

Cooperstown Courier.

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The largest station for wireless telegraphy is being placed near Pisa, Italy. On its completion, by the end of the year, it is expected to afford direct communication with all countries in Europe, as well as the United States and Canada, and with all vessels on the Mediterranean, Indian and Atlantic oceans.

The steam turbine principle has been adapted to a centrifugal high-pressure pump. The action is reversed, however, the water entering at what would be the exhaust end, gradually accelerating as it passes through the several fixed and movable vanes, until it acquires a high velocity at what would ordinarily be the outlet end.

In general, it may be said that Mexico is no place for a man without capital. It is a new country, in the sense that it possesses great natural resources as yet undeveloped, but most of these can be developed only by the aid of capital. They have been exploited for nearly four centuries just as far as transportation facilities and individual methods of industry have permitted.

The imports of Australia and New Zealand in 1903 are valued at \$400,670,000 and the exports in \$462,125,000. In the import trade the colony of New Zealand participated to the amount of \$63,940,000 and in the export trade to the amount of \$75,050,000. The balance fell to the six states comprising the commonwealth of Australia. The latter also exported \$17,375,706 net in coin and bullion.

The archbishop of Canterbury, now on a visit to this country, occupies the highest social position in England next to the crown and the immediate descendants of the king. He takes precedence after the prince of Wales and his son and above all dukes, earls, viscounts, above the lord chancellor, the premier and the secretary of state, and all ministers from other countries to the court of St. James.

Large additions are rapidly being made to the area of irrigated land in Colorado. The secretary of the interior has withdrawn from entry a large tract of land in the canyon of the Grand river, in that state, known as the Kremmling reservoir site, for the purpose of storing waters in a reclamation enterprise in the lower valley of the Colorado river, of which the Grand river is a tributary.

Dr. Degraive, a French specialist, has made a declaration which has caused considerable emotion among the fair sex in the gay capital. He says that the fashionable straight-front corset is ruinous to beauty, because it is unhealthy, and that women wearing this style of stays sooner or later fall victims of dyspepsia, sleeplessness, anemia and other troubles, and nobody suffering from these ills can long keep a pretty face.

A preliminary report to the chief of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture shows the total acreage of rice in the United States this season to be about 643,400 acres, distributed as follows: North Carolina, 1,800; South Carolina, 33,300; Georgia, 9,000; Louisiana, 385,100; and Texas, 234,200 acres. The rice acreage of the country has increased 82 per cent. within the last five years and is now four times as large as it was 15 years ago.

The municipal authorities at Barcelona, a small place on the Cavado river, about 25 miles north of Oporto, Portugal, are willing to grant a 30-year concession to a company for the erection of an electric light and power plant. One of the stipulations which will be expected of such a company will be that it furnish the municipality with 160 16-candle power incandescent lights and six 50-candle power arc lights for the sum of 1,500 milreis (\$1,620) per annum.

The rifle with which the Japanese armies in Manchuria have been doing such execution upon their Russian enemies is made in the arsenals of Japan and was invented by a native, Col. Arisaka, after whom it is named. It is a combination of the best features of the Mauser and the Italian Mannlicher, adding thereto certain original ideas of Col. Arisaka. The rifle has a caliber of 6.5 millimeters, weighs nine and a half pounds and carries a cartridge weighing 22 grams.

Of minor manufactured articles of United States origin which, owing to lack of shipping facilities, are not imported direct to Spain, there is also a very substantial increase to record. Notions of every description, ice-cream freezers and United States rubber over shoes are visible everywhere. With regard to rubber over shoes, although looked upon as outlandish curiosities when first introduced a couple of years ago, they are now in universal use and considered indispensable.

The United States now produces an almost endless variety of farm crops, but their number is likely to be increased in the near future. We have a region in Arizona and Southern California which is believed to be capable of growing the date palm, and the government is now making efforts to secure varieties from date-growing countries. We now use about 18,000,000 pounds of dates which it would seem could be grown here quite as well as in foreign countries. This country's temperature is not hot enough for certain varieties of dates.

