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Could a man, had he the opportunity, really live in any age which removed from his own. Modern philosophy tells us that life is then at its highest and best when the organism is perfectly adapted to its environment. If this be so, then it is clear that any large, sudden and abrupt change in the environment must impair the vitality of the organism and might even destroy it altogether.

Queen Mary of England is an expert needlewoman. She is not only an expert dressmaker, but is wonderfully clever at lacemaking. She has taught her daughter the way of making lingerie gowns and has insisted that the process be trained in the same severe school as herself. Her training was most rigorous. She was taught the value of practical arts, and despite the royal position she never was led to believe she should fritter away her time.

The pure food law of Germany has many commendable features, as shown by the report of Carl Bailey Hurst, the American consul at Plauen, Saxony. There is a public laboratory in Plauen, not only making a specialty of examining foodstuffs, but also all kinds of utensils. The German federal law authorizes the police to obtain by payment all kinds of food products, toys, carpets, paints, eating, drinking and cooking utensils, and kerosene, and dealers and producers found guilty of violating the provisions of the pure food law, not only suffer penalties, but are frequently as the police may determine, gross offenders against the law can be punished by life long imprisonment at hard labor.

Linossier has recently reported to the Academie de Medicne de Paris some interesting experiments with regard to the nephro-toxic action of various meats. By subcutaneous injection of an aqueous extract of hashed meat he has been able to produce albuminuria in rabbits and guinea pigs. The minimum dose necessary to cause this condition is variable, even when the same kind of meat is used to prepare the extract, a fact which is attributed as much to a difference in the renal resistance of various animals as to variations in the toxicity of the meat.

On Valley road, in Montclair, there is a house which has cost about \$10,000 to erect that is being furnished in the handsomest style by one of the big New York storekeepers. The structure will be a model home in every respect, but no person will have his lares and penates there. The house is for exhibition purposes only. It is constructed of concrete throughout, and is said to be the first of its kind in the world. Its builders assert that it will last for a thousand years.

The American sturgeon is a distinct species and is cultured in Lake Michigan and Lake Erie, where it is landlocked, but below the falls of Niagara the same species occurs and passes to the sea. It is recorded, with every probability of truth, that a specimen of this species was captured some years ago in the fifth of May, having crossed the Atlantic.

There are in the country in towns having more than 8,000 inhabitants but 800 high schools, and in schools having 17 teachers each, and have 355,000 pupils. In the smaller towns there are 8,160 high schools having an average of 2.7 teachers each and 405,000 pupils in all. Therefore 53 per cent of the pupils attend small high schools which have less than six teachers each.

Eggs with two yolks occur not uncommonly, but eggs with three yolks are exceptionally rare. One such egg was recently laid by a barred Plymouth Rock pullet at the Maine experimental station, and is described in some detail in a bulletin recently issued. The egg was somewhat above the average size but no other abnormal feature was noticed.

The hope of Singapore is for a great trunk line railway running from this southern point of the Malay Peninsula northward through Siam to Burma and on to India, and a branch line through Cambodia into China. Some day that hope will be realized. Within a radius of 5,000 miles of the little island on which Singapore is built there is a population of 700,000,000.

Piny said that thunder is rarely heard in winter and that the great fertility of the soil is due to the frequency of thunder rain in spring. Science has discovered the cause of the nourishment in rain water to be the presence of great quantities of nitrogen and ammonia in the thunder rain and in hail.

The Subway Telephone Construction Company of Chicago, has promised to provide that city with a complete automatic telephone system by the first of June next year. At first it will cover only the business district, but later will be extended to the residential sections.

Divorces are becoming more frequent in France, an increase of 80 per cent being reported during the last eight years. There were 12,847 divorces during 1909, as compared with 7,157 in 1900.

Beer brewing in Japan dates back only twenty years. In 1908 the production not only supplied nearly all the home market, but exported \$60,448 of exports.

An acre of growing wheat uses 61 tons of water a month.

