

In some Japanese temples may be seen suspended great coils of rope woven from human hair. Such ropes, made of hair sacrificed by thousands of women and girls, were used to hoist stone and timber for the temple, and are preserved as relics.

Animals have a language made up of signs or inarticulate sounds, expressing impressions, sensations, passions, but never ideas. So their language excludes conversation, and is limited to interjections or signs or movements expressing joy, grief, fear, anger and all passions of the senses, but never more.

The severest cold has no terrors for insect life. It has been shown by experiments that insects may be artificially or naturally frozen—subjected, indeed, to very low temperatures—without killing or even injuring them. Eggs, larvae, the pupae, the stages in which most insects pass the winter, are perfectly immune to cold.

A British tariff on imports from the United States would raise the price on \$175,000,000 worth of breadstuffs and \$135,000,000 worth of meats, would necessarily affect wages, and a tariff on \$100,000,000 worth of cotton is added cost to raw material. This cost would have to be added to her manufactures, and would affect her already unstable supremacy in the world's markets.

During the calendar year 1903 breadstuffs of the value of \$200,012,362 were exported from this country. Included in this amount was barley to the value of \$5,678,148, corn to the value of \$49,135,007, cornmeal to the value of \$2,005,415, oats in value \$617,745, oatmeal to the value of \$1,012,126, rye to the value of \$1,602,260, wheat to the value of \$59,329,441, and wheat flour to the value of \$75,188,050.

Massachusetts began appropriating for road construction in 1895, when \$100,000 was granted. Three times as much was appropriated the next year, and to date the appropriations aggregate five millions. With this money 505 miles of road have been constructed in various sections of the state. The commonwealth pays for the work, but one-quarter of the amount is repaid by the counties.

The chief engineer of New York states that the first appropriation by the state for good roads was \$50,000 in 1898. In 1900 it was \$150,000; in 1901, \$450,000; in 1902, \$750,000; in 1903, \$600,000. There is before the legislature a bill to appropriate two millions this year. Up to the close of last year the appropriation by the state had amounted to more than two million dollars, and an equal amount had been granted by the counties.

Mutsuhito, the emperor of Japan, is 52 years of age, and has occupied the throne since his 15th year. He is of a dynasty described in the Japanese constitution as "a line of emperors unbroken for ages eternal," and does not hesitate to reckon his ancestry back beyond the days of early Rome. Such is the Japanese tradition. The emperor is not the mikado of Japan. That term has long been obsolete in the Flowery Kingdom.

To live in Japanese cities and villages is to realize that almost without exception the Japanese are honorable in their dealings, kind-hearted, wonderfully quick to respond to friendly advances if those advances are sincere, and full of a splendid devotion to their country and a jealous regard for its good name. Rather than lose the good opinion of the United States or Great Britain on account of this war on which she has embarked Japan would prefer to lose the war itself.

The Japan of today is a happy and united empire of 45,000,000 people, a land of wonderful charm, of sweet-faced women and dapper little men, of beautiful customs and traditions, a land above all of fast growing liberty of thought and high endeavor. Her farms, like her farmers, are tiny and picturesque; her passionate love of color, followed through the ages with a steady devotion, and her equally passionate worship of cleanliness and order have driven everything ugly and unharmonious from her shores.

It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the Koreans are the laziest people on earth. All day long they lie about the streets smoking their gigantic pipes. A native pipe is a six-foot length of bamboo with a metal bowl, and is carried tucked into the neckband and down the trouser's leg. All work of very nearly every kind is done by the women, who occupy perhaps the most degraded position held by the sex of any nation. The unfortunate female population is collectively a beast of burden and denied even the most elementary recognition as human beings.

A Japanese house is the simplest thing in the world. It consists of a post at each corner and a roof. One may say it is all on one floor. And in the daytime it is all one room; if it is a small house. The number of rooms in it depends on the number of bedrooms the owner requires. They are divided by night by paper shutters fixed in grooves like the divisions of an old-fashioned workbox. There are no doors or passages. Your bedroom acts as a passage, and when you want a door you slide back the nearest panel.

FORCES OF COREA JOIN THE JAPS.

ORDERS FROM GOVERNMENT TO THE STANDING ARMY ARE FORMALLY ISSUED.

Japanese Say the Harbor at Port Arthur Is Blocked—Russians Fleeing from Dalny—Mikado Troops Are Landing.

