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## FEATURES OF INTEREST

### ABOUT THAT WHICH HAS BEEN AND IS TO BE.

All sides and conditions of things are shown. Nothing overlooked to make it complete.

### SEVENTY-ONE PERSONS LOSE LIFE IN FIRE.

Seventy-one persons were burned to death in a fire which completely destroyed Rhoads Opera House in Boyertown, Pa. The opera house was crowded with the members of St. John's Lutheran Sunday school, who were attending a benefit given for that church. While the show was in progress a tank exploded. The actors endeavored to quiet the audience and in their anxiety to make themselves heard and to avoid the awful stampede of the women and children in the coal oil lamps which were turned on at the foot lights were overturned, setting the place on fire. The flames fed by the oil which was pouring out of the ceiling and there was a wild rush of the several hundred persons to escape from the burning building. Scores of women and children were trampled upon and several who escaped being burned to death died after being dragged from the opera house. In many cases, it is said, entire families have been wiped out. The scenes which followed the explosion is indescribable. Scores of persons who were in the balcony at the time the explosion occurred jumped from the windows and sustained fractured limbs and skulls.

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*Martial Law Ends at Muncie.*  
Martial law was declared formally at an end in Muncie at noon Monday, when Major Powell, quartermaster general, arrived with the Governor's proclamation. He delivered this to General McKee, who communicated it at once to Mayor Guthrie, the police board and the sheriff. The saloons, which have not been opened since December 31 excepting for four hours on January 2, received permission to open their doors for business. There has been no trouble growing out of the strike of street railway employees for several days.

*Woman Mysteriously Murdered.*  
Mrs. John Hazel, wife of a railroad man, was found dead in her kitchen in her home in Toledo, Ohio, lying in a pool of her own blood with her head pounded to a pulp. There is no clew as regards the identity of the perpetrator. The Hazel residence had been ransacked, but nothing of value is missing. Both the husband and the son of the dead woman are being held by the police.

*Big Fire at Portland, Ind.*  
Fire destroyed the warrooms and stock of the Portland Eggcase Company, causing a loss of \$50,000. The total insurance will not exceed \$5,000. J. A. Long, of Portland, is the principal stockholder. The plant will be rebuilt without delay.

*\$50,000 Hotel for Autists.*  
The Chicago Automobile Club will build a hotel to cost \$500,000 at the proposed summer resort near New Buffalo, Mich. Work will begin in the spring.

*Another Postoffice Looted.*  
The postoffice at Overpeck, a village four miles north of Hamilton, Ohio, was robbed. The same men who committed the Trenton robbery are suspected, but there is no clew to their identity.

*Postoffice at Springfield Robbed.*  
Robbers blew the safe at the store of F. O. Perkins and took a small amount in stamps and money from the post-office at Springfield, Ind.

*Broker Kills Himself.*

Charles W. Whitney, a member of the Stock Exchange firm of E. N. Whitney & Sons, committed suicide at his home on West 72d street, New York, by shooting. The motive has not been ascertained. Mr. Whitney was 38 years old.

*Greene and Gaynor Imprisoned.*

After a long legal wrangle Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor have begun their four years' sentence in penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., for embezzling from the government. They were put through the usual examinations, but their work was not decided upon.

*Tobacco War Goes to Court.*

The struggle for supremacy between the American Society of Equity and the American Tobacco Company is to result in criminal proceedings. The Society of Equity will seek indictments against all Kentucky agents of the tobacco company for alleged violations of the State anti-trust law adopted in 1890.

*Negro Hanged for Murder.*  
John Boyd was hanged in Toronto, Ont. He murdered E. Wandle, another negro, July 11 last, and was found guilty at the November assizes. Boyd came from Boston.

### SHAFT TO BENNINGTON VICTIMS.

Sailors, Soldiers and Citizens Attend Unveiling of Monument.

The sombre ceremony of the sailors who lost their lives in the explosion of the United States ship Bennington was unveiled in San Diego, Cal., Tuesday, at the National cemetery on top of Point Loma. Thousands, including the officers and sailors of the Pacific squadron and citizens of San Diego and other California cities, gathered to witness the ceremony. The plain shaft stands fast in the plot where are buried the last of the Bennington crew, who died on the 21st of July, 1905, and is composed of seven-foot slabs of San Diego County granite roughly dressed and towering six feet above the concrete base, capped by a pyramid of polished granite. The national cemetery is almost at the top of the promontory and the monument looks in one direction out over the Pacific and in another over the mountains.

The principal speech was made by Admiral Goodrich, commandant at the navy yard, who was commander of the Pacific squadron at the time of the accident on the Bennington. When Admiral Goodrich finished the unveiling took place, consisting of the dropping of the national ensign which had been draped over the two tablets on the face of the monument.

