

DARES DEATH TO TELL NIGHT RIDER SECRETS

Horrors of Crimes Related in Detail by Man Who Risks Avenger.

DEMOUNCHES OLD COMRADES.

Woman Whipped by Masked Desperadoes—Story of Torture in Tennessee Trial.

The secrets of the night riders who have so long terrified the South were laid bare in Fulton City, Tenn., Monday at the trial of the eight men charged with being in the mob that killed Captain Quentin Rankin at Red Foot Lake on the night of Oct. 19 by Frank Fehring, confessed night rider, who turned State's evidence. Fehring's dramatic evidence was given under a guard of half a dozen militiamen with drawn revolvers, while a squad of other militiamen with loaded rifles were stationed in the court room. Fehring entered the court room under a guard of troops, cool and apparently thoughtless of his danger, while the crowd in the room strained toward him and was restrained with difficulty, even under the guns of the militiamen. The secrets, oaths, passwords, leader's name, as well as the places and times of meetings of the marauder bands were exposed in full by the witness before he left the witness stand. He positively identified four of the eight men on trial as members of the band that murdered Captain Rankin and implicated all of them. Judge Jones presided at the trial.



JUDGE JONES.

Fehring stated that there were thirty-five masked men in the party that made the assault on the two men. "We took them out and walked them up the slough. Garrett Johnson talked to them and said that every time he thought of their taking money from us and using it to buy shares in the company we were fighting he felt like shooting them. When we got to the tree we threw the rope over the limb. As the rope was pulled Bob Huffman shot him. Several more shots followed, and Mr. Taylor, who had been sitting there, jumped into the slough. We shot at him and I struck a match to see if I could find him. Some one took a stick and poked around in the water. We thought he must be dead."

The cruel whipping of Mrs. Emma Johnson, because she would not drop the divorce suit against her husband, was also told by Fehring. Without a show of emotion he told how the woman was dragged from her home and lashed until she was unconscious.

CASTRO'S MEN OUSTED.

Vice President Gomez Forms Own Government.

Vice President J. Vicente Gomez, to whom General Cipriano Castro handed over the presidency on his departure for Europe, has established a new government in Venezuela. He has replaced the old ministry, the leader of which was Dr. Jose de Jesus Paul, minister of foreign affairs, who has been the one figure outside of Castro himself in the negotiations that culminated in the ousting of Minister de Reus and the severance of diplomatic relations with Holland, with a new body of men who represent various factions in the state and who have figured prominently in various ways in the political history of the country.

Not only has Dr. Paul disappeared from the councils of the nation, but Dr. Baldo, who now is traveling in Castro's suite abroad, also has been removed from his official position as minister of education. Secret advice received from Caracas, where the strictest censorship is being observed, indicate that the whole of Venezuela has been in a ferment ever since President Castro sailed, and that the crisis was reached a few days ago when it became necessary for Acting President Gomez to take decisive steps, which he did by eliminating from his cabinet those who were closely affiliated with the Castro rule and under the Castro domination.

Missing Man Found in Woods.

Marshall McDaniel, a former Fort Recovery, Ohio, banker, missing for the past three months from his home in Oregon, has been located by detectives put on his trail by his brother, E. L. McDaniel. He was wandering through Oregon forests in a demented condition, and it is said he does not even know his own name.

Extortion Law Null in Nebraska.

The Supreme Court of Nebraska has declared the act making extortion a crime unconstitutional. The decision came up on the appeal of H. J. Greeno, an attorney, who was extorting money from schoolkeepers.

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Pease Rebates Returns \$9,000.

"Rebate" has such a terror-striking sound to Standard Oil officials that they simply refuse to take money when it is thrust upon them. W. E. McEwen, Minnesota State oil inspector, has been trying to refund \$9,000 in fees which were an overpayment from the Minneapolis branch of the company, but the check has been returned to him.

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TORN BY SNAKE ARRESTS.

Conspiracy and Corruption in Deals Involving Pittsburgh City Funds.

Seven members of the Finance Committee of Council, including the president of the Council, were arrested in Pittsburgh charged with conspiracy, corrupt solicitation and bribery. The accused is Tensard De Wolfe, secretary of the Civic League of Allegheny County, which has been aiding Mayor Guthrie in gathering evidence. The accused are William Brand, president of the Council; Jacob Soffer, Jr.; Isaac Ferguson, Captain John F. Klein, W. H. McInnes, Joseph C. Watson and T. O. Atkinson. All are members of the Council except Atkinson, who is a member of the Select Council.

