

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Before starting on his big tariff President Taft announced the appointment of the three members of the Tariff Commission created under the law as advisers in the administration of the maximum and minimum provisions. They are Prof. Henry C. Emery of Yale, chairman; James B. Reynolds (now Assistant Secretary of the Treasury); and Alvin H. Sanders of Chicago. Mr. Sanders is editor of the *Breeders' Gazette*, and was one of the original movers for a tariff commission. He is known as an ardent downward revisionist.

Rear Admiral W. G. Melville, retired U. S. N., together with J. H. McAlpine and George Westinghouse, has invented a device for ships consisting of a reduction gear for marine turbines. This will revolutionize the construction of steamers, as from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 may be saved in the building of a ship of the *Mauretania* or *Lusitania* class.

Collector Loeb justifies the increased vigilance of the customs officials in holding up and searching prominent persons on the docks on their arrival from Europe. "Two hundred seizures have been made in the last three weeks at the gates of the docks," said the collector; "that would appear to justify the seizures."

Secretary of State Knox has created a new division, to be known as the Division of Latin-American Affairs, the object of which is to further protect American trade in South America. Thomas C. Dawson of Iowa, minister to Chile, has been selected to head the new division.

Ransford S. Miller, Jr., now secretary and interpreter of the American embassy in Tokio, has been called home to take charge of the Bureau of Far Western Affairs in the State Department, and Consul General Williams, at Tien Tsin, China, is recalled to become assistant chief of the same bureau.

Director of Census Durand estimates that 11,000 more enumerators will be required to count the population next year than were employed in the census of 1900. This increase is due in part to the fact that under the present law the enumerators are to work only eight hours a day.

John W. Riddle, the retiring American ambassador to Russia, has begun his journey back to this country. He will spend some time in Berlin and Paris and expects to reach home some time in November. Mr. Riddle is succeeded by W. W. Rockhill.

Virginia's contributions to the nation's Hall of Fame have been placed in the statutory hall at the United States capitol building. The donation consist of statues of George Washington and of Robt. E. Lee. Lee is pictured in the uniform of the South.

When ex-President Roosevelt made his tour of the west in 1903 he traveled a distance of 13,000 miles at an expense of \$50,000. President Taft expects to travel 12,000 miles at an expense of no more than \$15,000.

GROUNDHOGS ARE GHOULS.

Bones of Dead Found Scattered in Indiana Cemeteries

The people whose dead are buried in many country graveyards south of Terre Haute, in Vigo and Sullivan Counties, Indiana, are horrified by the discovery that ground hogs have burrowed into many graves and bones of the dead were found strewn on the face. These bones have been reburied and the people are trying to stop the molestation. In some cases water has been poured into the holes. In others wood fires were started at the mouth of the openings with sulphur thrown in and a lid securely placed to confine the fumes to the interior as much as possible.

Rich Tramp Causes Reform.

The result of the recent experiment of Edwin A. Brown, a wealthy citizen of Denver, who went to Pittsburgh disguised as a tramp to test the labor and charity conditions there is the decision of Mayor Magee of the latter city to establish a model city lodging house. Brown first tried to get work, but was repulsed at every point. Then he tried to get a place to sleep, but at various charitable institutions, but was turned away. Finally, tired out, he was taken care of by a kind police sergeant who gave him a cell to sleep in. Even the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America had no beds to offer to one who had not at least 25 cents to pay. And the old Liberty Mission charged 10 cents for a lodging. On a park bench he found that the police would not let him and his kind sleep. The mayor said he had no idea that such conditions prevailed.

Abruzzi's Mountain Record.

The duke of Abruzzi, about whose love affair with Miss Elkins so much still appears in the European news budgets, has just returned to his home in Italy from an expedition in the Himalaya Mountains, during which he is said to have made a new world's record for altitude by climbing Mount Godwin-Austin, second highest mountain in the world, to a height of nearly 25,000 feet. The top of this peak is 25,500 feet high.

Atchafalyp to South Pole.

Capt. Rowland Webster, of the Royal Geographic Society, has been commissioned by that eminent body to continue the work of Lieut. Shackleton in the Antarctic regions and to utilize a combination of airship and balloon in trying to reach the south pole. Webster is a famous globe-trotter, having traveled twenty-four times around the world and made fourteen trips to Africa. While in Washington a few days ago on his way to London, Capt. Webster said he expected the new expedition would start about one year hence.

MEMORABLE DAY IN NEW YORK'S HISTORY

Hudson-Fulton Celebration Begins with a Great Naval Pageant Fifteen Miles Long.

