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### SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

#### DEATH ROLL GROWS

##### 110,000 PERISH AT MESSINA AND REGGIO ALONE.

##### King Is Moved to Tears by Distressing Scenes Witnessed in Messina—Rescue Work of Soldiers and Bluejackets Praised by His Majesty.

The immensity of the disaster in southern Italy and Sicily can only be measured by the fact that it is now estimated that 110,000 people perished in Messina and Reggio alone. A score of other towns have been devastated and thousands of victims in these places must be added to the roll. In the face of these awful totals, all Italy stands appalled.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Elena were in Messina Wednesday. The king explored the ruins regardless of the danger to which he exposed himself. He was often moved to tears at the heartrending scenes he came upon at every turn. The king was loud in his praise of the splendid work accomplished by the Italian, Russian and English bluejackets, who saved many persons who otherwise would have inevitably perished. The queen spent the day in the wards of improvised hospitals visiting the wounded, many of whom have lost all that was dear to them. Her majesty did her best to cheer them with womanly words of consolation, often breaking into sobs as she listened to their dreadful tales of suffering. The king left for Reggio Wednesday night.

Catania, the largest city nearest to the scene of the disaster, is crowded with refugees, and the continuous stream of fugitives coming in, the sight of the wounded and repetition of real or imaginary quakes have so alarmed the population that they are becoming uncontrollable. There is no longer any place where the refugees may find shelter.

#### BIG CAR SIGN SWINDLE.

##### Fraud Order Issued Against Number of Companies.

The postmaster general at Washington, D. C., has issued a fraud order against Theo. Kharas and various movable car sign companies promoted by him, among them being the Omaha and Sioux City companies. The inspectors report Kharas has received probably at least \$50,000 from syndicates formed to promote movable street car signs, but that practically nothing has been done to put the device in operation, except at Alton, Ill. Kharas is charged with having falsely pretended to have patents and foreign rights he did not possess to induce investments in the enterprise. His one patent is declared of small value. Advertisements of his promotions stated his signs were in operation in street cars of Davenport, Muscatine, Clinton and Sioux City, among other cities, but the inspectors report none of the signs are used in the cities named.

Kharas is said to be chiefly interested now in promoting the Central Mobile Sign company, of Omaha, alleged to have millions of dollars capital, several offices of which are women stenographers and clerks in his office. Since his arrest on an Omaha indictment Kharas is said to have admitted that he was without financial backing and that he was once a magnetic healer. His companies are now barred from use of the mails.

#### MINE HORROR IN VIRGINIA.

##### Fifty Men Believed to Have Perished in Explosion.

The fatalities in the Lick branch mine at Ennis, W. Va., as the result of the explosion Tuesday probably will reach fifty. Twelve bodies have been taken out. According to the mine foreman, there are thirty-eight men still in the mine, with little chance of recovery. The cause of the explosion is unknown. There is no excitement at the mine. Practically all the women and children of the victims are bearing their grief in silence at their homes.

#### To Preserve His Forests.

A policy of managing its timber lands so that there will be a permanent growth of spruce timber was adopted by the board of directors of the International Paper company. The department in charge of the forests owned by the company was influenced to put into effect a plan of practical forestry.

#### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Wednesday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$5.00. Top hogs, \$5.65.

#### Bench His Mother.

While in a fit of insanity, Arthur Trotter, 33 years old, killed his aged mother, Mrs. Ann Trotter, by beating her with an ax and a knife, in her apartments in West Nineteenth street, New York.

#### Supply Ship at Suez.

The American supply ship Culgoza put in advance of the battleship fleet under Rear Admiral Sperry. The warships are expected January 3.

#### AGONY IN ITS TRAIL.

All Italy in Gloom Over an Earthquake's Calamity. One hundred thousand dead; Messina in Sicily and Reggio and a score of other towns in southern Italy overwhelmed; the entire Calabria region laid waste. This is the earthquake record so far as is at present coming slowly into Rome on account of the almost complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places. The death list in Messina ranges from 12,000 to 50,000; that of Reggio, which, with its adjacent villages, numbered 45,000 people, includes almost the entire population. At Palmi, 1,000 are reported dead; at Cassano, 1,000; at Cosenza, 500, and half the population of Bagnara, about 4,000. The Messina region has been devastated and Bivito, Seminara, San Giovanni, Scilla, Lazzaro and Connettillo and all other communes and villages bordering on the straits are in ruins.