STORM OF SHELL POURS INTO CITY

THE JAPANESE MAKE ANOTHER FIERCE ASSAULT ON THE RUSSIAN STRONGHOLD.

Present Attack May Terminate in Fall of Port Arthur—Besieged Force Fights Desperately—Daring Pass Captured by Japs.

Paris, Sept. 24.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs as follows: "Telegrams of which the general staff have as yet no knowledge reached the emperor at four o'clock this morning. I can affirm that they concern Port Arthur, regarding which place the greatest anxiety prevails at court. The Japanese are now engaged in a general assault, which is more furious than its predecessors, attacking the town on three sides simultaneously, and employing their whole forces, being determined to finish the business. Russian mines blew up whole battalions. Gen. Fock especially distinguished himself, directing the fire from the wall, which the Japanese reached after indescribable massacre. The whole of Admiral Togo's and Vice Admiral Kamimura's squadrons are aiding the struggle, which it is feared here, will be final. The besieged forces are fighting as in a furnace. A perfect storm of shell is falling on the town, port and fortress from the whole hill and roadstead. Gen. Stoessel is going from fort to fort encouraging the defenders in their desperate efforts. In St. Petersburg the facts concerning the tragic event which perhaps will terminate by a glorious fall of Port Arthur, are wholly unknown. At court hope has not yet been abandoned."

Woman Runs Blockade.
Chefoo, Sept. 22.—Mrs. Anna Kravtchenko, the English wife of a Russian army officer, who arrived here the night of September 17 with Lieut. Prince Radzivil from Port Arthur, is the first woman to run the blockade from the Russian stronghold since the Japanese increased their vigilance to prevent egress from the port. Her trip was rendered extremely perilous because she came out with the prince and his companion, Lieut. Christoforoff, who carried messages from Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, the commander at Port Arthur, to Gen. Kuropatkin. Both these officers were disguised, and had they been captured by the Japanese they certainly would have been executed.

Japs Take Daring Pass.
St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—Daring pass, one of the most strategic spots in the siege of Mukden, has fallen to the Japanese, after repeated assaults. The Russian Cossacks, who held the pass, were routed and fled in utter defeat Friday. They left 280 dead on the field. This is the report which has just reached the war office here, and officials are plunged in the deepest gloom. The news, while official, has not been confirmed by messages from Kuropatkin, and until he reports to the czar it will not be known how the Japanese were able to defeat the Russians at the pass, which has been considered impregnable.

Gen. Kuropatkin telegraphs that the Japanese have assumed the offensive, from Bentsiaputze, on Fu pass, which is on the railroad between Mukden and Fushun, about 12 miles from Mukden.

May Not Resist Advance.
St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—The absence of detailed reports from the seat of war, despite the important character of events that are believed to be developing around Mukden, leads to the supposition that Gen. Kuropatkin may, after all, not seriously contest the Japanese advance, and that the long expected battle at Mukden may turn out to be merely a rear guard action upon a large scale.

BOILER EXPLODES.

Disaster in a Southern Cotton Mill Wrecks Structure and Kills Four Men.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 24.—The boiler in the gin department of the mammoth cotton mill, Erwin No. 3, at Dukes, on the Cape Fear & Northern railroad, about 25 miles from Raleigh, exploded with terrific violence at 7:15 o'clock Friday morning, instantly killing four men, scalding another so badly that he will die, and partially wrecking the engine room. Several persons were thrown down by the shock of the explosion, but their injuries are not serious. The dead are: Henry C. Fowler, of Burlington, general superintendent of the mills; Lee Hurst, fireman; H. G. Braswell, George McLean (colored).

Watson Draws Color Line.
Houston, Tex., Sept. 23.—Hon. Tom Watson, of Georgia, who is to speak here to-day, arrived unexpectedly Thursday night, and the committee failed to meet him. At the station Mr. Watson hired a hack to drive to a hotel and was requested by the driver to admit another passenger. The driver presented a negro woman as his seat mate, whereupon Mr. Watson left the hack and struck the negro driver a blow.