NEBRASKA OFFICIAL GIVES SALARY AWAY

Basing Division on Population Each Family of Six Will Receive a Cent.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 23.—E. B. Coyle, commissioner of public lands and buildings of Nebraska, has decided upon a plan of giving away his salary for charitable purposes. Coyle draws a salary of \$2,000 per year. Here is his plan:

Requests for donations will be favorably considered if the money is to go to pay for churches, to pay preachers' salaries, to libraries, to the Salvation army, to pay for wooden legs or arms or crutches or for surgical operations.

No part of my salary will be given to skating rinks, baseball grounds, bicycles, roller skates, trips to Europe, pet dogs or parrots license to wed or for doctors' services in case of obstetrics. Persons should not waste time in calling in person or squander postage in mailing requests to me for these purposes.

"My salary is \$2,000 a year. I estimate that there are 1,200,000 people in Nebraska, and in responding to requests for donations I will divide my salary so that each inhabitant will receive his proper share. A family of six persons will be entitled to one cent. If there are 300 persons in one society or church organization, the donation will amount to 50 cents. Each applicant can compute the amount coming by this rule.

"I have an income from my farm, quite small in a dry season, but this I desire to give away as I am reserving it for my grandchildren. It is true that I have no grandchildren at this time, not even any children, but if this reason does not appear to the applicant to be sane and sound, I can think of some other reason for short notice and it will not pay to urge me to separate this small amount from my purse."

GOVERNOR'S MANAGER CONCEDES HIS DEFEAT

Dahlman's Majority About 1,000—Hitchcock Gets 2 to 1 Over Opponents.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 23.—Although Governor Shallenberger has not yet conceded his defeat for the democratic nomination for the head of the state ticket, a telegram was received here last night from one of his campaign managers, Chris Gruenther, vice chairman of the democratic state committee, giving up the fight. Mayor Dahlman's majority has been considerably reduced from first estimates, but will apparently be not far from 1,000 votes.

Complete returns from 51 counties give Congressman Hitchcock, for United States senator on the democratic ticket, a two to one majority over both his opponents and more than three times the vote of his nearest competitor, Richard L. Metcalfe.

Late returns from the republican primaries only increase the lead of Aldrich over Cady for governor. With but 300 precincts to hear from, Aldrich's lead is more than 3,000.

COMPLETE RETURNS FROM DIXON COUNTY PRIMARIES

Ponca, Neb., Aug. 23.—Complete official returns from Dixon county are as follows: Senator—Burkett, 166; Whedon, 99; Adams, 22; Birmingham, 44; Sorenson, 47; Hitchcock, 189; Reed, 62; Metcalfe, 102.

Governor—Aldrich, 184; Lowe, 59; Cady, 118; Shallenberger, 255; Dahlman, 147.

Representative—Boyd, 232; Brian, 142.

State Senator—Talcott, 182; Pritz, 125.

Representative—Kirk, 131; Ellis, 250. County Attorney—McCarty, 156; Hendrickson, 190; Kingsbury, 269; Paul, 168.

BRYAN DECLARES IN FAVOR OF HITCHCOCK

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 23.—W. J. Bryan whose activities prior to the statewide primary were in the interest of R. L. Metcalfe as opposed to G. M. Hitchcock for United States senator, last evening issued a statement declaring himself a hearty supporter of Mr. Hitchcock since his nomination as the democratic candidate. Mr. Bryan says: "Mr. Hitchcock has made an excellent record in congress, and I shall do all in my power to secure his election to the Senate. He ought to have every democratic vote and enough insurgent votes to elect him."

THINKS AIRSHIPS ARE GOOD FOR NAVAL WAR

French Minister of Marine Says They Contain Wonderful Possibilities for It.

Paris, Aug. 23.—Admiral De Lapeyere, the French minister of Marine, has become an enthusiastic convert to the possibilities of the aeroplane in naval warfare. In view of the results attained in the Paris-London flight of Moissant, the great cross-country course just completed by French aviators, and other recent achievements in the air.