Seoul, Feb. 27.—The Korean government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field. The standing army now consists of about 17,000 men with European methods. In 1896 it was taken in hand by a Russian colonel with three commissioned and ten non-commissioned officers, who retired, however, in 1898. A royal bodyguard of 1,000 men was formed and has been well drilled, and periodically a draft of well trained men is transferred from it to other regiments of the standing army.

Says Harbor Is Blocked. Washington, Feb. 27.—The Japanese minister has received the following cablegram from the Japanese minister for foreign affairs, dated Tokio, Friday:

"Before dawn on the 24th instant four old ships under escort of torpedo boats proceeded to the mouth of the harbor of Port Arthur where they were sunk with success in order to close it. The officers and crew of the vessels returned safely. No official report has as yet been received from the admiral commanding the squadron, but there is no doubt that the squadron itself is all safe."

Russians Fleeing. Shanghai, Feb. 27.—The Russian retreat from the Japanese invasion of the Liaotung peninsula has commenced. Dalny, 50 miles north of Port Arthur, is being evacuated. The Russians declare they have mined the breakwater, the docks, the wharves, and the railway to prevent the Japanese from using them.

Russians Supplies Are Short. Russia has only five months' supplies at Port Arthur. The authorities declare they mean to defend Port Arthur and that Russia will fall back with the rest of her troops from Dalny to the Yalu, and, if pressed, will go even to Harbin, and fight for two years.

Thousands Have Landed. London, Feb. 27.—Estimates based on the Burleigh dispatch from Shanghai are that already an army of about 150,000 Japanese soldiers has been borne to its destination, or, rather, destinations, for it is evident the transports have not all shaped the same course.

Fleet Is Safe. Tokio, Feb. 27.—Not one of Japan's squadron was put out of commission in the attack on Port Arthur on the night of the 23d. The entire squadron was sighted off Shantung on Wednesday, the following day, and all the ships were intact. They were proceeding rapidly, and none seemed to be disabled in any way.

Banks Resume Business. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 24.—The banks in this city resumed business Tuesday in all their branches for the first time since the fire. Under Gov. Warefield's proclamation the enforced payment of protestable paper has been suspended from February 6, thus making it necessary for all who have matured obligations to take care of them before the close of banking hours. The Baltimore stock exchange will not resume until Wednesday.

Scaffold Fell. Chicago, Feb. 27.—James Byron was killed, two other men were severely wounded and 19 had narrow escapes from being crushed beneath ten tons of lumber shortly after noon yesterday when a monster scaffold, reaching from the main floor of the new post office building to the top of the large dome in the center of the structure, a distance of 170 feet, collapsed.

Tornado in Oregon. Portland, Ore., Feb. 27.—A tornado struck the little town of Mount Tabor, a few miles east of Portland, Friday, and demolished two houses, besides damaging a number of other buildings. There were several narrow escapes, but so far as learned no one was seriously injured. The wind was accompanied by hail of unusual severity.

Fire in Pennsylvania Town. Scranton, Pa., Feb. 27.—Fire Friday destroyed the business portion of the town of Nicholson, situated on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, about 20 miles west of here. Seventeen buildings, all of them frame structures, were burned, causing a loss estimated at \$40,000.

Four Lumbermen Drowned. Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 27.—The opening of the lumber season here was signaled by the drowning of four men and the narrow escape of two others. A large raft of lumber struck a dam at Campbell's shoals, 14 miles above Knoxville, and as a result the men were drowned when it broke up.

Camphor Getting Scarce. New York, Feb. 26.—Camphor is rapidly advancing in price, owing to the war in the far east. About a week ago it was 47 cents a pound by the barrel. It is now 85 cents, and it is said to be extremely scarce even at that figure.

Set Free. Sigourey, Ia., Feb. 26.—Mrs. Belle Lewis, who was charged with the murder of her husband by poison, was released from prison Thursday after a trial lasting nine days.

MEET DEATH IN BLAST.

Five Workmen Are Killed by an Explosion in a Sugar Plant in Waukegan, Ill.

Waukegan, Ill., Feb. 25.—A terrific explosion of starch dust at 6:30 o'clock last evening wrecked two huge structures at the plant of the Warner Sugar Refining company in Waukegan and resulted in death and injury to workmen.

Three bodies have been taken from the ruins, two of which have been identified. One man is missing and a dozen or more are injured. The estimated property loss is \$1,000,000.

So great was the force of the explosion that the debris was hurled into trees and telegraph wires half a block on every side, and the ground between was covered with sections and bits of the brick walls and with the iron beams of the roof of the buildings. The known dead are as follows:

John Kozik, married; found in ruins of powder mill; died hour later. Three unidentified bodies of men, taken from ruins. Jacob Spiece; ran starch machine.

