

NEVER ALONE ON THE SEA.

An interesting estimate of the present application of the wireless telegraph leads to the surprising conclusion that, along the North Atlantic routes, a steamer fitted with only the most powerful instruments is never distant out of contact with another steamer or the shore. To be sure, the number of ships which are equipped to pick up communication with one coast promptly upon losing it to the other coast is relatively few. But so generally are the liners, small as well as large, provided with apparatus which enables them to send and receive messages over a distance of 500 miles, that a message in event of emergency directed at any point of the coast is pretty sure to be picked up. The vessel as she proceeds across the ocean comes into zone after zone where another vessel, known to be equipped with the wireless, will be according to comparative schedules. A recently laid cable shows that there are now 125 intersections of lines of communication by ships which are equipped with the instruments.

Tuberculosis, according to medical science, is a communicable, preventable and curable disease. It is, however, a disease which has not yet been remedied and cure is matters entirely of hygienic living, but in this respect it is not unlike a majority of the physical derangements that kill men prematurely. If personal cleanliness, sanitary housing and wholesome diet were the rule instead of the exception the general health of the community would, of course, be vastly better than it is. Hence the knowledge of hygiene which the tuberculosis exhibit is disseminating will unquestionably bring down the death rate not only from the white plague, but from most, if not all other, non-congenital diseases.

If the decisions which the courts are just now giving out about domestic and matrimonial affairs could be gathered together, they would make interesting reading. Lately, the obligation of a man to support a woman who marries him on a nominal income, showing heretofore fully, was made in the courts, the judge dividing on this matter. Now a New Jersey judge decides that poor cooking is not sufficient excuse for a man to leave his otherwise happy home. He added that marriage is a lottery; that a man knows he takes chances, and that if he draws a blank in the cookery line, he must stand by his bargain. And yet women live on complaining of the "man-made law."

Switzerland has declared war on "cart-wheel" millinery. The big hats which have had so much vogue among the women are to be classed as bicycle wheels on Swiss passenger trains. The hats are to be converted in the luggage vans. The official notice reads as follows: "Ladies' hats more than 31 1/2 inches in diameter will, according to article 117 of the railway tariff adopted in February, 1906, henceforward be regarded as wheels. Any lady wearing a hat of large dimensions who desires to travel by a Swiss passenger train must either stow the luggage van or deposit her hat with the luggage guard and enter the passenger's carriage bare-headed."

Singularly enough the government of Japan joins the government of Russia in denouncing and opposing the works of Count Leo Tolstoy. The great Russian writer is a free-thinker, and not what is known as an orthodox Russian, the reason for abjuring his works in that country is, both religious and governmental for the tough old count, if not a nihilist, is something equally as good. In Japan, however, they do not care for his religious teachings, but they consider his political teachings demoralizing to the youth of the nation.

Let the average kidnaper know that for his attempted crime he will, if detected, pay with his life. There are given him a life imprisonment or more out to him the same punishment which is given to murderers—and he will find this dastardly occupation not worth his while. Maudlin sympathy is wasted upon the kidnaper, as only strenuous methods will stamp out such vermin, and it is to be hoped that the recent demonstration of the "wreckers" will prove that more stringent laws governing this punishment are needed.

Fewer auto arrests are being made in New York. That is one sign that the crusade against the "wreckers" and the baby slayers is getting in its work. There is a wholesome scare among the chauffeurs who have been in the habit of defying the speed laws and running away after running down victims.

THE SESSIONS RAPID ENDING

THE GRAND RUSH TO GET HOME AND THE RUSH OF WORK AT THE END

MAY BE SPECIAL SESSION.

Legislators in a Series of Rapid Sessions Do Some Hustling to Finish

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That the legislative session of 1908 has reached the end is no way more clearly evidenced than by the scenes in the house after adjournment Saturday noon. The work of packing up the effects of the members was started by a force of men under Sergeant-Letters Williams and by eight the halls were filled with busy men and women, staff, stationery, paper baskets and other personal articles furnished by the state and used by the members. These boxes go prepaid by express to the members' homes.

The house bills were disposed of by Thursday and the 50 or 60 senate bills before the house will receive prompt attention. There is still to be disposed of the bill for the reorganization of the judiciary of the clerk of the supreme court. These may fall of passage through disagreement, but they will be tried.

The railroad commission is still in conference over the dispute as to salaries and this may not get through till the next session is considered very probable. The labor bill is all agreed to except the nine-hour for women feature, which will be a special act, and the employer of labor gets a \$500 increase in salary and his deputy \$300.