The king and queen of Italy left Tuesday for Messina, having sailed from Naples aboard the battleship Vittorio Emanuele. The pope has shown the greatest distress at the calamity, and he himself was the first one to contribute a sum of \$200,000 to the relief of the afflicted. British, French and Russian warships are steaming towards the south and already several of the ships of Great Britain and Russia have reached Sicily. Officers and men of these ships have performed heroic services in the work of rescue.

It is feared that many foreigners have been killed, as a number of hotels at Messina and doubtless at other places were crowded with tourists. Little is known of the fate of the diplomatic representatives of the foreign powers stationed at this port, although effort to relieve the anxiety felt on their account. There is the gravest danger that a pestilence will follow the destruction of the towns where, on account of the vast havoc wrought, bodies will be unburied for days and weeks. Those who escaped death, many of whom are badly injured, are making their way by the thousands to the nearest place of refuge. Their sufferings even now must be intense, as they are without food or clothing.

Latest reports received state that 4,000 soldiers in the various barracks at Messina were buried under the ruins. The Rock of Carybdis now blocks the entrance to the strait of Messina. The tidal wave wrecked the lighthouses in the strait, including Faro Beacon, and they crashed into the sea.

#### APPEAL TO AMERICANS.

##### They Are Asked to Aid Earthquake Sufferers.

The American National Red Cross at Washington, D. C., Tuesday sent out telegraphic requests to all its branches for relief funds to be applied to sufferers from the earthquake in southern Italy.

The Red Cross will have to wait until contributions are received in response to the appeal sent out today, as the balance remaining in the treasury is but \$2,000, which will be kept in reserve for emergencies in the United States. Contributions of clothing for the earthquake sufferers are not recommended by the American Red Cross. Mabel T. Boardman, of the executive committee of the society, Tuesday replied to an inquiry saying it was not thought desirable to send clothing and supplies at this time, but that relief should be in the form of money contributions, which should be remitted promptly to the American Red Cross.

#### FAMINE IN PRINT PAPER.

##### Drought in Paper Making Territory Hinders the Manufacture.

That a famine in the news print paper is likely to result from a much longer continuation of the present dry spell in paper making territory is indicated in statements made Tuesday by officials of the International Paper company. Many mills which have been compelled to run on short time in several departments owing to low water, will be forced to shut down entirely within four weeks unless rain falls, the officials say. Such a shutdown would, it is said, cut off shipments to a number of big dailies and result in the laying off of thousands of men who only recently resumed work after being on strike for three months.

#### Not the One He Signed.

President Johnson, of the American Baseball league, announced Tuesday that he would endeavor to have reconsidered the national committee's decision on the alleged ticket scalping in Chicago during the world's championship series. He declared the decision given out was not the one he had agreed to have his name signed to.

#### Driscoll Gets Decision.

Jem Driscoll, the English featherweight, outboxed Matty Baldwin, of Boston, at the Armory Athletic club in Boston Tuesday night, and gained the decision without being at any time in serious danger.

#### Meet in Protest.

Several growers of tobacco met Tuesday at Hartford, Conn., and declared war on the proposition to lower the tariff on tobacco.

#### St. Louis to Raise Funds.

Leighton Shields, of St. Louis secretary of the Missouri branch of the National Red Cross society, took immediate steps Tuesday toward the collection of funds to be sent to the earthquake sufferers in Italy.

#### Gov. Floyd Asks Aid.

Gov. Floyd, of New Hampshire, in a proclamation issued Tuesday night, called for contributions for relief of the earthquake sufferers in Italy.

#### PEOPLE IN A PANIC.

##### Southern Part of Italy Devastated by Earthquake.

The three provinces of Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio di Calabria, comprising the department of Calabria, which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy, or "the toe of the boot," were devastated Monday by an earthquake, the far reaching effects of which were felt almost throughout the entire country. The town of Messina, in Sicily, was partially destroyed, and Catania was inundated. In Messina hundreds of houses have fallen, and many persons have been killed. Owing, however, to the fact that telegraphic and telephonic communications were almost completely destroyed it is impossible to obtain even an approximate idea of the vast damage done. The fate of entire regions within the zone of the earthquake is unknown, but reports received at Rome up to a late hour Monday night indicate that the havoc has been great and the destruction to life and property more terrible than Italy has experienced in many years. The uncertainty of the situation for many thousands has filled all Italians with the deepest distress, for they still have fear that the day may come when that part of the country which seems to have been most blessed by nature will be destroyed by the blind forces of that same nature which nearly nineteen centuries ago overwhelmed Pompeii and Herculaneum.