Information was also made against President W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Viseck, ex-cadre of the German National Bank, by De Wolfe, charging them with conspiracy. Mr. Viseck was arrested and his brother furnished \$5,000 bail. President Ramsey was arrested also. It is alleged that the German National Bank gave the members of the Council a \$17,500.

Watson, Soffer, Klein and Brand are members of the Council known as "The Big Six." They have been obstructing legislation.

The charges against the seven men, stripped of legal phraseology, are as follows: That they offered bribes to obtain and influence the votes of a number of members of the Select and Common Council to secure the passage of certain ordinances designating the depositaries for the funds of the city, bridge ordinances, bond ordinances for freeing bridges, ordinances for filter beds, the Hobart Street Railway ordinance, resolution to pave Fourth avenue with wood blocks and other resolutions. The information says the charges referred to cover a period of two years.

TO COMBAT MRS. ANNIS' STORY.

Lawyers for Hains Promise to Discredit Testimony of Widow.

In the trial at Flushing, N. Y., lawyers for Thornton Jenkins Hains asserted that every effort will be put forth to shatter that part of Mrs. Helene E. Annis' testimony that the defendant bequeathed his brother and the two men went to the boat, where Capt. Hains shot and killed William E. Annis as he was making a landing with his boat. This evidence, Hains' counsel declares, was suggested to Mrs. Annis in order that her testimony might bring

the defendant within the meaning of the statute that there must be some overt act to show that he induced or procured his brother to commit the crime.



Mrs. WILLIAM E. ANNIS.

SUPPOSED DEAD MAN FOUND.

Indianian, Thought to Be Drowned, Taken and Charged with Fraud.

Henry E. Agar, former secretary and treasurer of the Princeton (Ind.) Elevator Company, who was reported drowned in the Wabash river two years ago, was arrested in Hartington, Tex., and confessed his identity. After his disappearance Agar was charged with forgery and embezzlement amounting to \$100,000. He was a member of the Indiana Legislature in 1905. Agar's life insurance, amounting to about \$30,000 in various companies, has been bitterly contested in the courts, but two policies had already been paid to the supposed widow and estate at the time of his capture.

It is stated by Agar that he was riding on his grainboat down the Wabash river when he accidentally fell overboard. He narrowly escaped drowning, but was finally rescued by a man on a houseboat. His business affairs were in bad shape, he says, and he took advantage of the opportunity to let the world believe that he was dead.

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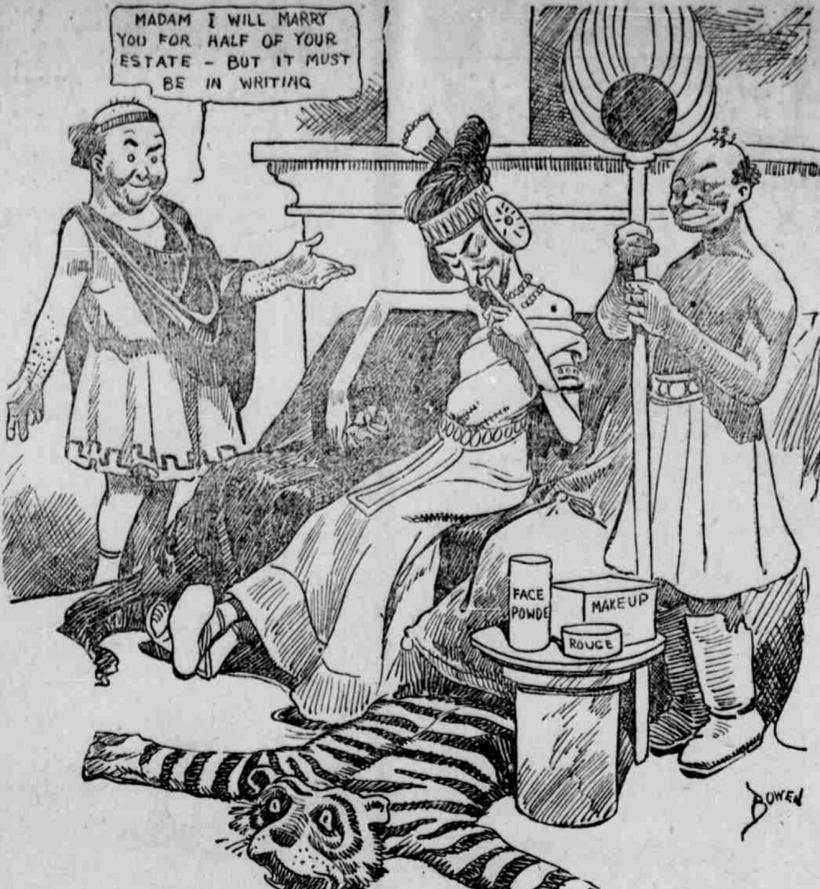
House Loted; Owner Away.

