

300 CANAL BUSY

15,368 Vessels Passed Through Channel in 1911.

Handling of Large Number of Craft Accomplished Without a Blockade, Says Commandant—Three Times Suez Record.

Washington.—During the navigation season of 1911 vessels to the number of 15,368 passed through the St. Marys river channel, which connects Lake Superior and Lake Huron, according to Lieut. Philip H. Scott, commanding the revenue cutter Mackinac, in charge of the patrol of St. Marys river, in his report to Commissioner Chamberlain of the bureau of navigation, department of commerce and labor.

This is a larger transit of large steamers than on any other water of the United States and more than three times 4,533, which is the number of passages through the Suez canal in 1910.

The daily average number of vessels recorded at Lookout Station No. 3, which is located just below Sault Ste. Marie, at the entrance to Hay Lake channel, was 72, or at the rate of one boat every 20 minutes. The week ended August 5 showed the greatest daily average for any week during the year, namely 86 vessels, and the greatest number recorded in any one day was 105, on August 24.

The passage of this large number of craft was accomplished without any congestion approaching a blockade, and while there were a number of minor accidents, only one was due to violation of the navigation laws. The channels were open at all times, and no obstructions to navigation occurred other than due to fogs.

St. Marys river marks the boundary line between the United States and Canada at the northern extremity of Michigan. It divides at Sault Ste. Marie falls, and two canals make navigation possible at this point—one on the American side, equipped with two masonry locks, and the other on the Canadian side, with one masonry lock. The Hay Lake route, being a comparatively straight cut, can be navigated with reasonable safety at night, and it is well defined by many lights and buoys in charge of the bureau of lighthouses. Both the Hay Lake and Lake George routes are open to either American or Canadian ships, free of toll.

This channel forms the natural outlet for the vessels carrying manufacturing, mining and agricultural products from the shore cities on Lake Superior, especially Detroit and Duluth, and while freight steamers comprise the largest number of ships plying these waters, passenger steamers also form a considerable part of the heavy traffic. Lieut. William J. Wheeler, U. S. E. C. S., will succeed Lieutenant Scott next season.

TRAP HELD DOG AND MINK

Koch's Probar of New Rochelle, Strung Up by Leg, Clung to Fighting Prey.

New York.—When Charles Koch, trapper, of New Rochelle visited his traps he found his black and tan terrier, Probar, strung up by one hind leg in a noose to a sapling which had been used as a mink trap and holding a large mink by the tail.

The dog was bleeding from wounds inflicted by the mink's claws and teeth. Both Probar and the mink, which measured 36 inches, were nearly exhausted. Caught in other traps were three smaller mink that it is supposed had been attracted by the fight between dog and mink and had gone to help their comrade.

Probar, who had accompanied his master from his home, 7 Orchard street, every day for nine years, had preceded him to the traps and caught the largest mink seen near New Rochelle in several years.

ARMY POST IS CUPID'S ENEMY

Buildings in Hawaii Will Be Built by Government to Discourage Matrimony.

Washington, D. C.—Plans approved at the war department for the construction at Fort Schofield, Hawaii, of what will be the most economical army post ever erected. The plans embody the ideas of General Wood. The new barracks will be in the form of a horseshoe, with a double line of buildings for officers in the center of the horseshoe. Double houses will be built, so arranged as to accommodate three or four bachelor officers each.

It is intended to discourage early marriages among the officers, by providing quarters adequate and comfortable but not liberal enough to form an inducement to matrimony and additional expense to the government.

MAKES EX-WIFE AN EMPLOYEE

After Divorce, Woman Is Housekeeper, Then Sues Former Husband for \$200 Wages.

Duluth, Minn.—Two hundred dollars as wages for ten months' service as housekeeper is what Mrs. Jacob Stuber asks the court to compel her former husband to give her. Mrs. Stuber got a divorce and \$50 a month alimony. Then, according to her complaint, her ex-husband hired her as housekeeper at \$20 a month. She says Stuber refuses to pay her.

