

Many doctors assert that nobody should ever run. Perhaps the messenger boy has got the right principle of long life after all.

What happens is important, but more important than any single event is the opinion held by the majority of the people. The event passes, but what the majority think and desire will shape the course of events in the future.

The water power of Sweden ought to bring her millions of dollars in revenue. Capital for development appears to be the main drawback. There are innumerable waterfalls that might be utilized for works of every description. A few of them have been applied to the service of factories and other works by foreigners with great profit. It is only a question of time when all of them will be utilized.

In general it is notorious that Americans are far too indifferent to the taking of human lives. Long ago, in many parts of the old world, which we think behind ours, such a thing as a highway crossing - steam railway at grade became unknown. It should be here, thinks the Detroit Journal. Slaughter at railway crossings has gone on long enough in this country. Human life is more important than money or conveniences.

The extension of domestic postal rates to Cuba will be a good thing for both that island and the United States. Two cents an ounce, instead of five cents a half ounce, will promote correspondence between the two countries, with beneficial results all around. Nor will the change be inconsistent with the principle that Cuba is a foreign country, remarks the New York Tribune, for our domestic rates of postage have long prevailed between the United States and Canada and Mexico. The change will put Cuba on the same postal basis with them.

It is a pretty idea that which a Londoner has submitted to the parks committee of that city. He would have butterflies introduced into London parks. He would have in each of the larger parks small plantations of nettles on which the eggs or the young grubs of the butterflies should be placed and so protected that the birds cannot get at the caterpillars. With practically no expense, the city folk would be able to enjoy the graceful, fluttering insect as well as those that live in the country. He recommends three species that are hardy and very prolific and especially well adapted for such a purpose, the caterpillars being of the hairy kind unpalatable to most birds, the "red admiral," the "peacock," and the "tortoise shell."

Congress, by ratifying the cession act of the Tennessee Legislature, which fixed the Virginia-Tennessee boundary line in the middle of Main street in the town of Bristol, has created a situation some features of which are decidedly curious. Exactly in the center of that street there runs a car track, one rail of which is now in Virginia and one in Tennessee, so the question as to which of the two States a passenger in that company's cars is traveling through depends on which side of the car he happens to find a seat. If he stands up he can be in both States at the same time. And if he moves from one side to the other he will have to set his watch backward or forward a whole hour if he wants it to show the legal time of day, for the State boundary is the dividing line between two standard time zones. Other difficulties and confusions are sure to manifest themselves to the citizens of Bristol, and they are likely to find their position even more inconvenient than interesting.

Tempering copper so as to equal in flexibility, toughness and hardness the best Damascus steel is an art which the ancients possessed, but which is unknown in modern times. Its rediscovery has been vainly sought for a century or more. Some years ago an American inventor claimed to have discovered the process. If he did, the world reaped no benefit from it, for he died without revealing his secret. Now a woman and her two sons, living on the Pacific coast, are said to have evolved a process which tempers copper so that it will cut chilled steel and Harveized steel plates. If so, the lost art has been restored to the human race, for inasmuch as the secret of the process is in the possession of three persons there is every likelihood of its being finally communicated to others.

BLOODSHED IN DETROIT.

Second Attempt to Suppress Single Taxer Caused a Riot.

12,000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED.

Mounted Police Were Assaulted by Howling Mob and it was Some Time Before the Bluecoats Succeeded in Dispersing the Disturbers—Several Persons Hurt.

Riot Raged on Detroit's Streets. Riot reignited for a time in the streets of Detroit on the night of the 10th, and a score of persons bore upon their bodies the following morning painful reminders of the mob's doings. Five policemen more or less badly injured by cobbles and bricks and more than a dozen civilians crushed beneath the hoofs of the mounted police and otherwise injured are the result of the madness that seized upon 12,000 people, exasperated by the attempts of the police department to clear the Campus Martius of the orators and crowd-catchers that have obstructed this public square so many years by night. Not since the celebrated street car riots of the early '90's has anything like the frenzied scene been witnessed in any city in Michigan. Thousands of men gathered from all sections of the city in anticipation of trouble, and assembled upon the Campus while it was yet daylight. It was after 10 o'clock before the 200 policemen called out succeeded in dispersing them and the streets were once again free. The trouble was the outcome of the persistence of Tom Bowden, the single taxer, arguing his theory and congregating a crowd on one of Detroit's principal thoroughfares, night after night.

