

Minerals containing radium have been discovered in the province of Quebec.

The raising of Angora goats is a new industry to be established at Ft. Collins, Col.

Prof. Calmette, of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, is making war on linen handkerchiefs.

Recent tests show that in 51 per cent. of the cases the human right arm is stronger than the left.

A "battle-ax windmill" is a curious feature of the landscape in the once arid plains of the far West.

When Chinese parents arrive at about the age of 55 their affectionate sons and daughters club together and give them each a coffin.

From the annual report of the minister of mines of British Columbia for 1903, just issued, it appears that the total production of the mines of the province shows a very slight increase over the year previous.

Reduction by electricity of an aneurism or dilation of the aorta, the main artery of the body, has been attempted in nine recorded cases.

According to a New York statistician, one of the puzzles of the matrimonial market is the preference of widowers for spinsters.

The largest watch in the world has just been made at an American watch factory and shipped to England.

In an article on the subject of average incomes in England and France, M. Paul Leroy Beaulieu, in a recent number of L'Economiste Français, asserts that there are by far a greater number of extremely wealthy people in England than in France.

To telegraph 16 messages simultaneously over a single wire has now been made possible through an invention of Dr. Michael Iversky Pupin.

Next year will mark the centennial of the New York public school system. In 1805 the Public School Society, which has since merged into one of the grandest institutions of the city, was formed with DeWitt Clinton as its president.

HONOR ACCEPTED BY MR. FAIRBANKS

FORMALLY NOTIFIED OF NOMINATION BY REPUBLICANS FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

The Ceremony Takes Place at His Home in Indianapolis—He Delivers an Address Announcing His Acceptance.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 4.—Charles W. Fairbanks, senior United States senator from Indiana, was Wednesday formally notified of his nomination for vice president of the United States by the republican national convention.

Mr. Root, in his address of notification said in part:

"The nomination comes to you in accordance with the best methods and practices of representative government. It was the result of long and earnest consideration and discussion by the members of the convention.

Referring to the vice presidential nominee of the democratic party, Mr. Root said in part:

"Before the next administration is ended he will be approaching his eighty-sixth birthday. It is no disparagement of this gentleman, for whom I believe we all have the highest respect, to say that he shares the common lot of mortals, and that the election of any man of such great age would furnish no safeguard to the American people against the disaster which would ensue upon the death of a president with a successor not competent to perform the duties of the presidential office."

Senator Fairbanks was given another ovation as he arose to accept the nomination. He said, in part:

"I accept the commission which you bring with a profound sense of the dignity and responsibilities of the exalted position for which I have been nominated. My utmost endeavor will be to discharge in full measure the trust, if the action of the convention shall meet the approval of the American people.

"The convention was wise not only in its enunciation of party policies, but in its nomination of a candidate for the presidency. During the last three years President Roosevelt has been confronted with large and serious questions. These he has met and solved with high wisdom and courage.

"He fully approved all the various planks in the party platform, and gave special reference to that touching the monetary question, saying that he believed it unwise for the American people to intrust the safety of the republic to a party in which the enemies of sound money were powerful enough to prevent an open indorsement of the gold standard.

VICTIM OF 'BUNCO' GAME.

Familiar Tin Box Method Used to Relieve Wealthy Man of Over \$3,000.

Waukesha, Wis., Aug. 5.—Jeremiah Casady, a wealthy Chicagoan spending the summer in Waukesha, discovered on Thursday that he had been made the victim of a bold bunco game of a familiar type, by which he was relieved of \$3,000 of his money.

Case of the Arabia Settled.

Vladivostok, Aug. 5.—The prize court has decided to confiscate such portion of the cargo of the Portland & Asiatic line steamer Arabia as was consigned to Japanese ports, namely, 59,000 pounds of flour and the railroad equipment.

Wisconsin War Governor Dead.

Columbus, Wis., Aug. 5.—Former Gov. James T. Lewis, the last of the war governors of Wisconsin, died Thursday, the result of a second stroke of apoplexy a week ago. Ex-Gov. Lewis was 83 years of age.

MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS.

State Convention Meets at Grand Rapids—The Ticket and the Platform.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 4.—After it had been generally conceded that Justus S. Stearns, of Ludington, would be nominated for governor by the democratic state convention, following Mr. Stearns' statement in the early hours of the day that he had bolted the republican party and would support the democratic ticket, both national and state, the convention Wednesday evening nominated for governor, on the first ballot, Woodbridge N. Ferris, of Big Rapids.

At the evening session nominations to complete the ticket were made as follows: Lieutenant governor, Hiram B. Hudson, Marcellona; secretary of state, James T. Balch, Kalamazoo; state treasurer, Edwin R. Smith, Clinton county; auditor general, George A. Curry, Ironwood; superintendent of public instruction, John E. Mealey, Plymouth; land commissioner, Henry McCarty, Newaygo; member of board of education, H. Kirk White, Owosso; attorney general, F. O. Gaffney, Missaukee county; judges of the supreme court, Allen C. Adsit, Grand Rapids; Clinton Roberts, Flint; Thomas A. Boyle, Ann Arbor; presidential electors-at-large, Thomas F. Carroll, Grand Rapids, Gilbert M. Stark, Saginaw.

The platform adopted indorses the platform and candidates of the national convention recently held at St. Louis. It favors the nomination of all candidates for office by direct vote of the people. It recommends a constitutional amendment for the election of state railroad and state tax commissioners by a direct vote of the people.

QUITS THE BENCH.

Judge Parker Tenders Resignation as Chief Judge of Court of Appeals.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 6.—Alton B. Parker ceased to be chief judge of the court of appeals of this state at 3:20 p. m. Friday and became the untrammelled candidate of the democratic party for the presidency of the United States, lacking only the formal notification of his nomination, which will take place at Rosemount next Wednesday afternoon.

STRIKE CAUSES BANK RUN.

Stock Yards Bank at Chicago Meeting All Demands—Latest Move of Strike Leaders.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Conditions growing out of the strike led to a run Friday on the Drovers' trust and savings bank. Forty-second and Halsted streets. Shortly after the bank opened a crowd of people appeared with their savings deposit books, and, forming in line, demanded their money.

Slaughter at Haicheng Fight.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—Detailed reports reaching the war office from Gen. Kuropatkin's generals show that the Russian losses July 30, 31 and August 1 did not exceed 4,000. The Japanese are believed to have lost at least an equal number.

Emperor Nicholas Fails to Approve.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—The press is informed that the question of the formation of a responsible Russian cabinet, which has been agitated since the assassination of Interior Minister von Plehve, has been submitted to Emperor Nicholas, but has not met with imperial favor.