In a statement today he expressed the wish that the French fleet should take first rank in the world in aerial navigation as it does now in submarine feats, and proposes the establishment of flotillas of aeroplanes at the French naval bases of Cherbourg, Brest, Toulon and Bizerte, Africa, to protect the ports and locate the mines and submarines of a possible enemy.

"For the price of a single cruiser," said the minister, "we may have thousands of aeroplanes. They will be our scouts."

DETECTIVE OF NOBLE BLOOD IS MURDERED

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 23.—George Costello, a New York detective, who was well known for his enormous strength, was murdered early today in a fight with a crowd at the landing of the Szechana Yacht club's boat house here.

Costello came to America several years ago from Denmark. He said little of his past life. He prized greatly a seal ring on which was a coat of arms, and was believed to be a member of a noble family.

DAHLMAN IS MAN CHOSEN TO LEAD

Shallenberger Defeated by a Narrow Margin—Managers Charge Fraud in Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 22.—Up to noon complete returns on the vote cast for governor in Nebraska had been received from 1,178 precincts. These are about three-fourths of the precincts and it is estimated that they contain about four-fifths of the vote.

The total figures at hand show the following: Aldrich, 14,335; Joe Cady, 12,453; Dahlman, 23,441; Shallenberger, 29,652.

There is now no question about the nomination of Aldrich, but the result on the democratic ticket is more complex. Shallenberger is constantly gaining and with approximately 600 precincts to hear from, if the gain of Shallenberger should be maintained, he could not be more than 1,000 behind Dahlman. The Shallenberger managers maintain that the remaining precincts are strongly for their candidate, while Dahlman insists that he ought to break almost even.

Charges of Fraud. A new and sensational feature injected itself into the democratic end of the fight last night when Colonel Marshall and Lee Herdman, managers of the Shallenberger campaign, openly charged that in Douglas county there were 2,000 fraudulent votes cast for Dahlman. Here it will be remembered, his vote was 7,190, or almost 2,000 more than that cast for any of the other democrats on the state ticket. Marshall and Herdman charge that there was not only repeating, but that men were registered from vacant houses and lots that were covered with weeds; that men were imported from Council Bluffs and even as far away as Sioux City. They claim that they have made a thorough and complete investigation and that if on the face of the returns it should be shown that Dahlman has won by a vote less than that of Douglas, they will go into court and ask the entire democratic vote of the county as cast for governor thrown out.

Managers of the Dahlman campaign contend that they know nothing of any fraudulent votes and if any were so committed without their knowledge or connivance.

PARTY NOMINEES FOR CONGRESS BY DISTRICTS

From returns so far received it seems certain that the nominations for the state have been made as follows: First District—Charles H. Sloan, republican; John A. Maguire, democrat.

Second District—A. L. Sutton, republican; C. O. Lobeck, democrat.

Third District—John F. Boyd, republican; James P. Latta, democrat.

Fourth District—Charles H. Sloan, republican; B. F. Good, democrat.

Fifth District—G. W. Norris, republican; R. D. Sutherland, democrat.

Sixth District—D. M. Kinkaid, republican; W. J. Taylor, or J. R. Dean, democrat.

FOREST FIRES ARE RAGING IN MONTANA

Ten Additional Companies of Troops Called for to Fight the Flames.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Forest fires in Montana are spreading and ten additional companies of troops are needed to meet the situation according to a joint telegram which was received by the interior department and forest service from the field agents.

Supervisor Logan, of the Glacier National park, and Supervisors Haines and Bunker, of the Flathead and Blackfoot national forests, respectively, report that the old fires are practically unbroken and that now one or two are constantly breaking out and more troops are needed to meet the emergency. They ask that four companies be sent to the Glacier park and three companies each to the Flathead and Blackfoot forests.

Chief Clerk Ucker, of the interior department, who is in the Glacier National park assisting in the fighting of fires, today telegraphed Acting Secretary Pierce that the fire situation could be met and the flames kept under control with additional troops, but that the conflagration could not be entirely arrested until the advent of rain.

Mr. Ucker suggested that some of the fires were of incendiary origin.

