

STOLEN KIDDIES ARE AGAIN WITH THEIR PARENTS

Italian Children, Kidnaped Last August, Restored to Overjoyed Family.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Tomaso and Grace Viciano, the St. Louis children, who were stolen from their parents on August 2 last, and who were found on the sidewalk in Chicago by a policeman yesterday, were again clasped in the arms of their fathers today.

The mothers of the youngsters, who are consoling themselves more than babies, remained at St. Louis to prepare a warm welcome.

No Ransom Paid.
The brothers, who are men of wealth, in an interview with the police, declared that no ransom had been paid. Both asserted that they would bend every energy to running down the kidnapers.

A clue that may prove of value was furnished today by John Rayburn, formerly a railroad policeman. Rayburn identified the children as the same ones he had seen on a Wabash train, accompanied by an Italian, on the day of the kidnaping.

When the train reached Chicago the Italian inquired the way to Jefferson and Superior streets.

Little Girl Slightly Ill.
Today the girl, at first believed to be suffering from pneumonia brought on by exposure to the cold, was said to be suffering from nothing more serious than a severe cold.

Little could be gained from them regarding the kidnaping. The boy spoke of being in a wagon drawn by two horses, and declared that the driver was a fine man who had given Grace a chain. Subsequently they were taken aboard a train "and the whistle tooted."

BRADSTREET AND DUN REPORT ON BUSINESS

Improvement of Conditions, It Is Declared, Is the Order of the Day.

THE WEEK IN GRAIN.

New York, Oct. 19.—Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending October 14 aggregate 4,865,819 bushels, against 4,139,562 bushels last week and 4,458,927 bushels in the like week last year.

Corn exports for the week are 271,771 bushels, against 167,622 bushels last week and 62,683 bushels in 1908.

New York, Oct. 19.—Bradstreet's today says:

"Improvement is the order of the day in trade, collection and industry. Colder weather, freezing temperature, light snows or killing frosts, coupled with freer crop movement, have helped retail trade and collections at the west and northwest. Jobbing trade has been coincidentally benefited by reordering to fill broken stocks and the distributive trade side accordingly presents a favorable appearance. Trade at first hands feels more confident and is more ready to buy for spring, though the unsettled in the dry goods trade, due to the high cost of material and talk of curtailment, still retards trade in this line. However, the tendency of cotton goods market is probably upward, and buying appears slightly more confident at the higher prices asked. From industrial lines the same story of full order books and of longer hours now comes, pay rolls are expanding and available skilled labor is reported as being employed, with less idleness noted than for two years past. The iron and steel, coke, machinery and automobile industries this week return especially good reports as to activity, and there is noted a greater scarcity of skilled labor. The coal trade shows more activity, though prices are still complained of as too low, and there is a greater scarcity of cars noted in this and in the lumber trade. The commodity price situation shows signs of increased strength."

R. G. Dun's weekly review says: "Trade in wide clothes continues active and prices are fully on a level with the cotton market. Importation is limited by the higher prices. Foreign shipments of domestics from New York this year to date are 312,863 bales, against 144,876 a year ago. Dress goods are moving better for immediate use, and woollens in men's wear have been purchased liberally. Advances in foreign and domestic lines of woollens and worsteds are being announced. Hosiery and underwear are higher and more active."

"The footwear market is steadily improving, but the price question continues to retard business, and some branches of the trade continue quiet. Staple lines of heavy goods for men's wear receive the chief amount of attention at present, but there is a better demand this week for men's medium and fine grades."

"Pronounced strength continues to rule in all kinds of hides, and further advances are being secured in both foreign and domestic stock. The leather trade continues slowly to improve, but there is no great activity as yet, although prices have stiffened about 1 cent per pound on harness leather and most varieties of sole."

KILLED INSTANTLY IN ELEVATOR SHAFT

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 19.—Richard Bradford, a well known character about the city, fell down an open elevator shaft in the News Arcade building and alighted on his head on a cement floor 10 feet below, breaking his neck and causing instant death.