WARSHIPS THE BIG ATTRACTION

Crowds Are so Great They Can Only Be Estimated—Millions Witness Fireworks at Night.

The boom of sunrise guns aboard the warships in the North River woke New York Saturday morning to the first day of the celebration, long planned and long awaited, which honors the work of Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton. The river that Hudson found and where Fulton set his steamboat was the place toward which the eyes of 5,000,000 persons turned for the most impressive pageant that ever floated in the New York harbor. A thousand vessels, varying in type from the one-man catboat to the mighty cruiser *Indefatigable*, were there; fifty-seven warships, representing the navies of the United States, Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Holland, Mexico and Argentina, 450,000 tons of steel, bearing 28,000 officers and men and armed with 1,897 guns.

Would Have Fooled Fulton.
Copies of the Half Moon and Clermont, so faithful to the original models in every detail, that Hudson and Fulton themselves would have been puzzled to find the differences; 120 steamboats and ferryboats, seventy-five steam yachts, seventy-five motor boats, 300 tugs and steam lighters, 400 sailing craft and small launches. All but the greatest and least of these craft met in the upper bay for the parade that escorted the Half Moon and the Clermont up the Hudson. The warships remained at their anchorages.

The day's first spectacle—not counting the grim line of warships in the North River—was the assembling of the naval pageant in the upper bay. Four American cruisers and five submarines were assigned to escort the Half Moon and the Clermont. The Clermont was towed from its anchorage to join the Half Moon. Then, with the escort trailing in the rear, the two little craft which epitomize the celebration cruised along the Brooklyn shore in sight of the spectators. Meanwhile the rest of the parade was assembling and when the Half Moon and Clermont finished their round of the upper bay and sailed into the mouth of the Hudson they fell into line.

It was not until 1 o'clock that the mass straightened out into something like procession formation. The boats moved up the Hudson in double line at a speed of eight miles an hour, but such was the number of participants that the column was nearly fifteen miles long.

At night, with scarcely enough interval to allow the crowds to get dinner, the participants in the gay parade moved over the same route, while the river was gorgeously decorated. By far the most enjoyable feature of the celebration was the fireworks display on the river and the illumination of the vast fleet of war vessels and the city. Millions witnessed the scene.

TWO PITTSBURG BANKS CLOSED.

Land and Mercantile Trust Companies in State Examiner's Hands.
The Land Trust Company and the Mercantile Trust Company, both State institutions in Pittsburgh, did not open for business Monday. James L. White, State examiner, is temporary receiver for both banks. These companies were consolidated recently, but, it is said, they were unable to carry out the merger and made arrangements Saturday to assign voluntarily to the State banking commission. Officials say the depositors will be paid in full.

RICH MAN STARVES TO DEATH.

Aged Hermit Is Found Surrounded by Violets He Had Been Making.
The body of Christopher Kuhn, 68 years old, a cabinet maker, was found in his squalid room at 1622 Central avenue, Cincinnati. He had been dead since Sept. 6 when, according to neighbors, he died of starvation. Secluded in the room where many thousands of dollars' worth of securities and deeds to property the hermit owned. A bank book showed he had \$1,100 on deposit. Kuhn remained almost constantly in his room making violets. Several valuable instruments were near his body.

Boy Hunter Kills Companion.

George Alpstag was shot and killed by Stanley Walker at Williston Lake, southeast of Landan, N. D. James Walker and his son, Stanley, aged 15, went to hunt ducks in company with Alpstag, aged 17. The boys were out in a boat and James Walker was on shore. The Walker boy shot at some ducks. The Alpstag boy rose in front of young Walker's gun and received the contents of the weapon in the head. He died instantly.

Brothers Shot by Negroes.

John and Henry Queen, brothers, of Fleming County, Kentucky, in a fight with negroes, were both mortally shot. Three negroes placed in jail at Maysville have confessed the shooting.

