Of Massachusetts, New Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army.

SHERIFF FOILS COLORADO MOB

Official Arrives in Time to Save Union Miner From Being Lynched.

BRITISH SUBJECTS ARE EXEMPT

Unruly Throng Had Four Prisoners and were Attempting to Hang the Only American When Sheriff Bell Arrived on the Scene.

Hollywood, Colo., dispatch: A mob, said to have been composed of members of the Citizens' alliance vigilance committee, Sunday afternoon took a union miner from his home and endeavored to lynch him. Sheriff Bell and his deputies interfered and rescued the intended victim.

Sheriff Bell, who came from Cripple Creek, found a large crowd on the streets. He had left two of his five deputies in Victor, and with the other two started for here, where they found Bob Murphy, two brothers named Grant, and a man named Nichols, in the hands of a mob. Three of the intended victims declared they were British subjects. The mob tried to hang Murphy, but the sheriff arrived in time to save him.

Sheriff Bell says that the men were heavily armed, and their house was stocked with ammunition.

The men, according to Sheriff Bell, said they had come here to fight and would fight. After much persuasion the sheriff induced them to leave town.

No Troops for Cripple Creek.

Cripple Creek, Colo., dispatch: The deportation of Attorneys Eugene Engley, Frank J. Hangs and J. C. Cole and twelve other men from this district Saturday night was planned by members of the Mine Owners' association and Citizens' alliance and was carried out under their direction. Many of the deputies who have been regularly employed in the district since the riot early in June, it is alleged, were active as leaders of the mob. City Marshal Crowder arrived from Victor while the looting of the Intermountain Mercantile company's store was in progress and essayed in vain to stop the destruction of property.

The store is completely wrecked and the entire stock, valued at several thousand dollars, destroyed or stolen.

Sheriff Edward Bell said that he had no intention of asking the governor to send troops to the district.

BANKER MUST FACE CHARGE

Chicago Man Accused of Wrongfully Obtaining $20,000.

La Porte, Ind., dispatch: A sensation has been caused in northern Indiana by the arrest at Petersburg, this state, of Charles B. Thompson, a former banker at Walkerton, on the charge of obtaining $20,000 under false pretenses and on an indictment for perjury. Thompson is a Chicago man. He opened a bank at Walkerton and after operating it a short time disappeared. The state's attorney of Pike county promises that the trial will unfold a number of interesting chapters. The connection of Thompson with the Walkerton bank will be used as evidence against him.

FEUDIST SLAIN FROM AMBUSH

W. C. Windham Shot Dead in Mississippi Swamp.

Laurel, Miss., dispatch: While W. C. Windham, E. Windham and J. T. Blakeley were going through Tallahala swamp about two miles from Bay Springs, Miss., they were fired upon by an assassin from ambush, and W. C. Windham was shot in the breast with a rifle bullet and fell from his horse dead. The shooting is a result of the Ainsworth-Windham feud in Smith county, Sloan Ainsworth having been killed recently by one of the Windhams.

LAWMAKER IS SHOT IN THE DARK

Charles H. Brown of Michigan is Wounded by Unknown Assassin.

Houghton, Mich., dispatch: Charles H. Brown, representative in the legislature from Ontonagon county, was shot in the right lung while on his way from Greenland to Mass City. The shooting was done in the dark near Piety Hill. Two weeks ago Marshal Nelson of Greenland, a personal friend of Brown, was shot at in much the same manner.

COURT HOLDS THAT SON MUST SUPPORT MOTHER

Judge Decrees That Chicago Man Shall Contribute $10 Per Month Toward Her Living Expenses.

Mattoon, Ill., dispatch: In the probate court of Coles county an order has been issued directing John H. McDonald of Chicago to pay $10 a month toward the support of his aged mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald, and Miss Florence Mock of Chicago and Roscoe Breeden of Charleston are ordered to pay $5 a month each. The two last named are grandchildren of Mrs. McDonald. The suit was brought in the name of the people by State's Attorney Volget to prevent Mrs. McDonald from becoming a public charge. She is 83 years old and her son is 60.

Eight years ago Thomas McDonald, a prosperous farmer at Humboldt, died, leaving property worth $6,000, which he devised to his son and two grandchildren, reserving a life interest for his wife. Part of the property is at 184 Walnut street, Chicago, and is occupied by the son, who, it was charged, mortgaged the property and then ceased paying the monthly income to his mother.

McDonald is an expert accountant and several years ago was comptroller of the city of Springfield, Ill.

TORNADO AT NORTH ST. LOUIS

Cyclone Strikes City, Killing Two Persons and Injuring Twenty.

