

Cooperstown Courier.

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Out of 1,618 school children examined by doctors of Wiesbaden, Germany, 1,633 were found to be more or less diseased. At Dresden only 4.9 per cent. of the children were found to be healthy.

The Italian navy department has announced its intention of purchasing navy supplies, armor-plates in particular, from firms in foreign countries if the Italian steel manufacturers' combination, a kind of trust, attempts to raise the prices of such materials.

The importation of India rubber into the United States last year exceeded 50,000,000 pounds, and was valued at more than \$30,000,000. The imports have increased about 50 per cent. in the last ten years. Over \$100,000,000 worth of manufactures from India rubber are now turned out annually from American factories.

On the whole, the workingman has profited more in the general advance in wages in the leading industries than he has lost in the general advance in the cost of everything he eats, drinks, or wears. There has been a general impression that in actual practice he has been getting by no means the short end of the prevailing prosperity.

The National Hospital for Insane Indians, at Canton, S. D., has finished its first year. At the beginning it had 34 patients, half its capacity. In a few months it was filled. According to Superintendent Gifford the number of insane Indians is constantly increasing, the chief cause being despondency. Lack of active occupation, hunting and the like is the chief cause of this.

The total imports of tobacco in 1902 into Switzerland rose to a point never before reached—over 15,000,000 pounds. As compared with the previous year there was a decrease of about four per cent. in the importation from the United States, while Greece, Turkey, Algeria, Central America, the Argentine Republic and China came much more prominently forward as sources of supply.

Eating horseflesh by the poor in Paris is increasing to such an extent that the abattoirs will have to be enlarged. The present consumption is 20,000 horses a year. The horse meat is somewhat darker and stronger than beef, but it is not unpalatable. It has grown in popularity since the siege. The flesh of the horse and the ass is about one-half the price of beef.

In 1873 Mexico had 335 miles of railway. Over these went 723,834 passengers and 150,478 tons of freight, and the receipts were \$1,848,375. In 1900 there were 8,600 miles in operation, 10,709,462 passengers and 7,522,923 tons of freight were carried, and the receipts were \$49,425,478. Since 1900 the mileage, freight, number of passengers, etc., have gone on increasing.

The total amount of cane sugar brought into the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903, was, as shown by the bureau of statistics of the United States department of commerce and labor, 5,076,604,049 pounds. Of this amount the Hawaiian islands contributed 774,825,420 pounds, the Philippine islands 18,773,333 pounds, and Porto Rico 226,143,598 pounds.

As showing a tendency to accept any marked American improvement, even in conservative France, the proprietors of a paper plant at Rives, in the Isere, have recently contracted with an American inventor for the control of a patent covering a machine for the quicker and more economical drying of paper. The inventor, a practical engineer, has been on the ground explaining and proving the superiority of his machine.

The latest craze in London society is to make a pet of the small green French frog, numbers of which are being sent over from Paris for frog parties. The frogs, after their education has been perfected, are placed on a table, and in front of each frog is placed a small ring, not much larger than a wedding ring, and then, without the slightest prompting, the frogs commence to jump through the rings, and continue their performance as long as there remains a ring to jump through.

The "mosquito plant," a species of basil, is attracting a great deal of attention in England just now. An army officer who secured one of these plants in Nigeria says it is well known as a mosquito defense there, and the natives use an infusion of its leaves to cure malarial fevers. As soon as a hedge of this shrub was planted about the Victoria gardens, Bombay, India, the workmen, who had previously been almost unable to work because of the swarms of mosquitoes, had no further trouble.

The most recent excavation shows that Vesuvius began its work as a conservator of antiquity earlier than the memorable year A. D. 79. During the excavations in the valley of the Sarno, near San Marzano, some most interesting antiquities have come to light. These had been covered up by a volcano deposit about six feet thick, which points to an eruption of Vesuvius which must have taken place in the seventh century before Christ. The relics include a Greek burying place, a Celtic altar, and various bronze and iron articles.

RESPONSIBLE FOR IROQUOIS HORROR

Coroner's Jury Renders Verdict Holding Mayor Harrison and Seven Others to Grand Jury.

