

TODAY'S TOPICS.

THE BRITISH COURT which has been inquiring into the question of permitting the enlistment of negro soldiers...

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Erie County Bar Association today will be especially important because of the probable discussion of a scheme for aiding impoverished defendants in criminal cases...

CHARLES W. MORAN'S last chance to escape serving a prison sentence depends on the claim that some of the jurors who convicted him had been drinking excessively...

SOME NAMES of attorneys were brought out in yesterday's investigation of the relations between hospitals and public-service corporations...

BY THE WILL of the late Charles H. Farnham, Jr., an estate of \$500,000 has been left to Yale University...

THE GOVERNMENT closed its case in the sugar trial yesterday. One interesting bit of evidence related to changes in the construction of the scales which made it easier to manipulate them...

JOHN DANFORD of Boston, who is making a study of the Poles in Buffalo, gave an interesting address to the members of the Equality Club yesterday afternoon...

IT IS possible that the commission which was appointed to select a site for a municipal hospital for incipient tuberculosis will announce its decision today at the meeting to be held in the Mayor's office...

NOTHING has yet been heard from the captain and twelve of his men who put off from the steamer Clarion, which was burned on Lake Erie on Wednesday night...

INTERESTING figures furnished by the Navy Department on the battleship tonnage of Great Britain, Germany and the United States show that the relative rank of this country is well up to the mark...

MRS. ARNA ANDERSON was acquitted of the murder of her husband in Warren, Pa., yesterday. Mrs. Anderson did not deny the shooting, but said the deed was provoked by the cruelty of her husband...

THE SURGEON general of the army commends the physical test for army officers prescribed by President Roosevelt. Officers can be kept in good physical condition without these spectacular tests...

A BRITISH royal commission recommends preferential trade agreements with the colonies. This probably will be acted upon by the Unionists as an argument in the pending campaign...

THE FRUIT train sent out by Cornell University is doing an excellent work in displaying the kinds and quality of fruit that can be raised. The train was in Lockport yesterday...

WEATHER has occurred in the strike of coal miners at Sydney, N. B., and one miner has been injured. Dominion police officers are generally severe against strikers...

THE INTERESTING discussions of transportation problems occurred at yesterday's session of the national convention of rivers and harbors...

THE GOVERNOR of Minnesota has announced that it is not wise to play the number man's game, especially when the number man is a stranger...

IN STORM AND FLAMES

Anchor Line's Clarion burns off Point Pelee. Captain and twelve Men escape to a worse Fate in little Boat.

SIX SURVIVORS COME TO BUFFALO

Chief Engineer of Buffalo Library was the Hero of a Night of Horror—He and his Companions taken off by the Steamer Leonard Hanna.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 9.—The steamer Clarion, Anchor Line, was burned near Point Pelee in Lake Erie last night. Early this morning six members of the crew, after a four-hour fight with the flames, were taken off by the steamer Hanna...

Chief Engineer A. E. Welch and the five other surviving members of the crew of the Clarion reached Buffalo on a Lake Shore train at 7 o'clock last night. Welch lives at No. 268 Plymouth avenue. The companions are: Second assistant engineer, John Graham, No. 29 Heath street...

The story, as gathered from Welch and his companions, is of a night of horror and suffering. Certainly the crew of the Clarion is Welch of Buffalo. He clung to the burning, sinking vessel until the last man of the handful left to him had passed in safety to the Leonard Hanna...

At 10 o'clock the steamer Hanna, which was in the harbor, was ordered to do when they left Cleveland, and for two hours were questioned by officers of the line who wanted to find out all the details of the fire, the escape of the captain and his twelve men, and the rescue by the Hanna...

"Oh, but it's great to be back in Buffalo again," said Welch. We never thought we'd make it out there in that black storm with a burning boat under us and no rescue for four hours. I didn't think we had a ghost of a show...

Thompson goes to Death. "I saw Mate Thompson go down below with an engine, but no one saw him come up again. The fire gained on us rapidly and some of the boys said we were doomed. Thompson must have got in between the decks and couldn't get out. He was smothered by the smoke, which was all through the ship by this time. While he was down there the wood conduits burned and the next moment the electric lights went out. That left us in black darkness...

McCauley drowned. "McCauley—poor Mac—was trying to swing the remaining lifeboat from the windward side to the lee-side when it tipped over in the great seas and he was drowned. This left us without a boat as you can imagine how we felt with the fire gaining headway every moment...