The residence of Miss Elizabeth R. Estes in Brooklyn, N. Y., has been ransacked by lecherous burglars during the absence of the owner in Europe. Even carpets and furniture were carted away by the thieves. The booty obtained is valued at \$15,000.

Boy Gives Life to Save Dog.

In Hartford, Conn., Daniel Marshall, 10 years old, gave his life to save that of his dog. The dog had run on the tracks and a train was coming when the boy ran across the rails to save the animal and was struck. The dog escaped.

ANOTHER ROMANCE SHATTERED.



SCIENTISTS HAVE DISCOVERED THAT CLEOPATRA WAS NOT A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN—SO MARC ANTONY MUST HAVE WOODED HER FOR HER MONEY.

HOUSE SLAPS AT ROOSEVELT.

Calls on Him to Tell on What He Bases Secret Service Charges.

The House of Representatives Thursday, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution requesting the President to supply it with any evidence that may be in his possession that will justify the statement in his last annual message in relation to the attitude of members of Congress toward appropriations for the secret service of the government.

Mr. Perkins, chairman of the special committee charged to investigate the allegations made in the President's message, and John Sharp Williams of Mississippi both stated on the floor that it was the desire of the special committee to be just toward the President in allowing him to submit any evidence he may have, and both declared that the committee would give it full and impartial consideration. Mr. Perkins said the committee would continue in session during the Christmas holidays so that it might receive such evidence from the President promptly and proceed to consider it.

Both the resolution and all of the preamble, except that part of the latter interpreting the meaning of the President's message in relation to the secret service, were adopted unanimously by a viva voce vote. Mr. Bennett of New York demanded a division on the preamble provision stating the committee's interpretation of the President's strictures upon Congress, but before the division was entered upon endeavored to withdraw his motion. Mr. Williams insisted that this could not be done, and the vote being taken, 270 members voted aye and 14 no on this part of the preamble.



Milwaukee is after the next bowling congress and looks good to get it.

Percy Houghton has been elected football coach at Harvard for another two years.

James R. Keene was the largest winner on the American turf this season. He won \$282,075.

Cornell's track team will meet the Maroons on an indoor track at the Bartlett gymnasium this winter.

Tommy Burns, the Canadian, is not only champion heavyweight fighter, but he is champion of all weights as a financier.

The most profitable race horse in the United States this season was Sir Martin. He captured stakes to the value of \$78,500.

In the relay run from New York to Washington nearly 1,000 boys carried a silver tube containing a message from Rudolph Foster to President Roosevelt.

Patsy Donovan, who has been let go as manager of the Brooklyn National League team, will in all probability be appointed manager of the Boston club next year.

Fred Bradley of Boston was knocked out in the fourth round of a boxing bout with Al Kubiak of Grand Rapids, Mich., at the West End Athletic Club in Philadelphia. He became unconscious and was hurried to a hospital.

Mordecai Brown has gone to work as a buyer in the Chicago stock yards. The three-fingered pitching wonder says he will soon say he is out of baseball and wants a profession to fall back upon.

Christy Mathewson, the famous New York Giant, will coach the Harvard pitching squad next spring. Negotiations which have been under way for some time have practically been completed.

Prospects for the resumption of boxing in Chicago were shattered when Chief of Police Shippy caused the arrest of principals and promoters of a boxing match given in the Illinois Boxing Club a few days ago.

MANY WEEP AT BANK'S DOORS.

Napoleon, O., Institution Involved in Insurance Failure, A Gains.

Men cried and women fainted in the streets of Napoleon, Ohio, when they found a notice of assignment posted on the doors of the Citizens' State Bank. D. D. Donovan was named as assignee. President Heller of the bank is now confined in a hospital in a Minnesota town. The failure is said to be due to overloans made by Cashier Groll to Judge Michael Donnelly, who is president of the Ohio German Fire Insurance Company, and the assignment is also said to be the direct result of the recent failure of that insurance company. These loans to Donnelly, it is alleged, were made without the authority of other officials. The bank is capitalized at \$71,000 and has an undivided surplus of \$21,000. The deposits amount to \$835,000. The bank examiner objected to an extension of credit to Judge Donnelly and required the amount to be made up by the end of this month. The directors determined to make an assignment in order to furnish equal and full protection to all the creditors.