Officials Under Him Charged with Neglect in Enforcing Ordinances—Accused Men Taken into Custody and Give Bonds—Harrison Secures Release by Habeas Corpus.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—On charges of criminal negligence and gross incompetency Mayor Carter H. Harrison was held to the grand jury at 11:30 o'clock Monday night as responsible for the Iroquois theater fire by the coroner's jury which investigated the horror. With the mayor were held to the grand jury Fire Chief William H. Musham, City Building Inspector George Williams, Building Inspector Edward Laughlin, Fireman William Saller and Will J. Davis, part owner; William McMullen, electric light operator, and James E. Cummings, stage carpenter of the Iroquois theater.

Held Responsible.

The jurors censured all the above named men and held them responsible for the loss of life. The verdict binds them over to the grand jury until discharged by due process of law. Mitigations were issued during the early hours of this morning.

The verdict of the coroner's jury, in addition to holding the eight men named responsible for the loss of life at the fire, makes recommendations that changes be made in the manner in which the laws are enforced. It asks modifications in the city building ordinances. Most of these changes, however, have been made by the city council in the new theater ordinance.

Men Are Arrested.

Mayor Harrison was the first of the eight whom the coroner's jury held to the grand jury for examination in connection with the Iroquois theater disaster, to be placed under technical arrest. His bail, as well as that of the other men held, was placed at \$5,000, which was furnished by his brother, Preston Harrison, and Heaton Owsley.

Many Departments Scolded.

Every department in the city hall with which the jury came in contact is found to be grossly mismanaged. Laxity and carelessness in transacting business reaches the point, according to the jurors, where revision is immediately demanded. The verdict deals a sweeping blow at the present administration, striking at the head and reaching to two principal departments of city business. Conditions that surprised the business men on the jury were revealed as soon as the inquiry into the city hall affairs began. Incompetence and inefficiency were found on every side.

Makes City Liable.

A second blow to the city will come when the report of the jury is fully known. Millions of dollars in damage suits are said to be likely because the city administration is found to be accountable for permitting the possibility of a huge calamity. The findings of the coroner's jury are said to make the city a party to any legal action that may be taken by the relatives of victims.

The Mayor Released.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Protesting that the jury which held him partly responsible for the Iroquois fire horror had been misled by those in charge of it, Mayor Harrison succeeded yesterday afternoon in gaining his release from custody through habeas corpus proceedings before Judge Richard S. Tutthill. While the mayor is no longer under the restraint of the law and the court has declared him absolved of all responsibility for the theater horror, he is still within reach of the special grand jury.

Good Advice.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 30.—Harry D. Egbert, who murdered John G. Saxton and John West last October, was hanged here yesterday. Egbert made a brief speech on the scaffold. "My friends," he said, "take me as a mark, keep your children off the street and, above all, out of the saloons. Bad raising and bad company is the direct cause of my downfall. I have repented of my sins."

To Fix Wage Scale.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 29.—The bituminous coal operators of Indiana, Ohio, western Pennsylvania and Illinois, the central competitive district, in which 117,000 miners are employed in mining one-third of all the coal produced in the country, met yesterday to take up the consideration of the wages and working conditions for the year beginning April 1.

McKinley's Birthday.

Canton, O., Jan. 30.—Canton people yesterday informally but generally observed McKinley's birthday. Special patriotic programmes were held in most of the schools and the pink carnation was everywhere in evidence. Mrs. McKinley was driven to the cemetery in the afternoon with a large bunch of carnations for the tomb of the late president.

For Sinking Fund.

Panama, Jan. 29.—The constitutional convention approved a measure providing that of the \$10,000,000 to be paid to the republic of Panama by the United States for the right to use the canal zone \$8,000,000 is to remain untouched for the future benefit of the new republic.

Ample Provided For.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Official information has been given out that the needs of the 13,000 inhabitants of the town of Aalesund, Norway, which was destroyed by fire on January 24, have been provided for adequately.

NO OPPOSITION.

