

For every 10,000 inhabitants of Germany 100 acres of potatoes are planted...

The Swedish explorer, Sven Hedin, is only 38 years old. It was expected that after his arduous and dangerous trip to Central Asia he would rest a few years, but he is already busy with his Asiatic plans.

Pittsburg cast 60,000 votes at its regular election and Allegheny City 20,000, a total of 80,000, indicating a probable total population of 470,000.

Sweden's success in dealing with the problem of temperance is attested by the fact that her consumption of liquor is now only four quarts per head per annum, or one-sixth of what it was in 1880, whereas in Germany it is 11.2 quarts per head.

Between the two-cent face, three and six-cent rates in public conveyances, one-cent for a paper, etc., the engineer and the nation hereafter will be seen perambulating copper pieces, to say nothing of the conductor who carries a satchel.

Three Chicago ministers who acted as arbitrators in the recent stock market strike presented a bill for \$1,000 each for their services. They will get \$40 each or thirty cents an hour.

That the microbes which cause disease can not be killed by firing them out of a gun has been proved in official government experiments. Microbes of malignant pustule, of abscesses and of the intestine were smeared upon the face of the gun wad, put next the powder and fired into sterile gelatin and agar-agar.

Plans have been drawn up for an electric railway from Le Fayet, about 12 miles from Chamounix, to the summit of Mont Blanc. The first section to be constructed is to include in its stations the Montivon, the Col de Voza, Mount Lachat, Les Rognes and Tete Rousse, the provisional terminus being l'Aligulio du Gouter, at 12,500 feet above the mean level of the sea.

Yale's oldest graduate in years in Chicago is Sherman M. Booth. He entered Yale as a sophomore in 1838 and was graduated in 1841. He is now 82 years old.

John H. Heaton, M. P., who has returned to London from Italy, whither he accompanied Signor Marconi, says he saw at an observatory near Rome specimens of a new system of electric photography, by which clear pictures can be obtained of persons and scenes 20 miles distant.

A deed for a tract of land with one inch front and a depth of 150 feet was signed and delivered in Philadelphia the other day. Some time ago Jeweler Wallace Miller erected a building, setting it back one inch from the line.

From the Hudson river through a line of pipes more than seventy miles long New York will get its new water supply if Commissioner Robert Grier Monroe's advice is taken. Three experts who for six months have been going over all watersheds in the state and surveying every point supposed to be available have recommended this plan.

If Mary Schmidt, of Peoria, Ill., marries a German she will be wealthy. If she should select an Englishman or some other than a German she will be off of her share of a large estate by her father, Andrew Schmidt.

TOUR OF THE PRESIDENT.

Chief Executive Explores and Enjoys the Wonders and Beauties of the Pacific Coast.

HIS STEPS ARE NOW TURNED HOMEWARD

Completes His Visit to the Peninsula and Enters Upon the Last Stage of His Long Trip—Greeted by Enthusiastic Crowds Everywhere and Makes Plans for His Homecoming.

Bismarck, Cal., May 21.—President Roosevelt yesterday completed his tour of California and entered upon the last stages of his long trip, which is to end at Washington June 5. The president made his longest speech here, during which he said: "If this country we have room for every honest man who spends his life in honest efforts; we have no room either for the man of means who, in the spirit of arrogant business, looks down upon the man less well off, or for the man who envies his neighbor because that neighbor happens to be better off. I pity no man because he has no work. If he is worth his salt he will work. I envy the man who has a work worth doing and does it well; and surely no man lives more worthy of admiration than these men to whom it has been given to build up giant commonwealths like this. In coming across the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific the thing that has struck me most is that fundamentally wherever you go in this broad country a good American is a good American."

Portland, Ore., May 21.—The president was greeted by 6,000 people as his train pulled into Portland last night at a quarter of seven o'clock, where he made his first stop within the confines of Oregon. Bands were playing, cannon were booming, and thousands were cheering as the president stepped out upon the rear platform of his car for a 15-minute speech, which he introduced by expressing the peculiar pleasure he felt at entering the state of Oregon for the first time.

Refers to Jewish Massacre. Portland, Ore., May 22.—President Roosevelt traveled through the fertile Willamette valley from early yesterday morning until two o'clock in the afternoon, when he arrived in this city. At Salem, the capital of the state, a stop of three hours was made, and the president delivered an address on citizenship. In his address he made a pointed reference to the recent Jewish massacre at Kishineff, although he did not refer directly to Russia, to its government, or to the bitterness of the racial hatred between Russian and Jew in that country.

