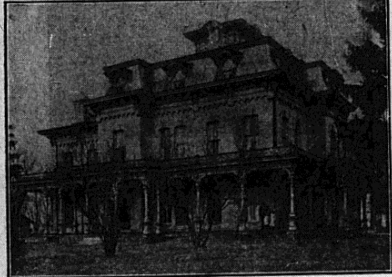


# Illinois State News

Recent Happenings of Interest in the Various Cities and Towns.

SHELL MANSION AT CLINTON, ILL.



SHELL WILL CAGE IS ON.

Attempt to Break Down of Millionaire Being Made.

Decatur—Richard Shell's effort to break the will of his millionaire father, Col. Thomas Shell, in court here, is being eagerly watched from every corner of the state. Virtually every relative, collateral and friend, the old man had was cut off from participation in the \$2,000,000 estate he left and the bulk of the fortune went to an alleged grandniece, Mabelle Bell McNamara. Thomas Shell was one of the potentates of Central Illinois. He came here with his bride from Ohio in 1855 and obtained grading contracts from the Illinois Central Railroad company, for which he received land grants that made him enormously wealthy when the Illinois boom began just after the civil war. He built a mansion, north of the town limits, which was the wonder of the state in those days—a four-story, cream-brick affair, with carved stone trimmings, an oval reception hall of marble, dozens of bedrooms and—what was a great curiosity—two swimming pools. In this palace, set down amidst vast estates, Shell entertained men and women of national prominence. Even at that time his erotic tendencies were so manifest that his uncomplaining, sweet and charitable wife was commonly supposed to have died of a broken heart. The widower became more and more crabbed, quarreling with his wife. Three of the four children died.



Col. Shell.

KAYE HOPES FOR SUPERSEDES.

Convicted Preacher Places His Faith in Court of Appeals.

Springfield—Insisting that the verdict of guilty of counterfeiting is unjust, and entertaining hope that the court of appeals will grant a supersedeas, Rev. James R. Kaye of Oak Park believes that he will be allowed to remain in the county jail for a sufficient length of time to allow his attorneys to act. Since his sentence to two years in the Leavenworth penitentiary Mr. Kaye has been persecuted by the host of friends who came to Springfield to attend the trial. His son Cecil, who spent a day in the city, bade his father goodbye and left for home. The prisoner has been shown more than ordinary consideration by the jail officials. He is not compelled to occupy a cell in the body of the jail, and during his stay will be allowed the privileges of the corridor.

Tells School of Mating.

Bloomington—A picture of a bird with wings outstretched in flight, found upon the blackboard of the Goodenock school, in McDonough county, was the first intimation to pupils and directors that the teacher, Miss Birdie Thompson, had left. She neglected to notify any one of an engagement to be married to Elmer Icenicle.

Two Deaths from Diphtheria.

Shattuck—The deaths of a child in Shattuck and another school two miles south of this place have been closed on account of diphtheria. Mrs. Fred Wooten and child are dead and now her husband is very ill.

Find Blacking Among Cattle.

Havana—Pulping county doctors have reported that blacking is infecting the herds of cattle of the farmers near Liverpool. Four of a large herd died of the disease.

Louis B. Thomas Dies.

Bloomington—Lewis B. Thomas, five times mayor of this city and chief executive at the time of the big fire, died after an illness with liver trouble. He was 79 years old and famous as one of the few surviving survivors of this city.

Stonington Post Office Advanced.

Stonington—Postmaster Hedberg has been notified that the local post office has been advanced from fourth to third class and that his salary will be \$1,100 a year.

# BANKER IS INDICTED

PRESIDENT MONTGOMERY OF THE HAMILTON IS ACCUSED.

IS RELEASED ON BAIL

Charged with Irregular Acts While Vice President—He Was Seized Recently by the Depositors.

New York.—The special grand jury which was sworn to investigate the conduct of certain banks in New York county returned two indictments Wednesday against William R. Montgomery, president of the Hamilton bank.