A Valuable Cargo.
New Orleans, Sept. 23.—The French steamer Admiral Fourchon arrived in port Thursday from Santos, via Rio de Janeiro, with 51,597 bags of coffee valued at \$1,900,000.

Enormous Losses.
Portland, Ore., Sept. 23.—Timbermen who have visited Columbia county report that recent forest fires in that section have destroyed timber to the value of \$8,000,000.

FAIRBANKS ACCEPTS.

Synopsis of Republican Vice Presidential Candidate's Letter Accepting the Honor.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 22.—Senator Fairbanks' letter of acceptance has been given to the public through Hon. Elihu Root, chairman of the notification committee. In it the republican vice presidential nominee sticks closely to a treatment of the various planks of the republican platform, and outlines the policies of the party in the future by what it has done in the past seven years. In commenting upon the work of the state department during that time, he refers to the conclusion of 30 different treaties, among which he mentions the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, superseding the Clayton-Bulwer convention; the Panama canal treaty; the trade convention with China and Cuba, and the Alaskan boundary treaty. These treaties, he believes, point to the efficiency of republican diplomacy.

Senator Fairbanks finds but one issue which the democrats have raised. That is the tariff. He does not believe the voters of the country, either the employing classes or the employees, wish to cut the tariff schedules to such an extent as to bring foreign labor into competition with American labor. He says the republican party, as the inaugurators of the protective system under which America has expanded industrially and commercially, is the only party to be entrusted with the regulation of this important subject.

Other planks which he deals with at considerable length are those relating to the maintenance of the gold standard; the regulation of trusts and the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law, and the interstate commerce laws, charging the democratic party with having done nothing towards safeguarding legitimate interests in these directions. He refutes the charge of extravagance in government expenditures; applauds the president's course in dealing with the insurrection in Panama and in the government of the Philippines.

The complete letter is a document of some 4,000 words.

KILLS TWO MEN.

Train Strikes Wagon Loaded with Dynamite and Terrific Explosion Follows.

Cumberland, Md., Sept. 24.—Fast freight No. 94, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, struck a wagon loaded with 750 pounds of dynamite at the crossing at North Branch, Va., four miles east of here, Friday afternoon. Two persons were killed and nine were injured, three of them seriously. James Laing, who drove the wagon, escaped with only trivial injury, as did the two horses, although the latter were blown 50 yards into a field. According to eye witnesses, Laing, hearing the train, became terrified and stopped on the track. The wagon was within three feet of clearing it when the engine struck the rear end, carrying it 50 feet before the explosion. Laing deserted the wagon and ran down from the track into a ditch. He was knocked down and rendered unconscious for a time, but the force of the explosion passed over him. The engine was overturned and stripped and seven cars following, loaded with high-grade merchandise, were broken, several being demolished. The tracks were thrown out of the bed and twisted serpentine, while rails were snapped like pipe-stems. Engineer Pike was held under iron scraps on top of the boiler while being slowly cooked to death. It required four men to extricate him.

KING PETER CROWNED.

No Hostile Demonstration Attends Coronation of the Servian Ruler.

Belgrade, Servia, Sept. 22.—Peter Karageorgevitch was crowned king of Servia Wednesday. There were no hostile demonstrations and no attempt to carry out the numerous threats against the new king's life. In the solemn ritual of the Greek church and in the elaborate state procession which preceded and followed the coronation the tragedy of Servia's previous ruler found an echo. Amid the thunder of the saluting guns from the royal palace and the garrison King Alexander's murder was at least outwardly forgotten. The services took place at the cathedral and lasted for three hours. Wearing the crown on his head and fully robed, the king left the cathedral, remounted his horse and rode through the crowded streets to the palace. There, in the grand festival hall, King Peter received the congratulations of the diplomatic corps and others, ascended the royal throne and once more took the scepter and orb in his hands.

Selects a Candidate.
Detroit, Mich., Sept. 23.—The republican state central committee on Thursday chose John E. Bird, of Adrian, as the republican candidate for attorney general. This action was made necessary by the recent nomination of Charles A. Blair, of Jackson, for supreme justice. Mr. Blair was the party's candidate for attorney general.

