

There were five beet sugar factories in operation in Canada in 1903-4, against four in the preceding year.

The laws of France do not require that foreign creditors shall be represented before the courts by an attorney.

If Paderewski suddenly lost one of his fingers, or Mme. Patti's inimitable voice were to fall her, the financial loss would be enormous, and would not be covered by any ordinary provision or form of insurance.

In at least one point Japan is ahead of any other country in the world—the cheapness of her postal service.

The United States leads all other nations as a consumer of coffee, using nearly 1,000,000,000 pounds of raw coffee every year.

The sultan of Zanzibar is only 18 years of age, and is under the regency of Mr. Rogers until he attains the age of 21.

It may safely be said that no army in the world is made up of such a number of different tribes and races as the army of the "Great White Czar."

A cask recently constructed for a California firm has put the famous tun of Heidelberg in the background.

There are afloat 13,381 sea-going steam vessels of over 100 tons.

The Ainu people, the aborigines of Japan, are a strange, hairy race, living in Yezo, the northernmost island of the Japanese group.

What is believed to be the first iron casting made in the territory now included in the United States is preserved in Lynn, Mass.

A great Italian scientist has proved to his own satisfaction that women are less sensitive to pain than men, and actually suffer less in given operations.

ANOTHER FATAL BLUNDER IS MADE

RUSSIANS PAY PENALTY OF CARELESSNESS IN LAYING MINES AT PORT ARTHUR.

Twenty-One Killed by Premature Explosion—Suffer Losses in Skirmishing—Flee in Panic Across Yalu—Hundreds Drown.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—The emperor has received the following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff, bearing Friday's date:

"I respectfully report to your majesty that to-day, during the placing of mines of some steam launches, Lieut. Pell and 20 men were killed through a mine exploding prematurely under the stern of one of the launches."

Gloom in St. Petersburg. Viceroy Alexieff's announcement of the destruction of a launch and the loss of 21 men by the explosion of a Russian torpedo at Port Arthur has added to the gloom which has prevailed since the disaster to the Petropavlosk.

"We are paying the price of carelessness," said a member of the admiralty, "and previous disasters seem to teach nothing."

Japanese Forces Concentrating. St. Petersburg, April 23.—The following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff has been received by the emperor:

"Quite a series of reconnaissances carried out on the Yalu have shown that the Japanese are concentrating in considerable force. It is believed that they have about one division to the north of Wiju. They are also beginning to concentrate troops in Wiju, from which place they have moved the Korean population. Information has reached me that quantities of material, apparently parts of pontoon bridges, are being collected opposite the island of Mankhe. Our scouts have killed two Japanese scouts, one of whom appeared to be an officer."

Russians Suffer Loss. "On our right flank our scouts executed daring reconnaissances, extending over several days, on the left bank of the Yalu, as the result of which it has been ascertained that there are only a few troops south of the river Pomaku, but that the Japanese there are occupied in preparing boats. A Russian detachment of two officers and 32 men proceeded thither in three boats. The detachment, however, was discovered by the enemy and shots were exchanged, three of our riflemen being killed. Staff Capt. Smeizen and 11 riflemen were severely and Lieut. Pushkin and four men slightly wounded. The detachment returned to our bank of the river under the cover of two of our guns."

Russian Troops in Flight. London, April 22.—A correspondent of the Times cabling from Newchwang says that a messenger has arrived there from the Yalu river with the information that the Russians are fleeing north across the river in overcrowded boats and are losing hundreds by drowning.

Japs Force Being United. London, April 22.—The correspondent of the Standard at Tientsin says that Japanese troops are now embarking from Korea and possibly are being reinforced by the forces on the Yalu river, from which the Russians have practically withdrawn.

Advance Ordered. Paris, April 22.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien says he has learned that Gen. Kuropatkin has ordered the advance of the Russian forces which are massed in northeastern Korea, and that a brigade of infantry, with 5,000 Cossacks is within a hundred versts of the banks of the Tumen river.

Port Arthur Doomed. London, April 22.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that Port Arthur undoubtedly is effectually blocked, and that events are culminating around the doomed fortress.

Russia's War Expenses. Paris, April 22.—A dispatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg says the cost of the war up to April 5, in all branches of the service, is officially estimated at \$46,250,000. The cost by June will reach \$100,000,000. If the war lasts 18 months, it is estimated that the total cost will be \$400,000,000.

Will Wait for More Troops. Paris, April 21.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal says a friend of Gen. Kuropatkin has received a letter from him in which the general says he intends to await the arrival of another 100,000 men before risking a battle with the Japanese.