Rescue by the Hanna. "After four hours the boys yelled the I. C. Hanna, which had been attracted by our burning ship. Captain Anderson came alongside and closed us in and again in an effort to get close enough to get us off. The seas were running high and it was no easy task to take men off a burning ship like ours. But we all got aboard safely and were taken to Cleveland...

Here Harry Murray interrupted his chief. "Just a moment," said he. "Welch hasn't told you that he was the last man to leave the ship. When we were all safe aboard the Hanna, Welch, half frozen, was still on the burning deck of the Clarion. He had to make a tremendous leap at the end to reach the deck of the Hanna. It took plenty of time to do that..."

Michael Toomey, the second cook, was chiefly impressed by the terrible cold he had suffered. He gave more details about McCauley's death. "We thought our chances were gone when poor McCauley went over in the lifeboat," said Toomey. "Captain Bell and twelve of those forward had piled into the boat and pulled away, leaving us in the stern. Their boat was on the smooth side of the ship where it could easily be launched, while the one left us was on the windward side and had to be let down in the face of waves twenty feet high..."

THE WEATHER. Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Indications for Western New York: Generally cloudy on Friday and Saturday. Moderate to brisk west to north-west wind.

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SIX DROWN ON DREDGE

Craft is sunk in Thunder Bay, near Mutton Island, by Ice.

DANES TRUST IN DR. COOK

Consider Charges of Loose and Dunkle as Calumnies. FICTION, SAYS TORP

Dean of University of Copenhagen is not impressed. NO MORE IS HOVGAARD

Brooklyn Explorer's personal Lawyer has asked to be relieved.

TRIBUTE TO TRUSTY PALS Sheldon generous in Praise of Vanderpoel and Hunter. LIKED THEM BOTH

Had Reason to oppose Hughes' Effort to oust Kelsey.

GOMPERS MAY ENTER STRIKE Will consult today with President Hawley of Switchmen.

TRAFFIC IS LIGHT Both Sides continue to claim Victory, but Situation is serious.

GERMAN PAINTER DEAD Hermann Kanbach, whose Works are known in Art Circles.

OFFICERS' TEST FAILS Surgeon General Torney criticizes strenuous Methods in Force.

MR. WACK WITHDRAWS. Dr. Cook's personal Counsel abandons the Explorer.

MR. BRYAN EXPLAINS. Denies Allegation that he is in Favor of National Prohibition.

TWO BOMBS FOUND ON THE IMPERIAL RUSSIAN YACHT.

SENATOR RAINES' CONDITION much better, says Doctor.

ITALIAN ALPINEISTS CAUGHT BY THE TERRIBLE AVALANCH.

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FELL FOR THE BIG MITT

Minnesota Governor is trimmed by Card Sharp on a Train.

ACCUSED HER OF FRIVOLITY AND HE PROTESTED

W. Gould Brokaw thought his Wife was kissing a Doctor.

Mrs. Brokaw accuses him of Cruelty on many Occasions.

Incident in the honeymoon trip through France, related by the plaintiff, otherwise enlightened today's proceedings. Smashing doors to get in her room, excessive drinking and a cheerful invitation of his to "come and look at a new gun and some cartridges I have for you" were only a few of the alleged occurrences she testified had made her life miserable...

Voluntarily Testifying. Telegrams and letters between husband and wife, representing it was estimated, about \$10,000 in telegraph tolls, were introduced. The defendant's lawyer volunteered the explanation that Mr. Brokaw sent sometimes twenty to 30 messages a day and that his wife replied with 300 and 500-word telegrams, which she marked collect. Some of the testimony was as follows:

"At Tours, after he had taken six or possibly more drinks, and after I pleaded with him not to do so, he abused me frightfully," testified Mrs. Brokaw. "He called me worse names than ever before and told me to get out of the car, as if he belonged to him. I went to my room. He came and forced me to go down to the dining-room. A physician sat nearby. Then he leaned over and said in a voice heard by several diners, 'I want you to stop looking at that man.' 'I begged him not to make a scene over nothing, and when he continued I went to my room. I became very ill. I locked my door and refused to let him into my room. Then he broke in the door. He said he was being there; that I would return to Paris early in the morning with him, regardless of my illness.'"

