

Thoreau was once able to boast that he had on his shelves a library of several hundred volumes, the greater part of which he had written himself.

A remarkable feat in aerial navigation has just been accomplished, under the auspices of the Swedish Aero club, by Capt. Luge, a Swedish officer, in a balloon of his own invention.

In some parts of Brittany a curious marriage custom prevails. On certain fete days the marriageable girls appear in red petticoats, with white and yellow borders round them.

Copenhagen is an ideal city for hard-working journalists. A daily paper in the Danish capital announced at the beginning of last month it would suspend publication during July, August and September in order that the staff might enjoy a long summer holiday.

Marconi is coming across the ocean in an Italian warship, the Carlos Alberto, the use of which has been offered to him for a thorough trans-Atlantic test of his system of wireless telegraphy.

Sir Joshua Fitch told a story at the nature study exhibition in London illustrating the popular wonder at scientific knowledge. Sir John Avebury was showing the heavens through his telescope to some neighbors and servants, when one exclaimed: "I do not wonder, Sir John, that clever people find out the sizes and distances of the stars and how they move; but what beats me is how you ever could tell their names!"

The hard coal of Pennsylvania goes as far west as the Rocky mountains and is used in many a farm house on the Kansas and Nebraska prairies. It will not get that far west this winter, and among the substitutes finding consideration on the farms is corn, which was burned to quite an extent 15 years or so ago, when the price was very low.

On several occasions lately Conan Doyle, while walking in London, has been mistaken for Lord Kitchener, much to the author's embarrassment. Once he was nearly mobbed by a yelling crowd of enthusiasts, who cheered madly for "the hero of South Africa."

Count Rocko Dianovich, an Austrian globe trotter who is now in Boston, has visited every country in the world, doing all of his land traveling on foot. He speaks a dozen languages and is intimately acquainted with the history and customs of every country he has visited.

George M. Yankovsky, a young Siberian hailing from Vladivostok, is touring this country, working as a farm hand and general utility man in stables, stock yards, ranches and other places where he may gain a knowledge of stock raising and agriculture.

The jeweled sword presented by the Maharajah of Jaipur to King Edward is incrustated with gems worth \$50,000. The sword the American nation presented to Adm. Dewey is said to have cost \$10,000. The shah of Persia has a magnificent saber worth \$50,000. The only sword in the world more valuable is that belonging to the gaekwar, or Maharajah of Baroda, India.

Gen. A. D. Andrews, member of a New York city committee appointed to recommend police reforms, has returned from a tour of observation in Europe. He was much impressed by what he saw of the London police system, which he regards as much better than that of Paris, the latter being too military in make-up.

REFUSE TO MAKE TERMS.

The Great Conference in Washington Over the Coal Question Produces No Results.

THE EFFORTS OF THE PRESIDENT FAIL.

Coal Operators Reject Offer to End the Strike and Denounce the Miners' Union as a Lawless Body—Ask for Troops to Protect Property—The Struggle to Continue.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The great coal conference between the president and representatives of the operators and the miners came to an end at the temporary white house, facing Lafayette square, at 4:55 o'clock Friday afternoon with a failure to reach an agreement.

No Middle Ground Possible.

What, if anything, will result from the conference, is for the indefinite future. The views of the contenders in the great industrial struggle were so extreme and wide apart that there was no middle ground possible and so the conference came to an end without any agreement for its continuation.

Conference Ends.

The operators made it plain that they would not listen to any proposition emanating from Mr. Mitchell. It was five minutes to five o'clock when the conference ended. The operators came downstairs and held a brief consultation and then left in their carriages for their train, where they met a number of newspaper men, to whom they furnished copies of the statements they had made to the president.

Statement by Mitchell.

During the evening President Mitchell, of the Mine Workers' union, dictated a formal statement concerning the proceedings of the conference and its results, in which he announced that the strike would continue as a result of the failure of the conference.

Little Hope in Legal Action.

The president is naturally disappointed at the failure of his well-meant efforts to bring about a settlement of the strike, but he is not discouraged. It is true he has little faith in the possibility of legal action, and equally remote is the likelihood of the employment of force.

Congress May Be Called.