LOST SHIP MYSTERY IS NEAR A SOLUTION

Harpoon From the James T. Duncan Is Found in Big Whale at Sea.

Philadelphia, Aug. 22.—A seven years' mystery of the sea may be solved through a mishap to the German steamship Pallanza, which struck a whale at sea, nearly cutting the mammal in two and dislodging a harpoon believed to have been used by the little whaler James T. Duncan, which was lost in 1903. The Duncan sailed from Halifax with a crew of seven men in the spring of that year and has not since been heard from.

Captain Fendt, of the Pallanza, which has arrived here from Hamburg, reports that he ran into the whale on August 11. The monster was firmly impaled on the prow of the steamer and died after a terrific struggle. Nine members of the crew were let down to chop away the carcass and one of the sailors found the harpoon imbedded in the whale.

On the end of the harpoon was an iron band stamped "J. T. D. 1902." Captain Fendt keeps a close record of wrecks and he came to the conclusion that the whale may have been responsible for the loss of the Duncan.

RAIN SPOILS TENNIS.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 22.—A heavy rain fell during the early hours this morning, put the courts at the Casino in bad condition and it was doubtful whether any of the matches in the fifth round of the 30th annual all-comers' lawn tennis championship of the United States would be played today.

CANNON'S TOWN GROWS.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The population of Danville, Ill., is 27,871, an increase of 11,517 or 70.4 per cent as compared with 16,354 in 1900.

TELEPHONE COMPANY ADDS DIRECT REPLY

Nebraska Corporation Enjoined From Connecting With Independent Concerns.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 19.—In answer to the questions asked by Attorney General Thompson, the Nebraska Telephone company has filed replies in the supreme court. The interrogations relate to the business of the Nebraska Telephone company which has been enjoined from purchasing or connecting with certain independent telephone companies on the ground that such purchases are contrary to the anti-trust law.

In giving an account of its business, the Nebraska company says it has 53,687 subscribers, stations owned and operated by the company.

The company in its answers says it has no publicity agents in Nebraska and that it has not made appropriations for publicity or political purposes.

"This is an interrogation as to whether or not the company has ever given special inducements to prospective subscribers by appointing them agents and paying a cash consideration therefor, the agent's only service being to speak a good word for the company, the company replies: "No."

"This question is too broad and indefinite to permit of an answer."

For a comparison of its rates from year to year, the company refers the attorney general to its tariff sheets on file with the railway commission.

DEATH CALLS SIXTY-NINE BURT COUNTY PIONEERS

Lyons, Neb., Aug. 19.—Death has taken away 69 of the Burt county pioneers and old settlers in less than one year. Several of them have lived a long time, but all have died since their annual reunion, held last August. The list is as follows:

A. G. Davis, Miss Hopper, Mrs. Valbor A. Gelland Beebe, Thomas J. Everett, Mrs. Hannah Corey, L. L. Darling, Chas. W. Roney, Mrs. Anna Peterson, John M. Johnson, Johanna Peterson, Peter J. Swanson, Wm. Riley Davis, B. C. Joliff, Mrs. Sarah Brokaw, Mrs. A. A. Plummer, Sherman Robertson, Alfred Walberg, G. A. Thompson, August Sklenar, John W. Tator, Nelson Peter Shinbur, S. L. Conger, Iney Ann Mosberger, W. H. Price, Wm. Murphy, Amelia Caroline Lange, John Dalrymple, Mrs. Anna Anderson, Mrs. Julia Hanson, Mrs. Sarah Short Monnette, Mrs. Edgar Cameron, Mrs. S. T. Matthews, Austin H. Cates, Joseph Langford, Mrs. Andrew Carlson, W. A. Harding, Wm. Crawford, Mrs. Teresa E. Cleveland, Mrs. E. W. Harding, Mrs. J. C. Bacon, Robert Daley, Mrs. Peter Flannery, Wm. M. Jones, A. C. Palmater, Eda C. Nelson, Nils Olson, Mrs. D. C. Wallace, Mrs. James Carruthers, Wm. A. Clark, Mrs. Annie E. Robertson, Swan M. Nelson, Mrs. John Beckstrom, David M. Farness, Olf M. Remington, Charles M. Brookings, Rev. F. W. Cross, Mrs. Lewis Miller, Charles E. Barker, Captain I. N. Montgomery, Mrs. Johanna Johnson, Walter C. Freeman, Henry McKinsie, David S. Couchman, Z. D. Bowen, Mrs. C. F. Laughlin, George Luce, Mrs. Eugene Grenier, Mrs. Ellsworth Hall.