Makes Ascent of Mount Etna. Catania, Sicily, April 21.—Emperor William on Wednesday made the ascent of Mount Etna. When the emperor and his party arrived at Monte Rosa, where the road ends, they found 13 miles awaiting them on which it was expected they would continue the ascent, but the emperor declined the use of the mules, saying that the invigorating air invited a walk. The emperor led the climbers.

Nomination Declined. New York, April 22.—Robert B. Roosevelt, an uncle of President Roosevelt, who was nominated as an elector by the democratic state convention at Albany last week, has declined to accept such nomination because of his relationship to the president.

Treaty Concluded. Havana, April 23.—President Palma sent a message to the senate Friday announcing the conclusion of an extradition treaty with the United States.

THE NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Summary of Work Done in Senate and House by the Lawmakers at the Fifty-Eighth Session.

Washington, April 19.—In the senate yesterday bills passed included measures ratifying agreements with the Indians of the Devil's Lake, Rosebud and Flathead reservations, located respectively in North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana. The house passed the general deficiency bill. Leaders in both branches of congress are in harmony on the question of adjournment next week, with Thursday, the 28th, as the date most favored.

Washington, D. C., April 20.—The question of additional accommodations in the way of office and committee rooms occupied the attention of the senate the greater part of the day Tuesday. The house passed the statehood bill, which provides that one state each shall be created of the territories of Arizona and New Mexico and Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The vote was 147 to 104.

Washington, April 21.—The senate Wednesday listened to a set speech of almost two hours' duration on the trusts by Senator Dooliver, and afterwards completed consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill. The house, after an extended debate, sent the naval appropriation bill back to conference. A bill providing for the allotment of the lands of the New York Indians was passed.

Washington, April 22.—The pension appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of over \$137,000,000, and the emergency, river and harbor appropriation bill, which carried \$3,000,000, were passed Thursday by the senate. The house passed a large number of bills, among them being one to provide a temporary government for the Panama canal zone.

Washington, April 23.—In the senate Friday the general deficiency bill was discussed. Senator Gallinger made a speech on the republican tariff policy, and Senator Cullom spoke on the house Chinese exclusion rider. In the house Mr. Kitchen (N. C.) delivered a bitter attack on President Roosevelt. He declared him to be an advocate of lynching, unfit to hold office and a dangerous man. He declared that the president had insulted the people of the south by saying in one of his publications that throughout the southern character there ran a streak of brutal barbarism.

CANNON'S WIVES.

Famous Mormon Leader Has Six—Two of Them Were United to Him at One Wedding.

Washington, April 22.—The feature of Thursday's hearing in the Smoot case before the senate committee on privileges and elections was the testimony of Angus M. Cannon, for 25 years president of the largest Mormon stake in the world. The testimony was of a personal character, dealing with the conviction of the witness on charges of polygamous cohabitation, and was dragged from him under protest that he be protected from any peril or liability to prosecution for what he revealed. When assured that his plural marriages, under the statute of limitations could not be used as evidence against him he answered most of the questions asked. The same frankness was not apparent, however, when the witness was pressed to reveal the nature of the oath he had taken in the Endowment house. Like other witnesses, he declared that the sacredness of that oath prevented him from proclaiming it to the world. Cannon testified that he had six wives, all living. His first venture on the matrimonial sea was his marriage of two sisters named Mously in 1853, one ceremony only being employed to unite them.

MUST VOTE FOR OLNEY.

Massachusetts Delegates to Democratic National Convention Are Instructed.

Boston, April 22.—By an overwhelming vote the Massachusetts democratic convention at Tremont temple on Thursday instructed four delegates at large and 20 delegates from the various congressional districts of the state to support Richard Olney, of this city, for the presidential nomination at the democratic convention at St. Louis next July. Four delegates at large pledged to the support of Olney were elected, and the supporters of William R. Hearst, of New York, as the presidential nominee were defeated by a vote of about 600 to 200. The following were elected delegates at large: William A. Gaston, of Boston; Patrick A. Collins, of Boston; William L. Douglas, of Brockton, and John R. Thayer, of Worcester. The platform adopted consisted of a single plank—an endorsement of Mr. Olney's candidacy and instructions of the delegates to vote as a unit for him.

Acquitted.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 21.—State Senator David E. Burns was acquitted Wednesday of bribery in connection with the Lake Michigan water scandal. The charge of bribery against Senator Burns related to a bill which he introduced in the state legislature of 1898. It was alleged that this bill was backed by the men interested in the water deal and that Senator Burns was paid \$200 for his efforts in support of the measure.

Affirms Life Sentence.