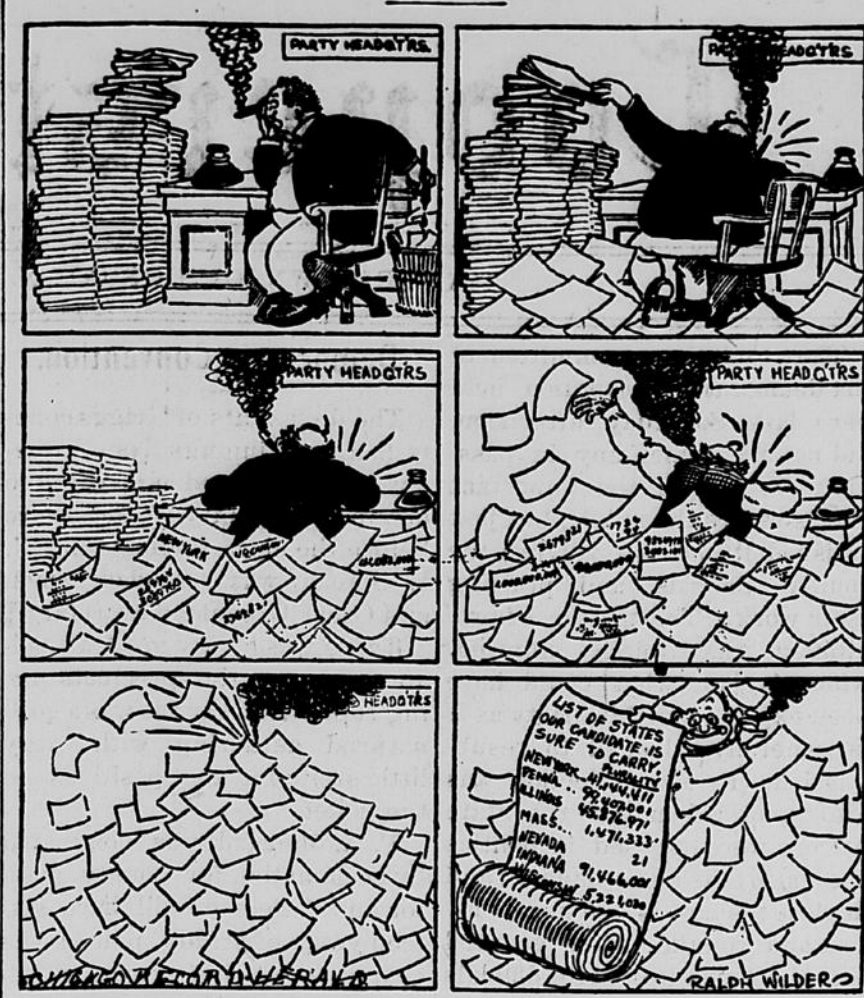
Wins Long Yacht Race.

Mackinac Island, Mich., Aug. 6.—The first boat to cross the line in the Chicago yacht club's cruising race to Mackinaw was the Vancador, arriving only four minutes ahead of her rival, Vampena, after a battle royal all down the lake.

Flouring Mills Burned.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 6.—Fire Thursday night burned the old C. & C. flouring mills, the pioneer plant of this city, with a loss of \$60,000.

THERE OUGHT TO BE SOME NEWS OF THE PREDICTION CROP SOON.



PIERCE ASSAULT ON PORT ARTHUR

JAPANESE FORCES SAID TO HAVE MET WITH AWFUL SLAUGHTER IN BATTLE.

Loss of 17,000 Killed and Wounded is Reported—Russian Losses Also Heavy—Japanese Troops Capture and Occupy Haicheng.

Chifoo, Aug. 5.—S. A. Serebrinik, who was a passenger on the British steamer Hpsang, which was sunk by a Russian torpedo boat in Pigeon bay July 16, and who was among the refugees who arrived here on the German steamer Sulbery, was interviewed Thursday. According to his version the fighting before Port Arthur from July 26 to 28 inclusive was directed against the last of the outer defenses, namely, Wolfs, Green and Christ hills, situated north and east of the city.

Enormous Losses.

A Port Arthur newspaper estimated the Russian loss at 200 killed and 800 wounded, the Japanese loss at 17,000 killed and wounded. It was also estimated that the Japanese fired 125,000 rounds of shrapnel. The ground was covered with broken shells. The Japanese attacking force was estimated at 180,000 men. On the night of July 28 a truce was declared for the purpose of burying the dead, which strewed the hills.

Steady Advance of Japanese.

London, Aug. 5.—A dispatch to a news agency from Anshanshan (half way between Haicheng and Liaoyang) says: "The Japanese advance is being continued with great energy against the southern army. The Russian main forces continue their retirement northward, but the cavalry has checked the Japanese threatening flank movement."

Capture of Haicheng.

Tokio, Aug. 5.—The Japanese victors at the battle of Simoucheng have advanced and occupied Haicheng. The Russians began abandoning Haicheng August 2. The Japanese entered Haicheng without resistance at noon Wednesday.

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Expects Port Arthur's Fall.