Wants Strong Navy. Tacoma, Wash., May 23.—President Roosevelt entered the state of Washington yesterday and stopped at a number of cities, where he made brief addresses. He got his first glimpse of Puget sound at Olympia, and delivered a speech to 10,000 people in that city. In his address in Tacoma he declared he desired the kind of peace for the United States that comes to the just man who is armed the kind we can claim by right, and not the kind that comes as a favor granted in contempt. As a guarantee for the character of peace we want, the president argued that an adequate navy was an absolute necessity, and said that the United States must prepare to dominate the Pacific.

Suspects Released. Kokomo, Ind., May 23.—Detectives here from Cincinnati and Greenville, O., working on the Yeager-Sutton murder cases, claim to have made the discovery that the supposed young woman who was in Yeager's buggy at the time the shot was fired was not a woman at all, but a man dressed in woman's clothing and disguised as a woman. Logan Englis, Frank Eads and Willard Eads were released from custody Thursday night by order of Prosecutor Cooper. They established strong alibis.

Will Be Tried in Memphis. Memphis, Tenn., May 23.—In the habeas corpus case of Mrs. Lizzie McCormick, charged with sending poisoned whisky to a Cincinnati woman, thereby causing the death of one person and the serious illness of others, Judge Galloway dismissed the Cincinnati warrant charging her with murder and held the woman on a charge of murder preferred by a local citizen. This means that Mrs. McCormick will not be taken to Ohio, but will stand trial here.

Miners Called Out. Wheeling, W. Va., May 22.—By authority of President Mitchell an order has been issued from the headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America which calls from their work in the Long Creek and New River coal fields in this state between 7,000 and 8,000 workmen, who will not return to work until the recognition of the miners' union is forced upon the mine owners.

Child Labor Disbanded. Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 22.—The Delaware & Hudson Coal company has started to remove from its mines laborers who are under 16 years of age. This is in line with the recommendation in the report of the anthracite strike commission on child labor and in accordance with a recent act of the legislature.

APPLIED THE AX.

Pennsylvania's Pennsylvania Avenue of Court and Chopps Down Western Union Poles.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 22.—The right-of-way of the Pennsylvania railroad is marked by hundreds of miles of demolished telegraph poles and twisted wire. Pursuant to a mission from the United States circuit court, signed Thursday, the Pennsylvania road company began the work of moving the Western Union Telegraph company's lines from an entire system east of Pittsburg. The order of the court involves the destruction of 25,000 miles of telegraph lines at 20,000 poles. Hundreds of towns without telegraphic service.

The wholesale work of destruction marks the end of a bitterly contested legal battle between the Pennsylvania and the Western Union. The railroad company made a contract with the Postal Telegraph company to move its poles and wires. That company appealed to the court and Judge Buffington on Thursday signed the formal order permitting Pennsylvania to remove the obstructing telegraph property from its right-of-way.

CUBAN TREATY SIGNED.

Permanent Conception with United States Ratified by Officials in Havana.

Havana, May 23.—The permanent treaty between the United States and Cuba in which its incorporated all the provisions of the Platt amendment was signed yesterday afternoon. The provisions are as follows: Cuba is never to enter into any treaty or compact with any foreign power which will impair or tend to impair its independence. The government is not to assume nor contract any public debt to pay the interest on which and to make reasonable sinking fund provision for the ultimate payment or delivery of revenues of the island after paying the government expenses shall be inadequate. Cuba consents that the United States may intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence. Cuba ratifies all acts of the United States in Cuba done during the military occupation. Cuba will make provision for the sanitation of the cities of the island to the end that a recurrence of epidemic and infectious diseases may be prevented.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Cuba Celebrates the First Anniversary of the Establishment of the Republic.

Havana, May 21.—The celebration of Cuba's independence day, the first anniversary of the establishment of the Cuban republic, began at midnight with the illumination of the fronts of the principal clubs, the sending up of rockets and the screeching of steam whistles. Business was completely suspended and the streets were thronged with people. At noon the guns of Cabanas fortress announced that exactly a year had elapsed since the birth of the Cuban republic, and immediately thereafter the rural guards and artillery paraded on the plaza in front of the palace and were reviewed by the president.

AN UNLUCKY NUMBER.

Elevator Containing Thirteen Persons Falls—Four of the Occupants Are Killed.

Pittsburg, May 23.—One man and three women were killed and five or six injured Friday night at 1026 Fifth avenue, the building occupied by a dancing academy. The cause of the fatalities was the snapping of the elevator ropes, allowing the cage to drop 50 feet. The dead are so badly mangled that identification has been impossible up to midnight. The only one whose name may be correct is Catherine Curtin. Her body was found a railroad ticket with the name on it.