All reports show that the present catastrophe embraces a larger area than the earthquake in 1905. The tidal waves which followed the earthquake on the eastern coast of Sicily sank vessels and inundated the lower part of Catania. It is known that a number of people were killed at that place, but the rushing waves carried everything before them and caused such an indescribable confusion that it will be impossible for some time to estimate the damage and the lives lost.

For a period the town of Messina and the whole province of Reggio were completely isolated through interruptions to the telegraph and telephone, and landlines that obstructed the railways. Absolutely nothing was heard from Reggio throughout the day, while the first news from Messina came in the form of a dispatch which a torpedo boat flying at full speed along the coast carried from point to point, always finding the wires down, until it reached Nicotera, where the telegraph lines were found to be intact.

#### BRIDE FOR SEVENTH TIME.

Madeline Marshall, Actress, Marries Paterson Real Estate Man. Madeline Marshall, of New York, a well known actress, appears again in the role of a "blushing bride"—her seventh performance. The event took place in Hoboken, N. J., at the home of Justice of the Peace Ivins, who officiated.

The bridegroom, Michael Conakley, a real estate man of Paterson, N. J., had led two other brides to the altar. Harry Kelly, "Miss" Marshall's stage partner, recalled that the matrimonial sea.

Mrs. Conakley's maiden name was Devina Tara Glesop. She is still a young woman and has two daughters, who appear in a pony ballet.

John d'Arc in a Vision. The Italia publishes a report, at Rome, which caused a sensation in ecclesiastic circles that John of Arc recently appeared in a vision to the pope and addressed to him solemn words of encouragement, exhorting him to continue his present policies, which she promised would shortly be crowned with triumph.

Holland Holds Her Hand. The foreign office Monday at the Hague issued a statement that the trouble between Venezuela and Holland is regarded as provisionally at an end and that the Netherlands intends to hold its hand pending the progress of the new Gomez administration at Caracas.

For Advancement of Science. With 2,000 members in attendance the sixteenth annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science opened at Johns Hopkins university Monday at Baltimore. The sessions continue throughout the week.

Big Swindle is Alleged. Charges that J. R. Markley, E. D. Graves, D. W. Graves, John B. Wellcome and Lee Mantle diverted large sums from the Mexican Plantation association to themselves are made in a petition at Chicago Monday by Joseph Sanders.

Places For Soldiers. Civil employment under the government for soldiers honorably discharged after six years' service is recommended by Maj. Gen. Frederick D. Grant, commander of the department of the lakes in his annual report made public at Chicago Monday.

Two Ships in Collision. The British steamer Advance and the British bark Iverna were in a collision off Newcastle, N. S. W. The Advance went down, and with the exception of her first officers all the members lost their lives. The Iverna put into Newcastle landing badly.

Riot Follows An Edict. Orders were issued Saturday to a number of natives at Tungan, China, to cease planting opium poppies. They declined to acquiesce and a riot followed in which one officer and ten civilians were killed.

A Divine Commits Suicide. Rev. Robert Dougherty, pastor of the Congregational church at Buchanan, N. D., has committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. It is believed he was temporarily insane.

## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

### OFFER OF NORMAL SCHOOL.

Wayne Willing to Donate Private Institution to the State. The legislature is going to be asked to appropriate \$100,000 to purchase the property of the Nebraska Normal college at Wayne. The trustees of the college at a recent meeting decided to offer the property to the state. It is argued that throughout Nebraska, there is no state educational institution, and needs one.

Wayne, Neb., Dec. 19, 1908.—Resolutions passed and signed by the board of trustees and president of Nebraska Normal college at a meeting held on above date in the office of J. T. Bressler, of Wayne.