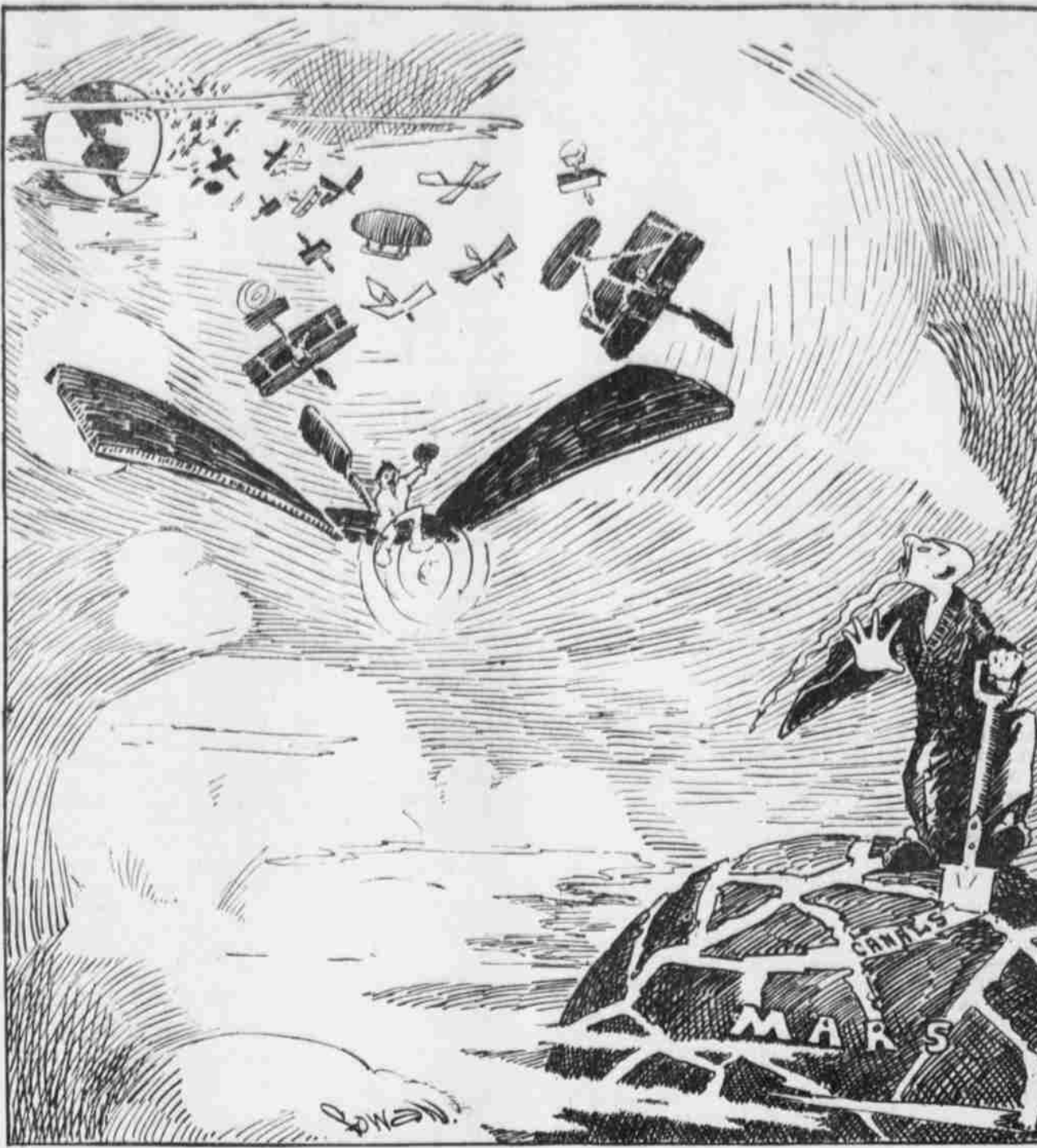
Shot Arising from Stamp.

W. L. Yale, a business man of Duluth and Superior, was wounded while hunting near Carlton, Minn. He was sitting on a stump and, arising, accidentally discharged one barrel of his shotgun. The charge struck him in the left shoulder.

Men Smoke No Better Preachers.

Smoking was permitted at a service conducted for men by Rev. Mr. Cooke, Episcopalian rector in Dayton, Ohio. The services were held in the parish hall and were largely attended.

IT'S ONLY A THIRTY MILE FLIGHT TO MARS



AWAIT END OF THE WORLD.

Three Hundred of Faithful Take Part in Praise and Exhortation.

Awaiting the end of the world, which they believed would come before 11 o'clock Saturday night, the 300 or more members of "the Latter Reign of the Apostolic Church," who call themselves "Triune Immerstonists," and are popularly known as "Holy Rollers," reassembled for a long watch meeting in their Bethel, in West Duxbury, Mass., on the main turnpike between Boston and Plymouth.

