counties, but decisions have not been rendered, as it is generally understood that the Pennsylvania's suit will be made the test case in the higher court.

Lansing, Mich.—State Railroad Commissioner Glasgow has issued a statement saying that all the railroads in Michigan have agreed to adopt the two-cent passenger rate law when it takes effect Sept. 28.

MASKED MEN ROB TRAIN. Two Bandits Hold Up Great Northern's Oriental Limited.

St. Paul, Minn.—General Manager Elliott of the Great Northern Express company, announced Thursday that the Great Northern Oriental limited train No. 1, which left St. Paul Tuesday morning, was held up by two masked men six or seven miles west of Rexford, Mont., at an early hour Thursday morning. The robbers crawled over the tender and at the point of their guns commanded the engineer to stop the train.

Keeping up a fusillade of shots to terrify the passengers, the bandits blew open the express safe and, finding it empty, took a quantity of registered mail and escaped. The company offers \$10,000 reward for their arrest and conviction.

Dynamite in Grain Bundles. Chippewa Falls, Wis.—An explosion of dynamite placed in a bundle of grain injured five men and wrecked a threshing machine Friday on the farm of Peter Peterson near here. Investigation developed the fact that sticks of dynamite had been placed in several bundles of grain. The miscreant has not been located.

Pettibone in Critical Condition. Boise, Idaho.—George A. Pettibone, charged with complicity in the murder of Gov. Steunenberg, was taken to the hospital Friday in a critical condition and an operation probably will be necessary.

Physicians Indicted as Trust. Dubuque, Ia.—The grand jury of Bremer county Friday returned indictments against 14 physicians for violation of the state anti-trust law, the medical society having raised fees some time ago.

Another and Babies Burn to Death. Dubuque, Ia.—In a vain attempt to save the lives of her sons, 2 and 3 years old, who had set fire to their clothing while playing with matches, Mrs. Augustus Pumper Thursday