Berlin, Aug. 6.—The National Zeitung prints a private telegram from Tokio, dated August 5, in which it is stated that there are five Japanese divisions before Port Arthur, part of them within three and a half miles of the fortress, and that there are altogether 20 divisions in Manchuria. The telegram says that Tokio is expecting the fall of Port Arthur and the capitulation of Gen. Kuropatkin on the same day.

Keller's Body Reaches Liaoyang.

Liaoyang, Aug. 6.—Lieut. Gen. Count Keller's body arrived here August 2, accompanied by his son. Funeral services will be held here and the body will then be sent north by railway.

Will Visit the Fair.

St. Louis, Aug. 2.—Information has been received at the New York world's fair state building that Judge and Mrs. Alton B. Parker have accepted the invitation of National Committeeman Norman E. Mack to be his guests on New York day, October 4.

Wants to Go to Congress.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 5.—Dr. A. A. Ames, former mayor of Minneapolis, and convicted here of accepting a bribe, the case having been sent back for a new trial on appeal, has filed notice of his intention to run for congress on the republican ticket.

PROVE A DRAWBACK.

Labor Troubles Seriously Affect Business—In Other Features Trade Situation Improved.

New York, Aug. 6.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "Labor controversies are the most serious drawbacks to recovery in business, most other important factors tending toward improvement. Despite some reduction in the yield of wheat, crop prospects are most encouraging, and the loss in quantity of wheat promises to be fully offset by higher prices, so that the agricultural communities will be in position to purchase commodities freely. Railway earnings in July were only 2.4 per cent. smaller than a year previous, and at many cities there is evidence of returning confidence, with a little improvement in mercantile collections. But several strikes in progress and others under consideration militate against a resumption of normal conditions in trade and manufacture.

Failures this week in the United States are 230, against 220 last week, 231 the preceding week and 178 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 18, against 18 last week, 20 the preceding week and 19 last year. Bradstreet's says: "Business and industrial conditions are still irregular and tender generalization as to the future difficult. Dispatches to Bradstreet's indicate an appreciable enlargement in the distribution of merchandise at western points, collections show a slight gain and southern advices, buoyed by good crop advices, are optimistic. The iron trade, too, is showing improvement, and even bituminous coal is looking up."

MRS. MILES IS DEAD.

Wife of Famous Warrior Dies Unexpectedly While Visiting at West Point.

West Point, N. Y., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Nelson A. Miles died here Monday night of heart disease. She and Gen. Miles had been visiting their son, Sherman, who is a student at the military academy. Gen. Miles was not present at the time of his wife's death, he having gone out of town Monday. He returned Tuesday. Mrs. Miles was 62 years old. She made a number of calls Monday and apparently was in her usual health. Mrs. Miles was the daughter of Judge Charles Sherman and a niece of the late Senator John Sherman, of Ohio, and Gen. William T. Sherman.

Mrs. Miles was an active leader in Washington society. Her death is the culmination of series of attacks of heart trouble that had left her in an enfeebled condition during the past year and a half. She had a severe illness with complications last winter and her life was at one time despaired of.

MAN AND WIFE KILLED.

Stepped in Front of Train Near South Omaha, and Were Run Down.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pelan, suburban residents, were killed on the double tracks of the Union Pacific between Albright and South Omaha Thursday. They stepped from one track to avoid an incoming train and were struck by an outgoing passenger train on the opposite side. Both were instantly killed.

Governor Offers Reward.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 6.—Gov. Yates, at the request of the Illinois Central Railway company, issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$200 for the apprehension and conviction of each of the four bandits who robbed the passengers of an Illinois Central train Monday night near Chicago.

Sultan is Stubborn.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Minister Leishman has notified the state department from Constantinople that he has failed to receive the expected satisfactory reply from the sultan touching the rights of American citizens in Turkey.

AWFUL DISASTER OCCURS AT ALTON

MISSISSIPPI RIVER'S CRUEL WATERS ENGULF MAN AND EIGHT LITTLE CHILDREN.