Later—Peace reigned on the Campus on the night of the 11th. In place of another and more serious riot, there was held a jollification meeting on the above night. Police Commissioner Andrews surrendered to the mayor and the trouble was all off.

Weekly Crop Bulletin. The weekly weather crop bulletin says: The week has been favorable for the progress of field work, but too dry for the best growth of wheat, rye, meadows and pastures and the germinating of spring seeding. Very beneficial showers occurred in the upper peninsula and portions of the northern counties, but practically no rain fell in the central and southern counties and is now much needed. Wheat has made some progress, but continues very uneven and in some cases is being plowed under. Rye and meadows, although slow, are generally promising. Pasturing is very slow. Out seeding is nearly completed and is germinating nicely, though slowly. Plowing for corn, beans and potatoes is well advanced in most counties of the lower peninsula. Corn planting has begun in the extreme southern portion of the state. Early potato planting is quite general. In the northern and central counties barley and pea seeding are well advanced and germinating nicely. Sugar beet seeding has generally begun. Cherries and strawberries are in blossom and promise good yields; all other fruit prospects are generally good.

Murderer Brumm Given His Liberty. While Eaton county people knew that James H. Brumm, the Dimondale murderer, would be given his liberty as soon as the supreme court took up the proceedings, the announcement that he had been released on the 8th was a complete shock. Brumm married Mollie Flagler on the morning of May 16, 1899. His only defense at the trial was epileptic insanity and the prisoner's murderous attack on Sheriff Shepherd in the jail corridor is still fresh in the public memory. During the trial relatives and acquaintances testified that Brumm was subject to violent attacks and they were always fearful that he would commit some rash act and in view of all these facts the prisoner is again turned loose on the public. Dimondale people who were bitter against Brumm all think him to be a fit person for an insane asylum. The responsibility for the prisoner's release rests with Gov. Pinckney, who pardoned him on the last day of his term of office.

Mysterious Drops of Fresh Blood. Again on the 6th it was reported that several drops of fresh blood were to be found on the face of the famous "bleeding" picture at Menominee. One of the priests drew some blood from his own veins and compared it with the substance on the glass. The two were identical. It is said that when some of the dried substance came in contact with the fresh blood from the priest's wrist, it resolved itself into a shape that strongly resembled the face of the Savior. An examination of the red spots on the picture has resulted in the discovery that they are coagulated blood. Dr. Vecemni, one of the leading physicians of Menominee, has declared so emphatically. The origin of the spots is shrouded in mystery.

Norway's new bank will commence business about June 1. Unless the employing machinists of Saginaw concede to the demands of the men by May 20, about 1,000 will go on strike. Martin Vanderpool, of near North Branch, and his dog were struck by a bolt of lightning on the 8th and instantly killed. Joseph Moran, of Jacksonsville, another one of ex-Gov. Pingree's pardoned convicts was found guilty of criminal assault on the 8th. The annual grand encampment L. O. O. F. of Michigan, closed its annual sessions at Three Rivers on the 8th. There were 150 delegates in attendance.

FIRE AT RIVER ROUGE.

Nearly a Half Million Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed.

Upwards of 50,000 telegraph poles, two sawmills, a salt block, a dredge, a tug and many thousand feet of lumber were burned in a fire that started shortly before 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 13th in Salliotte & Furgason's sawmill at River Rouge, causing a loss of at least \$233,000, divided among the several firms as follows: Western Union Telegraph Co., \$300,000; Salliotte & Furgason, \$50,000; John Brownlee & Co., \$45,000; Carlin, Stiekney & Cram, \$15,000; Maltby Lumber Co., \$12,000; John Mason, salt well tools, \$1,000. Flamed by the furious westerly gale that blew fully 30 miles an hour at times, the fire was soon out of the control of the village firemen and was licking up the mills and lumber piles hundreds of yards away. It swept over huge piles of lumber almost as fast as the eye could follow it, and in less than an hour had eaten its way from the place where it started to a point fully a half mile distant, where eight acres of land were piled high with cedar poles belonging to the Western Union Telegraph Co. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a spark from the smokestack of Salliotte & Furgason's salt block, which is immediately west of the sawmill. Fortunately no fatalities occurred.