JURY FIXING ALLEGED IN BROWNE BRIBERY CASE

Chicago, Aug. 19.—Declaring that practically all of them had been "approached" in connection with the retrial of Lee O'Neil Browne, Judge Kersten yesterday dismissed a panel of 75 veniremen who had been subpoenaed in the work of selecting a jury. Judge Kersten pronounced the situation "deplorable."

The veniremen were immediately taken to the office of State's Attorney Wayman, where Judge Kersten asked each juror if he had been approached, called upon by any one in connection with his possible services as juror. Nearly all answered in the affirmative. Mr. Wayman made the assertion in more employed by him.

P. R. O'Donnell, counsel for Browne, asserted that the veniremen "had been seen" by an agent of third interest, neither defense nor prosecution being interested, for political reasons, in the downfall of Browne.

DANIEL FROHMAN TO WED YOUNG ACTRESS

At Least Rumor Connects His Name of Pretty Protege of Abe Hummel.

New York, Aug. 19.—Notwithstanding his unhappy experience in married life with the beautiful Marguerite Illingworth, who left him because she wanted to darn socks and sit by the fire and play with babies, and he was altogether absorbed with ideals for her artistic success—it is now gossip in theatrical circles that Daniel Frohman, producer, manager and producer, is about to marry Josephine Brown.

Miss Brown is 21 years old. She is a beauty prize winner, her photograph having been shown in many exhibitions, some of them without her consent. She came to the New York stage as the protegee of Abe Hummel, whose experiments with the practice of criminal law landed him on Blackwell's Island.

Josephine Brown became famous as the good angel of Abe Hummel's prison life. She called on him as often as the prison regulations would allow, and took him all sorts of delicacies in the months he passed in the prison hospital.

Miss Brown has been much interviewed in the public prints. There is no record that she ever said she wanted to sit by the fire and darn socks and play with babies. She has been active in giving advice to girls how to live so that they would have well rounded figures and good complexions.

CENSUS FIGURES.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The population of Albany, N. Y., is 100,253, an increase of 6,102, or 6.5 per cent as compared with 94,151 in 1900. The population of Indianapolis, Ind., is 198,650, an increase of 64,486, or 33.1 per cent as compared with 134,164 in 1900.

UTICA, N. Y.—Mrs. Sarah F. Gleason, of Chicago, philanthropist who annually spent the greater part of a large income for the benefit of Adventists and their mission, died here yesterday of apoplexy, while on a visit. She was 84 years of age.

PREACHER ARLINGTON ONCE A SALOON MAN

AT CORRECTIONVILLE. Now He Proposes to Secure 15,000 Votes for Prohibition at Fall Election.

Correctionville, Ia., Aug. 20.—Rev. P. H. Arlington, of this place, committee-man for the Eleventh district, of the prohibition party of Iowa, says his party is not concerning itself with a monster petition to be presented to the state legislature as heretofore, but is rallying every force to get out a vote in the state this fall which will command the respect of the older parties.

"Fifty thousand straight prohibition votes this fall would accomplish more with the legislators next winter than 10 times that many names on a petition," said Rev. Arlington. "We expect to make a good showing this fall."

Committee-man Arlington, who devotes practically all of his time to organization and campaigning for his cause, is little concerned by the declarations made in the republican and democratic platforms on the liquor questions. Reference to the matter at all is believed by him to have been caused by the activity throughout the country, and especially in Iowa, of the temperance people and the success attending their efforts. He feels confident the next legislature will vote to submit the prohibition question to a popular vote.