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The Other John D.

John D. Archbold started life as an office boy. But he evidently didn't have to look after the letter files.—Augusta Chronicle.

It is difficult for Mr. Archbold to remember anything without referring to his letter files, which, as the world knows, are sadly incomplete.—Washington Star.

Mr. Archbold was unable to explain an item of \$22,000,000 paid to P. S. Trainer, beyond the mere fact that it was for "advertisements." Perhaps Mr. Trainer did some plumbing for the Standard Oil Company.—Kansas City Star.

We infer that the cost of the Archbold letters is not included in Mr. Hearst's outlay of \$42,000 for the Independence campaign. The letters have been listed as a permanent investment, in all probability.—Houston Post.

Though a man of letters, Mr. Archbold will waste no time writing an autobiography.—Atlanta Constitution.

Plan World Sunday School Meet.

The world's executive committee of the International Sunday School Association met in Washington to outline plans for the world's sixth Sunday school convention, to be held there in May or June of 1910.

Swiss Elect President.

A. Deucher, minister of commerce, was elected president of the Swiss republic for 1909 by the Federal Assembly. He will succeed Dr. F. Brenner, whose term of office expires Jan. 1.

Killed by Slide of Snow.

A snowslide at the Tom Moore mine at Eureka, Colo., killed William Mendell, foreman, aged 55, and destroyed the large mine boarding house. It is reported that slides damaged the Precious Metals property at Chattanooga and the Shenandoah at Lewisville. There are many slides running in the San Juan country.

Pupils' Day School Fire.

Altoona's half million dollar high school caught fire the other day. All the pupils were dismissed without mishap, but many of them lost clothing which was hanging in closets.

KNOX WILL HEAD THE CABINET.

Senator Accepts Position of Secretary of State Offered by Taft.

Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania has been offered and has accepted the position of Secretary of State in the Taft cabinet, according to a report in Washington that appears to be authentic. Mr. Knox, it is said, has consented to serve in the cabinet, at a sacrifice of his personal inclinations, as he would prefer to remain in the Senate. It is said that Mr. Knox's resignation from the Senate is ready to be submitted to Gov. Stuart.

Senator Knox was appointed Attorney General by President McKinley and remained in that position under Roosevelt until 1904, when upon the death of Matt Quay he became Senator for Pennsylvania.

Find 1 Sailor's Body; 23 Missing.

One unidentified body from the lost Wolvin line steamer D. M. Clemson has been recovered and two other bodies have been seen in the Lake Superior surf. Life savers and friends of the twenty-four men of the Clemson's crew have been patrolling the beach night and day for a week, in the hope of recovering the bodies of the victims.



Gov. Folk has decided that under the law the entire electoral vote of Missouri should be cast for William H. Taft. The Taft plurality in Missouri is 1,023.

Congressman Theodore E. Burton of Ohio has been tentatively offered the secretaryship of the treasury, in Taft's cabinet, but has not decided whether he will accept. His friends in Ohio want him to be a candidate for the Senate.

J. J. Sullivan of Columbus, who was appointed judge of the Nebraska Supreme Court by Gov. Sheldon, has filed his resignation. Gov. Sheldon accepted the resignation. Judge Sullivan took the oath of office and served one day. He declined to issue a statement explaining his resignation.

The statement of the expense account of Robert M. La Follette's presidential campaign committee has been filed at Madison by Alfred T. Rogers, law partner of Senator La Follette and member of the Republican national committee. According to the statement contributions aggregating \$17,928.10 were received to carry on the campaign of La Follette for nomination for the presidency, and an equal amount was expended.

The announcement that President Roosevelt had insisted upon the immediate appointment of John D. Pringle, editor of the Labor World at Pittsburgh, to be appraiser of that port, with a \$3,500 salary, has disturbed the regular Republican leaders of that part of the State.

Dr. Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, in a short time will be reappointed to his present position by President Roosevelt. Dr. Neill was made commissioner of labor by President Roosevelt in succession of Prof. Carroll D. Wright, who accepted the position of president of Clark university at Worcester, Mass.