The Sale of Stamp Lands. The Nicholson & Hanson Lumber Co., of Lewiston, has just closed a deal with a company of Iowa farmers which disposes of about 18,000 acres of its stamp lands. The lands embraced in the deal lie in Oscoda, Montmorency and Otsego counties. The Iowa people, under the management of Cephas Buttes, of Milwaukee, will open the lands for settlement and are already forming a colony for that purpose. This movement means much for this section of the state and especially for the village of Lewiston, which is now an enterprising village of about 800 inhabitants, but maintained largely by lumbering interests.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Rogers City will soon be lighted by electricity. Forest fires are doing considerable damage in Wexford county. A fine new grain elevator is in course of construction at Vermontville. The state convention of W. C. T. U. will be held at Marshall, June 5-8. Gladstone was scorched to the extent of \$35,000 on the morning of the 8th. Centreville is now a "dry" burg, the council having suppressed the saloons. The plant of the Bellmer Eames Tool Co., of Cincinnati, will locate at Kalamazoo. Cadillac is already preparing plans for a monster celebration this year on July 4 and 5. Grand jury has been called at Grand Rapids to investigate the water scandal and other matters. The total membership of the L. O. T. M. in Michigan is now 59,609, an increase of 1,109 during April. The ice blockade at Marine City broke on the morning of the 8th, and St. Clair river is now free of ice. The Manchester Enterprise reports that snakes are plentiful this spring. Just a little early for snake stories. Wheat is said to have come through the winter finely in Mecosta county and to be in splendid condition at present. A dispatch from Algonac, dated the 26th, says that notwithstanding the fact that the ice is slushy the jam is still unbroken. Muskegon and Ludington are to be connected by an electric line, the council of the former place having already granted a franchise. A Jackson company is trying to lease about 1,000 acres of land at New Baltimore. It is believed there is a good vein of coal thereabouts. A petition is being circulated by the farmers between Milan and Stony Creek and many are signing it, asking for a free rural mail delivery route. It is expected that the work of widening the gauge of the Almont branch line of the Pere Marquette railroad from narrow to standard will be done this month. Alex. R. Avery, collector of customs at Port Huron, died very suddenly at Lakeland, Fla., on the 6th. Notice of his death came as a great surprise to his family and friends at home. A rear-end freight collision occurred at Raisin, two miles north of Monroe, on the Pere Marquette at an early hour on the morning of the 7th, and as a result 15 cars were ditched. What resembled a sea serpent, but which is believed to be a sea lion which escaped from Lincoln Park, Chicago, three years ago, was seen in the lake off Benton Harbor on the 6th. Miss Inez Matly, aged 29, of Flint, but who had lately been employed as a domestic in Detroit, committed suicide by swallowing a huge dose of salicylic acid on the 6th. Her aim was to become an actress, and having failed to make any progress along this line since locating at Detroit, is thought to have caused her to commit the rash act. Five or six logs rolled from the top of a train in the yards of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad at Ironwood on the 7th into a crew of laborers who were standing beside the track, instantly killing one and injuring several others so that there is no hopes of their recovery. The men were all Poles.

The coal dealers of Albion have formed a trust among themselves, to do away with all "trust" for their customers. Hereafter, they announce, all transactions will be on a spot cash basis. The combination will also boost prices up.