In the Interest of Science.
New York, Sept. 24.—Dr. George S. Conant, aged 51 years, who died here Friday of diabetes, is said to have willed his brain to the medical faculty of Cornell university that further investigation may be made of a theory that his disease could be traced to the brain.

Claims Self-Defense.
Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 24.—Marshal Dan Ellis, of Linnville, Ia., instantly shot and killed Bill Wallace, hotel proprietor, Friday. Ellis claims that the killing was in self defense and has surrendered himself to the sheriff.

AN ECLIPSE IN SIGHT.



TEN LIVES LOST IN PECULIAR WAY

BOX OF DYNAMITE FALLS FROM WAGON TO CAR TRACKS IN MELROSE, MASS.

Struck by Street Car and Terrible Result Follows—Six Passengers Killed Outright—Four Others Die in Short Time.

Melrose, Mass., Sept. 22.—An outward-bound electric car, containing 32 persons, was blown to pieces in this city Wednesday night by striking a 50-pound box of dynamite that had fallen off an express wagon. Six persons were killed outright, four more died of their injuries within an hour, and 19 others on the car were taken to the two hospitals suffering from severe injuries. At least a score of persons in the immediate vicinity of the explosion were hurt by flying glass and splinters.

The Victims.
The following dead have been identified: Dr. Malcom E. McLennan, Melrose Highlands; E. B. Haynes, Melrose; Winfield Rowe, Saugus, Mass., motorman; E. A. Stowe, South Boston; Fred D. Marshall, Boston. The unidentified dead were three women, a man and a three-year-old girl. Edward A. Waterhouse, of Melrose, had a foot amputated, and was otherwise badly injured. Dr. Perry, of Wakefield, had both legs broken; Mrs. John Conway, of Melrose, had both legs broken; George H. Andrews, of Melrose, received a compound fracture of the left leg, and his foot also was amputated. All of these are likely to die.

A Frightful Scene.
So great was the force of the explosion that all but ten feet of the rear portion of the car was blown into small pieces, while windows within a radius of a quarter of a mile were shattered. The immediate vicinity of the accident presented a fearful spectacle when those in the neighborhood reached the scene. The ground was strewn with legs, arms and other portions of the bodies of those who had been killed, while shrieks and groans came from the writhing forms of the injured.

A FATAL PLUNGE.

Forty Men Fall Fifty Feet from Scaffold—Three Killed, Many Injured.

Siloam Springs, Ark., Sept. 23.—A special to the Daily Republican from Grove, I. T., says: A fatal accident occurred Thursday three miles west of here, in which three men were killed outright, three fatally and 21 more or less seriously injured by the falling of scaffold work on a bridge. The dead are: Henry Rucker, Thomas Brown and Ray Moore. Forty men working on scaffolding surrounding an iron wagon bridge in course of construction across Grand river, were suddenly precipitated into the river below, a distance of over 50 feet, by the breaking of the scaffold work.

Elects Officers.
San Francisco, Sept. 21.—The following officers were elected by the sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows: Grand sire, Robert E. Wright, of Alhambra, Pa.; deputy grand sire, E. S. Conway, of Chicago; grand secretary, J. Frank Grant, of Baltimore; grand treasurer, M. Richard Muckie, of Philadelphia.

Chicago Merchant Dead.
Chicago, Sept. 21.—Robert S. Scott, of the firm of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., died at his home in Lakeside at four o'clock Tuesday morning, after a short illness from liver complaint, which had not been considered serious.

Will Oppose Speaker Cannon.
Paris, Ill., Sept. 23.—The democrats of the Eighteenth congressional district nominated Colson V. McClennahan, of Danville, to oppose Speaker J. G. Cannon in the coming election.

SCHOOL GIRLS MEET AWFUL FATE

PLUNGED INTO VAULT OF FILTH BY COLLAPSE OF FLOOR IN AN OUTHOUSE.