Prohibition literary clubs are being formed throughout the Eleventh district by Rev. Mr. Arlington. The program which members are expected to sign reads as follows: "Believing the licensed liquor traffic to be the most inimical and deadly foe to all human interests and that its arrest must be accomplished in order to protect the home and give prosperity to the nation, we, the undersigned, pledge our aid, influence and co-operation for the accomplishment of that end; and, believing in the efficiency of literary proceedings for the creation of public sentiment that will demand and accomplish the death of this insidious foe, we, the undersigned, enroll ourselves members of the Prohibition Literary Club of this place, and promise to aid in all literary efforts, such as evening programs and the circulation of books and periodicals that teach the doctrine of prohibition of the licensed liquor traffic."

Mr. Arlington knows the liquor business from the "inside," and the fact that he was at one time a saloon-keeper, he tells in his speeches. He says he came out of the army a drunkard and while freighting across the plains his party stopped at Ellsworth, Kan., and while there he was standing in a saloon when a rough fellow drew a revolver on the barkeeper. A deputy sheriff came in and commanded Arlington to help him arrest the man with the gun. In giving the assistance, Arlington was shot in the leg. He could not proceed with the train and the saloon man, feeling grateful that Arlington had helped save his life to the detriment of his own plans, gave him a job as bartender. Three months later Arlington bought the business and ran the saloon himself. He declares he quit the saloon business because of an innate abhorrence of the crime of making drinks out of his fellow men. He was later converted and is now a preacher. He believes Christianity is the only genuine cure for the liquor habit.

IOWA CITIES BEGIN A FIGHT AGAINST ROADS

Charges of Discrimination in Rate Filed Before Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Through Attorney General Byers, of Iowa, and the state railroad commission, allegations were made to the Interstate Commerce commission today that the interior towns of Iowa were being compelled to pay excessive and exorbitant freight rates from points east of the Mississippi river.

It is alleged in the petition, which is filed against the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway and other interstate lines, that the freight charges from Peoria, Ill., and from points east of Chicago to interior points in Iowa are discriminatory and unlawful.

DEAF SUPERINTENDENT IS AGAIN APPOINTED

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 20.—The state board of control has reappointed Henry W. Roderick to be superintendent of a deaf school at Council Bluffs, ignoring the attacks made upon him by the association for the deaf.

BALLOON IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN WRECKED

Dessau, Germany, Aug. 20.—Police, gendarmes and foresters are today conducting a search of the hills and forests in their vicinity for the remains of a balloon and its probable passengers which was last night seen flaming in the sky.

Some wood cutters, who were returning from their work near nightfall, discovered a burning balloon drifting over the wooded hills at a considerable altitude, finally falling rapidly. The wood cutters lost sight of the balloon as it neared the earth, but immediately notified the authorities in Dessau, who sent out searching parties.

CHOLERA IN ITALY.

Barl, Italy, Aug. 20.—The latest report on the outbreak of Asiatic cholera which has begun in the province of Barl Delle Puglie, shows there have been 23 deaths. The latest cases reported are one at Biscigli, two at Barletta, three at Trinitapoli, one fatal case at Ope, five cases and two deaths at Margherita Di Savoia and one death at Cerignola.

WILL SELL RAILROAD.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 20.—Announcement is made this morning by Master Commissioner William F. Phippin that he has set September 15 as the date for the sale at public auction of the International & Great Northern Railroad company and its properties. The sale will occur at Palestine. The sale is the result of litigation pending in the federal courts for several years.

IDA GROVE, ILL., AUG. 20.—Miss Grace Holton and Avery Bickery were married at the bride's home near Schleswig.

WASHINGTON STATUE PRESENT TO FRANCE

Replica of One in Richmond Formally Donated by State of Virginia.

Naples, France, Aug. 20.—In the Napoleon hall of the Chateau Versailles in the presence of the French minister of war, General Brun; the French ambassador to the United States, M. Jusserand, and his wife, and the American ambassador, Robert Bacon, and Mrs. Bacon, the bronze statue of Washington in the state house at Richmond, Va., presented by the state of Virginia to the French republic, was today dedicated.

