

There are 140 members of the North Dakota legislature, and of them 51 are farmers and only two are lawyers.

A singular strike of priests has taken place at a friary at Lisbon. Three priests, members of a religious congregation, were suspended, whereupon others, in sympathy with them, declined to act till their colleagues were pardoned.

The Illinois legislature has been asked to re-appropriate \$9,000 for a statue of Miss Frances E. Willard, to be placed in Statuary hall, Washington, the time limit of the first appropriation having lapsed.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor is believed to own the most costly ring in America. It was made in Paris, and has three large emeralds surrounded by diamonds.

Miss Elizabeth Coombes Adams, grand-daughter of John Adams, second president of the United States, celebrated her 96th birthday the other day at her home in Quincy, Mass.

Zola made of himself such a perfect writing machine that in his later years he began to publish his novels in parts as soon as he began to write—a practice not uncommon in the days of Thackeray, but now almost obsolete.

In the Irish "house of lords," now the board room of the directors of the bank of Ireland, are at present on view two great wooden chests, strongly bound in iron, which are believed to have contained the money with which King William III. paid his troops after the battle of the Boyne.

A hospital just for babies, with 50 cribs, lots of air and sunshine, and a baby incubator where babies can be grown like so many chickens, is the latest proposed addition to Harvard's already large collection of institutions.

Amos McCartney, a California pioneer, died in Oakland a few days ago leaving to his family an estate worth half a million. It was his wish that there should be no religious services at his funeral, as he did not "desire any one to talk of the hereafter, of which no one knows more than I."

The Russian ministry of agriculture has just decided to found an agricultural high school for women, which will be the first institution of the kind in Europe. The women who pass through this institution will enjoy the same rights as successful male students.

The citizens of Portsmouth recently presented Lord Roberts with a costly sword. An American, who examined it, says that the one owned by the little English soldier is probably the costliest thing of its kind in the world.

A marvel of engraving has just been accomplished by a youth of Odessa, who is known throughout South Russia for the extraordinary precision of his work. On a grain of wheat he has engraved the music and words of the Russian national anthem with the aid of a lens.

PLEADS FOR PHILIPPINES.

President Roosevelt Sends Special Message to Congress Urging Reduction of Tariff.

TAFT REPORTS THERE IS GREAT NEED.

Relief Legislation Asked on the Ground of Duty and in Cause of Philanthropy—Business Interests of Islands at Low Ebb and Revenues Growing Smaller.

Washington, Feb. 23.—President Roosevelt sent to the senate yesterday a special message urging in strong terms the passage by that body of the Philippine tariff bill, which has been passed by the house and now languishes in the senate.

"I have just received a cable from Gov. Taft which runs as follows: 'Necessity for passage house tariff bill most urgent. The conditions of productive industry and business considerably worse than in November, the date of last report, and growing worse each month.'

"Vice Gov. Luke Wright indorses in the strongest manner all that Gov. Taft has said.

"I very earnestly ask that this matter receive the immediate attention of congress and that the relief prayed for be granted. As congress knows, a series of calamities have befallen the Philippine people. Just as they were emerging from nearly six years of devastating warfare, with the accompanying destruction of property and the breaking up of the bonds of social order and the habits of peaceful industry, there occurred an epidemic of rinderpest which destroyed 90 per cent. of the caribous, the Philippine cattle, leaving the people without draft animals to till the lands or to aid in the ordinary work of farm and village life.

"Under these circumstances there is imminent danger of a famine in the islands. Congress is in course of generously appropriating \$3,000,000 to meet the immediate needs, but the indispensable and preeminent need is the resurrection of productive industry from the prostration into which it has been thrown by the causes above enumerated.

"I ask action in the tariff matter not merely from the standpoint of wise governmental policy, but as a measure of humanity in response to an appeal to which this great people should not close its ears.

"The first and most important step in this direction has been accomplished by the joint action of the military and civil authorities in securing peace and civil government. The wisdom of congress at the present session has provided for them stable currency, and its spirit of humane liberality and justice toward them will be shown in the appropriation now substantially agreed upon of \$3,000,000 to meet the pressing immediate necessities, but there remains vital need that one thing further shall be done.

"The calamities which have befallen them as above enumerated could have been averted by no human wisdom. They cannot be completely repaired, but the suffering can be greatly alleviated and a permanent basis of future prosperity assured if the economic relations of the islands with the United States are put upon a satisfactory basis.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT. White House, Feb. 27, 1903."