FORTUNES PILED UP

Many Millionaires Made Since War With Spain.

Birth of Industrial Combinations During President McKinley's Term Netted Financiers of America Vast Wealth.

New York.—The great railroad and industrial development of this country which has gone on since the Spanish war has produced a remarkable crop of men whose fortunes have mounted into the millions at a rate unknown in any previous period of our country.

One who died recently was John W. Gates. Mr. Gates' fortune has just been appraised at \$11,000,000.

Like Mr. Gates, Mr. Harriman possessed a fortune made practically within this period. It was a much larger fortune than Mr. Gates', the estimates of it at Mr. Harriman's death ran as high as \$150,000,000. The Harriman estate paid taxes on a fortune of \$71,000,000.

Next to Mr. Harriman the most conspicuous of the new millionaires who have been made essentially by railroad manipulation is Edwin Hawley. Ten years ago he was regarded as a newcomer on the financial stage and was being described as "Wall street's new constructive genius in railroad operations."

One of Wall street's most interesting figures in these years of rapid fortune building has been former Judge William H. Moore. Of all these newly made millionaires his record is unique. Within the same period—the period that began with the consolidation of the great industrial plants—Judge Moore has made and lost one fortune, and has made another on the ruins of the first.

Daniel G. Reid is a man who has made a large fortune in the same record breaking time and in much the same way. With him should be classed the late William B. Leeds, for they beamed their way together, "two little Indiana boys." Reid used to call them.

As the youngest, possibly, of this remarkable group of swiftly made men of millions, Charles M. Schwab has come in for perhaps more attention than many of the older figures in it. Strictly speaking, he belongs to the Carnegie group of millionaires, men whom the ironmaster took into partnership and helped to push along toward fortune, though belonging to a younger generation than himself. William E. Corey and several other men might be named in this group. Their fortunes have been made in the same quick manner. The career of Schwab has been almost meteoric.

These are perhaps the most conspicuous figures in the group of new men of great fortunes in this country. It is a group that is younger than the men with fortune made from oil and the railroad development of a quarter of a century ago. Twenty-five years ago few of these men had even the small beginnings of a fortune. Almost without exception their fortunes, running up into millions, have been made since McKinley was inaugurated and the Maine was sunk in Havana harbor.

BERRY MAN WORTH MILLION

Clarence Le Bus, President of the Burley Tobacco Society, Tells of Rise From Poverty to Wealth.

Cincinnati, O.—Le Bus, president of the Burley Tobacco society, told the story of his rise from poverty to wealth, power and influence in his testimony in the United States court, where the case of the E. O. Eshelby Tobacco company against the Burley Tobacco society is being tried before Judge Howard Hollister.

In his testimony Mr. Le Bus told how he began when 8 years old by picking gooseberries for Betsy Hobson, he receiving half of the proceeds of the sale.

Afterward he was employed in a country store two years at \$6 a week, and later worked until 1902 in the lodmann warehouse at a monthly salary of \$60.

From this moment his star seems to have been in the ascendant. He admitted that he is now the possessor of 7,000 acres of the finest blue grass land in Kentucky, valued approximately at \$200 an acre, or \$1,400,000, and is a director in ten different banks, two in Cincinnati, two in Indiana, five in Kentucky and one in St. Louis.

KEEP TALLY OF STITCHES

Workman From Missouri Finds There Are 32,967 Strokes of the Needle in a Simple Garment.

Kansas City, Mo.—Herman Axene, a tailor, took time to count the stitches in the last coat he made. He found 32,967—23,800 machine stitches and 9,167 hand stitches—he announced the other day.

The coat was a four-button sack, thirty-two inches long and single stitched.

Stone Kills Prize Cockerel

Washington—"Champion," a prize-winning Golden Wyandotte cockerel, is dead from eating a diamond. A brilliant stone in a ring on its owner's hand attracting attention, it pecked off the stone and swallowed it before Hunt could snatch his hand away. An operation and effects of chloroform caused the death.

THUGS' DECOY HAS DIARY

Every Step of Woman's Path From Home to Prison Entered in Book.