With legal action impossible and military force out of the question, there still remains to the president the power to convene congress in extraordinary session, and it would not be surprising if this extreme remedy should be resorted to, even upon the eve of an election.

Bank Robbed.

Kewanee, Ill., Oct. 1.—Bank robbers secured \$2,000 in cash from the Bank of Mineral, 15 miles northeast of here, early Tuesday morning.

The Debt Reduced.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The public debt statement issued yesterday shows that the debt decreased \$10,675,444 during the month of September.

DEATH OF EMILE ZOLA.

Distinguished French Novelist Found Asphyxiated by Coal Gas in His Home in Paris.

Paris, Sept. 30.—Emile Zola, the novelist, who gained additional prominence in recent years because of his defense of the Jews and of former Capt. Dreyfus, was found dead in his Paris house Monday morning.

Emile Zola, aside from being a famous novelist, was the foremost man in Europe during the Dreyfus affair. Among his most famous works was the series of political, social and physiological studies which have been called his "Human Comedy."

In 1888 M. Zola was appointed a knight of the Legion of Honor, and in 1891 he was made president of the French Society of Men of Letters.

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS.

Nominate Bird S. Coler, of Brooklyn, for Governor—Platform Bitterly Attacks Trusts.

Saratoga, N. Y., Oct. 2.—The democratic state convention nominated the following ticket: Governor, Bird S. Coler, of Brooklyn; lieutenant governor, Charles N. Bulger, of Oswego; secretary of state, Frank Mott, of Chautauque; comptroller, Charles M. Preston, of Ulster; attorney general, John Cunneen, of Erie; state engineer and surveyor, Richard W. Sherman, of Oneida; state treasurer, George R. Finch, of Warren; associate judge of the court of appeals, John C. Gray, of New York.

The following is a brief synopsis of the platform: It declares for a furtherance of Jeffersonian principles. A bitter arraignment is made of the trusts, which are charged with destroying competition, ignoring producer and consumer and lessening the wages of the worker.

The platform declares for the public ownership of the anthracite coal mines and the operating of them, the mines to be taken on the ground of eminent domain. This plank was loudly cheered.

THE TITLE IS MADE CLEAR.

New Panama Canal Company Qualified to Transfer Property to United States.

New York, Oct. 3.—William Nelson Cromwell, general counsel for the new Panama Canal company, who has returned from Paris, says he delivered to Attorney General Knox, in Paris, every conveyance, decree, concession, or other document relating to the properties of the new Panama Canal company from its inception in 1878, showing a complete and perfect claim of title in the new Panama Canal company, and its unquestionable power to convey the canal, the plant, concessions and other property to the United States, free and clear of all liens or claims of any kind.

PERISH IN A MINE.

Explosion of Fire Damp in a Washington Colliery Causes a Loss of Twelve Lives.

Black Diamond, Wash., Oct. 3.—An explosion of fire damp occurred Wednesday night between 9 and 9:30 o'clock in the south end of the fourth level of the Lawson mine, badly wrecking the mine and killing 12 miners. Fortunately no fire was started. Three bodies have been taken out. There are supposed to be nine more bodies in the mine. Three men were injured, one badly.

A Rapid Run.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The navy department received a cablegram announcing the arrival of Rear Admiral Silas Casey, aboard his flagship, the Wisconsin, at Panama, after an almost unequalled run down the Pacific coast of 3,277 miles in one day less than two weeks. Rear Admiral Casey will assume general command of the American naval forces on the isthmus.

Select a Candidate.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 1.—After an animated discussion the democratic state central committee selected L. T. Durand, of Saginaw, as the party's candidate for governor. The new nomination was made necessary by the withdrawal, on account of illness, of Judge George H. Durand, of Flint, a brother of Tuesday's nominee.

Five Men Killed.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Oct. 3.—Five men were killed and three injured in a head-end collision between two freight trains in a tunnel near Cornwallis, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. The train carried several cars of cattle, which were all killed or injured.

To Build an American City.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—The Cuban Land company, capitalized at \$3,000,000, has been organized by Chicago, New York and Cleveland citizens to build an American city in Cuba, 40 miles from Havana.

Alger Is Senator.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 30.—Gen. R. A. Alger, former secretary of war, has formally accepted Gov. Bliss' tender of the ad interim appointment as United States senator.