One of the features of the week was the passage of the bill for the water works investigation and the famous one which will be a special act. Mr. Anhalt's success has been unusual. He began his career under the tutelage of Mr. John D. Conly, one of the most distinguished lawyers of the state, a native law practice, and in the office of Mr. Anhalt. Mr. Anhalt's popularity amongst his wide acquaintances and friends was shown in the fall of 1907, when he entered the field of politics to contest the nomination for the senatorship of the first district against the late Senator Joseph Greusel. Although his competitor was a gentleman of age and distinction in official life, Mr. Anhalt won the election by his usual energy. The contest while in progress excited unusual attention. The result of the election showed that Mr. Anhalt received 5,674 votes, while Mr. Greusel received 2,312. This victory was followed by an equally pronounced one in the succeeding election, when Mr. Anhalt's plurality was 4,328 over his nearest competitor.

The Military Bill. Gov. Warner has introduced the Stewart military bill, revising the laws relative to the National Guard, and it takes up the state of the National Guard. It is considered one of the best ever passed by the state, as it not only reorganizes the National Guard, but changes in the old law which will, it is believed, greatly increase the efficiency of the state troops. The author is Maj. Edwin Stewart, of the Second regiment, Grand Rapids, and he has had more success in handling this class of legislation than any previous legislator has had. It passed both by a unanimous vote. Among other things the bill provides for the reorganization of the National Guard, increases the grade of second lieutenant, increases the appropriation for recruiting armories, from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per company and allows for meeting pay for men on their second enlistment.

The rank of the members of the governor's staff is reduced from colonel to major and many changes are made in the system of handling the military affairs of the state. It is believed will greatly relieve companies from financial troubles, which exempt armories from taxation under the present law, and secure reduced rentals.

Will Keep Good Name. The bill to allow Bad Axe to change its name to Huron, providing the people of Huron should give their assent, will be held in the town 50 days after the session ends to decide the question. Representative Woodworth introduced the bill, and he who introduced the bill at the request of certain citizens of Huron, who are desiring to change the name of the town will be decided by a vote of about 5 to 1.

Some Killings. The Stewart bill, which would have abolished the doctrine of common-law liability of a master for the negligence of his employees, was passed by a vote of 38 for and 10 against. The bill was introduced by a fellow servant as a complete defense of all employers for personal injury damages, was killed in the house by a vote of 38 for and 10 against. The argument made was that the time was too short to fully consider a bill of such importance. The house also killed Game Warden Pierce's bill to allow him to increase his force from 10 deputy state wardens to 25 also to serve as fire wardens. Also the bill was killed by vote threshers a lien for their pay on grain that they had threshed. The bill was introduced by a motion to strike out all after the enacting clause failed to carry in the house when the bill allowing brewers in dry counties to continue to operate, was up for consideration. The bill prohibits the breweries setting in the dry counties. It may go through on final consideration. A number of legislators from dry counties were free to admit that forcing breweries out of business will cause many who have their investments in such properties. The senate utterly refused to pass the bill providing for the sale of the state stock by public utility corporations. First the Sanders bill, which has passed the house, was defeated by a vote of 22 to 12 and the Mapes bill, similar in character, was offered and it met defeat by the same vote. Senators declare both bills are of great importance. Another attempt will be made today to put through the Mapes bill, the vote by which it failed to pass having been reconsidered and the bill tabled.

A Valuable Member. Gilbert A. Currie, Representative from Midland County, returns to his constituents at the close of the present session with a record of things accomplished that should insure him reelection as long as he desires to represent the county.

SOME BAY COUNTY FARMERS TO TAKE A REST IN JACKSON PRISON.

WOMAN STOLE CHILD.

Farmers Who Became Marauders Given a Chance to Calmly Think It Over.

Circuit Judge C. L. Collins, of Bay City on Friday sent 10 men who had pleaded guilty to charges of burglary, all to Jackson prison for terms ranging from six months to six years. A feature of the case is that two fathers and their two sons were in the list and two of the other men are brothers. Seven of the men were in a gang which for months has been robbing farmers in the county north of Bay City. When captured they had nearly a household of plunder. They are: Milton Schmidt, three to six years; Charles Schmidt, his son, one to one and one-half years; Ernest Prater and his brother John, two to three years; William Hebb, one to two years; Thomas, his son, six to nine months; and John Heninger, one to two years. The other three, who broke into Michigan Central car and stole several rail ideas, are John Allen, George Deah and John Watson. They were sentenced to from one and one-half to two years each.

Mysterious Woman Steals Girl. Exilda, aged 2 years, daughter of Marshall Blow, a contractor, was kidnapped from the Jefferson school in Alpena Wednesday afternoon and has not been heard from since.