San Jose, Cal.—Every step of the path followed by "Mrs. Alice McBride" from her home in New York city to the city prison in San Jose, where she was locked up after serving as a decoy for highwaymen, is entered in a little pocket diary which she kept with powder puffs, jewelry and hair ornaments in her suitcase.

Last year she was married to a young New York man named Young, and five days after the ceremony she came west to Grand Canyon, Ariz. Her husband followed her when she obtained employment for him, but he did not stay.

The next entry in the diary was: "September 18, 1911. Met W. C. Bowman to my sorrow."

She left Arizona and went to Los Angeles, and after wandering about the coast with Bowman finally came to this city. Almost immediately she was sent out as a decoy and met a wealthy man from Burlingame waiting at the Market street railway station and lured him into the hands of two companions, Wilson Bowman and Jesse Cole, who were waiting in the rear entrance to a hotel in Guadalupe street.

The girl was sentenced to serve 180 days in the county prison by Judge Dougherty, but the commitment was withheld, and she was paroled with the understanding that she is to be placed in the Home of the Good Shepherd in Los Angeles.

CALLS ELMIRA MAN MORMON

Joke Played on a Citizen Who Was Member of Suffragist Party at New York Hotel.

New York.—Practical jokers at Elmira, N. Y., caused unpleasant moments for their friend, Col. James M. Reynolds, who is in New York on a sightseeing trip. The colonel's wife came to the city as one of a suffragist delegation of twenty Elmira women and the colonel was the only male member of the party. The party registered at an uptown hotel and grouped the names on the register with a large bracket opposite, bearing the explanatory line: "Elmira Suffragists." Just outside of the bracket was the name of Col. Reynolds.

Soon after the party arrived the following telegram was delivered to the hotel proprietor—sent by the practical jokers in Elmira.

"Mormon elder with his wives stopping at your hotel posing as a suffragist party. Man short and with whiskers."

The hotel man hastened to find Col. Reynolds and showed the telegram to him. He was dumb with astonishment, but eventually succeeded in establishing his identity to the satisfaction of all concerned.

PASTOR DIVIDES A CHURCH

Yale Divinity Student's Resignation After Heresy Sermon Rejected by a Vote of 46 to 40.

New Haven, Conn.—The little town of Branford, seven miles east of here, is thoroughly aroused over the recent utterances of the Rev. Seeley K. Thompkins, pastor of the First Congregational church, and report had it that charges of heresy might be made against him. The Rev. Dr. Thompkins, according to some of his critics, is ultra-liberal in his views.

Several weeks ago Mr. Thompkins preached a sermon in which he said he believed most of the Bible was heresy. John J. Cunningham, a deacon, led the attack upon the young pastor, and he was supported by the older members of the church.

Opposed to the acceptance of the resignation of the pastor was the younger element, headed by William Hotchkiss and Herbert E. Thatcher, a deacon. The resignation was rejected by a vote of 46 to 40.

Mr. Thompkins is a senior of the Yale divinity school, coming here two years ago from Minnesota. His wife is here with him.

GIVES MAN TO FIRST WIFE

Frau No. 2 Willing to Resign for Predecessor Who After Long Absence Returns.

Boston.—With the advice and consent of his second wife, Gustav E. Larsen has petitioned the court here for the annulment of his second marriage in order that he may remarry his first helpmate.

Larsen was married to his first wife fifteen years ago, and four years later she disappeared. For eight years he searched for her without success and, believing her dead, he remarried. A few days ago the first wife hunted up her husband and asked forgiveness. To clear the situation wife No. 2 offered to renounce the man she loved and give up her home that Larsen might re-wed his first love.

Brothers Given Surprise

Chicago.—John and Jerry Keating, who have served side by side for ten years in the 27th United States infantry, learned they were brothers when Jerry mentioned his mother's name.

Will Not Tolerate "Snobs"

Princeton, N. J.—The Daily Princetonian declares positively there is no place at Princeton for a "snob" nor for a man who "makes" a secret society by "fudging."