A MATTER OF PATRIOTISM.

President Roosevelt Appeals to Operators and Miners to End Strike for Public Good.

DISCUSSION OF CLAIMS NOT INVITED.

Asks That Personal Considerations Be Lost Sight Of and Individual Sacrifices Made So That Coal Mining May Be Resumed Without a Day's Unnecessary Delay.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The following is the statement which President Roosevelt made before the conference of railroad presidents and labor leaders held at the white house Friday: "I wish to call your attention to the fact that there are three parties affected by the situation in the anthracite trade: the operators, the miners and the general public. I speak for neither the operators nor the miners, but for the general public. The questions at issue which led to the situation affect immediately the parties concerned—the operators and the miners; but the situation itself vitally affects the public. As long as there seemed to be a reasonable hope that these matters could be adjusted between the parties it did not seem proper to me to in-

MONUMENT DEDICATED.

Memorial to Nancy Hanks Lincoln Unveiled at Lincoln City, Ind., in Presence of Big Crowd.

Lincoln City, Ind., Oct. 2.—A monument to Nancy Hanks Lincoln was dedicated here Wednesday and notwithstanding the disagreeable weather the largest crowd that ever gathered in the county witnessed the ceremonies.

Gen. John C. Black, of Chicago, delivered the oration and Gov. Durbin accepted the monument.

Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were married in Kentucky June 12, 1806. The bride was 23 years old. She was tall, her skin was dark and she had dark brown hair and gray eyes. Her face was sharp and angular, with an expression of melancholy. In disposition she was amiable and cheerful, and she had received some education. After her marriage she taught her husband to read and write. The exact time of the arrival of Thomas Lincoln with his family in Spencer county, Ind., is in doubt. It was about October 15, 1817. A year later a great many people of the settlement were afflicted with a disease that was called "milk sick." With this Nancy Hanks died. The husband, Thomas Lincoln, performed the duties of undertaker and sexton. He hewed from the forest the rude boards with which he made a coffin. Into it the frail body was tenderly placed and carried upon his back to a scantily covered knoll an eighth of

SHAW GIVES BANKS AID.

Releases Reserves Held to Secure the Government's Deposits in National Banks.

ACTION FREES \$30,000,000 IN GOLD.

Increases Possible Credits to the Extent of \$120,000,000—Will Help Also in Other Directions to Relieve the Money Stringency—Stock Market Verges on Panic.

New York, Sept. 30.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, who was in New York Monday night, has issued a statement in which he says that the banks will hereafter not be required to carry a reserve against government deposits secured by government bonds. This will make available to-day over \$30,000,000. Secretary Shaw declined to discuss the financial situation further than to say that the treasury would cooperate as far as possible with the banks both east and west in their effort to supply the necessary credit to do the unprecedented amount of business that is taxing railroads and steamship lines, as well as banks, to the utmost. Mr. Shaw said he had never seen any good reason why banks holding a government deposit secured by government bonds, should be required to carry a reserve against it. First, it is a deposit not likely to be called in a time of stringency, and, second, if called the collateral will always sell for cash and in excess of the deposit. He has since he took control of the treasury contemplated relieving the banks of this burden.

Will Release \$30,000,000.

The comptroller of the currency agrees with the secretary, and therefore it is announced that hereafter banks will not be required to carry a reserve against government deposits secured by government bonds. The treasury has on deposit with several banks, scattered throughout the country from Maine to California and from Minnesota to New Orleans, in round numbers \$130,000,000, against which they have heretofore been compelled to hold more than \$30,000,000 of gold or its equivalent. This decision will release that much reserve and \$30,000,000 additional credit.

Will Help in Other Directions.

The secretary said he would continue to make deposit of internal revenue and miscellaneous receipts (all available for that purpose), practically \$500,000 per day, as long as the situation required, and if banks were unable to obtain government bonds to secure the same he would accept the same general class of securities, municipal bonds, etc., as are made available by the laws of the several states for savings banks. By this time it is not intended to loan in excess of 5 per cent. of the par value, and nothing will be accepted that has not been panic-tried and proven salable for cash. He said he should, of course, determine each case by itself.

Market Braced Up.