BANK IS DYNAMITED.

Scottsville, Kan., Oct. 19.—Robbers here early today dynamited the state bank and secured \$2,500. Posses with bloodhounds took up the pursuit in motor cars.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—Mrs. Leona Mason was yesterday found not guilty of assault with intent to kill John W. Talbot, supreme president of the Order of Owls. Mrs. Mason had admitted firing a revolver in the corridor leading to Talbot's law office here, but said the shots were intended only to frighten the attorney.

COOK'S VERACITY AGAIN ASSAILED

New York, Oct. 19.—Four more affidavits were published by the New York Globe today in connection with the investigation of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's expedition to Mt. McKinley. Three of them are members of the Cook party—Fred Printz, a guide; Walter P. Miller, photographer, and Samuel Berber.

Their testimony relates in detail the movements of the party, explaining that Cook and Barrill were alone together during the period in which Dr. Cook claims to have reached the summit of Mt. McKinley. All three say that Barrill assured them later that Dr. Cook's story was false.

The fourth affidavit is that of Dr. John E. Shore, a physician of Leavenworth, Wash., who tells of a conversation with Oscar P. Blankenship, of the United States forestry service, in which Blankenship said that Dr. Cook's claims to having climbed Mt. McKinley were false inasmuch as the feat was impossible in the short time during which Cook and Barrill were absent. Blankenship was located near Mt. McKinley at the time Cook's expedition was there.

COOK SAYS GUIDE IS A HIDE PERJURER

New York, Oct. 19.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, refuting the charges that he had not ascended Mt. McKinley, in Alaska, came out with a statement in New York today which he says is a "hide perjurer" conference with his attorney intimating that Edward N. Barrill, the guide who accompanied him, had perjured himself in his recent affidavit for a consideration offered by Cook's detractors.

Dr. Cook further announced that he had taken preliminary steps to organize an expedition to ascend Mt. McKinley to procure the records which he says he left there. He has wired Anthony Flala, the article developer to head the expedition and has wired Professor H. C. Parker, of Columbia University, to accompany Flala. Their answers are expected tomorrow.

WANTS DIVORCE BECAUSE NECKTIES DON'T SUIT HER

Milwaukee, Oct. 19.—Because her husband refuses to wear neckties which match with the shade of her gowns, Mrs. Frances Laroche says she will file suit for divorce from her husband, Alfred. They were married in Syracuse five years ago. The husband's defense will be that his wife so imposed on him by insisting that he accompany her on shopping tours that his "cruelty" is justified.

The wife's plaint is that her husband, whom she likes to have accompany her on her visits to stores, deliberately wears clothing which does not comport with her gowns. On one occasion, she says, she was shopping in a plum colored silk, and her husband wore a flowing green four-in-hand, which shone in striking contrast to her costume. On another occasion he wore a tie of blue to prevent her enjoying a shopping tour in a creation of a light green shade.

The preliminary hearing of the matter was adjourned to the satisfaction of all concerned, Paulson and his mother, who had been appointed guardians of the child, waiving all their rights and consenting to the adoption of the child by the Sodergrens.

CRITICIZES WOMAN'S HAT; COSTS HER \$25

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 19.—Miss Mae Carey was fined \$25 by Alderman Brown for criticizing a hat worn by Miss Ruth Devonde.

Miss Devonde caused her arrest, and told Alderman Brown that while she was in a restaurant Miss Carey had entered, made several unkind remarks about her hat, saying it was ugly and out of style, and when reprimanded had created a scene by calling her nasty names and using language unbecoming to a lady.

Her attorney refused to allow Miss Carey to pay the fine, and notified the alderman he will appeal from the decision.

SELLERS OF COCAINE WILL LOSE LICENSES

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 19.—The state pharmacy board has announced an inspection of every drug store in the state and every office of doctors keeping their own medicines, to see that no cocaine is being sold, and that the pure drug act is not violated. There are penalties of license revocation for all violators.

