Topics of the Times

Extensive experiments in wireless telegraphy are to be carried out at Portsmouth in connection with the new submarines.

Canada's shipments of apples this year are over three times what they were last year and about double what they were in 1900.

Four crops of corn are produced yearly in Cuba. The first crop is planted in December and the fourth crop is harvested in December.

Miss Rose Hackett, the last English woman to leave Johannesburg after martial law was declared, is now a baker's clerk in Charlestown, Mass.

At a reception of the patriarchs at Constantinople the Sultan has declared that he will make no distinction between Christians and Mohammedans.

One hundred pounds is the price expected for a sheet of 119 unused black English penny stamps issued in 1840, which will be offered for sale in London.

The progress in the scientific treatment of beets in Germany has resulted in raising the percentage of raw sugar extracted from the root from 5½ in 1840 to 13 in 1901.

In view of the scare as to the permanency of typewritten records the Italian Minister of Justice has ordered that no typewritten document will be accepted as legal in Italy.

Thirty one huge and exceedingly strong Havana cigars is the daily allowance of King Carlos, of Portugal, the biggest and the fattest of all the reigning monarchs of the old world.

Friends of the late Senator Vance, of North Carolina, are raising funds to purchase a marble bust of the Senator, to be placed in the rotunda of the Carnegie library building at Charlotte, N. C.

Eight per cent of the population of this country is still illiterate. In Germany only 1 per cent of illiterates exists and in Bavaria, Baden, Wurtemburg and Scandinavia there are no totally uneducated people.

Hamley—You seem interested in the horse show. Have you any entries there? Plamley—Well—er—yes. Hamley—Prize winners? Phamley—I hope so. They're my three eldest daughters, and all marriageable.

Emperor William is ambitious to create a monumental structure in his capital city which shall match Westminster Abbey, in London. At present the remains of the former leaders of the Hohenzollerns are scattered.

More than fifty girls are studying scientific farming in the Minneapolis College of Agriculture. The course they take includes botany, chemistry, physics and geology, requiring in the first two years two terms of each.

The latest invention is a combined umbrella and fan for the cycle. The canopy is made in the form of an ordinary umbrella and is fitted with blades, which as the bicycle spins along, catch the air and rotate the apparatus.

Probably the biggest machinery belt ever made is one recently made for a copper mine power-house at Anaconda, Mont. It is sixty-six inches wide and 180 feet long, weighs 3,600 pounds, took 360 hides to make it and cost nearly $3,000.

To save train fare three Italian women set out to walk across a mountain pass between the Engadine and Lombardy. They were overtaken by a snowstorm and one of the women perished. This is the seventy-eighth accident of the kind this season.

It has just been discovered that there exists at Rapperswyl, Switzerland, a fund consisting of nearly $50,000, which has been subscribed by Poles in various parts of the world for the purpose of waging war on Russia when a propitious time shall arrive.

The exports of cheese and butter from Canada this year promises to make a record. When the season closes the value of the products shipped to Scotland and England and abroad will total $30,000,000. Ten years ago the total was only $10,000,000.

An article in the Electrical Review discusses the size of an atom of hydrogen, and arrives at the conclusion that these particles of matter are so small that it would take 115,000,000 of them, laid in a line, to extend a distance of one centimeter—that is, an atom is about one-third of a billionth of an inch in size.

The "old log schoolhouse" at Camp Run, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, is said by the Young People's Weekly to be the oldest schoolhouse in the country. It is very primitive in all its appointments, but the teacher, Miss Celia J. Miller, who is only 16 years old, has enlisted the help of the "big boys" to make some improvements.

Experiments on the value of salt in the food of sheep have been recently made in France. Of three lots of sheep one had no salt, a second had half an ounce daily and a third had three-fourths of an ounce. The sheep taking salt gained more flesh and had better wool than those without it, and the sheep getting half an ounce did better than those getting more.

Leopold Paris, who first introduced Adelina Patti to the lyric stage, died in Philadelphia recently. He was a native of Rome, but had been an exile from his native land many years on account of his participation in the Italian revolts of 1849. He was 85 years old at the time of his death, and had resided in Philadelphia twenty years.

The report of the life-saving service shows that there were 388 accidents to registered vessels in this country last year. Out of 23,424 persons in danger only nineteen in all were lost, and the property loss was about $2,300,000. There are 272 life-saving stations, of which 195 are on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, sixty on the great lakes and sixteen on the Pacific coast. The cost of maintaining the service was $1,650,000.