The 1 was taken by a woman in a closed carriage. She wore a white and black veil. The woman was estranged from her husband two years ago, and is living in Boyne City, says the father. Miss Ellison, the teacher, says: "The woman came to the school in a closed carriage and saw the child. Her face was veiled so I could not identify her. I suspected something and sent word to the father." The father is heart-broken and he wishes it is an extortion plot, he says.

The Storm Damage. A startling account of the proportion of a cyclone in some places and accompanied by a terrific downfall of hail, a storm swept over the southern portion of Michigan Saturday afternoon, leaving destruction in its wake. Many barns and other farm buildings were blown down and shade and fruit trees destroyed while the hail was so heavy that it was very extensive. Florists and greenhouse men are being so heavy as to destroy practically every light of glass in the greenhouse, the path of the storm. The early spring crop of kale and cabbage is believed to be a total loss. The young plants having been completely washed out of the ground and the terrific downpour of hail and rain. So far as known the storm cost but one human life. George Brooks, an aged farmer, living at Hartsville, Mich., was killed by the storm. He was struck by the mouth of the Clinton river, in Lake St. Clair, put out from the mainland for some time before the storm broke, and in the fall of 1907 he was struck. It is believed that his small estate was capitalized and he was insured.

Put in Some Frits. The senate put a few frits into the Wagner-Carter liquor bill which is said to be satisfactory to both the liquor interests and the Anti-Saloon League. They eliminated the section which would limit the sale of liquors to druggists except on physicians' prescriptions and amended the bill to only allow retail outlets for liquor to extend the closing hours of saloons to midnight.

Raised Salary. In the senate a bill was passed Friday by the clerk of the division of corporations in the department of state at \$2,500 a year, which is an increase proposed for this official in the important duties he performs. It is further proposed in another bill passed to fix the salary of the members of the board of pardons and paroles at \$1,000 a year, instead of \$5 a day.

The Session Work and Pay. When the legislature adjourns today Wednesday it will have met 86 days, and will have passed 100 bills in a period of 133 days. They will have drawn \$665 each in salary, leaving a balance of \$1,000 in the treasury. This, represents the difference between what they have already drawn and the \$400 they are allowed for the term for which they were elected.

Bills Passed. The senate passed the following: Senator Fox's providing for the prevention and suppression of forest fires; appropriation not to exceed \$5,000 annually. Senator Collins' to prohibit the pollution of lakes, rivers and streams in Michigan. Senator Wetmore's, authorizing the payment of the claim of ex-Senator William Alger, deceased.

The bill fixing the salary of the clerk of the supreme court at \$5,000 has passed the senate and Rep. Tapley, who introduced the bill in the house, requested that action on his measure be deferred in order that the bill which has been introduced by Senator Wetmore, which will come over, and thus facilitate the passage of the legislation.

D. Z. CURTIS.

FOUND HOUSE FULL OF PLUNDER

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Oxford sportsmen have purchased the Peacock farm and will build a race track this summer. The graduating class of the Ann Arbor High school will number 110, the largest in the history of the school. Several influential business men of Detroit will organize a club for boys, and have already secured a building for a clubhouse on the city. Louis Rossi, Louis Musso and John Benjamin, miners, were killed 6,000 feet below the surface in the Calumet & Hecla mine by a fall of earth. Mrs. M. Simpson, 66, of Marengo Township, fell five weeks ago, and injured her head. Later, a hemorrhage developed, and she died to death. Tommy, the two-year-old son of John McGury, a Fore Marquette fisherman, fell into an open cistern at the family home in Saginaw and was drowned. Herman Holgers, who was sentenced to 30 days in Port Huron county jail and a fine of \$208 by Judge Law on a charge of selling liquor to minors, has been released.

A petition received by the council, asking that the Ann Arbor five-cent theater be permitted to show on Sunday, was turned down by a unanimous vote of the aldermen. George Yeoman, from whom his wife Susan secured a divorce in Port Huron, stated in court that he had the same woman in two divorces from him, and another who died. The resignation of Bert W. Cole, as captain of Co. L, Second Infantry, Michigan, made necessary by his contemplated removal from the state, has been received by the military department.

Frances, the 4-year-old daughter of Mrs. O. W. McGinnis, died from a half-gallon of kerosene while her mother was absent from the house. The physician said a stomach pump saved the child's life. Joseph Dunlap, a prosperous Perry township farmer, has made application for the admittance to an asylum for his wife and daughter. He says they imagine that they are hypnotists and try to put him under the influence of their own power.