UNCOMMON SPELLING OF WORDS IN COMMON USE

Chicago Oct. 19.—Freshmen at Northwestern university yesterday were called on to spell words in common use, each section having 100 words. Here are some of the words propounded with the spellings given:

Irregular—Earegular, ireguler, iregular.
Accessible—Excessible, assessable, assessable.
Counterfeit—Counterfit, conterfite, counterphheet.
Apprentice—Aprentase, aprentis.
Chivalry—Shivalry, shivelry, chifalry.
Magazine—Magazeen, magazeen, magizene.
Plumage—Plummage, plumage, plu-maeg.
Anthracite—Anthreelit, anthrisright.
Addage—Addage, addige.
Municipal—Munisipple, municiple.
Glacier—Glassear, glashier.
Intelligence—Entelligence, intelegence.
Professor J. Scott Clark, head of the department of English, said after the test that the present mode of education in grammar and high schools was responsible for the large number of poor spellers.

BANK IS ROBBED.

Avon, Minn., Oct. 19.—Three robbers entered the bank of Avon early today and blew open the safe. They secured \$1,700, stole a team and drove to the village of Holdingford, where they boarded a freight train and made their escape.

News Briefs of the Northwest

LEMARS, IA.—Boys must in future keep out of the pool halls and bowling alleys in LeMars, according to an order issued by Mayor Scharles. He has issued instructions that minors must not be allowed to enter these places in consequence of several fights.

STAFF OFFICER SAYS THE ARMY NEEDS INCREASE

Inspector-General, in His Report, Takes Crack at Teddy's Physical Tests.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Treating practically of every branch of the army, the annual report of Inspector General E. A. Garlington, made public today, is devoted to careful comment on conditions, some of which are criticized and other commended.

Generally speaking the belief is expressed that the army is greatly in need of increases in the infantry and field artillery, and of reorganization of the cavalry, and the opinion is advanced that legislation to this end would not doubt be facilitated by quartering the troops where they would come closely in contact with the people.

There was an increase of about 40 per cent in defects, irregularities and deficiencies reported per soldier during the last year. The irregularities and deficiencies are, however, in the bluntly expressed opinion of General Garlington, such as may be remedied if officials would make a reasonable effort to master the regulations and exercise good common sense.

Forcibly the report presents the problem of absenteeism of officers from their commands, there being general complaint in all directions, it is said, that the service is more or less crippled by this practice.

General Garlington declares it should be determined whether the valuable services rendered the government by officers on certain lines of detached duty compensate for the loss of efficiency in their own organizations, due to their absence and for the discontent of the officers who have to perform the extra duty without extra pay while those absent frequently receive extra pay.

In a chapter devoted to the annual physical tests inaugurated at the direction of President Roosevelt, General Garlington concludes with the observation that a system requiring every officer to be physically fit, and to be fit with his duties and age, during the entire year as shown by personal monthly reports, would better accomplish the purpose sought by Mr. Roosevelt's orders than the practice now in vogue.

FATHER STEALS DAUGHTER FROM FOSTER PARENTS

Gregory, S. D., Oct. 18.—The region near here, Zetson drove to the outskirts of Gregory, where he met his mother. She brought the team to town while he traveled across country, taking his little daughter with him, his plan doubtless being to make his way out of the country. Sodergren by chance had noticed Paulson take the child, and promptly came to town and swore out a warrant for the arrest of the father. Deputy Sheriff Blakey started in pursuit and overtook and captured Paulson at a point about eight miles northwest of Gregory. The little child was nearly exhausted by the long tramp and was very glad to again see her foster parents. As the result of the preliminary hearing the matter was adjourned to the satisfaction of all concerned, Paulson and his mother, who had been appointed guardians of the child, waiving all their rights and consenting to the adoption of the child by the Sodergrens.

INJURED BY HAY RACK WHICH FELL ON HEAD

Vienna, S. D., Oct. 18.—Vencil Kovar, a resident of this vicinity, was the victim of a peculiar accident, which resulted in his being seriously injured. He was returning from a field where he had been plowing and was passing a wagon on which was a hay rack. When a sudden gale of wind lifted the hay rack from the wagon and dashed it down upon him. The heavy rack struck him on the head, cutting a deep gash across the entire scalp and otherwise injuring him. For a time it was believed he had been killed, but physicians, after hard work, succeeded in bringing him back to consciousness.

