

The recently published Russian trade returns show that the knout, which has hitherto been regarded as a typical Russian product, is a German import.

Knives used at restaurants in Austria-Hungary must be blunt according to a very inconvenient regulation that has been enforced.

A novel, but simple, protection against tigers has been introduced into the cattle-rearing districts of the Himalaya mountains.

In a certain London office a club has been formed of smokers who have pledged themselves not to use tobacco in any form till after office hours.

Dr. Robert H. Dorsey, who died in Los Angeles some days ago, came of a long line of medical practitioners high in the profession.

The Russian government has set about regulating the age at which girls shall marry in Turkestan. It has been customary for Mohammedan girls to marry between the ages of 10 and 12 years.

A letter addressed in a round, girlish hand to "Our Lord in Heaven" has just passed through the hands of the postal officials in Ost-Gotland, Sweden.

Ex-Police Commissioner Murphy, of New York, who died recently, underwent an operation 13 years ago on account of an almost impassable stricture of the gullet.

In March, 65 years ago, was born in a village of Somersetshire, England, John Henry Brodribb, better known to the world as Sir Henry Irving.

As a result of the introduction of the Bertillon system by the Zurich police the town has practically cleared out all its bad characters.

A new series of postage stamps is projected for Cuba which will include other denominations than those which now exist, up to and including \$1 denomination.

THE PANAMA CANAL WINS

Senate Acts Favorably on Convention for Construction of the Isthmian Route.

ONLY FIVE VOTES CAST IN THE NEGATIVE

No Obstacle Now to Early Beginning of the Work—Approval by Colombia is Expected at Once—Treaty Gives the United States Exclusive Rights for 100 Years.

Washington, March 18.—With only five votes against it the Panama canal treaty was ratified by the senate late yesterday afternoon.

The Panama canal treaty between the United States and Colombia was signed at Washington on January 22, 1903.

The treaty gives the United States exclusive rights for 100 years, renewable at the option of the United States, to complete the Panama canal, maintain, protect and operate it.

The treaty relieves the canal of taxes of any kind, permits immigration of workmen, authorizes the United States to preserve order on the canal and railroad, gives Colombia the right of free transportation for its vessels.

Colombia agrees to provide armed forces for the protection of the canal if necessary, and in the event of her inability to do so, the United States is authorized to employ such forces as may be necessary.

The United States agrees to begin the main works within two years, and to open the canal for passage within 14 years.

Both houses of Colombian congress must by a majority vote taken in their separate chambers adopt the treaty as the supreme law before the United States can begin active operations on the canal.

President Roosevelt will be prepared to appoint a commission and thus inaugurate the work of actual construction as soon as the ratifications are exchanged.

Philadelphia, March 17.—Thirty-four graves in Philadelphia cemeteries will be opened by the police, in an effort to fix that many killings on George Hossey, the negro "voodoo" doctor.

Washington, March 21.—The United States agricultural department announces that good European markets exist for American fruits.

London, March 21.—Information received from the home office is to the effect that Mrs. Maybrick, now undergoing life sentence as the result of conviction of the charge of having poisoned her husband, will be released from prison about the beginning of April next year.

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 20.—Miss Alice Roosevelt landed at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning from the steamer Coamo.

PRESIDENT IS PLEASED.

Says Action of Senate on the Cuban Treaty Shows Good Will of Country Toward Island.

Washington, March 21.—Only five members of the cabinet attended the meeting Friday, and they were in session less than half an hour.

Both the president and the members of the cabinet expressed great satisfaction with the results accomplished by congress at the regular session, and by the senate at the extraordinary session which has adjourned.

Washington, March 21.—Acting Secretary of State Loomis and Mr. Quesada, the Cuban minister, after discussing the prospects of an exchange of ratifications of the Cuban treaty within the time limit, decided to cable President Palma requesting him to call the Cuban congress into extraordinary session immediately for this purpose.

BIG BOATS COLLIDE.

Steamers on Long Island Come Together in a Fog and Six Persons Lose Their Lives

New London, Conn., March 21.—Traveling at a moderate rate of speed through Long Island sound early Friday morning the big passenger steamer Plymouth, of the Fall River line, bound for Fall River from New York, and the freight steamer City of Taunton, of the same line, came into collision in the fog just east of Plum Island.

