

nicular railway has been destroyed and the metal of the tracks has been melted.

THE *British Medical Journal* states that an examination by Professor Dunstan at the Imperial Institute, London, of certain minerals discovered during the recent mineralogical survey of Ceylon has shown that the principal constituent of one found in refuse from gem washings near Belangoda is radio-active; it contains 75 per cent. of thorium oxide, and it is thought probable that radium is present.

PROFESSOR JAMES BEART SIMONDS, of the Isle of Wight, has bequeathed his veterinary specimens and library of veterinary and scientific works to the Royal Veterinary College, London.

It is reported that Dr. Theodore Koch, of the Berlin Museum für Völkerkunde, who is exploring the districts of the Upper Amazon, reports that he has advanced farther than any white man on the Rio Tiqui, and has come into contact with hitherto unknown Indian tribes. He spent several weeks in their villages, and has brought back from his journey a rich collection of photographs and native articles, among others the famous signal drum of the Tukano tribe. He hopes to prolong his operations till the spring of next year, but the continued disputes between the Peruvians and Brazilians have somewhat interfered with his arrangements.

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THE late Professor Daniel Willard Fiske has bequeathed the main part of his estate to Cornell University. It is said that the bequest amounts to between \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. It will be remembered that Professor Fiske's wife, who died some two years ago, left \$2,000,000 to Cornell University, but that the will was broken by Professor Fiske.

THE main building of the University of Minnesota was destroyed by fire on September 24, entailing a loss of \$125,000 which is said to be covered by insurance.

SIR ALFRED JONES has given £500 and Mr. John Holt £200 to the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine for a fund to be known as the Sir William MacGregor Fund, in honor of

the newly appointed governor of Newfoundland.

THE presidency of Tulane University has been offered to Dr. E. B. Copeland, president of the Missouri State Normal School, Warrensburg, Mo.

DR. ADOLF MEYER, of the N. Y. State Pathological Institute, has been appointed professor of psychiatry in the Cornell University Medical School in the place of Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, who recently resigned.

THE lectureship of pathological chemistry, at New York University, recently endowed by Dr. C. A. Herter, will be held during the present year by Dr. P. A. Levene, of the N. Y. State Pathological Institute.

THE following appointments have been made at Lehigh University: Winter L. Wilson, C.E., M.S., Lehigh, '88, and recently professor of civil engineering in Tulane University, assistant professor in civil engineering; Sherman M. Turrill, C.E., Cornell, '91, and Robert W. Gay, B.S., C.E., New York University, instructors in civil engineering; Arthur W. Klein, M.E., Lehigh, '99, and Evert O. Eastwood, A.M., B.S., University of Virginia, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, instructors in civil engineering. Other new instructors are Charles W. Brown, A.M., Brown University and Harvard, in the department of geology; Stanley S. Seyfert, E. E. Lehigh, '04, electrical engineering; George C. Beck, A.C., Lehigh, '04, assistant in chemistry.

LORANDE LOSS WOODRUFF, A.M. (Columbia), has been advanced to an instructorship in biology at Williams College.

AT Dartmouth College, the following appointments have been made: *Mathematics*, C. A. Holden, assistant professor; Mr. Barton, instructor; *Biology*, Mr. Lyman, instructor in biology (botany), made assistant professor; *Medical School*, Dr. Percy Bartlett, A.B., Bowdoin, '92, M.D., Dartmouth, '00, instructor in anatomy; Dr. C. C. Stewart, assistant professor of physiology, Pennsylvania, assistant professor of physiology.

DR. HERMANN KOSSEL, of the Imperial Board of Health at Berlin, has been called to the chair of hygiene at the University of Giessen, as the successor of Dr. Georg Gaffky.