FLIES FORGERY AID

Interesting Legal Battle Over Will in New York.

Attorneys for Heirs Claim Insects Were Used to Give Written Agreement Appearance of Age—Son Finds Document.

New York.—Up in central New York for four years a remarkable law case has been going on, the World says.

Frank B. Townsend for four years has been trying to prove that he is the legally adopted son of rich old Cyrenneus C. and Mary Jane Townsend. One of the most important documents in the case is a three-worn, fly-stained slip of paper dated January 24, 1862. The defense has attacked this on various grounds.

That the signature is not genuine. That somebody sweetened the paper to make flies light on it and give it the appearance of age.

Townsend, the contestant, is the son of Harriet Eaves, a widow with four children, who was taken to the almshouse forty-nine years ago. The Townsends, who had no children, had the almshouse physician bring one of the Eaves boys to their home. He was returned in a few days and a brother was substituted. This one they kept, and he, now a man over fifty years of age, is trying to prove that he was legally adopted.

In 1905 Mary Jane Townsend died, and a month later Cyrenneus followed her. They had had no children and both died without making a will, and a horde of Townsend heirs appeared as claimants.

Frank made application to the surrogate's court to be appointed administrator, as son of the estate. The application was denied, proof being lacking of legal adoption. Immediately after the Perry-Townsend suit ended Frank began in earnest to make inquiries. He sought out old men who had been intimate with Cyrenneus Townsend and from them learned of remarks that his foster father had made.

The day following the search Frank appeared before Attorney Thomas Carmody with a paper apparently faded and time stained, which read:

"Agreement made this 24th day of January, 1862, between Cyrenneus C. Townsend and Mary J. Townsend, of the town of Jerusalem, Yates county, N. Y., parties of the first part, and Harriet Eaves, party of the second part. In consideration of \$1, parties of the first part agree to take, Cyrenneus Eaves, son of Harriet Eaves, and give him a good education and at our death he is to have all of our property, providing we have no children of our own, and if we do have children then he shall share equal with them.

"It is further agreed that Harriet Eaves gives up all claims on her son and will not try to get the boy away.

"CYRENEUS C. TOWNSEND, "MARY JANE TOWNSEND, "HARRIET A. EAVES."

The case is now on appeal in the appellate division, which among other questions will have to consider the startling theory proposed by expert Hamilton: "That for the first time in history flies helped to forge a document."

GIRL REJECTS DAD OF EIGHT

Suitor Falls to Mention Children to Prospective Bride—She Tears Up Marriage License.

San Francisco, Cal.—When Isidore Cohen, a San Francisco tailor, gave Minnie Levy of East Oakland a list of the assets which would go to make him a valuable husband, he neglected to inventory his eight motherless children.

Everything else was told her in detail and she was so impressed that she appeared at the county clerk's office and obtained a license to marry him.

Cohen's oversight developed and early in the morning Miss Levy was at the county clerk's office.

"I have been deceived. I want my marriage license canceled," she announced.

Miss Levy said that Cohen explained, after the license had been issued, that he was the father of eight children.

"I don't want to marry a family," protested Miss Levy, as she proceeded to make confetti of the license.

TOTS EAT SNOWBALLS; DIE

Children of J. W. Connor of Pittsburg Dead; Stomachs Found Frozen.

Pittsburg.—Two children of James W. Connor of the Pittsburg branch of the United States internal revenue service, are dead at their homes in Knoxville, the result of eating snowballs a few days ago. At the hospital it was stated that the stomachs of the tots had been frozen and that peritonitis had resulted.

The boy complained of acute pains and his mother, thinking it was only a juvenile ailment, administered stimulants before a physician was called. He died soon after. The girl also cried in pain and it was too late to save her life when it was discovered that she too had eaten snowballs.

His Dream Came True.

Rockford, Ill.—Gianni Stockman dreamed that his step-father, Sol Hayes, shot and killed himself. Next day he received a message that informed him his dream had come true.