Paul Kruger, in his memoirs, tells the story of a secretary whom he punished for being drunk, by tying him to a wagon wheel. During the night three thousand Kaffirs and about four thousand Zulus attacked the Boer camp and were not driven off till daybreak. The secretary slept so soundly that he noticed nothing of the fight, and the next day, when he at last awoke, he looked around in astonishment and asked: "Have you people been fighting during the night?"

NAVAL OFFICERS ARE TRUSTED.

Valuables and Large Sums of Money Given in Their Care.

As a retired officer in the royal navy, let me say that up to within a very recent period our naval officers admittedly made very handsome sums by taking charge of valuables when going from one port to another; indeed, there are officers who boast of having made more money by carrying vast sums in securities or jewelry, for private persons introduced by friends, than they ever got out of the navy otherwise. And the same thing is done nowadays, but absolutely as a disinterested favor, and "under the rose" so far as officers of to-day are concerned.

I served under a captain who brought £300,000 in specie from Cadiz to England, and only gave a note of hand for the receipt of the amount, but I could tell you of scores of similar cases which show that the faith of most foreigners is so great in the integrity of British naval officers that the former will intrust vast sums with the latter without even any word of writing being exchanged. The China station used to be noted for the very large sums that could be made by taking charge of valuable belonging to great native mandarins and statesmen for conveying such valuable from point to point.

I personally know of one case where a high Chinese official intrusted the captain of a British man-of-war with bar gold and securities worth more than a million sterling. Only a brief receipt on a half-sheet of paper was given, and the Chinaman could not personally even read this.

Up to a comparatively recent date it was looked upon as no dereliction of duty whatever for a man-of-war to carry valuables that were not bulky for bankers and traders, and even down to junior officers the "perks" made in this way were most considerable. As a commander I made over £1,000 in this way on one station, and never even gave a receipt for the valuables handed over to me. And quite a dozen different races of men are comprised within the number of examples I have seen of this unbounded faith in British officers.—Tit-Bits.

WHERE HISTORY IS SILENT.

Little Boy Wanted Information On an Important Point.

The old story of a mother who, when she feared her boy was lost, recalled all his virtues, but on his being restored to her immediately punished him soundly for running away, is repeated with rather a different ending by the New York Evening Post:

He was but 4 years old, and was allowed to play on the street with other little tots who were as yet too young to go to school. His mother would frequently go to the front window to see what he was doing.

One day when she went to the window he was nowhere in sight. She waited there quite a while, but he did not appear. Again and again she went to the window, but could get no glimpse of him. She was becoming alarmed when he returned.

He seemed to be proud of having run away, but with the pride there was also an expression of anxiety, not to say fear. He did not know what sort of a reception he was likely to get.

His mother sternly asked him where he had been. "Be careful, now, and don't lie to me," she said.

The boy's face brightened. "Mamma," said he, "did George Washington ever tell a lie?"

"No," was the reply, "and don't you tell me one."

The boy's face still shone. "Mamma," he continued, "did George Washington's mamma whip him when he didn't tell a lie?"

How to Defy the Coal Trust.

"Coal's fur beyond us, ain't it?"

"Hit sho' is!"

"En dey done raise de price of wood?"

"Dey sho' has."

"Well, what you gwine ter do 'bout it?"

"Git in jail fer de winter."—Atlanta Constitution.

Before He Marries.

Before an officer in the German army may marry he is required to notify his superior officer as to his wife's antecedents and the amount of her private income.

Defective Teeth.

Defective teeth led to 2,451 soldiers being invalided home from South Africa during the war.

A VILLAGE WAS SWEPT INTO LAKE

Fishermen Lived in Shanties Built Along the Shore of Lake Michigan.

Bay City, Mich. Feb. 6.—Forty fishermen went to their death in the storm, which struck Saginaw Bay Tuesday night. The men were living in shanties built on the ice. The storm burst without warning. It was accompanied by a blinding swirl of snow and the waves crushed the ice in the bay upon which the fishermen's huts were standing, into a grinding, crunching mass.

Nothing has been seen of men or shanties since.

It is known that two were drowned and no hope is expressed for the others.

James Fisk a fish buyer, who spent the night in his station, came to the city and said that prior to the storm he could see plainly a dozen shanties and the men moving about them, but in the morning there was no sign of human life on the bay.

Two men who were in a shanty not far from his place were lost during the night, cakes of ice having smashed their shanty to pieces.