The United States court of appeals in Chicago, has denied the petition for a rehearing for Martin Gray, who is serving a year's sentence for using the mails to defraud in the winding up of a matrimonial business in Detroit Harbor. Anna Christenson, the young girl who had both eyes blinded in a runaway accident in which her father was killed last February, returned recently from the hospital, and Monday fell from the walk at St. Clair, fracturing one of the legs again.

Mrs. William DeCoste, aged 30, and the mother of six children, the youngest of which is but three weeks old, was taken to the hospital on Monday for insanity. Her husband, who is a physician, says the woman will probably be confined in a hospital in Detroit Harbor.

A coroner's jury called in Dowsco to investigate the death of Glen Knickerbocker, aged 19, who was killed by a fire truck in the city last week. The jury returned a verdict holding the train crew responsible, as it found that the train was running 20 miles an hour at the crossing when the statue calls for a maximum speed of 20 miles an hour.

Mrs. Stella M. Channing, a Traverse City newspaper woman, is planning to make a trip in June. She will go to Oberlin, O., where her son is attending school, and with the boy will visit the city of Oberlin, O., a distance of 400 miles. Small knapsacks, containing her necessities, an umbrella and a camera, will comprise the baggage of the traveler.

The attorney general will probably be asked to decide whether William Sawyer of Bush is entitled to the office. He is now justice of the peace, and highway commissioner, and the point is raised, it is said, by the fact that Sawyer has been recently sentenced by Sawyer for assault and battery. They say that because of the two offences, the sentence is void.

The Cleveland C. F. Iron Co. is taking measures for the prevention and suppression of forest fires along its extensive timber lands in Michigan. Every employee of the company will be furnished with fire report blanks, and on them must be a complete report of every fire which occurs. They are also required to at once notify the company of any blaze which they may discover.

An electric circuit that merely gave his partner a jolt killed Michael Laskey, miner, aged 30, in the What Cheer shaft, Bay City. Laskey and William Brink of Kalamazoo were working on the shaft and the insulation evidently gave off from some connection wires, transmitting the current to the shaft. Laskey was killed by the jolt. Brink was injured, but he was taken to the hospital in a few minutes. He was taken to the hospital in a few minutes. He was taken to the hospital in a few minutes.

Seventy-five years old and a friend of the late Gov. Pingree, Patrick Decoursey, "down and out," has applied to the jail officers in Flint for lodging. Decoursey carried with him papers signed by Quartermaster General White of Grand Rapids and Col. Brink of Kalamazoo certifying as to his acquaintance and friendship with the late governor, whom he met at Island Lake during the late governor's term of office. He was surrounded there, in Spanish-American war days.

Three are the third pair of boots I ever wore, and they are dandies." Fred W. Greenleaf was saying as he put on a pair of new boots, when discussing a pair of old-fashioned fine boots he was wearing. He was wearing a pair of old-fashioned fine boots he was wearing. He was wearing a pair of old-fashioned fine boots he was wearing.

It may be possible, in a few million years, to add to the north pole or to the earth's growing colder and the evaporation less. That's the comforting prospect, says the Detroit Free Press, formerly of the U. S. M. and later director of the Lick observatory in California.

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Kermit Roosevelt Had a Loose Night near Detroit. It became known Friday that Kermit Roosevelt had a loose night near Detroit. He was seen at the camp near Mackinac on Friday the 14th and spent an entire day on horseback riding through a region unknown to him. On Saturday morning he turned up at Kila, a station on the railway, carrying the way to camp. He was given the desired directions. Roosevelt and his son arrived at the Kila station on Monday the 14th. They came from their camp at Mackinac. They will remain at Kila for 10 days, according to the luck they have in hunting elk, buffalo, warhog and waterbuck. At the conclusion of their visit with Mr. McMillin, Mr. Roosevelt and his son will come to Niproot.

The reason, which Kermit Roosevelt reported, is that he had been between the Abitibi river and a railway. Kila, where he just found himself, is about 50 miles below the mouth of the Mackinac river. There is an old dirt road from Mackinac to Kila, but otherwise the country and region are thickly populated by sparsely inhabited by tribes of the Wakemba tribe, a race of people engaged chiefly in agriculture.

Haines Sentenced. Capt. Peter C. Hain, Jr., who was found guilty last week of manslaughter in the first degree for the killing of William D. Annis in Flushing, L. I., was sentenced by Justice Garretson in the supreme court at Flushing Tuesday to serve an indeterminate term in Sing Sing of not more than sixteen years and not less than eight years as hard labor.

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