

2. It was ——— to see the pigs scamper for the trough when John brought their food.
3. See this ——— insect.
4. It is ——— that she forgot her telephone number.
5. The clown did many ——— tricks.
6. It was a ——— day, with clouds, snow, rain, and sunshine.
7. The ball game between the fat men and the lean men was a ——— sight.
8. The orchard was a ——— sight when the blossoms were covered with snow.
9. It was ——— that he should lose his way so near home.
10. Does your newspaper have a ——— page.?

WRITTEN EXERCISES—Write a funny story about some little child or some pet animal. Or perhaps you can tell of some funny thing you saw at the circus.—School News.

CURRENT EVENTS.

The Dominion Government has awarded a contract for the mirror of a new telescope to cost over ninety thousand dollars. The mirror is to be six feet in diameter, and the telescope when completed will be the largest reflecting telescope in the world.

If experiments now being started in the Rocky Mountains prove successful, the whole Canadian Pacific Railway system may soon be adapted to the use of electricity as the motive power. It is said that there are water power sites available for developing the power over the entire system; and the point to be determined is whether the electric locomotive can be used on the heavy grades in the mountain sections.

Sir Ernest Shackleton has announced his intention of starting on another Antarctic expedition next year.

By a study of the tides, a geographer in the United States has come to the conclusion that a large body of land exists in the Arctic Ocean, somewhere to the north or northwest of the mouth of the Mackenzie River. This is possibly the Crocker Land supposed to have been approached though not actually seen by Arctic explorers; and it is the land which the Stefanson expedition is now seeking by sailing northward, and which the MacMillan expedition hopes to reach from the southeast. The latest reports from both expeditions tell of unfavourable ice conditions, but nothing that will seriously interfere with their work.

A Russian expedition which had been sent to explore the northern coast of Siberia from Bering Strait westward, and which when west of the mouth of the Lena had turned north to avoid the ice along the coast, found land which the discoverers have named Nicholas II Land, and followed its coast for about two hundred miles. The new land begins sixty miles north of Cape Chelyuskin, the northern point of the mainland of Siberia; and cannot be part of the extensive continent or archipelago supposed to lie north of Alaska. The two vessels engaged in the

survey were attempting to make their way to the mouth of the Yenisei, and complete the northeast passage to Europe. They will probably renew the attempt next year.

A monument to General Braddock, the famous British general who fell in the battle of Monongahela, in 1755, has just been erected at the scene of his last fight, near Uniontown, Pa.

An Italian inventor, named Ulivi, has given the world a new weapon of destruction, in the form of an instrument which throws out invisible rays capable of exploding a mine at a distance of a thousand yards or more. The rays are known as F-rays. The British naval authorities have been experimenting with these or some similar rays that can be used to explode submarine mines.

Canada's trade is in a more prosperous condition than ever before, the total exports for the last six months showing a large increase over those of last year. This increase was chiefly in the export of agricultural products, but the exports of minerals and of manufactured goods. It is expected that the export of agricultural produce will be further increased by the reduction of the United States tariff which has recently come into operation.

Denmark will accord home rule to Iceland; and it is expected that a new constitution will be adopted at the next general election in Iceland which will give the right of suffrage to everyone over twenty-one years of age, including women.

The largest water power in Iceland has been purchased by an English company, and will be used for the manufacture of fertilizers from atmospheric nitrogen. The waterfall to be used for this purpose is situated thirty-five miles from the coast, and a railway will be included in the work of development.

The Premier has turned the first sod for the construction of the new dry dock at Levis, Que., which is to be the largest in the world. The work is to be completed in three years.

Great Britain has accepted an invitation to send representative ships from the British Navy to join with the ships of other nations in the international fleet to pass through the Panama Canal at its formal opening in 1915.

The hundredth anniversary of the battle of Leipsic, which the Germans call the Battle of the Nations, was celebrated on the eighteenth of October by the dedication of an immense monument, nearly three hundred feet high, the largest and highest in Europe. It commemorates the great victory of the allies which freed Germany from the power of Napoleon.

Yuan Shi Kai has been formally inducted into office as the first duly elected President of the Chinese Republic.

The new Turco-Bulgarian frontier has been settled by treaty, and Turkey keeps Adrianople. It is a strong frontier city; but it means more than that to them, for it is their ancient capital and the burial places of their Sultans, and possesses many hallowed shrines.

The constitution of Mexico requires that one-third of the voters shall cast their ballots to make an election legal. It seems probable that this requirement has not been met in the recent election, and that Heurta will therefore remain in office as provisional president. As his government has not been and will not be recognized by the United States, and as the rebels in different parts of the country, but especially in the north, are still active and perhaps increasing their strength,