MORGAN'S ART HOARD IS "TOO BIG" FOR US

Purdon Clarke Convinced Treasures Never Will Be Seen in America.

London, Oct. 18.—Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke is fitting up a new house in Barston Garden. His health has much improved. Speaking to The American correspondent today, he said:

"When my term expires the Metropolitan Museum of New York, will have an endowment that, like Kruger's war, will stagger humanity."

Asked as the future of J. P. Morgan's great art collection, Sir Caspar said:

"I do not think Mr. Morgan will ever take his collection to America. His American gallery is much too small for it. Do you realize that Mr. Morgan has three houses in England packed with art treasures and a vast overflow besides? The Metropolitan museum has many things belonging to Mr. Morgan, but they are only a small fraction. You see Mr. Morgan is a man of practically inexhaustible resources and tremendous zest. People say he pays too much. Possibly so, but his prices make the market, and he can always sell at a profit. What the future of his collection will be I cannot say. I believe young Mr. Morgan will carry on the work for he is an even finer connoisseur in art. It would take a building such as America has not now to hold all that Mr. Morgan has, and it is constantly growing. No, I do not think Mr. Morgan has any definite plans himself as to what he will do with his wonderful collection."

BUSINESS MAN OF LE MARS IS DEAD

LeMars, Ia., Oct. 18.—A. H. Freeman, one of the best known and most popular young business men of this city, died at his residence today of Bright's disease. He was 41 years of age, having been born at Independence on May 29, 1858, came to LeMars in 1882 and lived here since. He leaves a wife and three daughters. The funeral will be held on Sunday at the First Congregational church.

OBEY DECISION IN DES MOINES CASE

Washington, Oct. 19.—The Interstate Commerce commission received telegrams from the western railroads today saying they will put into effect the rates to Des Moines, involved in the famous Des Moines rate case, on October 20.

This is the case in which Des Moines protested against the trans-Mississippi proportional of through rates from Atlantic coast points. On the first class rate was 88 cents from the Atlantic to the Mississippi, and a 42 cents arbitrary rate to Des Moines was then added, as the local rate from the Mississippi river to Des Moines was only 36 cents this arbitrary was held excessive and the commission so decided.

The railroads asked the commission for extension of time to perfect an appeal. They have not filed the papers, but have decided not to ask an injunction pending an appeal, and will put the rates in effect October 20.

The action indicates that the roads are likely to continue the rates, as the commission is positive of winning the case in the supreme court. If it does, the bigger case, involving rates to Missouri river points, in the same way will be reversed by the supreme court.

Omaha, Mo., Oct. 19.—Kansas City will get the reductions which the commission ordered in the Burnham-Hanna-Munger case.

The decisions of these two cases, if finally sustained as is now confidently expected will be of immense advantage to local interests west of the Mississippi river, especially to interior Iowa and Missouri river jobbing points. Shippers in Chicago and other places east of the Mississippi river are joining with the roads to make a final fight in the courts against the reduction, but the railroads seem to be conceding defeat.

BODY IS IDENTIFIED BY ACTRESS FRIEND

Bandit, Who Shot Himself in Chicago, Proven to Be California Lawyer.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—The body of the Highland Park bank robber was positively identified today by Miss Minnie Harrington, an actress, as that of Lamar Harris, the Los Angeles lawyer and orator.

Harrington and Harris were much together at Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Ogden and Chicago. Miss Harrington, who had been Mr. Harris' companion on automobile rides and other festive occasions, betrayed no nervousness when she viewed the body at Prior's undertaking rooms.

Another Woman in Case.
Chief of Police Sheehan, of Highland Park, today received the following telegram from Philadelphia:

"Hold body for identification. Am on my way."
(Signed) "Betty Stewart."