ALL ARE GUILTY.

Verdict Returned in the Famous Postal Trial Is Against the Defendants.

Washington, Feb. 27.—"Guilty as indicted," was the verdict announced by Carl Petersen, the foreman of the jury in the now famous post office conspiracy trial shortly after eight o'clock Friday night, stating at the same time that this was the verdict as to all four defendants, August W. Machen, late general superintendent of the rural free delivery division; George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, O., and Samuel and Diller B. Groff, of this city.

Immediately after the verdict was rendered Charles A. Douglass, in behalf of all four defendants, filed motions for a new trial, for an arrest of judgment and also for an appeal for the purpose of having the defendants admitted to bail. Bail was then fixed at \$20,000 each.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Spark Drops Into Keg of Powder in Miner's Home—Woman Killed—Three Injured.

Bellaire, O., Feb. 26.—One woman is dead and three men fatally burned as a result of a powder explosion south of this city Thursday. Mrs. Michael Tondocovich was killed. The injured: Michael Tondocovich, Joseph Tondocovich and Samuel Waghighich. Tondocovich is a miner. He had a keg of powder in the kitchen and was stooping over it to fill his can preparatory to entering the Empire mine. A drop of burning oil from his miner's lamp fell into the powder and a terrific explosion followed, destroying the house and blowing the occupants to the street. All were burned about the face and upper part of the body and none can live. Seven shanties occupied by miners were destroyed in the fire.

FLAMES CAUSE HEAVY LOSS.

Fire in the Business District of Rochester, N. Y., Destroys Large Amount of Property.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The sun set last night with ten engines pouring streams of water on the ruins of what was practically the retail dry goods district of this city, for three out of five stores were consumed in Friday's disastrous fire, one of which the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company, was by far the largest establishment of this kind in the city, and the oldest.

Insurance men place the loss at \$3,000,000. Of this amount, \$750,000 represents the loss on buildings and the remainder the loss on stocks of goods and to the occupants of offices. It is estimated that 2,500 people are thrown out of work, temporarily, at least, because of the fire.

Farmer Shoots Another. Peoria, Ill., Feb. 25.—Mason county, where a few months since Frederick Strube murdered his sweetheart, Alice Hennenger, has been the scene of another sensational killing. Sheriff Brooker and the coroner left Havana Wednesday for Sardinia, where Charles Miller, a wealthy farmer and director of the schools, shot and killed Richard Edlin, another wealthy farmer, with whom he had a dispute over some corn. Miller claims self-defense.

Fatal Mine Disaster. Butte, Mont., Feb. 26.—Five lives were lost by a cave-in of earth and rock in the Minnie Healy mine yesterday afternoon. The dead are: Thomas Haggerty, shift boss; Thomas Furlong, miner; William Dwyer, miner; Ike Abraham, miner; Anton Trineti, miner. The accident occurred on the sixth floor of the 1,000-foot level.

Killed by a Cave-In. Fergus Falls, Minn., Feb. 25.—Albert Anderson was killed at Battle Lake Tuesday night by the caving-in of a ledge of clay under which he was working in a brick-yard. John Rustad was also buried in the cave-in, but was rescued alive.

Death of a Pioneer. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 27.—Garred Young, one of the pioneer settlers of Sangamon county, and one of the most extensive landowners in central Illinois, died Friday at his home in Pawnee, aged 78.

Renominated. Concordia, Kan., Feb. 25.—Congressman W. A. Calderhead, of Marysville, was renominated Wednesday by the republican convention of the Fifth district.

LIVES LOST IN RAILWAY WRECK

TRAINS COME TOGETHER AND AT LEAST SEVEN PERSONS ARE KILLED IN IOWA.

Fire Breaks Out in the Debris and the Victims Are Imprisoned—Live Stock Cremated—Scenes at the Disaster Beggared Description.

Waterloo, Ia., Feb. 26.—At least seven persons and probably many others were killed last night in a collision at Dyersville, on the Chicago Great Western. A through train running 50 miles an hour crashed into a switch engine attached to the rear of a string of 60 cattle cars at 8:30 o'clock. Seven bodies have already been recovered, and many others are believed to be buried among the burning wreckage, as several trainmen and traveling men are reported missing.

Five of the dead are stockmen, presumed to be residents of this section of Iowa, but inasmuch as their bodies were fearfully disfigured by the flames it is extremely difficult to identify them.