Chairman Hitchcock of the Republican national committee will name the chairman of the committee to have charge of the campaign at the inauguration of Mr. Taft.

Indiana gave Taft a plurality of 10,731; Kansas gave him 25,957. South Carolina is as strongly Democratic as ever. It gave Bryan 62,280 votes and Taft only 3,847.

Labor union men have made a strong plea to have W. W. Williams retained as State labor commissioner of Minnesota, but Gov. Johnson has refused to reconsider his order appointing W. E. McEwen of Duluth in Williams' place.

HOLD TWO JOBS! NO.

Fay Roll Patriot Gets Blow When Chytrous Decides Galpin Case.

A smashing blow to the pay roll patriot was administered by Judge Axel Chytrous of the Appellate Court in Chicago when he handed down a deep-debating decision holding that no person can draw two salaries from the public treasury simultaneously.

The decision came in the case of Herman B. Meyer against County Clerk Joseph E. Haas, an affair of two years' standing in the court records of Cook County and involving the right of Homer K. Galpin, chief clerk of the Chicago Municipal Court, to sit in the State Senate, representing the Second District. Galpin's term as Senator is officially wanting, and for all practical purposes has expired. Judge Clifford refused to issue a writ of mandamus to County Clerk Haas on the petition of Herman B. Meyer, who had sought Galpin's seat in the Senate. County Clerk Haas in turn had refused to notify Governor Deneen officially that a vacancy existed in the Senate from the Galpin district following Galpin's election as chief clerk of the Municipal Court. Judge Chytrous and the Appellate bench now hold that Judge Clifford was in error and that Galpin had no right to a seat in the Senate during the last two years.

The point of interest to politicians generally, but most specifically unpleasant to more than thirty members-elect of the incoming Illinois General Assembly, is that the common law is against two salaries going into the pockets of one man at the same time from the public treasury, and specifically that a State legislator under the constitution is forbidden to hold any other remunerative office under the United States or State government.

It is known within legislative circles and among politicians that a large percentage of the personnel of the Cook County delegation in the Legislature has an intimate acquaintance with some public pay roll. There are examples of the same situation with regard to some of the down-State members of the General Assembly. Federal, State, city and Sanitary District employes, who are drawing pay now, will be noted on the official roll call of the Legislature.

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SINKS BOAT IN OCEAN.

Tramp Rams Freighter in Fog, but Heroic Crew Rescues Crew.

Amid pounding seas and a heavy mist the British freight steamer Dacastan, outward bound for Marseilles, was sunk outside the harbor of New York by the tramp steamer Catalone, owned by the English and American Shipping Company of London. That no lives were lost was due to the prompt action of Captain Glover of the Cleveland in lowering lifeboats, his men put out the rescue torch and sent to the rescue of the thirty sailors aboard the stricken vessel. The Dacastan after being rammed settled so rapidly that some of her crew were compelled to jump into the sea.

INDIANS ARE STARVING.

Wolves in the North Drive Game from the Forests.

According to information received from Fort George, B. C., 300 Indians are at the verge of starvation. The overrunning of the country by packs of wolves is primarily responsible for the condition of the Indians. Prospectors from the Injunika declare that these animals have been seen as high as forty in a pack. They have killed all the game there is, and consequently the Indians have had during the last several or eight months, unable to kill or trap anything with which to barter for food with the traders of the Northern outfitting posts.

WILBUR WRIGHT IN NEW FEAT.

Shoots Up 240 Feet, Stops Engine, and Descends Slowly.

Wilbur Wright, the American aviator, made a most remarkable flight in his aeroplane at Le Mans, 240 feet, of rising gradually, the machine shot up like a rocket to a height of 240 feet. The aeronaut then permitted it to drop about fifty feet, at which altitude he stopped the engine. The machine glided down smoothly and gracefully, landing about three-quarters of a mile from the starting point. Members of the English Aero Club, who were present, became wildly enthusiastic over the splendid performance.

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Defalcation Causes Failure.

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Body of Chief Bigly Found.

The body of Chief of Police Bigly, who was drowned from the police launch *Patrol No. 30* in San Francisco Bay on the night of Nov. 30, was found by the crew of a freight boat transit. It was floating off Goat Island, face upward.