Whereas, The Nebraska Normal college, of Wayne, Neb., has been in successful operation seven years and has a well equipped normal school plant, consisting of two recitation buildings, five dormitories, president's residence, central heating plant—all supplied with complete lines of appropriate apparatus with a value of \$150,000 and could not be duplicated at present for that sum; and

Whereas, The trustees of said Nebraska college and educators of north Nebraska believe the education of the state would be advanced by establishing and maintaining a state normal school at Wayne, Neb.

Therefore, be it resolved, That the trustees and the president of the Nebraska Normal college tender to the state of Nebraska for \$100,000 the entire property of the college for the establishment and maintenance of a state normal school at Wayne, Neb.

This is signed by President J. M. Pitt, Trustees J. T. Bressler, H. C. Ley, S. R. Theobald, A. A. Welch, A. C. Tucker, H. F. Wilson, Dan Harrington, H. C. Henney and R. Phillips.

### KILLS CRIPPLED SON.

##### Lincoln Father Then Commits Suicide, Had Been in Ill Health.

Herman Wedburg, of Lincoln, a hack driver, 35 years old, killed his 8-year-old son, and then shot himself, dying almost instantly. The murdered child, who was a cripple, never having been able to walk, was asleep with another brother. According to the story of the second son, the father came to the bed, lifted the child, and shot him through the heart. Satisfying himself that his boy was dead, the man turned the weapon on himself.

Wedburg has for some time been in poor health, and his condition lately had become desperate. He called a doctor, who gave him little encouragement. Brooding over his own ailment and that of the boy supposedly prompted the act.

### STRAIGHTEN ELKHORN RIVER.

##### Made Necessary by the Changes Made in Logan Creek.

The plan of straightening the Elkhorn river by cutting channels across the flood plain, almost instantly has been talked of for a number of years by farmers owning lands adjoining it. It is likely to be realized. To accomplish this will require the co-operation of both Douglas and Sarpy counties and it is made practically necessary by the proposed straightening of Logan creek through Thurston, Burt and Dodge counties. Logan creek is 167 miles in length, but if the cutoffs proposed by the federal government engineers are dug it will be reduced to only about sixty miles, and during high water it will empty a larger flow into the Elkhorn than that crooked erratic stream can carry. The plan proposed contemplates a new drainage district under the Knowles law.

### BROKE THROUGH THE ICE.

##### H. T. Bowers Loses Life While Skating at Lincoln.

Despite the efforts of his companions, Miss Janet Ramey, H. T. Bowers, 29 years of age, lost his life while skating at Lincoln park. He broke through the thin ice and drowned more than a hundred skaters witnessing the tragedy.

Miss Ramey screamed for help and at the same time skated out on the thin ice and attempted to reach Mr. Bowers with a branch that she had caught up. His body was recovered three-quarters of an hour after he sank. Bowers was prominent in society and his family is well known. His father being state secretary for the Gideons.

### Death of West Point Woman.

Mrs. Amanda Herr, of West Point is dead at an advanced age. She had been seriously ill for two years, and with an incurable malady, which terminated in a severe hemorrhage of the lungs causing death. She leaves a husband and a family of seven children.

### Man Dies at Police Station.

J. E. Forbes, who gave his residence as 203 First street, died at the police station Monday night. He was found in his home Saturday from heart failure brought on by chronic alcoholism.

### Machinery for Light Plant.

The machinery for McCook's new electric light plant arrived last week on Wednesday. The new buildings are rapidly nearing completion.

### Held for Diamond Theft.

Julius Souder of Grand Island is awaiting trial at Hastings on the charge of larceny and forgery. He is accused of having stolen a diamond from the Sims jewelry store while negotiating for its purchase with a forged check.

### Poultry Show a Success.

The chicken and pet stock show which closed Saturday at Nebraska City was a success in every way. There were over 300 entries and the attendance was very large.

#### BOGUS GAME LAWS.

##### Advertising Grafter Trimming Country Merchants.

Merchants out in some of the small towns of the state are patronizing a traveling advertising man, instead of their local newspapers, and consequently are liable to get innocent parties into trouble. The scheme being worked is to print on a card the game laws for 1908-09 and sell advertising space on the cards to the merchants. Copies of the card have been received by Game Warden Carter, who denounced the man who is doing the business as a mighty bad man. Here is what Mr. Carter said: "There are no game laws for 1908-09. The legislature which is shortly to meet may change all of the game laws on the statute books. The circulation of these cards might get innocent parties into trouble because they might think they are really the game laws of the state. The man who got up the advertising scheme did not even use the present game laws. I have written to several parties who have sent me cards and told they are all wrong insofar as they relate to the game laws. Mr. Carter received some of the cards from Fairbury and they contained advertising matter from merchants of that town.