St. Louis, Mo., dispatch: For the second time in less than a decade St. Louis people were terrified by a death-dealing tornado Friday afternoon. This time it was North St. Louis that was torn and twisted and turned in a moment into heaps of debris, whereas it was that portion of the city south of the business center and extending from the river to the western limits that was laid waste by the great tornado of 1896. In Friday's storm two persons were killed and twenty were injured.

The fatalities were as follows: John Ellington, a boy named Joe.

The injured: William Bigger, bruised; James Crosby, broken hip; William Ditckhauer, leg and arm broken; William Fouche, leg broken; W. Fricke, scalp wound; Jacob Harmeste, shoulder dislocated; W. H. Linham, badly cut; Louis McCullin, leg broken; Edward Papison, badly cut; Girtwood Powinski, burned by live wire, seriously; Herman Sauerwine, aged 10 years, arm broken and crushed, probably will die; T. A. Sommers, bruised; William Yorkicke, leg broken; six employes in Niedringhaus rolling mill, not seriously; names not learned.

LEAVES BEQUEST TO CHARITY

Will of James V. Sweetser, Marion, Ind., Banker, is Filed.

Marion, Ind., dispatch: The will of the late James V. Sweetser, vice president of the Marion bank, who died last week, was probated Tuesday. Affidavit was made that the estate will amount to $150,000. George Sweetser, a brother, and Phillip Matter were made executors. After the death of the widow it provides, among others, for the following bequests: Young Men's Christian association, $25,000; old women's home, $25,000; Presbyterian church, $10,000; orphan's home, $5,000; Fred Sweetser a nephew, $10,000; Francis F. Prentiss, a son-in-law, husband of his daughter Delight, deceased, $10,000; Mrs. Adaline Turner, a cousin, the income on $10,000; fifteen nieces and nephews, $2,000 each; Mrs. John C. Eastman, Chicago, $1,000.

CONTEST BEQUEST TO DOWIE

Indiana Farmer, Who is Disinherited for Healer, Seeks to Break Will.

Peru, Ind., special: Henry D. Sheldon of Walton, Cass county, has applied to the circuit court for an injunction to restrain John Alexander Dowie, the self-styled Elijah of Zion City, from inheriting the residue of the estate of the late Mrs. Sarah Sheldon, his mother, who died last month, and bequeathed to the ruler of Zion City $5,000. Each of her three sons, who are farmers in moderate circumstances, were cut off with $100. Sheldon bases his suit on the assertion that his mother was mentally unsound when she made the will.

TESTING SOIL IN LAKE COUNTY

Investigators From the University of Illinois Are at Work.

Waukegan, Ill., special: Five men from the state agricultural experiment station of the University of Illinois are investigating and testing the soil of Lake county and making a survey and map. The work will last about six weeks. The party is composed of J. G. Mosier, Clifford Willis, G. C. Wilson, S. M. Wyles and C. H. Oathout. For three years the experiment station has been examining soils to determine how to improve the poorer ones and maintain the fertility of the better ones. So far eleven counties have been surveyed.

Subway is Flooded.

St. Louis, Mo., dispatch: The million-dollar subway at the Union station, which was to have been open Monday, is filled with water. It may prove a total failure because no provisions have been made for drainage.

Wreck Stock Yards.

Sterling, Ill., dispatch: The women of Osco became infuriated over the stock yards being in the center of their town and, armed with axes, saws and hammers, tore down the fences while the men were sleeping.

OIL ON TROUBLED WATERS.

Wind Unable to Obtain a Grip on the Greasy Surface.

A few gallons of oil cast upon stormy seas moderates their violence, and prevents the waves from breaking with force. That this is the case has long been known. Theophylactes, the Byzantine historian of the sixth century, propounded the question, "Why does oil calm the sea?" and answered it to the effect that, as the wind is a subtle and delicate thing, and oil is adhesive and unctuous, the wind glides over the surface of the water on which oil has been spread and cannot raise waves. The wind, in fact, slips over the water without being able to obtain a grip.

In the Gulf of Mexico there is a remarkable stretch of water about two miles long by three-quarters of a mile broad, to which the name of "oil-spot" has been given, because in the worst of storms the mariner finds still water here. Its character as a safe harbor of refuge is said to be due to an oily property of the mud stirred up by the storm.

JAPANESE BOOK OF FLOWERS.

Important Part of Education in the Land of Cherry Blossoms.