### IMMIGRATION IS PARALYZED.

#### Arrival of Foreigners in New York Shows Heavy Decrease.

Because of the heavy falling off in immigration which has reduced them to comparative idleness, the government employees in Ellis Island, New York, through whose hands the immigrants pass, fear a more or less sweeping reduction in their ranks in the near future. Commissioner of Immigration Watchorn says there will undoubtedly be a reduction in the force if the decline in immigration continues. There are about 500 government employees of various classes at the immigration receiving station at present. Instead of the 5,000 or more immigrants who came through the station last year, there will be about 3,000. The number of arrivals has been reduced to 100 a day.

*Illinois and Missouri Towns Feel Shock of Explosion.*  
The Du Pont company's mills, two and one-half miles from Edgemont, midway between East St. Louis and Belleville, Ill., were blown up at 10:30 P.M. Tuesday night. Nobody was killed, but 150 were injured. The explosion had just left the mill, and seven men were preparing to take their places in the mill at the time. The shock was felt sixty miles. At Edgemont fronts of business houses were wrecked. Plate glass windows in St. Louis and other cities were shattered. At Alton, Ill., there was a stampede to get out of a theater. A suburban car entering Edgemont was partially blown out by flying glass. Motorman Claude Barnes of Belleville was blown from his seat and picked up unconscious ten feet away.

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### LOSES LIFE IN ROUNDHOUSE FIRE

*Man Burned to Death in Elkhart, Ind.—Blaze Amounts to \$140,000.*

Eighteen of the fifty stalls of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern passenger and freight roundhouses in Elkhart, Ind., the big machine shop and oil house that stood between, were destroyed by fire that started at 4 o'clock Thursday morning. Each stall had its engine and the woodwork of this was burned. William Shambarger, aged 18, who had charge of the roundhouse, was burned to death, dying on the ground just after he emerged from the oil room. The loss will reach \$140,000. The fire was due to an explosion of paint.

### ENTERTAINS BLACK HAND MAN.

*Merchant Chats with Seeker After \$10,000 Till Police Come.*

For nearly half an hour yesterday S. Hurst of John E. Hurst & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, sat in the smoking room of his home in Baltimore and calmly entertained a Black hand man who had called by appointment to \$10,000 had been demanded by mail. Mr. Hurst had instructed the butler to call up the police. The caller when arrested said he had been despondent. He paced the floor all night and then shot himself.

### SHIP PLANT CLOSES; 450 ARE IDLE.

The Collingwood Shipbuilding Company at Collingwood, Ont., has closed its plant, throwing 450 men, 75 per cent of whom are residents of the town, out of work. The men demanded a 15 per cent increase in wages. The situation was explained to their committee, but the men not returning to work, the directors decided to close the plant.

### ICE YACHT KILLS CHICAGO BOY.

Frank Purdy of Chicago, a freshman in the College of Agriculture of the Wisconsin University, was run down by an ice yacht while skating on Lake Mendota and so badly injured that he died.

### REACHER CONVICTED OF COVETOUSNESS.

James R. Kaye, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Wheaton, Ill., has been sentenced to seven years in the Leavenworth prison for covetousness.

### MANY KILLED IN A WRECK.

A wreck is reported on the Alabama and Mississippi railroad, running from Vinegar Bend, Ala., to Leakeville, Miss. Several persons are reported killed.

### NEW BATTERY TUNNEL OPENED.

The new battery tunnel in New York has been opened, carrying 140,000 persons, but their absence is scarcely noticeable on the Brooklyn bridge.

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*Report Andrews Will Resign.*  
E. Benjamin Andrews is to resign the chancellorship of the University of Nebraska, according to a report at Lincoln, Neb.

### PAYMASTER KILLED BY ENGINE.

It is officially announced that Baron Takahira has been chosen ambassador from Japan to the United States to succeed Viscount Aoki.

### REPORT ON MONONGA DISASTER.

The report of the Monongah mine disaster, after an investigation of the mine disaster at Monongah, W. Va., was made the other day and agrees with that of the West Virginia experts that the disaster was caused by a dust explosion after a blow-out shot.

### SLAYER OF BLIND SON DIES.

Edwin J. Collier of Cleveland, who killed his blind son and then shot himself at the grave of his wife, has died. Collier died of a fit of exposure. Collier was despondent both over the loss of his wife and his son's affliction.

### BROKER SHOOTS A BURGLAR.

Paul Bowers, 14 years old, shot and killed a negro burglar who broke into the home of his father at Alvinston, Pa. The boy was awakened by the noise made by the negro and in wait a shot gun. As the burglar ascended the stairs the boy fired.

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### LONG OCEAN WAR IS ENDED.

German Lines Driven to Union by Cunard's Fast Boats.

The Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd steamship lines have hurried the hatches after a battle for transatlantic supremacy lasting from the time the steamship Deutschland captured the speed pennant from the Cunard line, about seven years ago. The Deutschland holds the record for crossing the Atlantic between New York and Plymouth in less time than any other ship. The North German Lloyd steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II, the record holder, has been beaten by the Cunard line, about four days.

The situation is as follows: The Cunard line, which has a speed of 25.5 knots, has a record of 5 days, 11 hours, 11 minutes, and 40 seconds.

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