

# DOINGS OF THE WEEK

## Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Three men robbed a California train and then escaped in a launch on Suisun bay.

An Oklahoma farmer was swindled out of \$2,000 on a fake horse race at San Francisco.

President Taft is confident that the \$30,000,000 irrigation bill will pass both houses.

It is reported from many cities that moving picture shows are seriously interfering with the saloon business.

A fierce wind storm in Southern states cost 17 lives and property damage amounting to many hundred thousands.

President Taft, speaking at a banquet in Washington, said one term as president of the United States is enough.

The Supreme court of Louisiana has been called upon to define "what is a negro," and the decision is being waited for with great interest by many states.

A woman in Snyder, Texas, started the fire with coal oil, and she and her infant daughter and 14-year old sister were burned to death by the explosion which followed.

Passengers and crew of the steamer Santa Clara, wrecked off the California coast, were all saved, and the steamer herself has been pulled off the rocks and is being towed into port.

The wife of a prominent coffee merchant at Los Angeles has finally been recognized as the "mysterious girl at the ringside" who has attended many prizefights in that city, disguised in men's clothing.

A 685-pound woman has been jailed in San Francisco for exhibiting herself as a freak.

A Kansas tornado swept a creek dry for nearly a mile, tore up telephone poles and carried a cow and calf 200 yards.

A mission at Chungsha, China, was destroyed by rioters because Chinese officials had cornered the rice supply for export.

A forger was arrested in San Francisco for trying to pass a worthless check signed with the name of John D. Rockefeller.

A 13-year old girl in Pittsburg committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid because she was not getting along well in school.

It is believed that various large railroads have been robbed by swindlers of several million dollars. Thorough investigation is being made.

President Taft spoke before the National Woman Suffrage convention in Washington, and was hissed when he gave his opinion on woman suffrage.

A Burlington passenger train in Montana collided with a freight, killing one brakeman and injuring several persons badly. The freight conductor had both legs broken.

Lawyer Seth F. Crews, of Chicago, was given \$5,000 by the Circuit court for advising Sarah Peterson that it would be legal for her to marry John R. Smith, a wealthy mine owner, on his deathbed. Miss Peterson married Mr. Smith and he died almost immediately afterward. When his estate was probated she fell heir to \$350,000.

Prof. W. G. Sumner, of Yale, is dead at the age of 70 years.

Senator La Follette calls the railroad merger a Morgan deal.

A Chicago girl of 10 years has given birth to a fine girl baby and both are doing well.

A Washington farmer was fleeced of \$10,000 on a sure thing race game in San Francisco.

Chicago women strongly resent the alleged slur in the census rules that "housewifery" is not an occupation.

Roosevelt has accepted an invitation from Pinchot to speak before the national conservation congress the coming summer.

A party of Alaskans claim to have climbed Mt. McKinley and found no trace of the records Dr. Cook claims to have deposited there.

A wealthy widow of Hannibal, Mo., was found dead in a trunk. She was very timid and nervous and is believed to have hid in the trunk and suffocated.

A Seattle man, as a memorial to his dead son, has given \$100,000 in land and cash to establish a sanitarium to fight tuberculosis.

A Nova Scotia man who had been off a farm only twice in his life, was exonerated for stealing some goods in a store, as he evidently did not know it was wrong to take what he needed.

An 18-year old girl of San Francisco, noted for her beauty, is in the hospital, with one eye destroyed, the other badly injured and her face and neck fearfully burned by sulphuric acid, believed to have been thrown by a young man whose attentions she had refused.

# THREE MASKED MEN ROB CALIFORNIA TRAIN.

Benicia, Cal., April 18.—After looking the mail and baggage cars of overland train No. 1, between this place and Goodyear, at 12:30 o'clock this morning, three masked men, who escaped on the engine of the train to Suisun bay are being pursued by a sheriff's posse, through bayous in a steam launch.

The robbers had planned the hold-up carefully and had a boat secreted in the marshes when they abandoned the engine at Cygnus.

The train was stopped by a lantern signal as it slowed down on the approach to Goodyear. As the engine came to a stop, two men leaped aboard, one from each side, and covered the engineer with revolvers. An instant later the third appeared and covered the fireman.