Little Girls Burned to Death.

Merrill, Mich., May 22.—Pearl and Edna Gill, aged three and five years, respectively, orphans, who had been adopted by Mrs. E. L. Butler, lost their lives in a fire that destroyed the Butler home at seven o'clock Thursday. Mrs. Butler was at a neighbor's when the fire broke out, and the children were asleep on the first floor of the house. They were smothered to death before help could reach them, and their bodies were slightly burned.

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Insane Mother's Deed.

Allentown, Pa., May 21.—After placing her two youngest children, Edna, aged six years, and Roy, aged one year, to bed, some time Wednesday, Mrs. Elvin Bachman, of Slatington, near here, killed the babes by cutting their throats and then committed suicide by slashing her own throat.

BANKS BREAK THE RECORD.

Have More Money Now in Circulation Throughout the Country Than Ever Before.

CURRENCY OUT EXCEEDS \$400,000,000

Government Presses Run Overtime, Refunded Bonds Deposited to Secure Current Expansion Aids Business in Whole Nation.

Washington, May 21.—The circulation of national banks has passed the \$400,000,000 mark, the largest amount ever before achieved, and is still climbing in its most remarkable manner. The bureau of engraving and printing is turning out bank notes as fast as it can, and extra work will permit. The presses have been running night and day for two months and the outlook is that they will continue under the same tension until July 1 at least.

MASSACRE OF JEWS IN RUSSIA.

Reports from Kishineff, in Bessarabia, received by mail, confirm that during the recent three days' massacre of the Jews 48 persons were killed outright, 30 have since died of their injuries and upward of 1,000 were seriously wounded. Children were murdered in a horrible manner, one child's body being found entirely split in two.



ENORMOUS LOSSES.

Grand Total of 1,500,000 Sheep Frozen to Death in Montana Since December—Monetary Loss \$3,750,000.

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Helena, Mont., May 22.—Statistics compiled by President T. C. Power, of the state board of sheep commissioners, fixes the total number of sheep lost in recent blizzards at 900,000. Up to the time of the storm, 600,000 had frozen in the snow of previous blizzards, making the grand total of 1,500,000 lost in Montana since December. At an average of \$2.50 this means a monetary loss of \$3,750,000.

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Chicago, May 21.—The Porter Brothers company, which has a capital of \$1,000,000 and is one of the largest fruit-dealing firms in the United States, having branches in Boston, St. Paul, Minneapolis, New York, San Jose, Cal., and San Francisco, has been placed in the hands of a receiver, with liabilities of \$3,000,000. Receiver Wilson stated that the assets would exceed the liabilities and that the embarrassment of the firm would only be temporary.

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Chicago, May 22.—Approximately 7,000 men are now out on strike in St. Louis and immediate vicinity. The threatened strikes which have been brewing for some weeks past have culminated and commerce in St. Louis is seriously interrupted. The freight handlers of all the railroads doing business in St. Louis and East St. Louis struck yesterday in sympathy with the porters and packers who recently went out.

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Chicago, May 23.—The Lorimer-Durbin account is ended and Congressman William Lorimer is entitled to the office he holds from the Sixth district. No fraud was discovered in the election, and he was declared, victor by 1,001 votes over Allan C. Durbin, instead of 985 given by the official returns.

ENORMOUS LOSSES.

Chicago, May 21.—The big clothing establishment of Strouss, Eisendracht & Co. was destroyed by fire last night, the loss being estimated at \$500,000.

INJUNCTION GRANTED.

Union Defendants by Federal Judge Against Labor Unions in Kansas City.

Kansas City, May 21.—An injunction was granted Friday by Judge Phillips of the federal court against the industrial council and most of the labor organizations in Kansas City restraining the defendants from interfering with the employees of two restaurants, from posting the names of customers eating at these restaurants, and from doing anything calculated to injure the business of the restaurants. The injunction is the most sweeping in character that has ever been granted by the federal court against the labor unions in this city. The cooks and waiters were enjoined some time ago from pacing back and forth in front of non-labor restaurants and shouting to people to boycott such places. After that the union men watched the people who ate at the non-labor restaurants and had their names printed on cards as being unfriendly to working people, after which the cards were scattered broadcast. The injunction granted Friday forbids this.

SHOWS BIG DEFICIT.

Postmaster General Payne Criticizes Subordinate for Shortage in the Free Delivery System.