The known dead are: John McCarthy, watchman, head cut off; Snow Coleman, negro, pantry man, drowned; Julius Dawson, negro, messenger, drowned; John Bristol, negro, waiter, drowned; John William, negro, baker, drowned; unidentified passenger, thought to be G. H. Marston, New York.

MINE ABANDONED.

Fire Completes the Work of Destruction Caused by Explosions at Cardiff, Ill.

Springfield, Ill., March 19.—Advices from Cardiff, Ill., are that the fire resulting from Sunday's and Monday's explosions have destroyed the mine, and it will be flooded and abandoned.

TRAGEDY ON A FARM.

Discharged Hand Kills Woman, Wounds Her Daughter, and Commits Suicide.

Detroit, March 20.—A Free Press special from Bear Lake, Mich., says: Joseph Bradley, a farmhand, supposed to be unsound mentally, Thursday afternoon ran amuck with a gun and killed Mrs. F. E. Bowerman, dangerously wounded her daughter and attempted to kill her son.

Gold Bar Missing.

Detroit, Mich., March 20.—No arrests have been made as yet in connection with the mysterious disappearance Wednesday night from the Union depot office of the Pacific and Dominion Express company of a bar of gold in transit from Salt Lake City to the east, which is valued at \$23,500.

Negroes Hanged.

Star City, Ark., March 21.—James Ruffin and Jay Green, both negroes, were hanged here for the murder of Don McGee on January 3, 1902.

Michigan Debaters Win.

Madison, Wis., March 21.—Michigan university won from Wisconsin Friday evening in a debate on the income tax.

Held for Trial.

Hamilton, O., March 17.—Alfred Knapp, the wife murderer, was called before Mayor Bosch for his preliminary trial and was held to answer to the grand jury without bail.

To Ask for Pardon.

New York, March 21.—Officials of the Mormon church have arranged to make a powerful appeal to Gov. Odell for the pardon of William Hooper Young, now serving a life sentence in Sing Sing.

CUBAN TREATY RATIFIED.

The Senate Finishes the Business for Which Special Session Was Called.

VOTE WAS 50 TO 16 FOR RATIFICATION.

An Amendment Requires House Action Before the Treaty Becomes Effective—Cuban Senate May Reject the Pact—General Outline of the Provisions.

Washington, March 20.—The special session of the senate adjourned sine die at 5:30 o'clock yesterday after ratifying the Cuban treaty with an amendment requiring the cooperation of the house in making the treaty effective.

The Cuban treaty, ratified by the senate, was negotiated in Havana, December 11, 1902, between Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, representing the United States, and Senors Carlos de Saldo and Jose M. Gracia Montes, representing Cuba.

SPRING HAS COME AT LAST.



If You Don't Believe It Visit Any Old Newspaper Office.

The other duty free shall continue free of import duties. All other Cuban products imported into the United States shall enter at a reduction of 20 per cent. from the rate of duty imposed by the United States on such articles of merchandise.

The Sugar Question.

It is specially agreed that tobacco, in any form, of the United States or its insular possessions shall not be given any concession or rebate of duty when imported into Cuba.

Duration of Treaty.

Provision is made against any impairment of the effect of the treaty by means of national or local taxes or charges. The treaty contains articles by which either country may denounce it should changes in the other's tariff deprive the objecting nation of its tariff advantages.

Crime of a Woman.

Penn Yan, N. Y., March 18.—In a frenzy of mania Mrs. James Strowbridge, of Guyayoga village, five miles from here, on Tuesday killed her daughter, aged 26, and her mother, aged 80 years, and after setting fire to the house in which the bodies lay, deliberately entered it and perished in the flames.

Everybody Has Measles.

Peoria, Ill., March 21.—Every inhabitant of Benson, Ill., a town of 200 inhabitants located about 20 miles out of Peoria on the Santa Fe road, has the measles.

ELECTRICAL STORM.

Does Great Damage to Property in Wisconsin Towns and Two Men Are Killed.

Milwaukee, March 20.—Reports of a severe electrical storm in Wisconsin late Wednesday night are coming in. Railroad tracks were washed out at Manitowoc and all trains are reported as being abandoned.

Gustav Klebesattel, president of the Shawano County Agricultural society, was killed by lightning at Shawano while feeding stock in barn.

WILL SEND TENTS.

War Department Ready to Shelter and Feed Sufferers by the Floods in the South.