One of the men stood guard over the engineer and fireman while the other two entered the express car.

No estimate of the amount taken can be had, but it is believed that the robbery netted several hundred dollars. There were ten coaches in the train, and the robbers locked each one as they passed through, leaving the passengers captive while they rifled the other cars.

After completing the work they returned to the engine, where their companion still stood guard over the trainmen, and ordered the engineer to uncouple the engine. He was then ordered, with the fireman, to "beat it," and as the men ran back toward the rear of the train, one of the robbers pulled the throttle wide open and the engine shot at top speed through Goodyear.

A posse was quickly organized at Goodyear and Benicia and a short time later the abandoned engine was found a few miles farther ahead at Suisun bay. A rancher living nearby had seen three men and it was learned a short time later that the men had escaped in a launch.

## WARSHIPS WARN JAPAN.

British Journal Sees Hidden Meaning in Voyage of Squadron.

London, April 18.—While one section of European opinion urges Mr. Roosevelt to discuss with William and Edward an international understanding for the limitation of armaments, another cynically suggests that, if they will bring the matter up for his consideration, more may be accomplished. The implication is, as one prominent journal sees the situation, that Mr. Roosevelt has done as much as either of the monarchs to stimulate the appetite for fleets.

Interest in this matter is heightened by Washington dispatches today that foreshadow another around-the-world cruise by American battleships, these vessels heading east from Hampton Roads instead of south.

"If the cruise is taken," comments one week-end observer, "any tyro will be able to see the connection between it and the readjustments of the Washington-Tokyo treaty and that famous final clause of article II.

"There is going to be tension between the United States and Japan when the latter presses for the privileges of naturalization and suffrage, not to mention easier immigration conditions, and Uncle Sam recalls the pacifying influence of his war dogs two years ago."

Hope is expressed that at the New York dinner to Lord Kitchener, who is thought to have "made a hit with the Americans by telling the Australians to found a military school like West Point," the guest will emphasize the value of a "lasting entente between our fleet and theirs."

## Kitchener at Academy.

West Point, N. Y., April 18.—At his own request the visit of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener here today was unmarked by ceremony. After a luncheon at the residence of Colonel Hugh L. Scott, the superintendent, he passed the afternoon viewing the academy and studying its methods. Lord Kitchener came here accompanied by W. Butler Duncan, Jr., of New York, and was met by Superintendent Scott at the railroad station. The visitor watched the usual inspection and review of the cadet corps.

## "Siamese" Twins from Philippines.

San Francisco, April 18.—Two Samar twins, joined together by the merest ligament, and who promise to be rivals for the fame gained by the Siamese twins, are in San Francisco today. The two children, both boys, arrived here yesterday from the Philippines, in charge of R. L. Louis, who will exhibit them throughout the United States. The infants seem to get along peaceably, although they occasionally have a spat.

## Operators Will Arbitrate.

Washington, April 18.—The situation which has threatened a strike of telegraphers on the Southern railway has been compromised. Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce commission, said today all disputed points except the question of wages and representation have been settled. These will be arbitrated under the Erdman act.

## Eight Nightriders Fined.

Cincinnati, April 18.—Eight of the alleged nightriders of Grant county, Kentucky, on trial in the United States District court at Covington, Ky., were found guilty by a jury today. Three others were acquitted. Fines ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 were assessed by Judge Cochran, who released the men on their own recognizance, pending an appeal.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

## LABOR SCARCE IN UMATILLA

Spring Work Remains Undone and Appeal May be Made to Cities.

Pendleton.—With the commencement of spring activities Umatilla county is confronted with a labor famine of formidable proportions. Sheepmen, grain growers and contractors of various sorts are all complaining of their inability to secure the necessary help, and it begins to appear as if an appeal for assistance will have to be made to Spokane, Portland, Seattle and other Northwest cities.

For several weeks wool growers have been unable to secure a sufficient number of experienced men to assist in herding and other work about the sheep camps. The farmers are also complaining of their inability to get enough hired labor to complete their spring work satisfactorily, and it is expected that with the opening of the hay harvest season they will feel this shortage more.