STRUGGLE TO SAVE GIRL

Boy Twice Pulled Under and Helped Exhausted Out of Canal After Heroic Feat.

London.—A thrilling story of a boy's bravery is reported from Birmingham. Jennie Moran, aged 16, came out of her house in Filton road and threw a note to a youth of the same age named William Bednall, saying, "Give this to mother."

"Something told me to follow her," said Bednall. The girl ran across some fields toward the canal, with Bednall in pursuit, and when she reached the water she jumped into the middle of the canal. It was dark at the time.

Though Bednall was not a very experienced swimmer, having only learned to swim last year, and despite the fact that he was handicapped by his heavy corduroy trousers and railway boots, he did not hesitate a moment.

Diving into the canal, he swiftly reached the side of the drowning girl and brought her up on his back. Then he swam with her to the bank.

There a heroic fight for the girl's life began. Describing it, Bednall said:

"I called to a passing man for help, but he took no notice. The girl twisted round off my back and then gripped hold of me by the right shoulder. Fortunately I was wearing a thin shirt and this broke away and I pushed her from me and rose to the surface.

"She drew me under the water twice and I felt quite exhausted and despairing of getting out, but in the end I got to the bank."

The girl's body was recovered later.

FIGHT FOR WANDERING PUP

Litigation Makes Collie the Most Expensive Dog in Delaware County.

Darby, Pa.—After litigation that has been fought in the Delaware county courts nearly two years at an expense of several hundred dollars, Harry Tyler, the well-known builder, has been awarded possession of a collie dog, which had been claimed by Emma Schriener.

The dog, a cute little puppy when the lawsuit started, but now fully grown, is probably the most costly one in Delaware county.

Tyler testified that he owned the puppy, which wandered away one day. Its owner unknown, it rambled into the Main street store of Richard Purdy, whose attendant, when closing time came, gave it away to a little boy, who subsequently sold it to Mrs. Schriener for \$1.

Learning where his dog was, Tyler made a demand for it, but Mrs. Schriener, believing that the little animal was hers by right of purchase, refused to give it up.

Tyler brought suit to replevin the puppy and won. But there was an appeal, and after fully considering the case Judge Johnson refused the motion for the new trial, and the dog has been given over into Tyler's possession.

BLIND MAN RECOVERS SIGHT

Piece of Cornea Is Grafted on One Eye—Taken to Window, Describes View and Darkness Returns.

Paris.—A pathetic story was told this week of a patient in a hospital who could see once, but has been blind for many years and had recently recovered his sight only to lose it again. A piece of cornea was grafted on one eye and the patient kept under observation four days with his eyes bandaged. Then he was taken to a window and the bandage was removed. He gave a cry of joy, for his sight had been restored. In transports of joy he described the color of the trees and told of the realization of his life's dream to see again the beautiful things of nature.

The view was only permitted for a moment. Two days later he was again led to the window for another sight of the waving trees, but when the bandage was removed slowly he was unable to see. The bit of grafted cornea had ceased to be a living thing. The operation had failed just when it seemed about to succeed.

HARD TO HOLD MAN IN JAIL

Prisoner Small Enough to Squeeze Out Between Bars in Oregon Lockup, but a Fighter.

Portland, Ore.—C. F. Wilson, four and a half feet tall, five inches through, and weighing ninety pounds, in addition to thrashing a 180-pound logger and punching one of the largest policemen on the force in the eye, capped the climax of his performances by squeezing out between the bars of his cell in the city hall. Jailor Webster was at a loss what to do with his diminutive prisoner until he discovered an old cell with the bars less than five inches apart. Wilson is now inhabiting this cell.

Debutante Rises Ostrich.

London.—Lady Moysa Browne, the young debutante whose engagement to Mr. Allan W. Campbell, an officer in the Coldstream Guards, has just been announced, is the only girl in this country who has ridden an ostrich. The event took place last season at Anphill House, Bedfordshire, the seat of Mr. Anthony Wingfield, who owns a remarkable private "zoo," second only in importance to that possessed by the Duke of Bedford. The feature of Mr. Wingfield's "zoo" is that zebras, ostriches and even cassowaries take part in the farm work.