Mitchell Re-elected President of the United Mine Workers and Other Officers Chosen.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 27.—The report of the tellers on the election of national officers of the United Mine Workers was received by the convention yesterday. President Mitchell, Vice President Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer Wilson are re-elected. The full vote of the organization was not cast. Mitchell, as the head of the ticket, received 92,633 votes. Lewis received 91,810 votes and Wilson 91,875. They had no opposition.

The newly elected delegates to the American Federation of Labor are John Mitchell, T. L. Lewis, W. B. Wilson, W. H. Haskins, of Ohio; William Ryan, of Illinois; John Faby, of Pennsylvania, district No. 9, and John T. Dempsey, of district No. 1.

The mine workers have authorized the levying of 15 cents a month in addition to the present ten cents per capita tax for the support of strikes. This increase will go into effect at once, and on a basis of a membership of 290,000 in good standing should bring into the national treasury approximately \$70,000 a month.

Taft's Policy.

New War Secretary Favors the Doctrine of the Philippines for the Philippines.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The Philippines for the Filipinos will be the keynote of the policy of Secretary Taft toward the far eastern archipelago. In almost the last speech he made before leaving the Philippines for home he reiterated this keynote, which he first sounded when he was inaugurated governor of the Philippine islands. This speech has been published by the insular government in an official form and has just reached the war department. In it Gov. Taft declared that this doctrine does not exclude the encouragement of American enterprise or the American investment of capital in the Philippines, for the reason that nothing, not even education or a free form of government "can make for the elevation and civilization of the Filipino people than the investment of an American capital in the material development of these islands."

EX-MAYOR AMES FREE.

Minnesota Supreme Court Quashes an Indictment Against Him on a Technicality.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 30.—The supreme court yesterday quashed the indictment against former Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, and the entire court held that the indictment was good, but that the evidence was faulty. Judges Start, Collins and Lewis concurred in the majority opinion that the offense was not proven, while Judges Lovely and Brown disagree with that part of the opinion of the majority. Dr. Ames was charged and convicted in the district court of Hennepin county of receiving money illegally as mayor of Minneapolis from women.

He was indicted for that offense February 4, 1903, and after a trial of several weeks was found guilty May 7 and sentenced to a term in prison of six years.

WARLIKE INTENTIONS.

Colombia Said to Have Determined to Send an Expedition Against Panama.

Panama, Jan. 30.—News has reached here from Bogota that insomuch as Gen. Reyes and Cavallero have assured Colombia that the United States will only object to her landing forces in the canal zone, the Colombian government intends to organize and send an expedition against Panama.

The only explanation of this news from Bogota is that the government of Colombia is compelled to take some steps to prevent its downfall. This is said to be imminent, as President Marroquin has lost all the prestige he ever had. There is much speculation in Bogota as to the outcome of this move should it be put through.

Fatally Scalded.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 30.—Three men were so badly scalded by the breaking of an iron elbow connecting the boiler and engine in the basement of the Hotel Metropole that they died in a short time at the hospitals to which they were removed. The dead: William Gupp, fireman; George Vincent, engineer; Frank Casper, fireman at Hotel Brunswick.

Coldest Night on Record.

Bessemer, Mich., Jan. 29.—Wednesday night was the coldest in the history of the copper country, the thermometer registering 46 degrees below zero. Cattle were found frozen stiff in the barns by farmers Thursday morning. Teaming and all outdoor work is stopped.

Children Perish by Fire.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 29.—A Free Press special from Au Sable, Mich., says: Two children of John Roberts, a farmer near Mikado, aged respectively two and one-half years and six months, were burned to death. The parents were away and the house caught fire.

Passed Away.

Waterbury, Conn., Jan. 28.—Gen. Stephen W. Kellogg, a former congressman and a delegate to the republican national convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the presidency, died here Wednesday evening, aged 82 years, after a brief illness.

Peach Buds Killed.

Burlington, Ia., Jan. 30.—Peach buds are said to have been killed by the severe weather of the last two days. The cold continued. It was 14 below zero Friday morning.

THE WAR CLOUD GROWS DARKER

Russia's Reply to Japan Held as a Refusal to Respect Integrity of China.

All Hope of Peace Is Now Believed to be an End—Hostilities Likely to Follow at Once—Subjects of the Mikado Are Ready to Fight—Trouble Grows in Corea.