He says the other fishermen could hardly have escaped, as they were still farther out and nearer the scene of the first breaking up of the ice.

The Jurymen For Young Trial.

New York Feb. 6—When recess was taken today in the trial of William Hooper Young, accused of the murder of Miss Pultizer, six jurors had been obtained. Young looked better than yesterday and walked into court. He sank heavily into a chair, and his head fell on the table in front of him, but nevertheless he took an interest in the examination of the talesman. Justice Herrick included among his questions to the talesman:

"Have you any prejudice against any religious sect?"

During the lull in the proceedings, Young said audibly to one of his counsel:

"Can't you get me the Molineux rabbit foot?"

At one stage of the proceedings he fell asleep for fifteen minutes and then relapsed into an appearance of semi-consciousness. From one of the talesmen, Simon Geiger, news was received of Joseph Pulitzer, husband of the murdered woman. Geiger said he heard that Pulitzer was in Michigan two weeks ago.

During recess Young was under the observance of medical experts and they reported that as yet they had found no evidence of insanity. When the first panel of talesmen had been exhausted there were ten jurymen in the box and Justice Herrick adjourned court until tomorrw.

Falls From Sixth Floor.

St. Louis, Feb. 6—William Paull, of London, England, leading baritone of the Castle Square Opera company, now here, is dead as the result of a fall from a sixth-story window of the Southern hotel. His skull was fractured and his left arm was broken. He was unconscious when picked up and soon died. It is not known whether the fall was accidental or not.

The singer was leaning from the window when he is said to have lost his balance. He plunged out, head foremost, striking the telegraph wires opposite the second story window. These broke his fall, but did not save his life. It was reported that Mr Paull threw himself from the window, but nothing authentic as to this could be learned.

J. D. Leffingwell, manager of the Castle Square Opera company, who was one of the first to reach the dying man's side, said in reply to an inquiry:

"No, it was an accident. Why should he have killed himself? He had everything—fame in his profession, health, no troubles that I knew of, and he has been with me all season."

Mrs. Paull is prostrated and under the care of two physicians, and no statement from her was obtainable.

At the time of Mr. Paull's first appearance here with the Castle Square opera company two years ago he was married to Miss Ethel Gordon of Sidney Australia. Miss Gordon, who three years previously was a member of the same company with Mr. Paull in Australia, came 13,000 miles to meet her affianced.

Nebraska Won Second Victory.

Colorado Sorings, Colo., Feb. 6.—The University of Nebraska basket ball team continued their march of victory through Colorado by defeating the Colorado college team here Thursday night. The score was Nebraska 37, Colorado 11.

Caracas is Plague Stricken.

Caracas, Feb. 6.—Caracas is in great distress as the result of the existing conditions. While yellow fever and typhoid prevail, they are not in epidemic form and the alarming mortality in January was 45 per cent per thousand due to starvation, which induces the disease. No city in the world, said the correspondent, shows an approximation to such conditions except when ravaged by the plague.

VEINS BLUE BLOOD

CARRIE NATION A RELATIVE OF DUKE OF ARGYLE.

KNOWN IT A LONG TIME

PRINTED LINE TELLS STORY OF ORIGIN OF PRINT.

GROUP SCOTTISH CHIEFS

Extreme Modesty of Kansas Reformer Prevents an Important Fact From Sooner Becoming Public

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 3.—Carrie Nation believes she is a descendant of the Duke of Argyle, at one time a mighty warrior of Scotland. Her claim was made after she had inspected a "print" purchased by her brother, Campbell A. Moore, a dealer in second-hand goods in Kansas City, Kas. The "print" is a lithograph and it represents a group of Scottish Chiefs in council on the banks of a lake. On the lower margin of the "print" there is a verse of poetry and the names of the chieftains portrayed. In the left hand corner Campbell, Duke of Argyle is represented.

When Mr. Moore purchased the "print" he hung it in his store and marked it "for sale," and the fact that he possessed it passed from his mind. One day last week Mrs. Susan McLaughlin of 1900 Indiana avenue, this city, Mrs. Nation's cousin, called at Mr. Moore's place of business. She saw the picture and read the inscription, "Campbell, Duke of Argyle." Then she remarked: "That is our great-great-grandfather."