Fire Ruins Plow Plant. Racine, Wis., Feb. 25.—The mammoth factory of the J. I. Case Plow works was partly destroyed by fire last night. The grinding, polishing, erecting and paint rooms and a large stock of plow goods are in ruins, together with all the machinery. A large three-story brick dwelling is also in ruins. The loss will exceed \$100,000.

Burned to Death. Cleveland, O., Feb. 24.—In a head-on collision last night between a west-bound passenger train and an east-bound freight on the Big Four a mile east of Berea, five mail clerks are reported to have been burned to death in their car, which took fire. Eight or ten passengers were seriously injured.

Weds Her Adopted Son. South Bend, Ind., Feb. 26.—Barbara Bell, aged 58 years, and Joseph Hawkins, aged 24, were secretly married here. They reside at Flora. Miss Bell 20 years ago adopted Hawkins as her son, taking him from a soldiers' orphans' home.

Hits Lotteries. Washington, Feb. 24.—The supreme court of the United States has decided that congress has the power to prohibit the sending of lottery tickets from one state to another by other means than the United States mails.

MINERS FIGHT OFFICERS.

West Virginia Workmen Defy Federal and State Authorities and Engage in Bloody Contest.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 26.—A pitched battle in which hundreds of men took part yesterday morning at Stanniford City, W. Va., resulted in the death of three miners, while scores both of miners and deputy marshals were wounded. Seventy-three of the rioters were arrested. The bloody battle grew out of an attempt to arrest 34 miners for violating a blanket injunction issued by Judge B. F. Keller last August. It is feared that trouble is only beginning, as the rioters defy the law and are well armed and well organized.

The miners were routed after a furious struggle, which at times was carried on at close quarters. The little town was thrown into a turmoil of excitement and the inhabitants fled in terror to the open country. The miners fought desperately for a time, but when they realized that the battle was lost they threw down their arms and attempted to escape.

Both the miners and the federal authorities as represented in the United States marshals and their assistants have known for several days that an armed conflict was all but inevitable.

FORCED TO THE WALL.

Frank C. Pingree Says He Must Go Into Bankruptcy as Result of Cashier Andrews' Act.

Detroit, Feb. 28.—Frank C. Pingree, one of the directors of the wrecked City Savings bank, said Friday: "I shall either file a petition in bankruptcy or make an assignment as a result of the failure of the City Savings bank and the losses I have incurred. I will be compelled to do this in order that all of my creditors may be equally protected and that the board of education, which has secured a judgment of over \$400,000 against the directors of the bank, who were the bondsmen of Cashier Andrews, the treasurer of the board, will not receive all I own. I will lose absolutely everything I have, all my stock in the Pingree & Smith Shoe Manufacturing company. All I will have left will be about \$500 worth of furniture and household goods." Mr. Pingree will be the second director of the bank driven to the wall by its failure.

A DISASTROUS FIRE.

Pike's Opera House at Cincinnati Completely Destroyed—Entire Block Is Burned.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 27.—The most destructive fire in the city's history caused a property loss estimated at nearly \$2,000,000 in the block bounded by Vine, Walnut, Fourth and Third streets yesterday. The block was the most valuable in the central business district. The Pike theater building, Harrison building, American Book company building, Woodrow printing works and Zumbiel box factory were destroyed. The Seasongood building and the Postiek building were irretrievably wrecked, and the Carlisle Building and the Telephone building were badly damaged.

Making Progress.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The anthracite coal strike commission is making considerable progress in its labors. It has carefully gone over practically all the important points involved and a tentative agreement has been reached on some of them. No statement has been made as to when the actual framing of the report will begin, but it is expected that the final conclusions to be embodied in the report will be definitely shaped very shortly.

Michigan Bank Robbed.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 28.—Two robbers blew open the safe of Hubbard's private bank, at Cedar Springs, during the night and secured between \$4,000 and \$5,000. They obtained admittance to the bank by means of keys and then opened the safe with two charges of dynamite. They stole a team from Miller's livery stable and were seen coming toward this city.

Heavily in Debt.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 26.—Homer McGraw, one of the directors of the wrecked city savings bank, of this city, has filed a petition of bankruptcy in the United States court. His liabilities total \$806,000 and his assets, besides real estate, the value of which is not given in the petition, are \$6,928.

Naval Hero Honored.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 24.—A testimonial sword was presented to Rear Admiral Henry C. Taylor, who commanded the battleship Indiana in the Spanish-American war, by the people of Indiana through the general assembly. Admiral Taylor, his wife and daughter were present.