London, Jan. 29.—The Daily Graphic claims to be able to affirm that Russia's draft of her reply has not yet been officially presented to Japan, but that it has been communicated to M. Kurino, the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, who has transmitted the contents to Tokio, whence it will be conveyed to the friendly powers. The Russian reply is courteous, but it refuses in uncompromising terms to permit the reinsertion in the draft of the treaty of the two words guaranteeing the integrity and independence of China, upon which Japan insisted in her last note.

The clause proposed by Japan was that Russia and Japan should mutually agree to respect the "integrity and independence of China and Corea." Russia has stricken out twice the words "China and," and it is understood that this will close the negotiations. **Thinks War Will Ease.** It is probable, the Daily Graphic goes on, that when this note has been pre-

CANADA—"NOW WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO ARBITRATE?"



sented Japan will notify Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokio, that she has no alternative but to take up arms in defense of her interests, and that M. Kurino will be instructed to demand his passports.

Japan Ready to Fight.

Tokio, Jan. 29.—It is anticipated that the answer of Russia to Japan's latest note will reach Tokio not later than next Monday. The response is eagerly awaited. If it should prove unsatisfactory to Japan, an immediate declaration of war seems unavoidable. The Japanese feel that the entire responsibility for the outcome rests with Russia.

Trouble Grows in Corea.

Seoul, Jan. 29.—The internal disturbance is spreading as the result of increased taxation. The governors of three provinces report that their officers have been captured by organized bands and government funds taken. I am unable to obtain cable communication with Vladivostok, but I am informed there was a disturbance there on the 9th instant, the Russian Christians. It was created by intoxicated Russian marines. Numerous houses were destroyed, mostly Japanese.

Three Frozen to Death.

Marinette, Wis., Jan. 27.—Three persons have perished from the cold in the vicinity of Marinette. Ernest Brontette, a woodsman, became lost in the woods near Wausaukee and died as a result of the exposure. The frozen body of James Carroll, of Harris, Mich., was found in a snowbank. He had been drinking. Fred Cudufski, a woodsman, was so badly frozen while riding back to his camp that he died. He had been drinking heavily.

Four Men Killed.

Brownsville, Pa., Jan. 29.—Four men, all foreigners, were crushed to death in a new air shaft of the Briar Hill Coal company here. The shaft was 365 feet deep and the men were being lowered in a bucket when a 400-pound pilot weight broke, throwing the men to the bottom. The heavy weight falling on them crushed the men beyond recognition.

Aged Engineer Dead.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 29.—A Clinton (Ia.) special says: Philip Howes, a well-known railroad engineer, is dead here, aged 74. He brought the first Northwestern train across the Mississippi river on track laid on ice in 1859.

Veteran Indian Fighter Dead.

New York, Jan. 26.—Gen. William Chauncey Kibbe, an old Indian fighter and gold hunter in California during 1849, is dead at his home in Brooklyn, from tuberculosis. He was in his eighty-second year.

FIFT-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

Daily Summary of Work Done in Senate and House by the Lawmakers of the Nation.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The senate heard further discussion on the question of appointments to office made during congressional recess, listened to a speech on the Isthmian canal question by Senator Morgan and passed a number of bills of a semi-public character. In the house the army appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$75,000,000, was passed, after adopting a number of amendments. A resolution calling on the secretary of state for information as to the number of carriages maintained by the government for the state department was adopted.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The time of the senate yesterday was again divided between consideration of the Panama question and other subjects. In the house Mr. Boutell (rep., Ill.) spoke for nearly two hours in reply to statements made by Mr. Williams (Miss.), the minority leader, in his "stand pat" speech of a few days ago.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The senate proceedings yesterday included a speech by Senator Simmons (N. C.) in support of the Panama canal treaty and the passage of a resolution giving authority to the committee on privileges and elections to proceed with the investigation of the charges against Senator Smoot. The committee on foreign relations decided to make two amendments to the Panama canal treaty. In the house general debate on the urgent deficiency bill digressed to a discussion of political topics, the race question and aerial navigation.

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TERRIBLE RESULT OF AN EXPLOSION

Dead in Pennsylvania Colliery Will Probably Number 184 When Results Are Known.