Mr. Moore immediately communicated the news to his wife and other members of the family. The "print" was removed to the parlor of the Moore home above the second hand store and the relatives notified of the discovery. When the matter was brought to the notice of Carrie Nation she said she knew she had descended from the Duke of Argyle, but that she had refrained from making the fact public because of the fear of adverse criticism.

Mrs. Moore, when asked what he knew of the relationship said:

"I understand that Mrs Kate Donegby of Macon, Mo., an aunt of Mrs. Nation, is having a family tree prepared which will establish the relationship claimed."

Perhaps the most ardent advocate of the relationship claim is Mrs. Jane F. Bradshaw, also Mrs. Nation's aunt, who is a member of the Moore household. She is eighty-nine years old. When the print was hung in the Moore parlor she was one of the first to recognize the Duke of Argyle and spoke of the family "resemblance."

"The duke is my grandfather," she said as she pointed to the picture of the kilted warrior before her. "His name was Alexander Campbell. I do not know much about him save what my parents told me, and they never said much, for my father ran away from home at an early age and settled in Virginia."

Will Close the Smelter.

Deadwood, S. D., Feb. 3.—The men who walked out at the Golden Reward smelter were notified today to call at the office February 5 and receive their pay. All miners have been laid off by the company except what was necessary to supply the cyanide plant at Deadwood with ore, as that plant has not yet been affected by the strike. Harris Franklin, the general manager, who is in New York, reiterates by telegram that the smelter will not be operated again. The company officials claim that the ore from the mines can be reduced more cheaply at other plants.

The smelter men assert that the situation has resolved itself into a lockout. The labor union last night resolved to uphold the men who walked out. The union is affiliated with the western federation of miners, which is in control of all the mines in the Black Hills.

The heaviest stockholders in Golden Reward are E. H. Harriman and Samuel W. Allerton. The smelter was purchased three years ago of the Deadwood and Delaware Smelter company.

Couple Fears a Lynching.

Smith Center, Kas., Feb. 3.—Albert Jordan and wife, Ellen Jordan, who are charged with the murder of a four-year-old nephew were given a preliminary hearing and bound over to the district court. In lieu of a bond the defendants deposited $18,000 in cash. Although free to go from the jail they will remain, for fear, it is said, of lynching. It is alleged that the defendants beat the child cruelly and committed other acts toward it which caused its death.

POSSE RUNS DOWN ROBBERS

Crack Bank Safe in Illinois And Get Away But Captured—Night Fire at Chicago

Cambridge, Ill., Feb. 4.—The First National Bank at Cambridge was robbed of about $10,000 at 2 o'clock this morning, and within a few hours the robbers were captured by the citizens and marched to the county jail, where they are now pending an examination. No trace of the money has yet been discovered, but it will be found in a short time, as the robbers had practically no time in which to make any great concealment of it. At 2 o'clock the city was aroused by the explosion. After the robbers had started to work a snow had commenced falling. This increased in volume and it was an easy matter for the posse to trace the robbers to a barn two miles east of the city. The four men were found buried under the straw and were taken to the jail.

The robbers stole a hand car at Galva, fourteen miles east and abandoned it one mile east. They were evidently making for this car on which they hoped to escape, but were unable to do this on account of the snow storm prevailing at the time they should have made their escape.

The identity of the robbers has not yet been established.

Burning of Supply House

Chicago, Feb. 4—Fire last night destroyed the plant of the Chicago Railway Supply Foundry company at West Harvey, causing a loss estimated at $250,000. More than 100 men were thrown out of employment. The foundry was a brick structure 400 feet long, one hundred feet wide and thirty-five feet high. In it were manufactured handcars, railroad flags and other railway equipment.

Middlebury, Vt., Feb. 4—During a heavy gale early today fire broke out in the business section of Middlebury, and before it could be controlled six blocks, two halls a planing mill and other property were completely destroyed. The total loss is estimated at $150,000.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 4.—The beet sugar factory at Carlsbad, Eddy county, owned by Milwaukee capitalists, burned to the ground this morning. There was no insurance and losses are estimated at over $200,000.

Tries to Kill Sweetheart

New York, Feb. 4.—A man named R. Bidlich, a waiter went to the residence of Bernhard Benecke, president of the Illinois Cattle Feeding company, today, and asked for the housekeeper, a woman named Berlin. When she came to the door Bidlich shot her three times and she fell dying. Bidlich then drank carbolic acid and fired two shots into his head. Bidlich had been the woman's sweetheart until recently, when they quarreled.

Both Bidlich and the housekeeper were taken to a hospital, where it was said neither could recover.