Among those present were the Marquis De Lafayette, the members of the French mission, which presents America the statue of Rochambeau, now at Washington, and United States Senator Nathan E. Scott, of West Virginia.

General Brun, who presided, spoke of the statue as the greatest work of the greatest French sculptor of the 18th century. Colonel James Mann, chairman of the Virginia commission, delivered the speech of presentation. State Senators Dan P. Halsey and N. W. Kline, of Virginia, also made addresses on behalf of the state of Virginia. Ambassador Jusserand, in the absence of the French minister of foreign affairs, M. Pichon, accepted the statue on behalf of the French government.

CONVENTION OF MINERS TO ADJOURN THIS WEEK

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 20.—Following a statement by President Lewis of his side of the action of the international executive board on the Illinois situation, and a reply by President Walker, of Illinois, today, the convention of United Mine Workers adjourned until tomorrow morning, to enable the special committee of 23 to complete its report.

President Lewis speaks as a member of the board, and defends its action in formulating an agreement with the operators, which is deemed a compromise by the Illinois miners. After the report of the committee, which it is hinted, will be a blanket endorsement of sanctioning both the strike in Illinois and also the action of the international authorities, a vote will be taken, probably tomorrow, and it is believed by the leaders that the convention will be adjourned since before the end of this week.

M'MURRAY JUSTIFIES HIS ENORMOUS FEES

Indian Land Lawyer Goes on the Stand in His Own Behalf Today.

Sulphur, Okla., Aug. 20.—J. F. McMurray, whose contracts with the Indians allowing him 10 per cent attorney fees on the sale of \$50,000,000 worth of land, is the subject of an investigation by congress, went on the stand before the special congressional committee today. Mr. McMurray described his contracts as "a plain business deal."

He said the relation of his law firm with the Indians began in 1899, when he was employed by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians to appear before the Dawes commission. This commission was empowered to determine for the government who should be included in the Indian tribes. There were many who claimed they were wrongfully kept off the enrollment of the tribe. Enrollment with its claim on the government was estimated to be worth \$5,000.

Mr. McMurray was engaged by Governor Johnston, of the Chickasaws, to protect the interests of his tribesmen by keeping as many claimants as possible off the rolls. McMurray professes to have kept 6,100 claimants off the rolls, estimating that these claimants each would have reduced the tribal property \$5,000. It was held that McMurray's firm got \$750,000.

SWALLOWS TOOL AS HIS TEETH ARE FIXED

Then Scranton Man Has to Be Operated on to Get It Out of System.

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 20.—Thomas Duffy, a machinist, 23 years old, of Dunmore, near here, was operated on for the removal of a dentist's tool which he swallowed a week ago while having his teeth fixed in the office of Dr. Harold Davis, of Dunmore. The tool was a two-inch steel prong, with a quarter-inch burr at one end. The physicians had to force it down Duffy's neck into his stomach last week.

It worked its way to the vermiform appendix and set up a condition similar to appendicitis. The appendix was found to be inflamed and the steel instrument imbedded in it. Duffy's condition is critical.

ESPERANTO CONGRESS.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Group meetings of Esperanto circles from various sections of the country, led the program for today, the fourth day of the session of the sixth international congress of Esperanto. In the afternoon the delegates to the congress, representing about 35 nations, are scheduled to witness an example of the great American game as shown by the Washington and Cleveland baseball clubs.

Rail connection between Mexico and Guatemala is about to be established by the building of a bridge 800 feet long over the Suchiate river.

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Acting under peremptory instructions from Gov. Harmon, the county authorities Saturday clamped the "lid" on the betting ring at North Randall track three hours before the close of the grand circuit race meeting. As a result it is predicted that the track may be permanently closed. Sheriff A. J. Hirst, retired from the race with his pockets, his hat and the fullness of his shirt full of money, and tonight a swarm of aggrieved bettors are looking through the downtown streets for bookmakers, armed with tickets that have not been redeemed.