#### LINCOLN'S CITY CHARTER.

##### Mayor Thinks Commission Should Have Pay.

Mayor Brown, of Lincoln, who has just recently returned home from an absence of several weeks at Excelsior Springs, Lincoln, Neb., has just after election has begun to look into the matter of the city government by commission. Mayor Brown is opposed to the idea of having a commission to serve without pay. He believes such a commission will not attend to the duties of the city government and business men should not be asked to give their time to the city for nothing. While the making of the charter has gone on in the absence of the mayor and with little advice or suggestion from him, the people here now realize that it is time his honor was being consulted. Therefore a number of leading citizens have dropped into his office during the last few days to get his advice.

#### LET BY THE MILLERS.

##### Atkin Secretary Wilson's Bleached Flour Order.

The South Dakota division of the Nebraska Millers' association in an animated meeting at Lincoln Tuesday afternoon discussed plans for appealing to the federal court for relief from Secretary Wilson's order against bleached flour. The millers asserted the clause would cause the Nebraska millers heavy loss and would ruin the industry in the state. They accused Wilson of gratifying a private grudge. It was tacitly agreed to seek relief in the federal court. The millers also framed an emphatic protest against the increase in freight rates asked for the Nebraska railroads.

#### WOMAN AT DANNEBERG KILLED.

##### Fell Into a Cellar Way and Skull is Crushed—Dies Instantly.

While doing some Christmas shopping in the store of the Danneberg Mercantile company, Mrs. Dikrik Jepson slipped into an open cellar way through the floor and fell to the floor below in such a manner that the skull was crushed, and she lived only a few minutes after. She was one of the earlier Danish settlers, coming to Danneberg in 1872. Her surviving husband has been confined to his bed for a long time by serious illness.

#### VALENTINE MAN MURDERED.

##### C. W. Mastedale Killed at Eldorado, Ark., and Hobbed.

C. W. Mastedale, aged 50 years, of Valentine, Neb., who has been in Eldorado, Ark., for several months, was robbed of about \$200 Wednesday night and killed. His body was found near the school house in Eldorado. Lee C. Coombs, a farmer living about four miles from Eldorado, who was arrested in Little Rock last summer, said to have been charged with larceny, is held in connection with the killing.

#### SHARE PROFITS WITH EMPLOYEES.

##### Divide More Than \$4,000 Among Their Workmen.

In addition to the distribution of 29 turkeys among the employees, the Dempster Mill Manufacturing company of Beatrice has added reason for a merry Christmas by declaring the semi-annual profit sharing. Dividends are distributed for the last half of the year and total \$4,000. This year the rate is 5 per cent against 6 per cent last year.

#### No Pay for Clements.

Leat. Geo. Hopewell has decided not to accept a commission of 3rd grade cavalry because of the remaining part of a sixteen-year term for murder. He was convicted of killing Luke Golden on the outskirts of South Omaha about two years ago.

#### Edward DeWaller Returns.

James B. DeWaller, who was in an "intentional" with William Held at Millard last summer, in which Held was killed and who escaped from the county jail at Kearney on the night of September 15, was returned toeward custody jail by Sheriff Gilan Thursday.

#### New Paper House at McCook.

McCook's \$50,000 Mission temple—a home, school and newspaper building of enclosure. It is hoped that the building will be completed by early spring.

#### For Farmers Institute.

The county board of supervisors of "riding county" have appropriated \$100 for the purpose of holding a farmers' institute in the year 1909.

#### Robber Promptly Captured.

The store of J. L. Hopper at Gibbon, was robbed of money and goods. The robber was caught at Minden by Walter Simmons, of Kearney. He acknowledged the theft and told where he had hidden the goods.

#### Vote Bonds for School.

A school bond election was held Saturday afternoon at Shelby to issue \$3,000 for a new school building. Four thousand dollars has been accumulated in four years by taxation, which will be added to this fund.

## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

### CHICAGO.

The dominant feature in business circles testify to sustained recovery in both activity and confidence. Statistics to some extent include figures for one day less than a year ago, but the comparison of averages is gratifying. Payments through the banks maintain their recent high volume and trading defaults have declined. The returns exhibit unprecedented local sales of holiday goods, increased dealings in foodstuffs and further gain in manufacturers. Conditions generally afford much encouragement. Important factors are the starting of the steel plant at Gary and enlargement at various points, all assuring employment for large forces of men and machinery. New demands for pig iron, rails, equipment and structural materials come forward with less hesitancy. Heavy machinery and hardware lines report inquiries which promise much work. Structural materials reflect heavy tonnage needs in the near future. Lumber yard stocks are less extensive for the winter than heretofore and this strengthens values for grades in best demand. Wholesale merchandise departments are in the lull incident to the close of the year. Fall orders, however, for spring and summer wares reflect prompt country settlements. Grain growers still reap high prices and the growth of winter wheat and rye is healthy. The total movement of grain at this port, 8,033,112 bushels, compares with 8,503,833 bushels last week and 8,518,295 bushels a year ago. Compared with 1907 there is decrease in receipts of 10.6 per cent and increase in shipments of 4.7 per cent. Flour receipts were 100,882 barrels, against 174,801 barrels last week and 220,852 barrels a year ago. Live stock receipts, 543,524 head, compared with 403,381 head last week and 303,580 head in 1907. Receipts of hides were 3,571,256 pounds, against 2,991,198 pounds last week and 2,063,109 pounds in 1907. Lumber receipts were 34,603,000 feet, against 51,219,000 feet last week and 27,714,000 a year ago. Wool receipts, 490,122 pounds, compared with 588,557 last week and only 32,000 pounds in 1907. Compared with the closings a week ago, cash prices are unchanged in flour and hogs, but lower in choice cattle, 35 cents per hundredweight, and higher in corn and oats, each 1/2 cent a bushel; wheat 1 1/2 cents; ribs, 12 1/2 cents a barrel; pork, 20 cents per hundredweight; pork, 20 cents a barrel; and lard, 4 1/2 cents a pound. Failures reported in the Chicago district number 22, against 41 last week, 22 in 1907 and 17 in 1906. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 6, against 13 last week, 7 in 1907 and 4 in 1906.—Dun's Review.

### Progress of Surgical Grafting.

During the sessions of the American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia, Dr. Carrel told of the wonders of medical surgery now being performed at the Rockefeller Institute of New York. Recently the leg of a dead dog was grafted on the body of another dog so that in three weeks the wound had healed and the dog was able to use the new leg with perfect control. Dr. Carrel also told of the transplanting of cats' kidneys, even after the organs had been in storage sixty days. Human arteries and jugular veins have been interchanged and the patients have not been able to tell the difference. The chief difficulty in the way of applying these methods to saving human life is to find healthy organs to transplant. Dr. Kien suggested that when a healthy man died his kidneys and other organs be kept in cold storage until some patient should be in need of them. Already the knee joint from the leg of a dead man has been used to replace an injured joint in a living person.

### 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 contracted. Spasmodic jerking of the limbs followed, and soon the muscles of the jaw began slowly to contract. 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 Fiasco.

The post card business is seriously depressed at present, while some of the great foreign markets are bordering on a 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 crossroads 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 artillery 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 J. M. Rhodes, cousin of Cecil Rhodes, in an interview at Mexico 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.

### THE MARKETS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$7.90; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.00 to \$6.12; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$3.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.92 to \$1.93; corn, No. 2, 56c to 57c; oats, standard, 48c to 49c; rye, No. 2, 75c to 76c; hay, timothy, \$8.00 to \$13.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$12.00; butter, choice creamery, 27c to 31c; eggs, fresh, 27c to 31c; potatoes, per bushel, 55c to 76c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$7.00; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$3.50 to \$5.00; sheep, good to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.63 to \$1.64; corn, No. 2 white, 50c to 60c; oats, No. 2 white, 49c to 51c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.50 to \$7.85; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.95; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.06 to \$1.07; corn, No. 2, 57c to 58c; oats, No. 2, 48c to 49c; rye, No. 2, 74c to 76c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.85; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.95; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.15; wheat, No. 2, \$1.92 to \$1.93; corn, No. 2 mixed, 58c to 59c; oats, standard, 48c to 49c; rye, No. 2, 75c to 76