A nice little Japanese woman who came to this country recently brought with her one of the most important of the educational works upon which she was brought up—this is her book of flowers. Japanese women are being better educated now, but heretofore they have been taught little but the etiquete of the country, what was necessary for them to know concerning household duties, a little music—to strum a little on the samisen—and the arrangement of flowers. This last is important in a country where a single branch does duty for what an American would require a big boquet, and where the cherry trees are cultivated not for their fruit, but for the beautiful blossoms. She is an ignorant damsel indeed who cannot make a poem of a single branch of any flowering plant at her command.

It is to illustrate for her how this is to be done that the flower book is necessary. It is a pamphlet of 52 pages with a flexible blue cover, the title being on the right-hand corner.

The contents are read, as in all Japanese books, from right to left. The first cover page is red with large black letters, four pages after that are devoted to text and the rest of the book is given up to the illustrations.

Each page shows a flower in some kind of a low jar or tall vase and resting upon a graceful stand, some high and others very low, all more or less graceful in shape, delicate in outline and, as a rule, with curving legs. These repeat the curves of the flower stalk which outline half circles curves with which we are familiar in this country in the more exaggerated outlines of the Japanese miniature trees.

On each page is a little text, a poem appropriate for the illustration. Wall panels are in the background with their decorations of storks and the Japanese sacred mountain showing the general decorations of a room.

Golf Ball in Bird's Nest.

To find your ball in a lark's nest is rather a curiosity in the way of a golf hazard. Yet this circumstance occurred the other day in a mixed foursome which was being played over North Berwick links. The caddie, in his search for the ball, found it lying in a lark's nest containing four eggs.

In Germany.

The poodle in Germany is rigged out for comfort when he takes his auto trips.

Not Yet Ready to Retire.

William Richards, an aged resident of West Hartland, Me., now some 85 years old, rode the mowing machine while cutting quite a field of grass one day last week and seemed to feel at home on the machine.

ILLINOIS NEWS

Choice items from over the state, specially selected for our readers

LINEMAN DIES AT TOP OF POLE

Comes in Contact With Electric Light Wire and is Electrocuted.

Edgar D. Cannon, a lineman for the Bell Telephone company, was electrocuted while repairing wires that had been damaged by the storm in East St. Louis. He had climbed near to the top of the pole to which he had securely tied himself so as to be free to use his hands in making the repairs. It is believed that he came in contact with an electric light wire which was strung a short distance below the telephone wires, and that 2,300 volts passed through his body. His lifeless body dangled in the air until it was taken down by Chief Van Dyke and a company of firemen. The accident occurred within 200 feet of Cannon's home. Cannon was married about one year ago, and is survived by his widow and a young baby.

MAN'S FINES AGGREGATE $1,160

Ladies' Aid Society Solicitor Gets a Taste of Salem Justice.

Wesley W. Schofield, about 45 years old, who claims Pittsburg, Pa., as his home, has been placed in jail at Salem in default of payment of fines aggregating $1,160. Schofield visited Salem recently and was engaged in soliciting funds, he said in the interest of a ladies' aid society in a neighboring town. He secured several dollars and then went to Odin. There he represented that he was soliciting funds for the ladies' aid society of Salem. He was arrested and arraigned in Judge Holt's court on twenty-one counts of receiving money under false pretense. He was assessed fines of $200 on each of the first five counts and $10 on each of the remaining sixteen.

Dies in Neglect.

Deputy Coroner Bauer of Alton was called upon to hold an inquest over the body of Mrs. Julia Kirchner, wife of Gilbert Kirchner, who died without medical attendance in a shanty boat on the river front east of Alton. The woman died from natural causes, aggravated by neglect, the coroner's jury decided. Kirchner admitted his wife had been sick three months with malaria, and that he did not call a doctor. He also admitted that he never did any work and his wife supported him by begging on the streets. There was not a table, chair or bed in the room, and the woman died on a rough pallet on the floor.

Cheap Fares for Cotton Pickers.

Railroad managers in Chicago have been asked to send 8,000 cotton pickers into the fields of Oklahoma and Indian Territory in order to save the crop. In response to this appeal, the agents of the Rock Island and other southwestern systems are scouring Chicago in the effort to secure a large number of Italians who are willing to go to the state and territory in question and assist in gathering cotton. In connection with the matter, it is purposed to make a rate of 1 cent a mile for all laborers from this territory and from the states of Texas and Tennessee, where agents have been sent in search of men.

Rush Work on Interurbans.

Work on the interurban lines east of Springfield connecting Springfield and Decatur is being rushed and cars which are now running to Riverton will soon be running farther east. Work is also being rushed between Auburn and Carlinville on the south and the right of way has been cleared nearly the entire distance to St. Louis.

Miners Form Social Club.