The charges, involving over-drafts and over-certification, have to do with acts alleged to have been committed by Montgomery while he was vice president of the institution. When E. R. and C. P. Thomas seized him from their banking interests Mr. Montgomery succeeded the former in the presidency.

The Hamilton bank suspended on October 23 last. Recently the courts decided that the receivership should not be made permanent. The decision was made the occasion of a joyful demonstration on the part of the depositors who, headed by bands of music, marched to the home of the president and cheered him until he responded with a speech in which he declared that his personal vindication as an officer would follow the investigation of the bank's affairs. At the time Montgomery had been accused of lax management by Receiver White.

Montgomery was present when Wednesday and in the original branch of the supreme court pleaded guilty with the usual reservation of his right to change his plea. The \$3,000 bail required was furnished by William H. Hirkman, a director of the bank.

MORE ABOUT THAW'S MADNESS. His Attorneys Continue to Pile Up Insanity Evidence.

New York.—The attorneys representing Harry K. Thaw at his trial, Wednesday continued the examination of witnesses who swore that young Thaw at various times in his life appeared to them as irrational and mentally unbalanced.

Practically all of the testimony was entirely new to the case and had to do with acts done to the day of the tragedy. Then came the declaration of the ten men who sat on the corner's jury during and in the trial of Stanford White's death, all of whom declared that the defendant the day following the shooting acted irrationally. His manner and appearance were such as to cause the inquest jury to discuss his state of mind after their verdict had been rendered.

Some of Thaw's alleged eccentricities, revealed for the first time, were related Wednesday by Christopher Hazard, an attorney at the New York City club; by Miss Mattilda Stein, a telephone operator, and by Percival Weber, a former barber in the Thaw household.

LABOR STRUGGLE CONTING.

Lake Lumber Carriers Decide They Must Reduce Expenses.

Detroit, Mich.—At their annual meeting here Wednesday the Lumber Carriers' Association of the Great Lakes decided that it would be impossible to operate their boats during the coming season at the same expense and under the same conditions as prevailed during 1917 and appointed a labor committee to devise means to improve the conditions.

This action is generally taken to preface a struggle in the agreement with the various labor unions whose members are employed on the boats and the longshoremen, and a late opening of the lumber carrying season.

In a statement issued after the meeting the association declared that most of its boats were operated at a loss for the season of 1917, some at a considerable loss.

Earthquake at Gonaves, Hayti.

Verdict in Pension Case.

Illinois Bankers Will Meet.

Master Plumbers in Session.

Want Larger Purse.

# Our Springfield Letter

Special Correspondent Writes of Things of Interest at the State Capital.

Springfield—Plans to end the Illinois state fair on Friday of fair week instead of Saturday were discussed at the annual meeting of the state board of agriculture. A permanent secretary of the board to succeed former Secretary W. C. Garrard also was elected. The reason for the change in the concluding day of the fair is that the majority of the exhibitors at the Illinois fair go from this city to the Missouri state fair at St. Louis.

Legislature Again in Session.

Work on Mine New Bills.

Will Check Smallpox.

Asks New Banking Law.

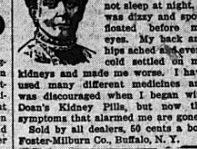
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# REASON FOR WOMEN'S 'NERVES'

In Very Many Cases It Is Weakened Kidneys.



Mrs. Frank Roseboom, 513 E. Washington St., Moscow, Idaho, says: "I inherited kidney trouble grew steadily worse with me until so nervous I could not sleep at night. I was dizzy and spots danced before my eyes. My back and hips ached and every nerve seemed to be on edge. I had used many different medicines and was discouraged when I began with Doan's Kidney Pills, but now the symptoms that alarmed me are gone." Sold by all dealers, 50 cents a box. Foster-McMillan Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Blamed on the Railroad.

First Thought in Irishman's Mind After the Accident.

THE SOFT ANSWER.

RAILROAD MAN

Didn't Like Being Starved.

Man running on a railroad has to be in good condition all the time or he is liable to do harm to himself and others.