Believers only were allowed to enter the Bethel during the afternoon. An exception was made in the case of the Rev. Dr. Dillon Bronson, of Brookline, a Methodist clergyman. When he came out he said the participants were evidently earnest in their beliefs, but that much of their talk was unintelligible. Women, with eyes closed and bodies trembling from excitement, made strange, incoherent utterances, which others, claiming to have the "gift of tongues," translated into religious prophecies. Dr. Bronson said there was much personal hypnosis "in the air," and that he even felt the influence of this hypnotism himself.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

A strike of 250 actors and actresses employed at moving picture shows in Chicago marked a demand for \$25 weekly for single acts and \$50 for doubles.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, in his recently published report, estimated the value of farm products for 1908 at the sensational sum of \$7,775,000,000. During the past nine years there has been a gain for agriculturists of \$3,611,000,000.

TEN BURN IN RAIL WRECK.

Panhandle Passenger Hits St. Paul Caboose and Flames Destroy Car.
Ten men were killed and more than half a dozen injured probably fatally, besides others hurt, at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday morning when a Panhandle passenger train crashed into the rear end of a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul stock train at 12th and Rockwell streets, Chicago. The killed were stockmen riding in the caboose. One of the dead is H. H. Potter, stockman, home at Diamond, N. D. Six others were in the caboose, which caught fire. Those who lost their lives were burned to death. Six of the bodies were recovered before the flames drove the rescuers back.

U. S. REVENUES GROW FAST.

Internal Taxes Show Increase of \$2,171,524 in Months of New Year.
The revenues of the government from internal commerce are gaining steadily. Reports to treasury department show that since the close of the fiscal year June 30 the total of receipts from internal revenue is \$66,992,519, an increase of \$2,171,524 over the corresponding period in 1908. The receipts during September up to and including Monday aggregated \$14,897,534, an increase of \$598,487 over last year.

Sunk in Collision: Three Drown.

The steamer City of Erie, from Cleveland, ran down a schooner supposed to be the *Eccleston*, halting from a Canadian port, off Erie, Pa. The schooner sunk and three of her crew—two men and a woman—went down with her.

Mirror Aide Woman in Suicide.

Mrs. Robert Nooney, wife of a prominent citizen of Wellington, Ohio, killed herself by shooting as she stood before a large mirror in the Park Hotel in Oberlin.

MOORS ROUTED IN BLOODY FIGHT

Two Towns Taken by Spaniards and Ring Around Gurguza Closing.

The war office in Madrid announces the complete success of the movement in Morocco against the Moors. Both Nador and Zeluau have been occupied. At the latter town there was bloody fighting with large bodies of Moors. The ring around Mount Gurguza is now considered almost closed, and the position of the Moors is desperate. Kaid Amas appeared before Gen. Marina, the commander of the Spanish forces, and asked terms of surrender for the tribes entrenched on Mount Gurguza. The results of this conference are not known, but it is believed the Moors are ready to submit without conditions. The immediate successful termination of Spain's war against the Moors, which has been going on since July, would be of inestimable advantage to the government of Premier Maura, against which the campaign in Spain is daily becoming more intense among the lower classes. A large section of the upper classes, however, are manifesting warm support of the government. The minister of the interior is being deluged with letters begging him to continue the work of maintaining public order.

ASSAULTS COUNTRY'S BAD ROADS.

Expert Deplores Lack of Development in Last Thirty Years.
That the roads of the United States are no better developed than they were thirty years ago, considering the advance by the country in population and wealth, was declared by Logan Waller Page, Director of the United States Office of Public Roads, at the national good roads convention in Cleveland. "About half the States are operating under practically the same road laws as prevailed in England when America was a colony," said Mr. Page. St. Louis was selected as the next convention city. The convention will be held in October, 1910, the date to be selected by the St. Louis Automobile Club, which will have charge of the gathering.

ST. LOUIS MOTHER AND DAUGHTER KIDNAPED 7 YEARS AGO REUNITED.

Kidnaped in St. Louis when 2 years old, and for seven years a waif, Fanny Belle Lincoln was restored to her mother, Mrs. O. Beuler of Little Rock, Ark., Monday. The child was located through the columns of a local newspaper. She was kidnaped in St. Louis from the home of her aunt, and since then has been living with various families about Little Rock. Her mother has been running down such clues for years and had almost abandoned the search.

FINDS HER STOLEN CHILD.

The performance of Hamburg Belle, 2:01 1/4, on the grand circuit this season, stamps her the successor of Lou Dillon as queen of the trotting turf. America won a victory over Germany in the first of a series of boat races for the President Taft and Governor Draper cups at Marblehead, Mass.

There are now two golf champions in the Ainslie family, of Oak Park, Ill.