H. R. Newport, of the Newport Land & Construction company, of Hermiston, has issued a formal call to every employment agency in the county to send him every available man they can secure. Newport says that any number of men are wanted to assist in the work which is being done for the government on the reclamation project, as well as in clearing the many ranches around Hermiston and putting them in condition for crops.

With the commencement of work on the Pendleton-Yoakum stretch of O. R. & N. road and on the Stanfield-Coyote cut-off, labor will actually be at a premium.

## BUILD HIGH LINE CANAL

1,000 Landowners Join Project to Reclaim 138,000 Acres.

Ontario.—The establishment of the Owyhee irrigation district, which was authorized by Malheur county this week, means the irrigation of 138,000 acres of very fertile land in this section, 87,000 acres of which is in Oregon under the Owyhee and the Kingman colony irrigation districts, and 50,000 acres in Idaho under the Gem irrigation district. This vast body of land will be reclaimed by one gigantic irrigation system known as the Owyhee High Line canal, taking water from the Owyhee river. There are 12,000 land holders in the Owyhee district.

The Kingman colony and Owyhee districts are tributary to Nyssa and Ontario. It is expected water will be ready for all these lands within two years. At present about 10,000 acres of land is in cultivation in the Owyhee district. The land under this project is very productive and from farms already in cultivation have been raised 10 tons of alfalfa to the acre in one season. Seventy bushels of wheat to the acre is not an uncommon yield. A superior quality of all kinds of small fruit, apples, peaches, pears, prunes, apricots, nectarines, plums and cherries are grown in abundance. Almonds do well here, and several young orchards have been set out. Potato raising promises to be one of the leading industries of the county.

## Baker Plans Publicity Campaign.

Baker City.—The county court of Baker County has announced its intention of contributing \$100 monthly for publicity purposes and this amount will be turned over to the Baker Commercial Club and used by it in advertising the resources of Baker County and city. The commercial club has a membership of nearly 400 and each member pays \$1 a month, so that nearly \$500 will be available for publicity purposes.

F. P. Robinson and other officers of the club are now looking around for a first-class publicity man to handle the advertising campaign for Baker. There are thousands of acres of government land in the county that can be homesteaded, and the Commercial Club will secure a list of all this land for the benefit of homesteaders. There is much land that can be bought at \$40 and \$50 per acre on easy terms and the club will aid newcomers in securing such land. The various irrigation projects will also be exploited.

## Builds Large Barn.

Toledo.—John Christianson has just completed one of the finest barns in Lincoln county. The dimensions of the barn are 40x80 feet. Thirty-five thousand feet of lumber was used in its construction. The barn is equipped with a patent hay fork and track, also a patent refuse carrier, which runs the full length of the building. The barn is arranged to stable 40 cows, has a plank floor and will hold a large quantity of hay.

## Begin Paving at Baker City.

Baker City.—Contractor White has finished the storm sewers on First street, and the paving will be started next week. After First street comes Washington and Center streets for paving improvements. With these streets hard-surfaced, Baker City will have something to point to with pride and the stranger within our gates will be favorably impressed.

## Electric Survey Progresses.

Sherwood.—The camping outfit of the surveyors for the Tigardville-McMinnville branch of the Oregon Electric line was moved through Sherwood Sunday. The surveyors are locating a line through the Chehalis gap, and it is expected work will start soon on construction.

New I. O. O. F. Home at Klamath. Klamath Falls.—The Odd Fellows Hall Association has been incorporated for the purpose of constructing a three-story fireproof building. It is the intention of the Odd Fellows to begin work on the building some time next month.

## DEEPEN SHAFT AT RED BOY

Permanent Development in Sumpter District this Summer.

Sumpter.—Within the next few weeks one of the most important events in the history of the famous old Red Boy mine, west of Sumpter, will be in progress—deep sinking on the Red Boy and Golden Monarch veins. Not only is this work of great moment to the mine, but it will be anxiously watched by every one in the district, for its success will prove beyond any question the permanency of ore deposits below the water level.