Murderer Hanged.

Stroutsburg, Pa., Feb. 25.—Charles Grether was hanged here for the murder of Constable Strunk in September, 1901. Strunk had gone to Grether's home to arrest him for robbery, when the latter shot the officer dead.

Earthquake in South Dakota.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 26.—An earthquake shock was felt Wednesday morning at Cacomax, in Lyman county. It lasted several minutes and was severe enough to shake down stones and break the ice in White river.

Hosiery Plant Burns.

St. Joseph, Mich., Feb. 26.—Fire completely destroyed the hosiery factory of Cooper & Wells, causing a loss of \$200,000. The plant was the largest in the state.

ADMITS HE KILLED FIVE.

Alfred Knapp, Arrested at Indianapolis, Confesses to Wholesale Murder.

SAYS ALL HIS VICTIMS WERE WOMEN.

Modern Bluebeard Suspected of Many Other Crimes—Had an Unaccountable Desire to Take the Lives of Women—His Parents Say He Is Insane.

Hamilton, O., Feb. 27.—Alfred Knapp, of Indianapolis, has confessed that he has murdered four women and a girl. Two of this modern Bluebeard's victims were his wives. He is suspected of other murders and it is possible that he will yet clear up the fate of another wife.

The mayor and police are industriously looking up Knapp's record. They find that he has pursued a strange course of crime since he was a mere youth. During all his adult life he seems to have had a peculiar mania for attacking women and girls and the strangling of three women at Evansville, Ind., is now laid at his door.

The Confession.

Knapp's confession, which was



UNCLE SAM TAKING A LITTLE PHYSICAL CULTURE.

sworn to before Mayor Bosch, is as follows:

"On January 21, 1894, I killed Emma Littleman in a lumber yard in Gest street, Cincinnati.

"On August 1, 1894, I killed May Eckert in Walnut street, opposite the Y. M. C. A., in Cincinnati.

"On December 7, 1894, I killed my wife, Jennie Connors Knapp, under the Canal bridge in Liberty street, Cincinnati, and threw her into the canal.

"In Indianapolis, in July, 1895, I killed Ida Gebhard.

"On December 22, 1902, I killed my wife Annie Knapp, at 339 South Fourth street, in Hamilton, and threw her into the river at Lindenwald.

"This is the truth. I make this statement of my own free will and not by the request of any officer or anyone else."

Tells of His Crimes.

Knapp was asked why he committed his various crimes and how he felt when he was choking a woman to death. He said:

"I can't tell. I was seized with an irresistible desire to choke them and I can't help it. I could not let go when once I began even if I wanted to. I never feel any remorse, only a feeling of satisfaction when I know that they are dead. I used my hands in every case except that of Mary Eckert. I choked that woman with a towel, but I could have done it with my hands."

Every doctor who has seen Knapp here agrees that he is a moral pervert, similar to "Jack the Ripper," except that he finds satisfaction in choking women and children.

Say He Is Insane.

The parents of Knapp to-night said Alfred was insane, and his confession should not be believed. Alfred had given them so much trouble they believed he would be better dead. Mrs. Sadie Wenzel, his sister, said when five years old he was kicked by a colt at Twenty Mile Prairie, Ill., and later struck by lightning at Terre Haute, and but for her parents she would have had him adjudged insane. She said Hannah Knapp separated her from her husband, who lives in Chicago.

Tells of His Crimes.

Hamilton, O., Feb. 28.—Regardless of the pleas of his attorneys, Albert A. Knapp, the self-confessed murderer of five women, yesterday continued the recital of a tale of fiendishness and horror which has scarcely any parallel in the annals of criminal history. No detail of his crimes was omitted, and though he refused to add any murders to his original list of five, the police believe that he has strangled women from the east to Kansas City and that, as the pleasure of reciting his crimes grows upon him he will solve many of the murder mysteries of the last ten years.

ACCEPT AGREEMENT.

Panama Officials Have No Objections to Changes in Canal Deal Proposed by Attorney-General Knox.

Paris, Feb. 26.—The chief officials of the Panama Canal company, it is said, have informed American officials they have no objection to the two changes in the agreement suggested in the recent dispatch from Attorney General Knox proposing the acceptance of the company's tender, subject to the two modifications and to the United States senate's ratification. It is assumed among the American officials here that this willingness on the part of the company has been communicated to the authorities at Washington. As Mr. Knox's proposition is understood to refer to the ratification of the treaty before March 4, the officials say that the attitude which the company will assume after that date is still undisclosed.