Other narrative along this line were told by the witness, culminating, she said, in his departing and leaving her without funds, with the remark that she could get back to America "any way she could."

LEADER OF MINORITY. Senator Money of Mississippi chosen by the Democrats.

NEW YORK SPECIAL to The Express. Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—A caucus of Democratic senators this afternoon settled the question of minority leadership for fifteen months to come. Senator Herndon G. Money of Mississippi, whose term will expire a year from next March, was elected chairman of the caucus, which carries with it the responsibility of minority leadership. At the same time Senator Benjamin R. Vinoy of Indiana was chosen vice chairman, which may mean a higher honor for him later on, when Senator Money retires.

Various names were suggested, including that of Senator Bailey of Texas. Mr. Bailey believes that leaders are both not elected, and he spoke up promptly and said that he would not have the leadership under any circumstances.

IT IS certain that he could not have been elected without opposition and it is doubtful whether he could have been elected under any circumstances.

TWO BOMBS FOUND ON THE IMPERIAL RUSSIAN YACHT.

Berlin, Dec. 8 (Sun Cable).—The Saint Petersburg correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung says that two bombs have been found on the Russian imperial yacht.

SEVERAL arrests in connection with the supposed plot to blow up the yacht have been made at Kiel and Yalta.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 8.—Dr. Newton M. Collins this morning reported that Senator John Raines is improving.

Another Officer for Cayuga. New York, Dec. 8 (A.P.).—Will Clayton got another office tonight. He was chosen president of the 8 of Sons of Onondaga, filling the place vacated by the resignation of George J. ...

NEGROES SHOT UP THE TOWN

That will be Report of Brownsville Commission. HAS STRONG PROOF

At least, it appears strong to the Investigators. TROUBLE FOR CONGRESS

Southerners may now demand Abolition of the black Troops.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Conclusive evidence is said to have been given by the military court of inquiry into the shooting up of Brownsville, Tex., by members of the 24th Infantry who were within the fort fired on the town at 11 o'clock on the morning of Nov. 10, 1906.

None of the court of inquiry will discuss the matter, but it is believed that a demand for abolition of the troops, who are provided for by 11th and 12th regiments, will be demanded by the Southern States in congress. This is a result of the bitter feeling that members of the Roosevelt administration have.

The evidence discovered by the court which composed the court is said amount to complete proof. Certain members, it is reported, made partial examination of buildings across a road from the fort in Brownsville. They discovered bullet holes in the sides of three houses. Concluding their investigations, they found the bullets, which were of the regulation army design. Fearing back the line of fire, as they by the track of the bullets, the men, they found, could have been in there also than within the barracks.

THE CONGRESS defenders of the 24th Infantryman maintained that the 6 regiments of the 24th Infantry, of the 15th, who had broken parades of that former President Roosevelt, discharging two companies without individual military trial, worked a gross injustice on both the companies and the regiment.

IT IS understood that the court, which is now here and has practically no other work, will permit such discharges members of the regiment as may appear before it to testify. The hearings will be held here.

RAPS MINE EXPERT. Man anxious to resume Victim's to hold Oil Co.

CHERRY, Ill., Dec. 8.—Inquiry by coroner's jury into the cause of St. Paul mine disaster came to abrupt close today without a verdict having been reached or any steps taken to fix responsibility for the loss of 100 lives.

THE jury verdict until Alexander Jack and Robert Dean, the mine bosses, either had been found guilty or county officials showed a disposition to drop them.

IT WAS agreed to adjourn on Monday 20th, in order to give the officials a chance to examine the evidence for the cause of the disaster.

JOHN HAND, a miner, who was first rescuing party to enter following the disaster, testified that he had heard signals for men from entombed miners, but could get no help from outside.

"When I insisted that I ought to be done, one of the men gave me a can of oil and I held it a while," said the witness.

CARRIE IS DEFIANT. Kansas Hitcher Wilder courts Justice in Workhouse.

NEW YORK SPECIAL to The Express. Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—C. C. Nation of Kansas, who was smashed about \$15 worth of stolen United States bonds, came to the city today to testify in the case.

Mrs. Nation's peace before a police magistrate in Washington, and instead of being the customary fine or a sentence of imprisonment, the judge, upon being told by her attorney, Matthew O'Brien, that she would be released, O'Brien said the case should be held in the United States court. Mrs. N. was held in \$1,000 bond.