Two years ago a prospect shaft was sunk on the Golden Monarch vein. The result of this work has determined the company to continue sinking on the vein, but instead of a prospect shaft the work will be of a permanent character, being a three-compartment shaft. The shaft will follow an ore shoot which is said to have produced over \$800,000 for the former owners from the Blacksmith level to the surface, the ore body varying from 8 to 15 feet in width for a continuous length of 800 feet, all milling grade. How deep the shaft is to be driven will be determined later, being governed to some extent by what is disclosed by the sinking, though it is expected to go at least 250 feet if not 500 feet.

## Indian Girl Files on Claim.

La Grande.—A new precedent in land office records here was set Friday when a half-breed Indian girl filed on a piece of land in Grant county under the public domain act. The child is now living on the White Earth reservation, in Minnesota, and her right to file on an Indian allotment has not been used because the White Earth supply is exhausted. It is not believed here that a similar filing has been made in the history of the land office.

## Sawmill at Baker to Start.

Baker City.—After two years of idleness the mills of the Oregon Lumber Company in this city are again in operation and an average of more than 100,000 feet of the finished product is being turned out daily. The plant at Austin with a capacity of 40,000 feet daily is also in operation. The resumption of operations by this plant means that a pay roll of \$10,000 will again be turned loose in Baker City and hundreds of men will find employment here.

## Beautify City Park.

Medford.—A committee consisting of five, including Landscape Gardener Ford, is planning the first steps in beautifying the park near the Washington school. Work is to be commenced at once, and it is believed that much of the work will be under way in the near future.

## Build Many Homes.

Lakeview.—During the past 15 months 75 dwellings have been erected in Lakeview. This does not include additions, barns or business blocks. The average value of each dwelling is at least \$1,000. It is safe to say over \$100,000 represents the true increase in values in Lakeview.

## Finish Concrete Canal.

Twin Falls.—Water has been turned into the Northside canal. The first two miles of the Northside canal are probably the finest piece of concrete work on any canal in the world. For two miles the sides and bottom of the canal are as smooth as a plate.

## \$30,000 Two Story Brick.

Albany.—A. C. Schmitt, vice president of the First National Bank, will, in May, begin the construction of a \$30,000 white pressed brick, two-story building at the northwest corner of Third and Broadalbin streets.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 96 @ 97c; club, 93 @ 94c; red Russian, 90 @ 91c; Valley, 98c.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$23.50 @ 25.00 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$34; cracked, \$35 per ton.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$20 @ 21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23 @ 24; alfalfa, \$16.50 @ 17.50; grain hay, \$17 @ 18.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27 @ 28.50 per ton.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1 @ 2.50 box; cranberries, \$8 @ 9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 50 @ 60c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 3 1/2 @ 4c.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 3 @ 5c; cabbage, 1 1/2 @ 1 3/4c per pound; garlic, 10c per pound; horseradish, 8 @ 10c per pound; green onions, 15c per dozen; radishes, 30c per dozen; rhubarb, 3 1/2 @ 4c per pound; spinach, \$1 per box; sprouts, 9c per pound; turnips, \$1 per sack; rutabagas, \$1 @ 1.25; carrots, 85c @ \$1; beets, \$1 @ 1.25; parsnips, 50 @ 75c.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 33c; fancy outside creamery, 32 @ 33c per pound; store, 20c. (Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular prices.)

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 25 @ 26c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 13 @ 13 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12 @ 12 1/2c per pound.

Lamb—Fancy, 15 @ 16c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 19 @ 20c; broilers, 27 @ 28c; ducks, 22 1/2 @ 23c; geese, 12 1/2c; turkeys, live, 20 @ 22c; dressed, 25c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Cattle—Best steers, \$7 @ 7.25; fair to good steers, \$6 @ 6.25; strictly good cows, \$5.75 @ 6; fair to good cows, \$5 @ 5.50; light calves, \$6 @ 7; heavy calves, \$4 @ 5; bulls, \$4 @ 5.25; stags, \$4.50 @ 5.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$8 @ 8.25; fair to good wethers, \$7 @ 7.50; good lambs, \$8 @ 9.

Hogs—Top, \$11.10 @ 11.25; fair to good, \$10 @ 11.