Frankfort, Ky., April 23.—The court of appeals Friday affirmed the sentence of life imprisonment imposed upon James Howard at his last trial on the charge of murdering William Goebel.

Gold from Klondike.

Seattle, Wash., April 20.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson says: The Klondike will produce at least \$10,000,000 in gold this season.

FLAMES DESTROY HOME OF A MINER

TWO WOMEN AND FOUR CHILDREN LOSE THEIR LIVES IN AN AWFUL MANNER.

Rumor Current That the Fire Grew Out of Troubles Connected with a Strike of Miners—Two Italians Arrested.

Somerset, Pa., April 20.—An outbreak even more disastrous than the riot at Boswell in last January has been hourly expected at the town of Garrett, the scene of the mining operations of the Garrett Coal company, the Somerset Coal company and other lesser operations. Trouble has been brewing there ever since the inauguration of the miners' strike five months ago. The strikers have been parading the streets openly armed, and they have prevented the moving of the household goods of incoming miners from the railroad station to the new company houses.

Six Burned to Death.

A horror that may or may not be connected with the strike situation at Garrett, was the burning to death of two women and four children in their home at that place between the hours of two and three o'clock Tuesday morning. The victims were: Mrs. Rosanna Meyers and her two daughters, Lucinda and Annie, aged 30 and eight years respectively, and her son, Richard, aged five years. The two other victims were young children of Lucinda. The house was a one and one-

THE THREE CAR BARN BANDITS WHO WERE HANGED FRIDAY.



half-story log building, and the women and children were sleeping in the upper story. Mr. Meyers and Jonas Sullivan, a boarder, were asleep on the first floor. They were awakened by the smoke and the noise made by the fire and had barely time to save their lives by rushing from the building. The victims in the upper story perished without help, and their bodies were all reduced to ashes.

An Ugly Rumor.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It may never be known, but rumor connects it with the troubles growing out of the miners' strike. The strikers lay the origin of the fire to a number of Italians who are working for the Garrett Coal company, but what motive the foreigners could have for such a crime has not been developed. Two Italians have been arrested charged with setting fire to the Meyers house. The only evidence thus far against the two Italians was a statement made by Meyers, in which he alleges that they called at his house several days ago to buy some butter, and that when told that Meyers would not sell butter to scabs, they left swearing vengeance. The idea that the Italians committed this crime has taken hold of the people of Garrett pretty generally and the feeling against them is running high.

TRANSFER COMPLETE.

Ownership of the Panama Canal Is Now Vested in the United States Government.

Paris, April 23.—The contract by which the ownership of the Panama canal passes to the United States is signed, sealed, delivered and complete. The title to the canal route is now vested in the government of the United States. The transfer is complete and without reservation, and the United States secures a perfect title. The arrangements include a general conveyance and provisions for deeds and resignation in the republic of Panama and in the canal zone now under the jurisdiction of the United States, in which zone the civil law continues in force by reason of the cession of the zone from a civil law sovereignty. All formalities of the local law on the isthmus have been arranged for and secured to the United States. The property will shortly be delivered on the isthmus, and upon that being done the purchase price will be immediately paid.

Must Not Wed.

St. Louis, Mo., April 22.—After a heated discussion, it was decided by the St. Louis Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches that Charles E. Castain, a divinity student, should be allowed to preach in the Sappington church, provided that he remains unmarried. The majority of the ministers held that it would be too much of a burden for the young man to support a family and continue his studies.

BANDITS EXECUTED.

Niedmeyer, Marx and Van Dine Hanged in Chicago—Former Carried to Scaffold.

Chicago, April 23.—The car-barn bandits have paid the penalty of their crimes. All three of them were hanged Friday morning.

Peter Niedmeyer, the leader of the desperate band of robbers, was the first to die. His nerve stood by him to the last, but his physical strength gave out and he was carried to the scaffold. He died with only a curse for religion. He defied Heaven and man. His death was consistent with his life.

Gustave Marx was the next to go to his fate. He was brave and collected. Not once did he falter, and the words of his prayer: "Oh, God, receive my soul," came from behind the white cap the very instant the trap fell.

Harvey Van Dine was the last. He, too, showed the greatest courage in the awful moments that preceded the plunge. Like Marx, he kept repeating the words of the litany for the dying, and his tones rose clear and distinct up to the last second.

The crime for which they were hanged was the robbery of the Chicago City railway car barn, August 30, 1903. In this affair the robbers secured \$2,250, killed two men and wounded another. The crime was brutal in the highest degree. No warning was given. The bandits opened fire upon the startled clerks, without even the accustomed command: "Hands up!" The robbery occurred at three o'clock in the morning. Frank Stewart, a young clerk, was shot and fatally wounded where he sat. James B. Johnson, a motorman, was asleep on a bench, and he, too, was killed before he knew what was happening.