DOINGS OF THE 41ST SESSION.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 8th: Appropriating \$50,000 for a psychopathic ward at the state university; detaching territory from Millen and Hawes townships and attaching same to Mitchell township, Alcona county; amending Detroit charter to provide for a central bureau for the receiving and compiling records of the description, measurements and histories of the convicts in the penal institutions of this and other states, to make such descriptions, measurements and histories available to the several circuit courts of this state, and to appropriate \$500 a year for these purposes; relative to authorizing use of voting machines at elections; amending act relative regulating fraternal beneficiary societies, orders and associations; relative to laying of telephone wires; amending horsehoers' act so as to extend the time for filing liens upon horses and other animals from 60 days to six months; fixing minimum capitalization of trust deposit and security companies at \$100,000; empowering state board of education to provide all courses of study in state normal schools and to grant such certificates and diplomas as it may see fit; to legalize special assessments on which taxes have been levied in Highland Park village, Wayne county, for the building of sewers costing about \$60,000; authorizing city assessor of Grand Haven to assess the tax on the toll bridge across Grand river for the year 1901; providing for transfer to city of Lansing of 2 1/2 acres of Industrial School for Boys state land for \$100 for street and highway purposes; memorializing congress to submit to popular vote an amendment to the federal constitution for the election of U. S. senators by direct vote of the people; amending act for regulation of plate glass, accident, live stock, steam boiler and fidelity insurance; providing for the incorporation of companies to carry on any lawful business; to prevent wearing of G. A. R. and other badges by unauthorized persons; amending act to provide for the sale of swamp lands; amending act providing for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class; amending act relative to title to real property by descent; regulating use of chemical preservatives in articles of food and drink; amending act relative to incorporation of villages. The senate passed the following bills on the 8th: Appropriating \$20,000 for publishing the records of Michigan soldiers; appropriation for state horticultural society; to reimburse Ingham county; to amend the tax laws; to amend Detroit's charter; to amend Detroit's charter; to organize Sheridan township, Mason county, into a single school district; to detach territory from the townships of Millen and Hawes, Alcona county, and attach the same to Mitchell township; relative to salaries of certain officers of Springwells township, Wayne county; to authorize Grand Haven, Ottawa county, to collect the tax on its toll bridge for the year 1901; to protect owners of bottles, etc. The following bills were passed by the house on the 6th: Appropriation of \$2,500 for completing records of soldiers and sailors in Spanish-American war; provide for organization of Sheridan township, Mason county, into a single school district; organization of Hamlin township, Mason county, into a single school district; provide for the building of stone and brick sidewalks in Saginaw and authorizing common council to issue \$25,000 bonds to pay for the same in anticipation of the collection of the assessments; amending general tax law relative to township treasurers making returns; amending law relative to societies for loaning and investing money; amending garnishee law so that proceedings may be commenced against the state of Michigan, or any county, the same as against municipal corporations, also that summons may be served on any officer of a corporation; relative to the commencement of suits in which partition of law is sought; limiting stay of proceedings upon any verdict to 20 days unless party applying shall execute a bond for the amount; amending election law relative to ballots; authorizing superintendents of police and governor to license persons to carry concealed weapons. 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GEORGE Q. CANNON DEAD.

He Left an Estate of \$1,000,000 to His 33 Children.

25,868 INDIANS ATTEND SCHOOL.

According to a Statement Given Out by the Indian Bureau—This is the Largest Number at Any Time in the Last 10 Years—Other Events of the Week.

Killed Her Father and Herself. Gustava Baare, aged 50 years, bailiff of the St. Louis, Mo., school board and an ex-representative in the legislature, was shot and killed at his home on the night of the 7th, by his daughter, Ida N. Baare, aged 29, who then turned the revolver upon herself inflicting a wound from which she soon died. Both were shot through the head. The action of the young woman was premeditated as was shown by the letter which she left. In it she said the frequent insults offered her mother by her father became unbearable and that she had resolved to kill him and then herself. Mr. Baare was taking a nap when he was killed. Assaulted and Left for Dead. Miss Ethel Bonnie, daughter of G. W. Bonnie, an employe of the Kansas penitentiary, while gathering mushrooms near Lansing, was struck on the back of the head by an unknown white man on the 7th, presumably a tramp, and rendered unconscious, after which she was assaulted and her body thrown into an old well, for the purpose of hiding the crime. The young woman regained consciousness and after repeated attempts, reached the surface where she was found, sitting on the edge of the well. She stated that she had caught a glimpse of her assailant and would be able to identify him. Left 33 Children and \$1,000,000. The will of Geo. Q. Cannon, of Salt Lake City, Utah, filed for probate on the 9th, disposes of an estate approximating \$1,000,000. The estate is divided into two parts, the first part consisting of gilt-edged securities worth \$200,000. This is to remain in trust until his youngest child, now 9 years of age, attains his majority. All of the 33 children of President Cannon are given an acre of land from the Cannon farm, and \$2,000 in cash on attaining majority or at marriage, the balance of the \$200,000 to be divided among the children when the youngest child becomes of age.

25,868 Indian Pupils. A statement by the Indian bureau shows that there are more Indians now in the schools of the government than at any other time in the last 10 years, the total being 25,868. The statement embraces figures for the three months ending March 31, 1901. It shows that in the non-reservation boarding schools the enrollment for the quarter was 7,470. The enrollment in reservation boarding schools for the three months was 10,411. The day schools during the quarter had 4,307 pupils. The total enrollment of the three classes of schools during the quarter was 22,183. Craze for Speculation Causes Many Deaths. In a report issued on the 6th the Chicago health department attributes an increase in the death rate to the craze for speculation in stocks. The excitement occasioned, either by losses or quickly gained riches, the report says, has proven dangerous, chiefly to persons over 60 years of age. Of 566 deaths which occurred there during the past week 124 were persons 60 years old or older. There is an increase of 26 per cent over the previous week and of 24 per cent over the corresponding week of 1900.