Hops—1909 crop, 17 @ 19c per pound; olds, nominal; 1910 contracts, 15 @ 16c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16 @ 20c per pound; valley, 20 @ 22c; mohair, choice, 26 1/2c.

## RECEIVES KINGLY HONORS.

Emperor Francis Joseph Greets Roosevelt in Splendor.

Vienna, April 16.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was received at the Austrian capital today in a manner almost like that accorded a reigning sovereign.

The punctilious Austrian court, the most ceremonious of Europe, had arranged the programme and left nothing undone that could emphasize the unprecedented honor being paid the visiting American.

As a special mark of his personal esteem, the aged emperor-king, Francis Joseph, received Colonel Roosevelt in his private apartments at the imposing Hofburg palace, instead of in the regular audience chamber.

The monarch, who was attired in an imperial uniform, was extremely gracious to the American and kept him in conversation for 35 minutes.

What interested subjects they found to discuss were not made public, as they were alone, and Colonel Roosevelt naturally has declined to reveal the slightest detail of the conversation.

Emperor Francis Joseph intends personally to return Mr. Roosevelt's call on him. Such an honor as a return visit from the emperor is only extended to reigning sovereigns.

For Colonel Roosevelt the call on the emperor was only the main feature of a busy day, which began immediately after he reached his hotel this morning with a breakfast with Henry White, ex-American ambassador to France, who had not been in Vienna since he began his diplomatic career here 27 years ago under President Taft's father, who was then American minister.

The day included an official visit lasting an hour to Count von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, a call of courtesy on Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir apparent to the throne, at Belvedere palace, a visit to the tombs of the Hapsburgs, where, under the guidance of a Capuchin monk, with a lighted taper in his hand, he laid wreaths on the tombs of Empress Elizabeth and Crown Prince Rudolph; a tour of inspection of the Spanish riding school, founded by Charles VIII, and of the Imperial Hussar barracks; a reception by the American journalists and a dinner given in his honor at the foreign office tonight by Count von Aehrenthal.

Yet, after the long day, when Colonel Roosevelt returned to his hotel tonight, he mounted the stairs two at a time.

Colonel Roosevelt used the imperial court carriage placed at his disposal by Emperor Francis Joseph until his official calls had ended. Then he discarded it for an automobile.

He enjoyed the exhibition at the riding school, where the celebrated Lippizan breed of horses, a mixture of Spanish and Arab blood, performed the daintiest of evolutions, dancing a quadrille and finally coming onto the platform where Colonel Roosevelt sat and circling his chair so close that their hoofs almost touched his feet. But, as Colonel Roosevelt remarked afterwards: "These are only society horses."

A clattering charge of the Magyar body guard, across the parade grounds of the barracks, on the contrary, stirred him to real enthusiasm and after the evolutions he made a detailed inspection of the stables, horse hospitals, etc., volleying questions at the officers who accompanied him.

## Huge Timber Deal is Made.

New Westminster, B. C., April 16.—The Canadian Western Lumber company, composed of Eastern Canadian and American lumbermen, has purchased for \$20,000,000 all the property of the Fraser River Lumber company. This property is mostly timber land on Vancouver island, and includes the tract purchased recently from the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company for \$4,000,000. The new company possesses the largest area of merchantable timber under one ownership in the world.

## Hard Wind Hits Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., April 16.—The heavy storm, with an average of five inches of rainfall that swept through Mississippi and Arkansas last night, was followed tonight by a tempest that broke over the states with added fury. Rain fell in torrents, accompanied in many places by hail. Accompanying this second storm was a wind which at times took on proportions of a tornado. Reports from Como, Marigold and Johnston, Miss., indicate that many small houses were leveled, and at the latter place a negro woman was killed.

## Mark Twain Holds Own.

Redding, Conn., April 16.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), who arrived at his country home here last night, fatigued from his long journey from Bermuda and very ill, passed a comfortable night and it was said this morning his general condition was encouraging. It was declared by his attending physicians that Mr. Clemens had passed a comfortable day, with no appreciable change, and was holding his own fairly well.