Who "Betty Stewart" may be is not known here, but it is believed that she may be the same woman who made inquiries over the long distance telephone from New York yesterday.

Roly Coleman, of Kansas City, who knew Harris well, is expected here today to act for Harris' mother, Mrs. Will A. Harris, of Los Angeles, Cal.

MOTHER SAYS LIQUOR CAUSED RUIN OF SON

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 19.—Mrs. Harris, mother of L. A. Harris, the young lawyer identified as the man who attempted to hold up a suburban bank in Chicago a few days ago, and who committed suicide when about to be captured, today made the following statement:

"In the face of all the evidence and what are apparently positive proofs, the family is forced to relinquish all hopes that it is other than my unfortunate son who committed suicide in Chicago. I consider that Lamar died in reality long before he was shot in this city, and that which is dead in Chicago is a mere shell of my boy and what was once a brilliant, noble, manly man."

"Of the terrible vicarious that alcohol has won over mankind, this is perhaps the most pitiful and awful of them all."

Harris was a graduate of the University of Mississippi. Returning here several years ago he became associated with the late John D. Rockefeller, Jr. A. Harris. The young man built up a practice that yielded an income of \$15,000. It was this he surrendered, with all family ties, to enter upon the pursuit of stage business and the career of a show rider and wine sippers that brought the spectacular climax of Wednesday.

AVIATOR ESCAPES DEATH NARROWLY

Captain Cody's Bi-plane Is Wrecked, and He Falls to the Ground.

Doncaster, England, Oct. 19.—Disaster for the bi-plane of Captain Cody, the American, and a miraculous escape from death for the aviator himself, flashed a sensational opening for the second day of aviation week.

The weather was ideal for flying. After some experimental work Cody started on a flight and had traveled a thousand yards when, making a corner at great speed, the front wheel touched the ground and the machine toppled over with a crash.

Cody pitched forward in the midst of the wreckage. As fellow aviators and ambulance attendants came up Cody crawled from the jumble of broken bamboo rods and tangled wires unhurt save for a gash in the face.

WISE SAW WINS RACE.

Lingfield Park, England, Oct. 19.—The October Nursery handicap of 150 sovereigns for two-year-olds, distance five furlongs, was won today by the Wise Saw filly. H. P. Whitney's Yorkville Belle colt, one of the 18 starters, was unplaced.

COUNTERFEITERS WORK IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Oct. 19.—Counterfeiters working almost in the shadow of the treasury have invaded certain districts of Washington with spurious coin. The counterfeiters are of the 25 and 10 cent coinage, patterned after the issue of 1908, but, according to the secret service operatives, they are poor imitations.

BELOIT, WIS.—The Moody & Glass paper mill, the last of a number of paper mills at Rockton, Ill., near here, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$80,000.

SOUTHERN STORM LEAVES TRAIL OF DEATH BEHIND IT

Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia Suffer From Wind, Hail and Water.

NINETEEN KNOWN TO BE DEAD AS RESULT OF STORM

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 18.—The known dead list is now 15, and 13 more listed lost at Stantonville. This latter report has not been verified. Telegraph and telephone service are both crippled, and reports have not been received from all the districts.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 18.—Death and destruction were left in the wake of the storm which passed over the National cemetery on the battlefield of Shiloh at Hamburg, Tenn., last night, according to advices received from Acton, Tenn., today. Fifteen persons were killed, and many more seriously injured.

The dead: MRS. WORTH M'DONALD, OTIS AND LUTHER LITTLE, FIELD. MARSHALL AND RUBY JORDAN, PERRY BANKS AND FOUR MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY. CHARLES MOORE, WIFE AND BABY.

TWO GUESTS AT THE PITTSBURGH LANDING HOTEL, whose names have not been ascertained. Iowa Monument Upset.

The most serious damage done in the national cemetery was the wrecking of the Iowa state monument, which was blown from its pedestal. The superintendent's quarters were destroyed.

Belated dispatches reaching Memphis early today confirm previous reports as to loss of life, and property damage resulting from the storm of wind, rain and hail which swept through North Alabama and middle and west Tennessee last night.