Panama Canal for Sale. In order to remove the objection raised by the isthmian canal commission, the Panama Canal Co., with the approval of the Colombian government, has announced the terms on which it will sell the Panama canal to the U. S. The letter containing its proposition was submitted to Rear Admiral Walker, chairman of the commission by Dr. Martinez Silva, Colombian minister. No price is set by the company for its property and franchise. Charged With Cremating His Children. On April 30 the house of Jos. Parton at Hurdville, Ont., was destroyed by fire and five children, the eldest aged 16, were burned. On May 7 Parton was arrested on a charge of murder, it being alleged that he deliberately cremated the children. Parton, who is 70 years old, had, it is alleged, been in the habit of cruelly beating the children, but what evidence the crown possesses on the murder charge has not developed.

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CUBA AND PHILIPPINE NEWS.

The commission of the constitutional convention which returned to Havana from Washington, May 5, presented to the convention on the 7th, at the latter's secret session, an extensive report of the conferences with President McKinley and Secretary Root. In reference to the third clause of the amendment the report stated that the U. S. would not intervene unless Cuba were attacked by a foreign power or unless there existed in Cuba a condition of affairs similar to that which existed under Spain at the time of American intervention. Regarding coaling stations, the report set forth that the places so desired by the U. S. were Capes Mais and San Antonio, and another point commanding the entrance to the Gulf of Mexico; these would be definitely determined upon when drawing up the treaty and that the object of these stations would be the maintenance of the independence of Cuba as well as the protection of the U. S. The report also said that the U. S. would in no way interfere in the local government and that President McKinley had promised to appoint a commission to meet a Cuban commission, to discuss the economic question, and draw up a commercial treaty as soon as the republic is established. The representatives announced that Secretary Root had said there was nothing in the Platt amendment to prevent Cuba having diplomatic representatives in foreign countries. The island of Samar, one of the Visayan group, has been transferred from the department commanded by Gen. Wade to that commanded by Gen. Hughes. Gen. Hughes has been ordered personally to Samar and if he is unsuccessful in negotiating the surrender of the insurgent, Gen. Luibcan, the force of American troops in Samar will be increased and a vigorous offensive campaign will be inaugurated. Provost-General Davis is preparing recommendations to submit to the commission for a separate scheme of city government in Manila. The commission favors a plan of federal center similar to that of Washington and the City of Mexico. Ordinances are in course of preparation. The military authorities at Manila have prepared a schedule and forwarded the same to Washington covering the sailing dates of the 10 regiments of volunteers still in the archipelago. Unless unforeseen delays arise, the last of these regiments will reach home before June 30. Col. Astilla, the insurgent governor of Infanta province, has surrendered with 10 officers, 180 men, 107 rifles and 10 cannon.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS. In the German reichstag on the 7th Baron von Hodeberg, the Guelph leader, interpellated the government on what steps had been taken to effect the release of the German missionaries now held prisoners by the British in South Africa. He averred that 10 missionaries were confined in Pretoria, and that there was not the slightest charge against them, and that their property had been seized. A general debate on the interpellation followed, several members strongly condemning British methods in South Africa. Sir Alfred Milner, the British commissioner, addressing a mass meeting at Cape Town on the 7th, said there was absolutely no reason for the anxiety felt in some quarters lest any change be introduced in South Africa that would in any way weaken the imperial policy. Such a change was impossible. Great Britain had made up her mind and would carry out the policy she had laid down. The report that a force of Boers is concentrating under Delarey at Hartbeestfontein is regarded with a feeling of satisfaction. The British force should far outnumber the Boers, and as the latter must by this time have lost practically all their guns, Delarey cannot have any artillery with him. This fact alone should place him at a great disadvantage. A dispatch from London, dated the 7th, says that the health of Mrs. Botha, wife of Commandant-General Botha, has broken down owing to worry, and her constant journeys between her husband and Lord Kitchener, and that she is about to sail from Delagoa Bay to visit Mr. Kruger, and to appeal to him to persuade the Boers to surrender. The London war office on the 6th officially gave out the total number of deaths in the South African war at 714 officers and 14,264 men. Four officers and 314 men have been invalided home and subsequently died. Two thousand four hundred and ninety-three non-commissioned officers and men have left the service unfit for duty. By the explosion of a boiler near Uniontown, Pa., on the 7th, two men lost their life. The River Raisin Paper Co.'s plant, at Monroe, was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 29th, entailing a loss of \$30,000. Information was received at Washington from Manila regarding the amount of indemnity to be demanded. This total has now been reduced from something like half a billion dollars to \$337,000,000. The supreme council of the Order of Chosen Friends has been dissolved by Judge Leathers, of Indianapolis, Ind., and enjoined from doing business. This was the result of a suit filed by the county prosecutor to aid Receiver Clark. Many thousand dollars worth of property could not be obtained because the order was still in existence. It is said Former President Grover Cleveland made \$400,000 by the advance of Northern Pacific railway stock on the 8th. He got his tip from Daniel S. Lamont, who is vice-president of the system, and got in on the ground floor.