WOMEN AS FARMERS

Outdoor Life Is Luring to Dwellers on Prairies.

Daughters of Two Men, Who Were Disabled, Prove Expert Agriculturists—Perform All Kinds of Manual Labor.

Topeka, Kan.—Many Kansas women are turning to agriculture and to a life out of doors. Within the last two years a score or more of young women have chosen the farming vocation in preference to teaching and to clerkships in stores and stenographic positions. Some of them declare that much of the work may be done by women now that modern machinery has lightened the burdens of the farmer. But the greatest benefits come, they say, from the needed exercise and the life in the open air.

Prominent among the young women of Kansas who are making a success at farming are the Misses Ruby and Olive Herd of Hodgeman county. These two sisters own a farm seven miles west of Jetmore. Preferring a life of independence, they bought the land and built a modest cottage and turned their attention to small farming, poultry raising and fruit growing. There are no Saturday half-days with the two Herd sisters, for they are not seen at the county seat or the local trading place on that afternoon talking politics.

These two young women were formerly school teachers. Their little home is comfortable and it shows every evidence of refinement.

Miss Tillie Rheinschmidt, eighteen years old, has demonstrated this year that she knows how to run a farm. Her father is a well-known citizen of Sumner township, Reno county, but in the summer he was disabled by a serious accident and the burden fell upon his daughter to manage the work. Bessing a hired man and a boy, and doing a lot of the work herself, this bright Kansas girl has put in nearly 100 acres of wheat, and personally helped in the work of gathering the corn from a field of 80 acres. She proudly boasted that hers was the first field of corn gathered in Sumner township.

Probably the best record made by young women on Kansas farms this year is that of the three daughters of Rennie Grem, a Kingman county farmer. One of them was teaching school near Zenda, and the other two were attending Kingman high school. When their father was taken ill the three girls came home from their schools and sailed in to run that farm. The elder sister, the school-ma'am, prepared the ground and planted several acres of corn with her own hands, besides putting out other crops. The two high school girls rolled up their sleeves and made full hands on the farm.

The three of them plowed corn, milked cows, delivered cream, harvested wheat and oats, cut 30 acres of alfalfa three cuttings, put up a lot of prairie hay, raised corn that made 50 bushels to the acre and performed every bit of the farm work unassisted. Not a man was seen on the Grem place all summer. When their father was able to be out they pointed to granaries full of corn and wheat, the barns housing fat cattle and sleek horses, and the bank account intact. They were proud of the fact that they did not pay out a dollar to men to achieve this record.

Generally the women of Kansas who have turned from the cities to the simple life out in the country are not concerned about marriage. They are women of mature years and judgment, to whom marriage relation does not appeal unless it carries with it energy and the ability to make a living.

SANDALS FOR WOMEN URGED

German Savant Predicts Four Toed Foot From Present Style of Shoes—Change Now in Progress.

Los Angeles, Cal.—"American women will have only four toes on each foot a thousand years from now, because they wear shoes too small for them. This in time will pinch the little toe of each foot out of existence." This was the assertion of Dr. Franz Bierman, a noted physician of Berlin, touring the United States to study American life.

"It will take generations to bring about this change in the anatomy of the foot, but it is coming," he continued. "In fact, it is already in progress."

"The toes of American women are cramped out of their natural shape. One year they wear high heels, the next low. Some seasons their toes are pinched by shoes narrowing in front to a point and others shoved upward or sideways by shoes that represent the changing styles. The only way to save the little toes of future generations is to start women in America wearing sandals."

Diamonds From Volcano.

New York.—Australian diamonds are the latest novelty in the Maiden Lane jewelry district. They are declared by experts to be of fine quality. Hundreds of these diamonds were obtained in a few hours in an extinct volcano in the northern part of New South Wales. They were extracted by the primitive method of hand-sifting the sands in a tub of water. About 20 specimens were sent to New York for private exhibition.