Duquoin mine managers and their assistants, engineers and top foremen have organized a club for social purposes. They elected these officers: President, Jonah Flavell; vice president, John Jasper; secretary, M. Davison; treasurer, P. J. Conaty; trustees, H. L. Dyer, Robert Cumming and H. A. Thornsberry.

Honor for Gen. Orendorff.

Gen. Alfred Orendorff has been appointed a delegate from the Illinois State Bar association to the universal congress of lawyers, which will be held at the world's fair on Sept. 28.

Sunday School Officers.

Miss Lillian Martin has been elected president and Miss Gladys Frost secretary of the Richview township Sunday school convention.

Elevator is Burned.

Twist Bros.' elevator at Rochester was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The loss was $6,500; insurance, $4,500.

Rain Benefits Corn.

The corn crop in Washington county has been greatly benefited by the recent rains.

Boy Hunter Loses Arm.

Joseph Lawrence, the 13-year-old son of Dr. J. W. Lawrence of Cairo, had his left arm badly injured while out hunting. He was placed in St. Mary's infirmary, where his arm was amputated.

W. C. T. U. Lecturer.

Mrs. Lenora Lake of St. Louis will deliver the principal lecture at the Illinois state convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, which will be held in Murphysboro Oct. 6 to 10.

SMALLPOX VICTIM ENDS HIS LIFE

Fever and Worry Are Thought to Have Crazed Head of Family.

John Sewell of East St. Louis committed suicide by cutting his throat. Sewell and every member of his family has been ill with smallpox and the house has been quarantined. It is believed that the fever and worry occasioned by the disease drove Sewell distracted and, while lying on a cot by the side of his 16-year-old daughter, who is also suffering from a severe case of the disease, the father drew his razor across his throat, severing the jugular vein. He died in a few minutes. Several of the younger children, who are not so sick, informed persons who were passing of their father's act, but no one would venture into the house.

When Coroner McCracken attempted to secure a jury for the purpose of holding an inquest he could find no one who would serve.

JUDGE SETS ASIDE INJUNCTION

Appeal Enables Contractors to Run Plant at the Penitentiary.

Judge Burroughs has filed his opinion dissolving the injunction granted by him July 9 against the commissioners and warden of the Chester penitentiary. The preliminary injunction was issued on the petition of the Menard Manufacturing company, restraining the prison officials from interfering with the company in the operation of its plant with convict labor. The company perfected an appeal to the appeals court, and will continue to run its plant for at least another thirty days.

Consolidate Telephone Lines.

The telephone lines of Clinton county have been consolidated and are now operated under one management. George Johnspeter, who owned the line from Posey, Hoffman and Keyport to Carlyle, has purchased the interests of the Southern Union Telephone company, which includes the exchanges at Carlyle, Breese, Trenton and Germantown. The consideration was $5,000. The lines will be extended to all towns, villages and points in the county.

Transfer College.

Austin college, which was established in Effingham in 1891, has been transferred by the board of trustees to the management of the American Christian Educational society. The college retains its present name and will be immediately enlarged and the curriculum deepened. Rev. D. R. Bebout, pastor of the Christian church of Effingham, assumes the presidency, vice William E. Lagenbeel, resigned.

Deaf-Mutes Organize.

The deaf-mutes have formed an organization, to be known as the Deaf-Mutes' society of southern Illinois, and elected the following officers: President, O. H. Rosenberger of Alleghany; first vice president, A. J. Rodenberger of East St. Louis; second vice president, Miss Anna Roper of Alton; secretary, E. C. Cleary of Jacksonville; treasurer, E. C. Huber of Springfield.

May Get Brick Plant.

H. C. Brown of Harmony, Ind., has been at Vandalia looking over the ground with a view of establishing a large brick and tile plant. He has molded and burnt samples of mud taken from near Vandalia, which product he pronounces first class. He expects to build at once four tile kilns in connection with the brick plant.

Misreads a Telegram.

Mrs. W. R. Todd of Greenwood, Mo., arrived in Upper Alton to attend, as she thought, the funeral of her father, Lewis Powless, an aged resident of Upper Alton. A telegram had been sent by a relative notifying her of the death of the father of the sender of the message, and Mrs. Todd misunderstood the summons.

Glassworkers Fail to Agree.

James J. Mullen returned to Alton from Atlantic City, N. J., where he has been attending a conference regarding the assignment of machine operators in the glassblowing trade to the Glass Bottle Blowers' association, instead of to the American Flint Glassworkers' union. No agreement was reached.

Fire Inflicts Heavy Loss.