Over One Hundred Bodies Have Been Recovered and Brought to Surface—The List of Known Dead Is Still Incomplete—Victims Are Found Horribly Mangled.

Pittsburg, Jan. 28.—Three days have elapsed since the terrible catastrophe at the Harwick mine of the Allegheny Coal company and at midnight 71 bodies have been recovered and brought to the surface. Only 18 of these have been identified. The Allegheny Coal company in an official statement positively admitted that all of the men who were in the mine when the explosion occurred are dead.

The Known Dead.

The official number of known dead therefore is 175, but the list may still be incomplete, as it is possible that some boys may have gone into the pit to work under their father's direction whose names have not yet been ascertained. Hutchinson, the custodian of the lamps, says that between 150 and 190 lamps were given out on the fatal Monday morning, and no man was given more than one.

In Horrible Condition.

Headless, naked, charred beyond recognition, disemboweled and horribly mangled, is descriptive of the condition of the bodies found by searchers. There are six mine inspectors and 22 men at work, the inspectors penetrating into unexplored regions locating bodies while the main body of searchers came afterward to extricate and carry out the blackened bodies.

More Bodies Found.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 29.—The number of bodies rescued from the Allegheny Coal company's mines at noon yesterday totaled 103. About 30 more were at the bottom of the shaft ready to be brought up, and probably 50 still in the mine, making the total number of dead 183. Inspector W. F. Cunningham, who is in charge of the mine, says: "Every man in the mine was killed by an explosion of fire damp. They died much as if shot through the heart with a bullet."

Recover 150 Bodies.

Pittsburg, Jan. 30.—When the work of recovering bodies was stopped last evening the remains of 150 victims had been taken out. It is estimated that 30 more are buried under the extensive fall of slate brought about by the explosion, and it will be several days before they can be recovered.

FROZEN SOLIDLY.

Lake Michigan Presents a Condition Which Has Not Prevalled Since 1880.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Lake Michigan is frozen over from shore to shore. This condition is the cumulative result of continuous cold weather, the average temperature during December and January having been lower than in any winter since 1876. It is the first time the lake has been entirely covered with ice since 1880, a year made memorable in the annals of lake navigation by vast destruction of shipping in bergs and floes. Even in severe winters a strip of blue water usually remains unfrozen in the middle of the lake. For weeks this strip has been growing narrower. The cold weather has finally bridged this fairway and Lake Michigan from end to end stretched motionless as a prairie under a silence of ice and snow. One could start across the lake and arrive dry-shod in Michigan.

AN AWFUL PLUNGE.

Cage in a Colorado Mine Drops Fifteen Hundred Feet and Fifteen Men Are Killed.

Victor, Col., Jan. 27.—As the result of an accident that occurred about three o'clock yesterday morning in the Straton Independence mine, located near the center of this city, 15 men are dead and one other severely injured.

The dead: W. R. Frazier, John Sebeck, Joe Setherum, Edward Twigg, L. A. Wagoner, H. A. Yoeman, Edward Smith, Joe Ovary, H. F. Brown, W. B. Collins, J. L. Steward, Frank Cochrane, L. P. Jackson, Harry Cogane, C. C. Stanton.

Injured: James Bullbek, body bruised and scalp wounds.

Lumber Burned.

North Tonawanda, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Half a square mile of glowing embers was all that remained yesterday of one of the largest lumber yards in North Tonawanda, after one of the worst fires in the history of this place. All the north end of Tonawanda, and was swept by the flames and between 12,000 and 15,000,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$250,000, was destroyed.

For a Big Depot.

St. Louis, Jan. 30.—Plans have been completed for the erection of a passenger station near the main entrance of the World's Fair grounds that will accommodate 12,000 persons, and be used jointly by all the roads sending trains to the grounds. The station will cost about \$60,000, but it will be but a temporary structure for use only during the exposition.

Given Her Liberty.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 30.—Mrs. Lulu Prince-Kennedy-Kramer, on trial a second time for the murder in January, 1901, of her first husband, Philip H. Kennedy, was found not guilty by a jury here Friday. At her first trial she was convicted and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.