CHINA WAR NEWS.

The latest mail from China has brought to the state department at Washington new proofs of the terrible and perhaps irrevocable conditions which exist under the foreign military rule in north China, involving a situation not hitherto fully realized, even in Washington, and utterly unappreciated in the U. S. generally. The character of the information which has now come into the administration's possession is summarized in the following extracts from a communication written by one of the most trusted officials in the service abroad and mailed from Peking a month ago: "The question of raising the indemnity, though one of the most serious for the Chinese government, is not paramount. All the people who are likely to know declare that the Chinese peasant can stand no greater burden of taxation than in the past, as the question resolves itself largely to reducing the expense of collection, which in China involves radical reforms. Another proposition for meeting the indemnity is to grant lucrative mining and industrial concessions to foreigners, by that means bartering their independence and laying up endless trouble for the Chinese, which are quick to recognize the fact." Inquiry at Washington confirms the report that the U. S. is working, and finds support in its effort, toward the opening of all China, including the provinces, to the trade of the world. This does not mean the abolition of customs duties, but would make every Chinese city a market for the world's goods instead of limiting foreign commerce to the few existing treaty ports. The project is one that appeals temptingly to the commercial interests of others of the great powers than the U. S., and, if it should command the support of the necessary number, hope is entertained that it will indirectly aid in the settlement of the troublesome indemnity question. The report of Gen. Ketteler, received at Peking from Kuo Lu, differs from the other reports concerning the German-French expedition previously received. Gen. Ketteler's report shows that the Chinese troops did not leave the province till they were forced to do so. The entire brigade, commanded by Gen. Ketteler, met the enemy on April 23 and inflicted immense loss. The Germans did not give the loss. The Germans had one officer and three soldiers killed and 28 soldiers wounded. The foreign ministers on the 7th decided to address a collective note to the Chinese government informing it that a joint indemnity of 450,000,000 taels would be demanded, and asking what method of payment is proposed. A reply is expected at the end of the week, which will probably propose to meet the indemnity by raising the customs tariff. A dispatch from Peking, dated the 7th, says China will request the powers to obtain for her a loan sufficient to pay the indemnity as soon as the amount thereof is made known. She will also ask for an extra 20,000,000 taels to be provided annually according to the proposition of foreign ministers. The transport Egbert, now in quarantine at San Francisco, has on board the remains of 59 men who died in China.

BASE BALL. Below we publish the standing of the American and National league clubs up to and including the games played on Sunday, May 12: AMERICAN LEAGUE. Won. Lost. Per cent. Detroit..... 12 4 755 Chicago..... 11 6 647 Boston..... 7 6 538 Baltimore..... 6 6 500 Washington..... 6 6 500 Philadelphia..... 6 7 462 Milwaukee..... 6 11 353 Cleveland..... 4 13 235 NATIONAL LEAGUE. Won. Lost. Per cent. Pittsburgh..... 10 6 625 Cincinnati..... 10 6 625 New York..... 7 6 538 Boston..... 7 6 538 Brooklyn..... 7 8 467 Philadelphia..... 7 9 438 Chicago..... 8 12 400 St. Louis..... 7 11 389

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Big Steel Combine. A steel-producing company, capitalized at \$17,000,000, and promoted by Philadelphia capitalists, will come into existence as a result of the merging of the Consolidated Lake Superior and the Ontario Lake Superior Cos. These corporations are at present capitalized at \$20,000,000 each. The plant will be located at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Its capacity is to be 2,500 tons a day. It is said that the interurban electric line between Benton Harbor and South Bend, Ind., will be in operation by Aug. 1, as far as Niles.