Pinned to the man's suspenders was a photograph of the woman and himself. The members of the Benecke family are prostrated by the tragedy.

Troops in a Trap.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 4—Word has just reached here that the Twelfth battalion of Mexican regulars was almost annihilated in a batter with the Yaquis whom they were pursuing, after having defeated them in a fight at San Marcial.

The regulars were caught in a trap and their retreat was cut off by a second band of whose existence they knew nothing. There were 500 soldiers in the battalion and if the report of the survivors of the fight who reached San Marcial is true, a great many of that number were killed. The reports, however, are believed to be exaggerated.

According to last previous accounts, the regulars were in a critical condition, although the casualties are not known. The Twelfth battalion has been stationed for some time at Potam Rio Yaqui.

A Narrow Escape.

Ravenna, Neb., Feb. 4—Burlington passenger No. 41 the Portland flyer, had a narrow escape from a severe collision a mile from town at 6 o'clock this morning. The storm was raging so fiercely that Engineer Finch, who was pulling the passenger, could scarcely see thirty feet ahead of him. An engine had gone dead about a mile east of town and Finch was right onto the signals to stop before he saw them. He at once turned on the airbrakes and the train came to a standstill with a suddenness and a jar that aroused all the passengers, many of whom suspected another holdup.

Women Hanged For Murder.

London, Feb. 4.—Amelia Sach and Annie Walters, "baby farmers," were hanged at Hollaway jail today. The women were recommended mercy on account of their sex, but the home secretary was unable to grant the reprieve usually accorded.

The women walked to the scaffold unaided and displayed remarkable fortitude. No women had previously been hanged in England since March, 1900.

Nebraska Notes

John F. Griffiths has been appointed postmaster at Pawnee City, Neb.

The Lincoln Union Pacific freight house as damaged to the extent of $500 by fire.

Postmaster John Wesley Huntsberger, editor of the Pender Republican, died of erysipelas.

Charles E. Satchelll has been appointed postmaster at Highlands, Hayes county, Neb.

Herman K. Young dropped dead at his home at Nebraska City. He was county clerk of Otoe county and was 35 years of age.

Otoe county farmers are formulating demands for better roads and a different method of taxation for county road work.

Chester Kendig, 13 years of age, fell forty feet from a ladder at the union Pacific water softener at Kearney and received injuries from which he died.

The summary of reports of the month's shipments by the elevators at Arlington showed a total of over 100 cars of grain sent out during the month.

The Rawlings block at Wymore was totally destroyed by fire. It was one of the largest business houses in town. The loss is $4,000. There was no insurance.

Plans for a new national bank building for Beatrice have been drawn. The building will replace that destroyed by fire some time ago and will cost $30,000.

A steel tank factory will soon be in operation at Falls City. Joseph Tepik and S. M. Turner of Humboldt are at the head of the new enterprise, which has abundant capital.

Grain business of Beatrice during January was in excess of previous records. Estimates are that 30,000 bushels of oats, 70,000 bushels of wheat and 150,000 bushels of corn were marketed.

Arrangements have been completed by the Beatrice Ministerial association for the state convention of the Young Men's Christian association, which meets at Beatrice February 28 to March 1.

The streets of Nebraska City will be lighted again after several weeks' darkness. The water and light company has announced that it is ready to resume filling its contract. The sudden shifting of the bed of the Missouri river was responsible for the inability to funrish the light and water.

Among the appropriations in the sundry civil appropriation bill reported by the committee at Washington are $20,000 for completing the Omaha post office, $75,000 for continuing the work of the Lincoln public building, $60,000 for the Hastings postoffice $20,000 to complete the public building at Norfolk.

The poor condition of the county roads around West Point is causing considerable discussion and agitation. Much trade that should go there is being diverted to other points. Several movements are on foot to remedy the situation and the board of supervisors will take the matter up in earnest at the next meeting, it is said.

Miss Mary Liermann, a pretty 17-year old girl died from burns recieved in the explosion of a can of gasoline, which she was using to start a fire. The accident occurred several days go and Miss Liermann was badly burned about the body. She was the daughter of William Liermann, a prominent farmer, and was attending school at West Point.

The store of C. H. Norris of Table Rock was entered by burglars who bored three holes in the safe after which they left. A gun had been accidentally discharged by one of the robbers and the bullet struck the floor and glanced into one of the show cases. It is presumed that this frightened the robbers away, as nothing was taken from the store.