The casualties, so far as known, are three killed and approximately a score injured. As to the monetary loss an accurate estimate is as yet impossible because of the interruption of wire communication.

Town Blotted Out.
Denmark, in Madison county, Tennessee, probably suffered most. This little city was practically wiped from the map, fire following the passing of the storm, continuing the work of destruction.

With the first gust of winds, besides numerous dwellings and more frail structures, 18 substantial business houses were twisted into masses of wreckage. Quickly following the passage of the storm came the fires and for several hours, with the aid of primitive appliances, an effort was made to check the flames, but to little avail.

The last dispatches from Denmark told of the fire gradually burning itself out.

Much Damage Elsewhere.
At Whiteville a factory and church building were wrecked. At Buford station, the Louisville & Nashville depot and freight building were destroyed and several other structures badly damaged. Near Mulberry the dwelling and barn houses on the plantation of Robert Mattow were demolished. At Wartrace, a negro settlement was leveled. Gibson, Stanton, Dyersburg and Mercer are other towns in Tennessee reporting minor damage.

The storm played havoc with plantation property, the wind tearing the frail farm buildings to bits. Numberless trees were uprooted and the hall and heavy downpour of rain leveled vegetation.

List of the Dead.
Telephone and telegraph companies suffered materially, long stretches of wire being torn from their fastenings. The dead: ALBERT BARNES AND CHILD, Denmark, Tenn. THOMAS HELM, Mulberry Tenn.

ATLANTA IN TRACK OF THE HURRICANE

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 18.—Unroofed houses and leveled streets and shrubbery are the extent of the damage left today in the wake of the terrific wind and hail storm which swept over Atlanta and surrounding country early last night. So far as known no lives were lost. The property loss is variously estimated at from \$80,000 to \$100,000.

At the height of the storm street car traffic was stopped throughout the city and live wires, broken by the hail, were stretched across many streets, rendering travel dangerous.

Thirty-five head of cattle and several horses were reported killed at East Lake, a suburb.

At Riverdale, 15 miles south of Atlanta, Mrs. Olga Grey was probably fatally injured and her two children and Mrs. Joseph Stubbs seriously hurt by falling timbers when the storm struck there about 10 o'clock last night. Other persons received slight injuries.

The path of the storm was about one-fourth of a mile wide. Reports from Rome, Ga., indicate the storm damage there will reach far into the thousands. Heavy hail fell. The crops throughout this section are said to be almost totally destroyed.

FORMER SENATOR FROM KENTUCKY PASSES AWAY

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 18.—Former United States Senator William M. Lindsay died at his home here early today. Mr. Lindsay was formerly chief justice of the Kentucky court of appeals and had served as state senator and representative before going to the United States Senate, where he succeeded John G. Carlisle, when the latter was made secretary of the treasury.

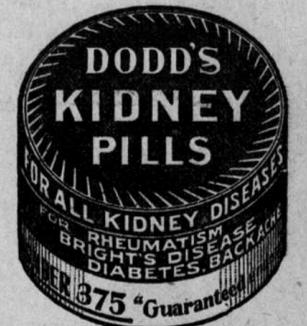
After quitting political life he began the practice of law in New York, and at the time of his death was a member of the firm of Lindsay, Kailish & Palmer in that city. He was 72 years old. He had been ill two months.

HARVEST HAND FORGES CHECK ON A FARMER

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 18.—Familiarity with the methods used by his employer in paying off men, induced Harry Flynn, a member of a threshing crew employed by John Nichols, to attempt to raise money enough to take him back east.

Flynn drew a check for \$10.50 and took it to a clothing store to have it cashed, but the store sent it to the bank for verification and there it was discovered. Detective Howard, of Minneapolis, here for registration, took him to police headquarters. Flynn claims to live in Boston, Mass.