Impact Heard for Miles. The collision occurred on what is known as the Farley hill, just outside the station yards at Dyersville. A switch engine was assisting the stock train to clear the hill and was at work on the main track, which it was under-

FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

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

Washington, Feb. 23.—The feature of yesterday's session of the senate was a speech from Senator Hoar in explanation of his former speech on the Isthmian canal situation. He complained that he had been misunderstood and misrepresented, and contended that his intention on that occasion had been to secure full information concerning the Panama revolt, and not to cast reflections on the president. On the contrary, he had the highest regard for that official, and intended to vote for the treaty. The naval appropriation bill occupied the time in the house.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The senate yesterday ratified the Panama canal treaty by a vote of 66 to 14 and then considered the agricultural appropriation bill. The house devoted the entire day to consideration of the naval appropriation bill.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The senate spent the greater part of yesterday discussing the agricultural appropriation bill. In the house the naval appropriation bill was considered and the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carry \$28,736,233, was reported. A bill was introduced limiting to 80,000 the number of aliens to be admitted to the United States in any one year from any foreign country, Canada, Mexico and Cuba excepted.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The senate yesterday passed both the agricultural and the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. In the house the building programme of the navy as

SENATE RATIFIES PANAMA TREATY

MEASURE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CANAL ACROSS ISTHMUS IS AGREED TO.

The Democrats Were Divided While the Republicans Stood Solidly for Ratification—President Names the Canal Commission.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The United States senate yesterday ratified without amendment the treaty with Panama for a canal across the isthmus of that name by a vote of 66 to 14. The result was a foregone conclusion, the interest in the matter being only in the division of the vote on the democratic side, which was not known definitely until the roll was called, all the republicans being for ratification. Fourteen democrats voted for ratification and 14 against.

Temporary Government. Senator Kittredge, of South Dakota, a member of the interoceanic canal committee, after the ratification of the canal treaty, introduced a bill to provide for the temporary government of the Panama canal territory and the protection of the canal works and for other purposes connected with the construction of the canal.

To Push Plans. Everything is ready for the speedy consummation of the canal treaty, and both the war and state departments have made preparations for the next step, the former by the dispatch of troops to the isthmus, and the latter by the completion of arrangements for the exchange of ratifications of the treaty, which must take place in Washington. There is no reason why this ceremony should not occur within the next 48 hours.

Names Commissioners. The president has named the following commissioners to conduct operations: Rear Admiral John G. Walker, representing the navy.

Maj. Gen. George W. Davis, representing the army. William Barclay Parsons, engineer of the new subway in New York.

William H. Burr, professor of engineering at Columbia university. Col. Frank Hecker, of Detroit, who was master of transportation during the Spanish-American war.

C. Edward Grunsky, hydraulic engineer, of St. Francisco. B. M. Harrod, of New Orleans, one of the old engineers of the Mississippi river commission.

Ships of War Recalled. Panama, Feb. 26.—Ratification of the Panama canal treaty has resulted in the immediate recall of the United States warships and about one-half of the marines from the isthmus. The Marblehead, Petrel, Wyoming and two torpedo boats will remain on the Pacific side. The New York, Boston and Bennington will proceed to Callao.

Deal Completed. Washington, Feb. 27.—President Roosevelt at 11:50 a. m. yesterday signed the proclamation putting into effect the treaty with Panama regarding the Isthmian canal. As soon as the proclamation was signed it was returned to the state department where the exchange of ratifications already had taken place between Secretary of State Hay and Minister Bureau-Varilla, of Panama.

Tragedy in Buffalo. Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Henry L. Schwartz, of Baker & Schwartz, attorneys, was shot and probably fatally wounded in his private office in the Marine bank building Friday by H. A. Knowles, of the dry goods firm of Knowles & Gardner. Knowles, after holding the police at bay for a few moments, turned the revolver on himself and blew his brains out. The crime is believed to have been the result of business complications.

Little Boy Killed. Cincinnati, Feb. 27.—While playing beside a pile of bricks in front of a building that is being torn down on Baymiller near Ninth street, a half dozen children were buried under the bricks when the pile collapsed Friday. Frank Pusaten, aged four years, was killed and five others seriously injured.

Franco-Spanish Treaty Signed. Paris, Feb. 27.—The foreign office announced Friday afternoon that a treaty of arbitration between France and Spain has been signed. The terms are identical with the recent arbitration treaties concluded between France and Great Britain and Italy and Great Britain.