Only One of the Party is Saved—While Bathing, in the Dusk of the Evening, They Step from Sand-bar Into the Deep Channel.

Alton, Ill., Aug. 6.—While bathing in the Mississippi river Friday night, Michael Riley, his daughter, and six of the latter's little girl friends were drowned. One child, who was in the party, was rescued.

The Victims.

The dead are: Michael Riley, 32 years old; Elizabeth Riley, 11 years old; Allie Syner, 14 years old; Lucy Pates, 8 years old; Lizzie Pates, 14 years old; Bessie Brum, 14 years old; Ruth Marshall, 12 years old.

Riley lived near the river in the southern part of the city and was accustomed to bathe on the beach in front of his home after his return from work. Friday night his little daughter begged to go with him and Riley took her and seven of her little girl friends to the beach with him. When they entered the water Riley bade the children join hands and they all waded into the river and walked along a sand-bar which stretches out into the stream at that point.

Stepped Into Deep Water.

They had gone some distance from the shore when suddenly the whole party disappeared beneath the water, having in the darkness stepped from the sand-bar into the deep channel. The children struggle and screamed, fighting desperately to reach the sand-bar, where the water was only a foot or so in depth. Riley, who is said to have been a good swimmer, is thought to have been made helpless by the girls clinging to him and hampering his efforts to save them.

One Girl Saved.

The only one in the party to regain the sand-bar was Mary Timiny, eight years old. The child is unable to tell how she saved herself, beyond the statement that "I snatched my hand loose from the grasp of the little girl next to me, and soon found that I could stand up and that the water only came to my knees."

The beach where the accident occurred is practically deserted after nightfall, and the screams of the little Timiny girl failed to attract anyone to the scene. After Riley and her playmates had disappeared beneath the water, the child ran from the beach and reached her home screaming at the top of her lungs. She was so hysterical that it was some time before her parents could gather an account of what had occurred. Immediately Mr. Timiny organized a rescue party, but when they reached the beach there was no sign of Riley and the seven little girls whom Mary had seen sink before her eyes. Boats were hastily secured and in a short time four of the bodies had been recovered. Searching parties worked late into the night.

Little Survivor's Story.

According to the account of the accident given by the little Timiny girl, after she had been in a measure calmed by her parents, the drowning was caused by the excitement incident to the passage of a large steamer. Mary says that they had waded some distance into the stream, keeping carefully to the sand-bar, when the wash from the steamer caused waves of considerable height to come ashore. Before entering the water Riley had instructed the little ones to maintain a tight grasp on each other's hands, he taking a place in the center. The wash from the steamer created considerable confusion among the girls, Mary explains, and in the darkness they lost their bearings and before they were aware of their danger two or three of them had stepped off the sand-bar into the channel, dragging the others with them. Mary was at the end of the line, and when her companions dragged her from the sand-bar she was the nearest to shoal water, and to that fact she owes her escape.

INDIANA DEMOCRATS.

State Convention Nominates Ticket—Kern for Governor—The Platform.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 4.—The Indiana democratic convention named a full state ticket, headed by John W. Kern, of Indianapolis, for governor. Other nominations were as follows: Secretary of state, Edward J. Fogarty, South Bend; treasurer, D. F. Allen, Frankfort; auditor, J. R. Riggs, Sullivan; attorney general Joseph H. Shea, Seymour; supreme court reporter, Walter S. Chambers, Newcastle; state statistician, Jesse D. Smith, Indianapolis; superintendent of instruction, Levi H. Scott, New Albany; supreme judges, Judge Frank E. Gavin, of Indianapolis, and George E. Downey, of Aurora.

The Platform Indorses the Nominee and Approves the Election of Thomas Taggart as National Chairman.

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Seven Perish.

Fallfax, N. S., Aug. 5.—A special from Digby, N. S., says that a sailboat containing eight tourists capsized and sank off Smith's Cove, near Digby, Thursday evening, and that seven of those on board were drowned.