Washington, March 21.—Upon the receipt of a dispatch from the mayor of Memphis appealing for tents to shelter refugees from the overflowed

IS IMPRACTICABLE.

Difficulties of Telephoning Under the Atlantic Are Still Insurmountable.

Berlin, March 19.—Technical Inspector Jentsch, of the government telegraph department, has made an official report to the effect that telephone connection between New York and Berlin is impracticable.

Favor Good Roads Bill.

Milwaukee, March 20.—A Sentinel special from Marshfield, Wis., says: Farmers of northern Wisconsin, in convention here for three days, adopted resolutions indorsing the bill now in the legislature, empowering the state to furnish aid to counties for improvement of roads.

Taken Under Adversement.

St. Louis, Mo., March 21.—Arguments in the Wabash injunction suit were concluded at three o'clock Friday afternoon and the case was taken under advisement by Judge Adams.

Five Boys Drowned.

Joplin, Mo., March 19.—News of the tragic death of five boys, whose ages ranged from five to nine years, has been received here from Chant, I. T. The boys were playing on a raft, which capsized. The dead are: Raymond Croceroft, Ralph Oaks, Charles Oaks, Peter Berry, Luther Berry.

Sentenced.

Iowa City, Ia., March 17.—Mrs. Gallagher, convicted of perjury in the trial of Charles Holada for the murder of her husband, has been sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary.

COAL STRIKE REPORT.

Abstract of the Findings of Coal Strike Commission Appointed by the President.

RECOMMENDATIONS FAVOR THE MINER.

The Commission Recommends an Increase of Wages. The Miners are Held Not Altogether Blameless. Some Decrease in Time Recommended, also Stricter Enforcement of the Child Labor Law.

Washington, March 23.—The report of the commission appointed to investigate the coal strike was made public on Saturday.

The following is the commission's digest of the award:

First—That an increase of 10 per cent over and above the rates paid in the month of April, 1902, be paid to contract miners for cutting coal, yardage and other work for which standard rates or allowances existed at that time, from and after Nov. 1, 1902, and during the life of this award, they shall have eight-hour shifts, with the same pay which was in effect at that time.

Second—That engineers who are employed in hoisting water shall have an increase of 10 per cent on their earnings between Nov. 1, 1902, and April 1, 1903, to be paid on or before June 1, 1903, and from and after April 1, 1903, to be paid on or before June 1, 1904; and during the life of this award, they shall have eight-hour shifts, with the same pay which was in effect at that time.

Third—During the life of this award the present methods of payment for coal mined shall be adhered to unless changed by mutual agreement.

In all of the above awards it is provided that allowances like those made shall be paid to the widows of miners who have died since Nov. 1, 1902.

Fourth—Any difficulty or disagreement arising under this award, either as to its interpretation or application, or in any way growing out of the relations of the employers and employed which cannot be settled or adjusted by the superintendent or manager of the mine or mines, or the miner or miners directly interested, or by a committee of six persons appointed as hereinafter provided.

The board of conciliation thus constituted shall have the right to hear and determine any question referred to it as aforesaid, hearing both parties to the controversy, and such evidence as may be laid before it by either party and any award made by a majority of such board of conciliation shall be final and binding on all parties thereto.

No suspension of work shall take place, by lockout or strike, pending the adjudication of any matter so taken up for adjustment.

Fifth—When requested by a majority of the contract miners of any mine, check weighmen or check docking bosses, or both shall be employed.

Sixth—Mine cars shall be distributed among the miners who are at work as uniformly and as equitably as possible, and there shall be no concerted effort on the part of the miners or mine workers of any colliery or collieries to limit the output of the mines or to distract from the quality of the work performed, unless such limitation of output be in conformity to an agreement between an operator or operators and an organization representing a majority of said miners in his or their employ.

Seventh—In all cases where miners are paid by the car, the increased award to the contract miners shall be based upon the rates paid per car which were in force on April 1, 1902. Any increase in the size of car or in the tonnage thereof shall be accompanied by a proportionate increase in the rate paid per car.

Eighth—The following sliding scale of wages shall become effective April 1, 1903, and shall affect all miners and mine workers included in the awards of the commission.

A PRINCELY SALARY.

Kaid Maclean, commander in chief of the Moorish army, draws the comfortable salary of \$35,000 a year, quite a change from the time when, as lieutenant in the British army, his pay was less than \$650 a year.