The Little Green Trail.
Oh, the little green trail through the valley
Is calling me on away
Away from the hot, tired city
At the close of a hard, weary day
On and away toward the mountain
Over the hills to a dale,
Where water from nature's own fountains
Cools the moss on the little green trail.
Oh, the little green trail through the valley
Where fairies and goblins dwell,
And dreamers worship in silence
To the sound of an Angelus bell;
At twilight to list to the singing
Of a soft-throated thrush in the vale
While calm, gentle zephyrs are bringing
Sweet peace to the little green trail.
Oh, the little green trail through the valley
That leads to the lands of Forget,
Where day-dreams come true to a dreamer
And there's no such thing as regret;
To live and to find life worth living,
On and away toward the mountain
For love is the prize they are giving
At the end of the little green trail.
—Percy W. Reynolds, in Bohemian.



Aerial Locomotion Convention.
From the Convention and Trade Reports.
Consul General Frank H. Mason reports that, instead of the automobile salon, there will be held this year in Paris the first international exposition of aerial navigation, from September 13 to October 8.

The exhibition is organized by the Association of Industrials in Aerial Locomotion, a new and powerful organization which includes in its list of members all French manufacturers of balloons, aeroplanes, aerial rotors, materials—everything connected with or pertaining to the manufacture and operation of every device of navigating the air. It will be held under the patronage of the president of the republic and the respective ministers and will be of international scope.

The exposition will represent the latest and best that has been accomplished in Europe at least, in the new and fascinating field of aviation. The extent to which the progress of the navigation is becoming developed is hardly realized by most people who live outside the radius of the aero clubs and the national association of France. Six months ago the builders of aeroplanes in Paris could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Now there are in full operation 15 factories devoted to the manufacture of materials and the construction of aeroplanes, besides a dozen or more inventors who are making under cover and more or less secretly individual machines which embody their special and more or less original ideas of what the aeroplane or dirigible airship of the future ought to be. Three newspapers, established during the last six months, are devoted to aviation; three societies, with many hundreds of members among the wealthy and influential classes of French citizens, are working for the encouragement of aerial navigation, and over \$300,000 is given in this country in prizes which will be open to competition during the year.

The Tragedy of the Trees.
From the Boston Transcript.
The ravages of the elm, the chestnut and the leopard moth among the fine old trees around Harvard university give cause for much apprehension. Should a dormitory burn down the institution has enough funds to replace secret when a satisfactory tree dies it is gone forever. There have already been many of these tragedies, and more are threatened. This is more noticeable in the parklike environment of the university.

Along the Hudson in the vicinity of Poughkeepsie, it is the maples that are suffering. This is something new because the maples have been more generally immune than most of the other familiar trees, unless it may be the oaks. The chestnut prospect park, Brooklyn, have almost all died and the pine tree blight is working overtime in many places. To arrest any or all of these ravages is one of the most serious problems of practical science. The choicest treasures of the landscape are in danger at hundreds of points.

Somewhat Cheaper.
From the Circle.
"Is it so, that you used to call regularly on that girl?"
"Yes; she always sang a song to me that I loved."
"Why didn't you marry her?"
"I found I could buy the song for 50 cents."

A BANKER'S NERVE

Broken by Coffee and Restored by Postum.
A banker needs perfect control of the nerves and a clear, quick, accurate brain. A prominent banker of Chattanooga tells how he keeps himself in condition:

"Up to 17 years of age I was not allowed to drink coffee, but as soon as I got out into the world I began to use it and grew very fond of it. For some years I noticed no bad effects from its use, but in time it began to affect me unfavorably. My hands trembled, the muscles of my face twitched, my mental processes seemed slow and in other ways my system got out of order. These conditions grew so bad at last that I had to give up coffee altogether.

"My attention having been drawn to Postum, I began its use on leaving off the coffee, and it gives me pleasure to testify to its value. I find it a delicious beverage; like it just as well as I did coffee, and during the years that I had used Postum I have been free from the distressing symptoms that accompanied the use of coffee. The nervousness has entirely disappeared, and I am as steady of hand as a boy of 25, though I am more than 92 years old. I owe all this to Postum." "There's a Reason." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. Grocers sell.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.