In addition to this crime the bandits were guilty of robbing a number of sa-

CHECKED BY BAD WEATHER.

Distribution of Merchandise Affected, and Collections Are Made More Difficult.

BANK OFFICERS PUNISHED.

Sentence Is Passed on Three Prominent Indianians—Given Long Prison Terms.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 22.—Justus Broderick, president, and W. L. Collins, cashier, of the Indiana national bank at Elkhart, were sentenced Thursday by Judge Anderson, of the United States district court, on their pleas of guilty to violations of the banking laws, which resulted in the failure of the bank for \$642,000. Broderick was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years and Collins for six years. Walter Brown, director of the bank, member of the republican state committee from the Tenth district and member of the staff of Gov. Durbán, was sentenced to eight years in the Leavenworth penitentiary for participation in the wrecking of the bank.

Given Life Imprisonment.

Chicago, April 21.—Emil Roeski, the junior member of the bandit gang, three of whom are to die on the gallows, escaped the fate of his associates. The jury returned a verdict Wednesday that he pass the remainder of his life in the penitentiary. He was found guilty of the murder of Otto Bauder at Ernest M. Steir's saloon the night of July 9, 1903.

Corner Stone Laid.

Washington, April 20.—The cornerstone of the Memorial Continental hall, which the Daughters of the American Revolution are to build in memory of the heroes of that war, was laid Tuesday afternoon with impressive ceremonies.

Payne's Health Improving.

Washington, April 23.—President Roosevelt has been informed that Postmaster General Payne's health is much improved. He expects to resume his duties in the post office department upon his arrival in Washington in about ten days.

MILLIONS SWEEP AWAY BY FLAMES

CONFLAGRATION RAGES IN THE CANADIAN CITY OF TORONTO FOR MANY HOURS.

More Than 120 Buildings Are Burned—Loss Is Estimated at \$13,000,000—Nearly 250 Firms Put Out of Business.

Toronto, Ont., April 21.—The total loss by the fire which destroyed the wholesale district of Toronto Tuesday night will, according to the most conservative estimates, reach \$13,000,000; the total insurance is \$10,000,000. The area swept by the fire embraces 14 acres, and 10,000 persons are thrown out of employment. The principal warehouses of the city were reduced to ashes and nearly 250 firms were put out of business. The area covered by the fire is three blocks in length and varies from half a block to two blocks in width. Every building on Bay street from Melinda street southward to the Esplanade at the river front was wiped out and the fire spread on Wellington and Front streets and the Esplanade, along the water front, from their intersection with Bay street for distances of a few hundred feet to a whole block.

The total number of buildings destroyed were: Bay street, east side, 20; west side, 30; Wellington street, north side, 12; south side, 7; Front street, north, 22; south, 27; Esplanade, 4; Piper street, 1.

The fire started in a factory in Wellington street about nine o'clock Tuesday night. In less than an hour the fire had spread on both sides of the street until the whole block was a mass of flames and the fire was beyond the control of the local department.

It was believed at 11 o'clock that the fire was under control, but a sudden shift in the wind again fanned the flames into a roar and clouds of sparks and burning brands were carried down side streets until three entire blocks were doomed. The firemen were making a gallant fight amid the falling buildings and a mass of tangled wires, but their efforts at midnight were fruitless.

BURGLARS USE DYNAMITE.

Blow Open Bank Safe in Clay City, Ind., and Escape with \$6,000.

Clay City, Ind., April 22.—The Farmers' and Merchants' bank was entered by burglars Wednesday night, who blew open the safe and escaped with \$6,000. The front of the building was blown across the street. Loss covered by insurance.

Prominent Woman Murdered.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—The wife of Gen. Strandman, who lived in a handsome residence adjoining the winter palace, was murdered Friday in broad daylight. She was found in her room with her head chopped open with an ax. A valet was also murdered. The motive was robbery. Thousands of roubles in bonds and securities were taken by the perpetrator of the crime.

Thirteen Killed.

Brieg, Switzerland, April 20.—An avalanche from the Spitzhorn at two o'clock Tuesday morning swept the hamlet of Muehback. The inhabitants were asleep at the time and 13 were killed.

Visited Washington's Tomb.

Washington, April 23.—The delegates to the National Society of the Children of the Revolution on Friday visited Mount Vernon and held appropriate exercises at the tomb of Washington.