At Exmoor Miss Sallie Ainslie won the women's Chicago championship. Her younger brother, E. Oakes Ainslie, captured the Western junior title at Westward-Ho.

The star jockey, George Odum, who is now a full-fledged owner, recently won a double victory on the course at Sheepshead Bay, Prince Gal and Bonnie Kelso, neglected in the betting, were real surprises to the many witnesses of the race.

Empire Mack, of the Minnesota-Wisconsin League, was mobbed by Duluth players, at La Crosse, Wis., recently in the deciding game of the championship race.

J. F. May, acting for the Schwars Brothers at Sheepshead Bay, purchased a colt by Broomstick-Assott Belle for \$2,500. He also bought a colt by Yorkshire Lad for \$1,750.

Adeline Trapp, of New York, 20 years old, swam nine miles through the waters of Hell Gate in the wake of forty swimmers of the United States volunteer life saving corps. Miss Trapp was in better condition than most of the men at the end of the long swim.

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO WIGWAG AT MARS

Planet Only Mere Matter of Thirty Million Miles Away and Is About to Leave Us.

LIFE THERE IS HELD CERTAIN

Astronomers Find Conditions of Atmosphere Like Those of the Earth.

If you wish to find out whether the inhabitants of Mars use English or talk in some sort of outlandish tongue, you will have to wait a decade and a half for another chance as good as Mars has been right up close, almost at hand-shaking distance, celestially speaking, and now it is rolling away again at the rate of several hundred thousand miles an hour, and will not pay us another visit for fifteen years.

Mars is, of course, still 20,000,000 miles or so away, and up to the hour of going to press no enterprising aviator had announced his intention of making a Cook-Perary dash for it. The going is far from good, say those flying-machine experts who have navigated the first two miles of the route, and the scientists think the reception such a venturer would receive would be even cooler than the weather Dr. Cook found at the pole, and he would be frozen stiff before he got there.

Nevertheless the scientists have gotten much satisfaction out of the neighborliness of Mars. They have seen both its poles with their own eyes, and that is more than they can say of the earth. They have seen the ice fields slowly melt away during the summer and grow gradually larger as cold weather comes on. They are unit in admitting that there is some form of life on the planet, and with each new advance in facilities for observation they see things that make them think the life is like that on the earth.

"There is no question that there is life in some form on Mars," said Professor Philip Fox, the new director of Dearborn Observatory, in Chicago. "Nobody knows, of course, just what form of life it is, but as we are able to see more and more we learn of the general conditions which must affect this life, and the more nearly these conditions approach those of the earth, the closer will be the resemblance of the life forms of the two planets. It is two years since Professor Lowell announced that as the result of a series of observations and experiments he had detected the presence of water vapor in the atmosphere of Mars. This means that Mars has an atmosphere very much like the earth's. Atmosphere and temperature are the main conditions affecting life. With the instrument here I have seen the bright rings about the poles expand and contract with the advance of the seasons. They must be ice and snow; they couldn't be anything else. And they must melt and freeze, according as it is summer or winter. This must mean that the temperature is practically the same as the earth's."

Instruments of the size of the Yerkes telescope Professor Fox declared to be wasted in the dense atmosphere of Chicago, the real center of astronomical observation being at Flagstaff, Arizona, and the Liech observatory, both located at high altitudes. At Flagstaff Prof. Lowell has had his eye glued to the great telescope, and made slightly contributions to the world's knowledge of Martian conditions.

According to a telegram sent out by him he is able to observe the drying up of the canals in what should correspond to the southern hemisphere of the earth, and is more than ever convinced that this phenomenon is seasonal, and that the canals are artificial irrigation ditches, denoting life on the planet at least as intelligent as that of the earth.

FIGHT FOR THE PENNANTS.

Standing of Clubs in the Principal Base Ball Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE		W. L.			
Pittsburg	106	37	Philadelp.	69	74
Chicago	97	48	St. Louis	49	91
New York	86	56	Brooklyn	50	93
Cincinnati	74	71	Boston	39	102

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

W. L.		W. L.			
Detroit	94	52	New York	69	75
Philadelp.	91	54	Cleveland	70	77
Boston	85	60	St. Louis	60	84
Chicago	73	72	Washington	39	107

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

W. L.		W. L.			
Louisville	95	75	St. Paul	80	83
Milwaukee	90	77	Toledo	80	86
Minneapolis	88	79	Columbus	80	87
Indianapolis	83	85	Kan. City	71	93

Hard Blow at Prohibition.