Washington, May 22.—Congress will be asked at the opening of its next session to make an appropriation to cover deficiencies in both the regular free delivery and the rural free delivery service of the post office department. Postmaster General Payne Thursday announced that this

CAUSE DEATH AND RUIN.

Several States Visited by Tornadoes That Take Human Life and Destroy Property.

TEN ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

Large Portions of Country Laid Waste by Fury of the Wind—Live Stock Killed—In Some Sections Native Towns Were Practically Destroyed—Many Persons Injured.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 22.—A heavy storm swept over Indiana Thursday afternoon between three and four o'clock. Wire service has been almost paralyzed and damage to buildings and crops will reach many thousands. Buildings were struck by lightning and burned and there were some narrow escapes by fleeing occupants. The principal damage was done by lightning.

At Lebanon, Ind., trees were blown down, outbuildings destroyed, the wire service paralyzed and no communication can be obtained with the surrounding country to ascertain the extent of the damage. The roof of the Perkins hotel, the largest in Lebanon, was torn off and there were several narrow escapes from death. The new street car barn was blown down and windows were broken in all parts of the town.

At Elwood, Ind., the storm did damage to the amount of \$20,000. Three in One Day. Salina, Kan., May 22.—The third cyclone in Salina county within the past 24 hours struck Assaria Thursday night. Two persons were killed and a dozen or more injured. The dead are: William A. Olson, 13 years old, and Peter Olson. Of the injured none is fatally hurt. The house in which the Olsons lived was demolished completely, and the body of the boy was found 30 rods from where the house had stood.

Killed a Cow. Kinsley, Kan., May 22.—A tornado passed over Hodgman county, 15 miles northwest of Kinsley, at three o'clock Thursday afternoon, destroying Dan Gleason's house and killing Mabel Tuttle. About five o'clock another tornado could be seen from Kinsley, covering about the same territory, but no reports of damage have yet been received.

Residences Destroyed. Ashland, Kan., May 22.—This place and a large portion of the country was laid waste last evening at five o'clock by a cyclone. The business section was not damaged to any great extent, but the best residence portion of the town was swept away. Fifteen head of horses belonging to David E. Linger were carried a long distance by the wind and then killed. Two hundred cattle were killed and eight farm houses and a schoolhouse were demolished.

Three Drowned. Lincoln, Neb., May 23.—Storms add high water are responsible for four fatalities and much damage to property in Nebraska. At Sterling yesterday an attempt to cross the Nemaha river on a bridge that gave way caused the drowning of three persons—Frank Harns, a farmer; his sister, Mrs. Edward Puhke, and her six-year-old child.

Children Killed. Clay Center, Kan., May 23.—A cyclone passed over the southeast part of Clay county yesterday afternoon. As far as known no one was killed in Clay county, but at Bala, a little town in Riley county, two little girls named Dab were killed and a number of persons injured. Five houses were blown away at Bala and many cattle killed.

Woman and Child Killed. Amarillo, Tex., May 22.—The Panhandle country was visited by a severe storm Thursday night. The home of M. R. Wilson, near Hereford, was blown to pieces, killing Mrs. Wilson and child and fatally injuring Mr. Wilson. Considerable damage was done to property in the vicinity of Amarillo.

Farmer's Wife Loses Her Life. Chickasha, I. T., May 22.—A tornado passed over the town of Long Wolf, 65 miles west of Chickasha, on the Mangum branch of the Rock Island. Four houses were blown down and their contents scattered. Mrs. Hargan, wife of a farmer, was blown against a barbed wire fence and killed. The tornado wrecked telegraph poles and telegraph wires, destroying trees, fences, outhouses and killing stock.

Have in Ohio. Cincinnati, May 23.—Much damage was done in the Ohio valley by cloudbursts and lightning. No lives were lost, but many people were shocked by lightning that struck houses, barns and telegraph poles. A car on the Mill Creek Valley line was struck by lightning and set on fire. Carthage and the passengers narrowly escaped death, all being unconscious for a short time. Much damage was done at Delhi, Home City and Fernbank.

Eight Thousand Dead. Manila, May 21.—Two thousand native houses have been destroyed by fire in the Tondo district of Manila. About 8,000 persons are homeless and are being fed and sheltered by the municipality. The damage is estimated at 2,000,000 pesos.

Merchant Drops Dead. Decatur, Ill., May 22.—Archibald Wilson, head of the Decatur Gun company, wholesale sportsmen's goods, and member of the city council, dropped dead in his store Thursday from apoplexy.