Of Thirty Little Ones Who Took the Terrible Fall, Nine Are Taken Out Dead—Frightful Disaster Near Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Sept. 24.—School closed Friday at Pleasant Ridge, seven miles north of Cincinnati, with the first quarter of the session, when nine, possibly ten, schoolgirls were suffocated in a vault during the forenoon recess and a score of others narrowly escaped the same horrible death.

Floor Collapses.
On opposite sides of the spacious ground in the rear of the school building are two outhouses. When recess was given about 30 of the smaller girls were in the outhouse assigned to them when suddenly the floor gave way, precipitating them into a vault of filth. This vault is 12 feet deep and walled up with stone like a well.

The girls fell eight feet from the flooring before striking the filth, and the struggles of those who were on top kept at least nine underneath until they were dead. The frame shed over these vaults were about 20 feet square, without windows and with only one narrow doorway, so that only one little girl escaped from the door. She ran into the school building and told the teachers what had happened. Principal T. L. Simmerman and the seven other teachers rushed to the rescue. The ladies gave the alarm about the vicinity, while Principal Simmerman secured a ladder, on which the drenching girls climbed out, most of them fainting as soon as they reached the surface. The teachers were soon reinforced by the entire population of the town, the police and fire departments rendering most effective service. Those able to climb out on the ladders themselves were rescued by Principal Simmerman, who finally fainted. Then others went into the vault and kept bringing out dead bodies until the vault was cleared. The firemen drained the vault, so as to be sure that the rescue was complete.

A Terrible Sight.
Those engaged in the rescue work recite the most ghastly experiences. Even those rescued alive presented such an appearance as to make many in the crowd of spectators faint, but the sight within the vault beggared all description. The children who were on top of the writhing heap were rescued first. While they were getting out of the vault their feet crowded relentlessly down on others who were meeting with a most agonizing death. It was noticed that the older ones were on top and rescued. James Smith, aged 14, one of the pupils, climbed to the roof of the school house, untied the flag and ran to the vault. By means of this impromptu rope several were rescued. Marshal Wood had great difficulty in keeping the crowd back and from interfering with the rescuers.

The Victims.
The dead are: Loretta Flake, aged 12, daughter of Henry Flake, of the Schroth Packing company, Cincinnati; Emma Steinkamp, aged 13, daughter of John Steinkamp; Amelia Hesse, aged nine, daughter of Herman D. Hesse, dairyman; Martha Buhr, aged eight, father dead, mother, Ella Buhr; Edna Thee, aged ten, daughter of John Thee, blacksmith; Lillian Witham, aged 13, daughter of W. A. Witham, farmer; Hazel Glover, aged eight, parents dead; lives with grandmother, Mrs. Wolf; Fausta Card, aged 11, and Charman Card, aged nine, both daughters of William Card, of the firm of McCullough & Sons, Cincinnati.

Vesuvius at Work.
Naples, Sept. 24.—Vesuvius is becoming more active. The crust around the crater has broken away and produces magnificent furies of red-hot ashes and sparks of fire, which rise occasionally in immense columns to a height of 700 feet. The eruption Friday was the most spectacular witnessed in the last ten years. A great stream of lava was discharged, threatening wide destruction.

Russia's Position.
St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—Russia's position on the matter of contraband has been authoritatively stated to be as follows: Russia does not desire to interfere with the United States' legitimate commerce with Japan, but she has the right to, and must protect herself as far as possible against shipments which may aid the enemy in prosecuting the war.

Body Washed Ashore.
London, Sept. 23.—The body of Charles B. Spahr, of New York, formerly editor of Current Literature, was washed ashore Wednesday near Broadstairs, Kent, England. The remains were fully identified by the American consul. Mr. Spahr disappeared from an ocean liner near the coast recently and the finding of the body partly clears up the mystery.

Russians Meet Loss.
St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—A detachment under Gen. Rennenkampf, while reconnoitering Wednesday lost two officers and nine men killed and had three officers and 23 men wounded.

Again the Nominee.
Denver, Col., Sept. 22.—Alva A. Adams, of Pueblo, was for the third time nominated for governor by the state democratic convention.