In the Inferior Criminal Court in Mobile, Ala., Judge Alford declared Section 12 of the Fuller prohibition law, which prevents transportation of liquors for delivery, inoperative, and discharged Louis Early and Matthew Coyle, who were arrested with wagons on which were barrels of whiskey and beer.

Murderer Is Electrocutted.

Howard H. Bragg was electrocuted in the penitentiary in Richmond, Va., for the murder of his brother-in-law, Thomas Drawboro. Bragg was the second victim of the electric chair in Virginia.

Curtles 18,745,022; Some Killed.

A statement issued by the management of the Rock Island roads shows that during the past twelve months this company carried 18,745,022 passengers without a single fatality among them.

M'CANN FOUND GUILTY.

Chicago Police Inspector Convicted of Grafting—New Trial Asked.

Police Inspector Edward McCann charged with "grafting," was found guilty by a jury in Judge Barnes' court in Chicago. Sentence was not pronounced, and will not be until after the hearing of arguments for a new trial. The law provides an indeterminate sentence in prison.

The charges against the inspector in charge of the Desplaines street district were the most sensational which have been aimed against a police official in years. State's Attorney Wayman charged that "graft" aggregating many thousands of dollars had been collected from disorderly houses in return for "protection." The chief witness against McCann was Louis Frank, a Russian immigrant, who, although unable to read or write, has accumulated a fortune of several hun-



INSPECTOR M'CANN.

dred thousands of dollars in the West Side "tenderloin." Frank testified that he collected the "protection" money from denizens of the tenderloin.

The rate for "protection" was said to be \$40 a month. Several checks, each dated a month apart, and calling for that sum, were exhibited in court. A list of women from whom it was charged "protection" money was regularly collected was read in court and was identified by Frank. McCann's defense was that he had suppressed and regulated vice in his district with so rigorous a hand that a conspiracy, headed by Louis Frank, was formed against him.

QUAKE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Shock Awakens Residents in Region from Peoria South to Ohio River.

A slight earthquake which was felt in Southern and Central Illinois and Indiana and throughout Southwestern Missouri, occurred early Monday. In St. Louis the tremor came at 3:47 o'clock. So far as has been learned little or no damage resulted. The general direction of the shock was west to east, and it was felt more clearly in thinly settled districts. Villages west of St. Louis reported the destruction of a few chimneys.

Reports of the phenomenon were received from all stations on the Mobile and Ohio Railway as far south as Cicero, where the vibrations were from south-southwest to north-northwest. In Madison, Mattoon and other towns in Central Illinois there were shocks at practically the same time. At Springfield, windows and chandeliers were rattled and many persons were awakened. In Peoria residents of the bluffs and the central part of the city were aroused from sleep by the tremor. A dispatch from Decatur says two shocks were felt there, but no damage was done.

Evansville, Ind., was severely shaken. Houses rocked and creaked and pictures on the walls swayed. Many people were awakened by the shock. A rumbling noise accompanied the disturbance. A telegram from Princeton, Ind., says the sky was brilliantly illuminated, while two distinct shocks, each lasting ten seconds, were felt there. A settling of the earth's crust, with the seat of the disturbance many miles distant, is the generally accepted cause of the quake. Earth vibrations lasting for one minute were recorded at 2:45 o'clock at St. Ignace Observatory, Cleveland.

U. S. CREW SLAIN BY PIRATES!

Honor in Manila That Moros Have Captured Revenue Cutter.

Official dispatches from southern Philippine ports say it is rumored that the revenue cutter *Sora* has been captured by Moro pirates and the crew murdered. The authorities have been unable to secure confirmation of the rumor, although dispatches have been sent to all adjacent points. The *Sora* was used as a patrol boat against the Moro pirates of the southern archipelago in the general campaign against smuggling inaugurated by the insular government a short time ago. It was commanded by Captain E. A. McGorty and carried a crew of fourteen, all Filipinos. The cutter left Balabao, twenty miles south of Palawan, carrying J. L. Perrine, collector of the port, who was bound to Sandakan, in British North Borneo, to purchase supplies. Nothing has been heard of the vessel since.

Three Children Die in Fire.

Three children were burned to death and several other persons had narrow escapes from a similar fate in a fire which destroyed three residences at Millvale, a Pittsburgh suburb. The victims were two sons and a daughter of John Lade.

Robert Hoe Is Dead in London.

Robert Hoe, aged 79 years, head of R. Hoe & Co., printing press manufacturers, of New York and London, died in London Wednesday after a short illness.