Fire destroyed between 4,000 and 5,000 bushels of corn and a number of farming implements on the Orear farm, near Jacksonville, entailing a loss of about $4,200.

Laborer Drinks Acid.

Elijah Duke of Decatur, a laborer at the Wabash freight house, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. He fell dead as he reached the door of his home.

Institute Program.

The executive committee of the Washington county farmers' institute will arrange a program for the annual county convention and the district convention of the 22d congressional district, which will be held at Nashville Nov. 21, 22 and 23.

Army Lassie for China.

Martha E. Laughlin, who has had charge of the Salvation Army work at Centralia for the past six months, has accepted a call to China to engage in the work there.

CONDITION OF ILLINOIS CROPS

General Outlook is for Heaviest Yield of Corn Ever Known.

The weekly crop bulletin for the week ended Aug. 22 says: Threshing operations, nearing completion, were hindered some by rains, but the work is well advanced, field threshing being about finished.

A considerable portion of corn has been impaired by drought and firing, some fields injured beyond recovery, but the general outlook in the region of heaviest production continues assuring.

Considerable expression has been made relative to the lateness of the crop and a statement of the average date of killing frost in fall is opportune at this time. The average date for the northern district is Oct. 11, for the central district Oct. 11 and for the southern district Oct. 18. A departure from the dates named in the past twenty-five years was of infrequent occurrence.

Thrashing of oats, wheat, barley and rye has continued with some interruption during the week. Oats are yielding well and the quality is generally good. Rye and barley are turning out well. Wheat in most instances is not giving compensating results.

Pasturage has deteriorated to a great extent, but has been revived by rains. The clover seed crop is promising, timothy seeds are yielding an average output and plums and grapes are plentiful. Apples are not assuring.

Peaches will be only fair. Watermelons are being marketed in the southern district. Potatoes are ripe and a good yield is indicated. Tomatoes, cucumbers and sugar corn are promising.

Revival of Coal Mining.

Indications point to a revival of the coal-digging industry in the districts north of Alton. Several new mines have been opened this summer between North Alton and Brighton and all promise good yields of the black diamond coal. James Cook has sold the old Dickerson farm in Godfrey township to J. T. Aumiliar and the latter will put men to work sinking for coal. Fifty years ago the farm was the center of a prosperous coal mining settlement, and it is claimed that mining was abandoned before the supply of coal was exhausted.

School Board in Quandary.

A proposition to issue $400 in school bonds to complete payment for a new school house in East Alton was defeated, and as a consequence the secretary of the board, William Cobb, has resigned, and other members may do likewise. The school board has not the funds to complete the building, and it is said by the treasurer that there is no money to pay teachers in consequence of the defeat of the bond issue. The school system will be seriously embarrassed next year unless some way out of the trouble is found.

Road Assesses Storage Rates.

The Illinois Central will begin assessing warehouse storage charges on all freight remaining in the freight depots over forty-eight hours. The charges will be 5 cents for each ton or fraction of a ton, in less than car lots, for every twenty-four hours after the forty-eight hours of free storage is past. This rule has been in force at all points south of Cairo, and it is understood that it will be adopted at all stations north of Cairo.

Many Buildings for Duquoin.

The Manufacturers' Fuel company has let the contract for the erection of 150 houses at Duquoin. The Equitable Coal company will also erect fifty houses for its employes.

Wounds Two With Shotgun.

At Bluff Springs Clay Coil, a boy of 18, accidentally discharged a shotgun, seriously wounding Eugene Gerner and Clyde McGill. It is thought both youths will recover.

Board Elects New Matron.

The children's home board has elected Mrs. Jennie Boren of Olmsted matron of the home at Cairo to succeed Miss Whitlock, who resigned on account of ill health.

Accepts Captain's Resignation.

The adjutant general of Illinois has accepted the resignation of C. C. Atwood of Taylorville as captain of company B, Fifth Illinois infantry.

Big Farm is Sold.

The farm of Louis Mildt, in Monroe precinct, containing 130 acres, has been sold to Wm. Ring of Arenaville, the price paid being $100 per acre.

Gets $100 Per Acre.

Silas Hurst has sold his farm near Little Indian to Charles Rahn of Arenaville for $100 per acre. Mr. Hurst will remove his family to Canton.

Big Steel Plant is Sold.

It is reported that the Springfield plant of the Republic Iron and Steel company has been sold to the United States steel company. The plant was remodeled last year at a cost of about $150,000, but has not been in operation for any length of time.

For Abuse of Mother.

William McCarty of Alton was fined $150 and costs and sentenced to the county jail in default of payment for habitual intoxication and abusing his aged mother, who requested his arrest.