## End of Car Strike Seen.

Philadelphia, April 16.—That the streetcar strike, which caused more or less disorder in this city for nine weeks, will end tomorrow, was the assertion made this afternoon by C. O. Pratt, the strike leader, and by others associated with him. The strikers will hold a mass meeting tomorrow afternoon, when a peace proposal will be laid before them for approval.

# CHINESE MOBS BURN

## Scarcity of Rice Starts Anti-Foreign Demonstration in Hunan

Consulates and Missions Destroyed and Missionaries Flee in Boats—Eight Refugees Drown.

MISSIONARIES ARE MISSING. London, April 19.—The Times' correspondent in his dispatch on the Changshu riots, says the American missionaries are missing. Their fate is unknown.

Changshu, China, April 19.—All of the foreign-owned buildings in Changshu have been destroyed by fire, except the British consulate. All the buildings rented by foreigners have been looted.

All foreigners have left the city. So far as known, no foreign resident lost his life.

The governor of Hunan province, Wu Tehung Siu, and his son, were killed, and several other government officials fled. Even yet a section of the city is in flames. Six thousand foreign drilled soldiers are stationed here and a few of these protected the governor's house for a time, but soon all joined the rioters.

The riots began April 13, when the famine sufferer looted the rice depots. A captain of police was wounded trying to restore order. Thousands crowded around him and his assistants, and he was obliged to flee to the yamen. The rioters followed and besieged the place all night.

The following day the disturbance became anti-foreign. The Chinese inland mission and the Norwegian and Catholic missions were burned. The other missions were destroyed April 15. The missionaries attached to the American Episcopal Missionary alliance, the United Evangelical church and the Wesleyan and Yale scientists, numbering 41 in all, took refuge in boats. They left all their effects.

The destruction of all foreign property, including the Japanese consulate and the British warehouses, followed. The fate of the Standard Oil company's newly-erected tanks is unknown.

The rioters numbered no fewer than 24,000.

Eight Germans attached to the Liebenzoll mission were in town when the trouble began, and they fled the city to Hankow in a junk without lights. They were run down by the British gunboat Thistle and drowned. Another report says that the men drowned were Americans, but there is no confirmation of this.

## MOVING DAY WILL BE COSTLY.

Chicago Will Pay High for Privilege of Yearly Change of Residence.

Chicago, April 19.—Chicago's great annual heira, when 35,000 families pull up stakes and migrate to some other flat, will be a costly process this year.

Landlords and moving van companies have so arranged leases that people can move only on May 1. This year the date falls on Sunday and, as all moving van people are members of union labor, this means a double price for everything.

This means that every one of 35,000 families, who will move on that day, will be forced to pay \$5 an hour for the services of a van. In addition there will be double price for helpers.

The moving fever, peculiar to Chicago, is a sort of tragic joke. People move from one flat to another not a whit better, pay an average of \$40 for moving, lay off the mantels and sleep in the bath tubs for a week, see their household goods wrecked and probably find themselves in a worse community than that which they left. Yet they move every year.

## Wallace Mansion Burns.

San Francisco, April 19.—Fire today destroyed the old Judge Wallace mansion on Van Ness avenue, which, after the earthquake and fire of 1906, was converted into Tait's Pompeian gardens, one of the most fashionable cafes in the West.

Count de Salazar, Spanish consul at San Francisco, whose offices were in the building, suffered the loss of nearly all his consular papers and family heirlooms. His wife's dresses, valued at \$5,000, were burned. The building was valued at \$15,000.

## Lightning Hits Balloon.

Bitterfeld, Prussian Saxony, April 19.—The balloon Delitzsch, which ascended here last night, fell to the earth with great force near the village of Reichensachsen, about 20 miles northwest of Eisenach, in a thunder storm. The crew of four men were killed. The balloon passed over Eisenach at midnight and soon drifted into a thunder storm. It is assumed it was struck by lightning and that the gas exploded. The envelope was in tatters.

## Ballplayer Drops Dead.

Freeburg, Ill., April 19.—William Schmidt, 25 years old, first baseman for the local baseball team, was almost instantly killed by a pitched ball during a game with a St. Louis team today. He was struck over the heart while batting and fell dead after taking a few steps toward first base. A coroner's jury was empaneled on the field from among the spectators and a verdict of accidental death was returned.