New York, Oct. 1.—The stock market which closed Monday utterly demoralized as a result of stringent monetary conditions and other unfavorable circumstances, made a sensational recovery yesterday. The chief causes for the complete reversal were the action of Secretary Shaw in removing the restraint on bank reserves.

Stringency Relieved.

New York, Oct. 2.—The monetary stringency is finally relieved by Secretary Shaw's action. Interest will remain high to check speculation till crop funds return.

Snow Plows at Work.

Denver, Col. Oct. 3.—Snow plows have been ordered to the front by the mountain railroads owing to the severity of Wednesday night's storm, which blew into a blizzard above timber line. Buena Vista reports that there was a fall of three feet and the storm on Alpine pass was never known to be so severe at this season. Leadville had 12 inches of snow, with a wind blowing 40 miles an hour.

Gen. Miles Sails.

San Francisco, Oct. 2.—Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles sailed for the Philippines on the transport Thomas, which will call at Honolulu and Guam. With Gen. Miles are Lieut. Col. M. P. Maus and Mrs. Maus; A. S. Flint, stenographer, and Julius Barteman, messenger.

Legislature Elects Governor.

Montpelier, Vt., Oct. 2.—Gen. John C. McCullough, of Bennington, has been elected governor of Vermont by the state legislature. He was the republican candidate who failed of election at the polls because he did not carry a majority of the votes.

Will Need Nearly \$5,000,000.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The estimates of appropriations required for the department of agriculture for the next fiscal year, as completed by Secretary Wilson, aggregate almost \$5,000,000. The appropriations for the current year amounted to \$4,503,960.

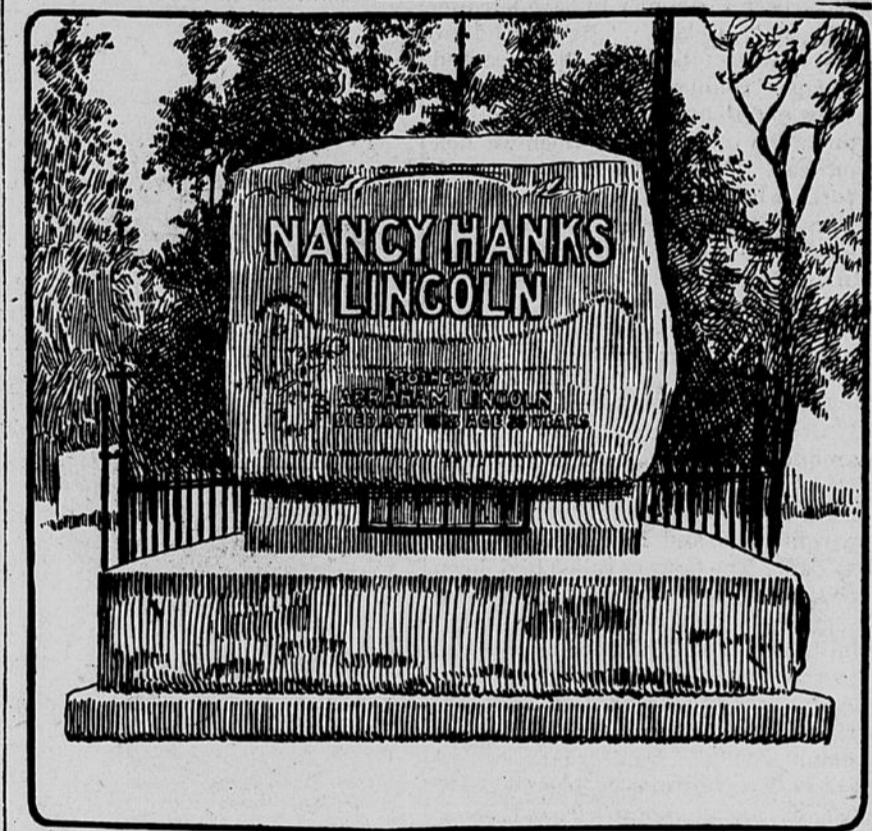
Oldest Married Couple.

Burlington, Wis., Oct. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. James Pattout celebrated at their home here the seventieth anniversary of their marriage. They are believed to be the oldest living married couple in the United States.