WORK OF CONGRESS

In the Senate considerable time was devoted Wednesday to a discussion of the President's course in placing strictures on Congress in the matter of the secret service, and a searching resolution, proposed by Mr. Aldrich and amended upon the suggestion of Mr. Culberson, providing for a thorough investigation by the committee on appropriations of the President's charges, both in respect to the acts and the course that should be taken by Congress to prevent the imputation believed to have been cast upon that body, was adopted. Mr. Aldrich, in introducing his resolution made no comment upon it, but Senator Bailey, Bacon, Tillman, Culberson and others declared that President's words should be re-acted by the Senate as highly insulting. Senator Foraker's resolution calling on the Secretary of War for information concerning the work of detectives in the Brownsville affair also was adopted.

The postal savings bank bill was before the Senate Thursday for over an hour. Senator Burkett of Nebraska making a comprehensive argument in favor of its passage. The Senate listened also to the reading of a message from the President recommending a change in the form of government of the District of Columbia, by which a single executive head would take the place of the board of three commissioners who now jointly act as a governing board. At 2:30 o'clock the Senate adjourned until Saturday. By unanimous vote the House adopted a resolution proposed by the special committee of five calling on the President for proof of his charge that members were fearful of an investigation by the secret service agents. The remainder of the day was given over to consideration of bills on the private calendar, a large number of which were passed.

The Senate was not in session Friday. Because of the general exodus of members for their homes for the Christmas holidays, the attendance in the House was far short of a quorum. Nevertheless a good deal of business was transacted. This consisted mostly of the passage of war claim bills, some of them giving rise to considerable discussion.

A brief Senate session was devoted to routine business in accordance with the agreement reached before the adjournment Thursday. Several messages on minor legislation were received from the President and bills and other measures were introduced. At 12:50 o'clock the Senate adjourned until Jan. 4, 1909. After passing a bill granting the Southern Pacific Railroad Company a right of way across the Fort Mason military reservation in California, the House, on motion of Mr. Payne, of New York, adjourned at 12:14 p. m. till Monday, Jan. 4, 1909.

Lockjaw Sensations Described.

Dr. F. W. Grundman of St. Louis who has recently recovered from the dreaded disease, lockjaw, which he contracted as the result of a cut on the knee, caused by a fall from a street car, gives an interesting account of how he followed the symptoms from the first indication. About a week after the accident, when the knee was all healed, he noticed that he had a slight fever and that the muscles of his neck pained and were restricted. Spasmodic jerking of the limbs followed, and soon the muscles of the jaw began to spasm. He sent for a doctor and used all his will power to control the muscles until the physician arrived with the antitoxin serum. In one day about a fluid ounce was injected, and though the jaws continued to lock, a victory was finally won and the doctor lives to tell the story.

A Post Card Panic.

The post card business is seriously depressed at present, while some of the great foreign markets are bordering on panic. Over-production and wild speculation in the commodity are the causes. The public has watched the gradual encroachment of the souvenir post card with surprise, perhaps, but without realizing the enormous proportions of the industry. In order to supply the little stands in every store, at every cross roads the country over, an immense industry has been developed in practically all civilized lands. Incidentally the United States imported from Germany in a single year more than \$5,000,000 worth of the bits of cardboard. The post card panic is most acute at present in Germany. The card industry lost heavily, as large orders were canceled.

NEWS OF MINOR NOTE.

Twenty men were hurt in a railroad collision near Brussels, Belgium.

Trustees of Columbia university, New York, decided to give the alumni representation on the board.

Several persons were hurt in a clash between army men and citizens at Port Townsend, Wash.

Reports from Hawaii indicate a record pineapple crop for 1908 far in excess of any production yet recorded.

Woman suffragists are said to be preparing for a crusade at Albany when the New York Legislature assembles.

Rear Admiral Mason, chief of ordnance, in his annual report, says the big guns on American warships are the equal of any in the world.

Frederick F. Rhodes, cousin of Cecil Rhodes, in an interview at Moscow City, said he considered war between England and Germany certain.

Dr. Cyrus Northrop, president of the University of Minnesota, will retire at the end of the present college year. He has held the position twenty-five years.

A report that Germany and Japan purpose to conclude an agreement concerning China similar in terms to the American-Japanese understanding is said in Berlin to be without foundation.

Within sight of home and native land, Carl Herberster, a private in the hospital corps, ended his life on the deck of the transport *Thomas*, near the Golden Gate, by slashing his throat with a razor.

Contractors on the Milwaukee and St. Paul tunnel, through the Cœur d'Alene mountains in Montana set a new world record in tunneling for a month in November, having bored 731 1/2 feet. The tunnel will be 8,750 feet.