Old Preacher Dead. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 27.—James Warden, aged 102 years, supposed to be the oldest expounder of Methodism in the world, is dead in the Baltimore county almshouse. He was born in England and was licensed to preach in 1824.

Post Office Robbed. Tenafly, N. J., Feb. 27.—Thieves entered the post office here early Friday, blew open the safe with dynamite and stole \$1,500 in stamps and money. The robbery was evidently the work of professionals.

Name State Ticket. Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 24.—The state convention of the socialist's party has named a state ticket headed by J. E. Nash, of Minneapolis, for governor.

Panama Minister Resigns. Washington, Feb. 27.—M. Bunnau-Varilla, the minister from Panama, Friday cabled his resignation as such to the president of that republic.

NOW HE'LL KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE.



stood was clear. The freight rounded a curve just east of the town, and before the engineer could apply the brakes the two locomotives crashed together with a roar that was heard for miles.

Fire Breaks Out. Fire instantly broke out in the debris, among which many victims were imprisoned. Their cries of anguish could be plainly heard above the hissing steam, but it was beyond human power to render them assistance, and, like rats in a trap, they slowly were cremated by the flames.

The scene beggared description. Nearly 100 loaded freight and cattle cars were blazing, and the sky for miles around was lighted by the flames. Horses, cows and other stock released themselves and dashed wildly across fields and over fences, while hundreds of persons stood in awe before the terrible conflagration.

Much of the stock aboard the train, the major portion of which was very valuable and en route to the east, was, however, destroyed, entailing great loss. Two Lives Lost. Cairo, Ill., Feb. 25.—An Iron Mountain freight train was wrecked one mile east of Sikeston, Mo., Thursday evening. Engineer William Haack and Fireman W. J. Haas, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo., were caught under the engine and scalded to death. A broken rail caused the wreck.

Grand Jury Reports.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The Iroquois theater grand jury made its report to Judge Chytraus Tuesday. It scores city officials for not enforcing the laws and returns indictments against Davis, Noonan, Cummings, Williams and Loughlin, the former three being charged with manslaughter and the latter two with omission of duty. It declares the horror might have been averted if public officials had been vigilant, and that proper fire apparatus in the theater was the only need.

Big Express Robbery.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 24.—It has just become known here that the Wells-Fargo Express company was robbed of \$90,000 two weeks ago at Irapuato, Mexico.

Will of Senator Hanna.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 24.—By the will of the late Senator Marcus Alonso Hanna, probated yesterday, an estate valued at about \$7,000,000 is left to the family.

Murderer Hanged.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 24.—James Martin was hanged yesterday morning for the murder of J. R. Williams at Silver Bow Junction in May, 1902.

contained in the pending naval bill occupied the time.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The senate yesterday considered at some length the bill requiring the use of American ships in carrying government supplies. The house passed the naval appropriation bill.

Gen. Dick Named.

Columbus, O., Feb. 25.—Gen. Charles Dick was nominated by acclamation for both the unexpired and regular terms for United States senator, to succeed the late Senator Hanna, at the caucus of the republican members of the legislature last evening. The name of Gen. Dick was the only one presented. As the republicans have a large majority in both branches, Gen. Dick's election is assured, and the balloting on March 1 will be only a formality.

Ex-Congressman Dead.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 25.—Henry M. Pollard, aged 68 years, a prominent St. Louis attorney and former Missouri congressman, died Wednesday night at his home. Four months ago his health broke down, but he still continued actively engaged in his legal practice. His death came suddenly.

Lived 129 Years.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Sophia Gab died at the home for aged and infirm colored people in this city at the supposed age of 129 years. Born a slave she spent most of her life on a plantation near Richmond, Va. When released from slavery during the civil war she was 87 years old.

Landis Renominated.

Frankfort, Ind., Feb. 26.—Representative Charles B. Landis, of the Ninth Indiana district, was renominated by acclamation by the republicans yesterday. The resolutions indorsed the national and state administrations.

Pays the Penalty.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 26.—John Conroy, convicted of killing his wife while she was asleep in their home in this city on December 2, 1902, was hanged in the county jail yard yesterday.

Died at an Old Age.

Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 26.—James Bare, the oldest man in western Iowa, is dead, aged 102. Bare never wore glasses, and could see to thread a needle up to the time of his death.

Post Office Robbed.

Cairo, Ia., Feb. 25.—Robbers broke into the post office here, blew open the safe, secured \$400 in currency and made their escape, leaving no clew.