Rural Free Delivery.

Washington, Oct. 1.—There will be 14,000 rural free delivery postal routes in operation on July 1 next, and the estimate for appropriations for the next fiscal year provides for 12,000 more.

MONUMENT TO MRS. NANCY HANKS LINCOLN.



Dedicated in Spencer County, Ind., October 1, 1902. The Old Slab Is Within the Iron Inclosure Just Back of the New One.

tervene in any way. I disclaim any right or duty to intervene in this way upon legal grounds or upon any official relation that I bear to the situation; but the urgency and the terrible nature of the catastrophe impending over a large portion of our people in the shape of a winter fuel famine impel me, after much anxious thought, to believe that my duty requires me to use whatever influence I personally can to bring to an end a situation which has become literally intolerable. I wish to emphasize the character of the situation and to say that its gravity is such that I am constrained urgently to insist that each one of you realize the heavy burden of responsibility upon him. We are upon the threshold of winter with an already existing coal famine the future terrors of which we can hardly yet appreciate.

"The evil possibilities are so far-reaching, so appalling, that it seems to me that you are not only justified in sinking but required to sink for the time being any tenacity as to your respective claims in the matter at issue, between you. In my judgment the situation imperatively requires that you meet upon the common plane of the necessities of the public. With all the earnestness there is in me I ask that there be an immediate resumption of operations in the coal mines in some such way as will without a day's unnecessary delay meet the crying needs of the people.

"I do not invite a discussion of your respective claims and positions. I appeal to your patriotism, to the spirit that sinks personal considerations and makes individual sacrifices for the general good."

Rear Admiral Jonett Dead.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Rear Admiral James E. Jonett, United States navy, retired, died at his home, "The Anchorage," Sandy Spring, Md., at an early hour in the morning. He was 74 years of age and had a long and distinguished career. He was born in Kentucky and was appointed in the navy from that state. He was retired in 1890.

Killed Himself.

New York, Oct. 1.—Lieutenant Commander William V. Bronaugh, of the United States navy, committed suicide on the battleship Kearsarge, at the navy yard, by blowing out his brains with a revolver. Friends of Commander Bronaugh believe that worry over the manifold duties of his position was the cause.

Doing Nicely.

Washington, Oct. 3.—President Roosevelt had a comfortable day and the report from the temporary white house is that his condition is satisfactory. He spends most of the time in his wheel chair, and is able to devote considerable attention to public business.

a mile wide. The boy Abraham and his sister stood weeping by each other as the grief-stricken man lowered the body into its resting place. No minister could be procured at the time to perform the last rites. Until now the grave has never been suitably marked.]

WANTS MORE MONEY.

Estimates of Postmaster General for Next Fiscal Year Exceed Those of Present Year.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The estimates of the postmaster general of the appropriations required for all the postmasters in the United States during the next fiscal year aggregate \$46,925,220, an increase of \$3,614,700 over the appropriations made for the current year.

The estimates for the regular free delivery postal service, which is separate from the rural free delivery and which constitutes the postal service in the cities and large towns of the United States, aggregate \$21,328,300, an increase of \$1,822,850.

Crop Conditions.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says that the weather has been very unfavorable for maturing late corn in the central valleys and lake region, especially over the northern portion of these districts, and the reports indicate that corn in shock has been considerably damaged by dampness and mold over a wide area.

Deed of a Jealous Husband.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 4.—In a fit of jealousy Luther McNeer shot and killed his wife, Essie McNeer, and then committed suicide at his home here Friday afternoon. After firing bullets into his own breast McNeer went to his room and swallowed two ounces of carbolic acid.

The Republican League.

Chicago, Oct. 3.—The National Republican league met in biennial convention in this city yesterday. Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, in an address predicted that competition would down trusts finally, and that overcapitalized combinations will disappear.

Many Injured.

Maryville, Mo., Oct. 4.—Fifteen hundred persons were thrown several feet to the ground by the collapse of the reserved seats in a tent where a show given by local talent was in progress. Two hundred were injured, some seriously.

Elects Officers.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—J. Hampton Moore, city treasurer of Philadelphia, was unanimously elected president of the National League of Republican clubs. C. W. Weeks, of Iowa, was elected secretary.