SALARIES ARE ILLEGAL.

Opinion of Attorney General Hamlin Hits Illinois Officers and Causes Excitement.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 26.—Attorney General Hamlin has rendered an opinion which declares that the salaries paid to all employees of state institutions above that fixed and provided by law are unconstitutional and void. The decision has caused a great stir in administration circles, as it hits the large majority of the state officials, and their

WORK DONE IN CONGRESS.

Lawmakers in the Senate and House Discuss Matters of Importance and Make New Laws.

DAILY SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Senate Passes Several Appropriation Measures and Many Pension Bills—House Also Passes Appropriation Bills—Resolution Offered for Annexation of Canada.

Washington, Feb. 24.—In the senate yesterday Senator Kerns (Utah) presented the credentials of Senator-elect Smoot, of Utah, which were read. The omnibus public building bill was passed and the post office appropriation bill was considered without final action.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Indianola (Miss.) post office case occupied the major portion of the time of the senate yesterday. Senator Tillman continuing his remarks on the race question. The agricultural appropriation bill was considered, and the committee amendments agreed to, except the statehood rider, which was passed over.

Washington, Feb. 26.—In the senate yesterday the statehood riders to the agricultural and post office appropriation bills were withdrawn and both bills passed, the house amendments to the Philippine currency bill were agreed to, thus sending the bill to the president, the sundry civil bill was nearly completed, and 320 pension bills were passed.

Washington, Feb. 27.—In open session yesterday the senate discussed at length and finally passed the sundry civil bill. In executive session Senator Morgan continued his speech against the Panama canal treaty.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The senate yesterday passed the naval appropriation bill, which carries a total of \$81,507,412, and also the military academy appropriation bill. Senator Morgan resumed his speech in opposition to the Panama canal treaty.

House Proceedings. Washington, Feb. 23.—The house held a session Sunday to pay tribute to the memories of three deceased members, the late Representative Tongue, of Oregon; the late Representative Rumble of Iowa, and the late Representative Moody, of North Carolina. Mr. Moody of Oregon, presided in the absence of Speaker Henderson. The customary resolutions were adopted and a number of members delivered eulogies.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The house yesterday passed the general deficiency appropriation bill, the last of the regular supply bills. It carries \$13,698,761. The only amendment of importance was one appropriating \$1,000,000 to replace the stores and storehouse at the Rock Island arsenal recently destroyed by fire. The committee on merchant marine and fisheries voted not to report the ship subsidy bill.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The house yesterday passed the Philippine currency bill.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The conference report on the army appropriation bill was adopted in the house yesterday, thus sending the bill to the president. The bill to establish a union station in Washington also was passed. Mr. De Armond (Mo.) introduced a concurrent resolution providing for the annexation of Canada to the United States.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The house yesterday, after filibustering by the democrats and repeated roll calls and waits while a quorum was being secured, unseated James J. Butler, of Missouri, and seated George C. E. Wagoner in his place.

Washington, Feb. 28.—After a stormy session in the house, in which the democrats carried out their threat that if Mr. Butler (Mo.) was unseated they would do everything in their power to block legislation from now until congress expires March 4, the agricultural, sundry civil, military academy and post office appropriation bills were finally sent to conference and the conference report on the Indian appropriation bill was adopted.

Miners Succeeded.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 28.—Alfred Mottley and Thomas McDonald were suffocated in the Black Diamond mine, south of this city, Friday, by being overcome by gas. Emery Brewer, the fire boss, in his efforts to save the men nearly met death himself. He dragged both men to the surface, but Mottley was dead before reaching the air and McDonald died soon after.

A Wisconsin Tragedy.

Marshfield, Wis., Feb. 26.—John Powell, a well-to-do farmer, living near this city, shot and killed his wife Wednesday, with a shotgun, he is thought to have become suddenly insane, as his brother is already in an insane asylum. The family includes four small children. Powell is 50 years old.

Will Practice Law in New York.

Dubuque, Ia., Feb. 28.—It was announced at the law office of Henderson, Linehan, Hurd & Kiesal that Speaker Henderson has retired from the firm. Although not officially announced, it was stated that Mr. Henderson will enter a New York firm, as successor to ex-Speaker Reed.

Anarchists to Meet.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Evening Telegram prints a story to the effect that anarchists from all over the world are about to meet in a secret convention at Paris to devise plans that may radically affect the crowned heads of Europe.