

Sweden has had for years a law under which foreign commercial travelers soliciting orders have to pay a tax of \$22.50 for every period of 30 days of their sojourn in Sweden.

Attention has been called to the depths of two deep shafts in India. The Ribblesdale shaft of the Mysore mine has reached 3,030 feet in depth, while the Garland shaft of the Champion reef is 2,750 feet.

On March 3 of this year a law was promulgated in Spain prohibiting work on Sundays, and enforcing the closing of all industrial and commercial establishments.

The world is watching the work of the Japanese and wondering whence Japan will supply her ships with guns when the war is over, since she will need a goodly number, as it is a well-known fact that large guns have to be replaced by others after being fired sixty to eighty times.

The growth of the beet sugar industry in Colorado is constantly creating a demand for new factories. Lamar, Col., is to have a new beet sugar factory which will employ 300 men at least five months in the year.

The fifty-eighth report of the commissioner of lunacy of Great Britain, issued September 7, 1914, shows that in England and Wales on January 1 last 117,199 persons were certified as insane, being 3,235 in excess or the number on the same day in 1913.

The agricultural year in Spain is nearing its close, and farmers are about to gather their late crops. Months ago the vineyards promised an abundant yield, but storms, frost, sleet and mildew have spoiled large tracts in many districts.

Sheffield's gas consumption has increased from 1,131,000,000 cubic feet in 1913 to 1,181,000,000 cubic feet in 1914, an increase of 4.4 per cent., while the price has decreased from 56 cents to 40 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, or 28 1/2 per cent.—this for coal gas, not water gas—with a standard of 16.50 candle power tested by the corporation.

The Paris-Lyons-Mediterranean Railway Co. contemplates cutting all records in railway speeds. For the next winter season a train for the Riviera is to be put on the rails which will leave Paris at 9 a. m. and will reach Nice at 10:50 p. m.

Statistics for India for 1913 show that the population has increased over 40,000,000 since 1891 and numbered at the time of the census of that year 294,361,056 persons, who spoke 185 different languages and observed eight great religions.

After lying submerged for nearly 60 years, the remains of the first Atlantic liner are being put to commercial uses. In 1847 the Sirius, the first steamer to cross the Atlantic, was lost off the south coast of Ireland, and the wreck remained undisturbed till early this year, when it was raised for the sake of the brass, copper and gun metal in the engines and fittings.

Every American and nearly every other civilized man recognizes the queer name "Sequoia" at once as referring to the wonderful big trees of California. But how many people know where the name comes from?

OBEYS ORDERS DESTROYS SHIP

RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOAT ELUDES JAPS AT PORT ARTHUR AND REACHES CHEFOO.

After Delivering Message from Gen. Stoessel, Her Commander in Obedience to Orders, Causes Her to Be Blown to Pieces.

Chefoo, Nov. 17.—The Russians have blown up the torpedo boat destroyer Rastoropyh which arrived here early Wednesday with dispatches from Gen. Stoessel for the czar.

Ordered to Destroy Vessel. It was learned authoritatively on Wednesday night that the Rastoropyh carried sealed orders providing that, unless there came a highly favorable opportunity to escape, the vessel should be blown up.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 17.—The message of Gen. Stoessel brought to Chefoo by the torpedo boat destroyer Rastoropyh has not been given out, but it is understood that it contains no request for instructions regarding the surrender of Port Arthur.

Is Very Confident. St. Petersburg, Nov. 19.—Gen. Stoessel has telegraphed to Emperor Nicholas that Port Arthur can hold out until the Baltic squadron arrives in March, on the condition that he is supplied with munitions and stores.

Russian Arsenal Blown Up. Tokio, Nov. 19.—A telegram from Moji reports the destruction of another Russian arsenal and magazine at Port Arthur.

DEATH OF FORMER JUDGE. Thomas A. Moran, of Chicago, Succumbs to Heart Disease in New York City.

New York, Nov. 19.—Ex-Judge Thomas A. Moran, of Chicago, died suddenly Friday at the Waldorf-Astoria in this city. He was 64 years of age. Judge Moran's death was due to heart disease.

Dr. Fairfield Dead. Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 19.—Word was received here Friday of the death of Dr. E. B. Fairfield, of Oberlin, O. He was the second chancellor of the University of Nebraska, ex-president of several colleges, consul at Lyons, France, under President Harrison, a close friend of Wendell Phillips and Henry Ward Beecher and one of the founders of the republican party.

Record Lowered. Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 18.—On the association track here Thursday Dan Patch lowered the world's record for pacing a mile on a half mile track, the official time being 2:03 flat.

Embezzlement Charged. Lima, O., Nov. 16.—President W. W. Leighton and Cashier C. H. Churchill, of the Lima Savings Bank & Trust company, which recently failed, were arrested Tuesday, charged with the embezzlement of \$21,329.

Elected Bishop. Louisville, Ky., Nov. 17.—After a session lasting ten hours, during the course of which 12 ballots were taken, the diocesan council elected Dr. Charles Edward Woodcock, of Detroit, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Kentucky.

Crumpacker a Candidate. Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 18.—Congressman Edgar D. Crumpacker, of the Tenth district, has announced his candidacy for the United States senate to succeed Senator Fairbanks.

AN OPEN SWITCH.

Causes a Collision on Pere Marquette Road at Elmdale, Mich.—Five Killed.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 17.—Four persons were killed and seven injured in a rear-end collision between Pere Marquette passenger trains at Elmdale, Wednesday night. The dead are: M. Simons, of New York; J. L. Strelitzky, of Chicago; R. C. Savoye, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; J. L. Smith, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Clarence I. Pickert, of Brookline, Mass.

FOUR ASPHYXIATED.

Terrible Disaster Occurs in Gas Company's Plant at Dover, N. J.

New York, Nov. 18.—Four men were asphyxiated by gas at Dover, N. J., Thursday at the plant of the Dover, Rockaway & Port Oram Gas company. They constituted the entire working force of the plant and were discovered by George E. Bunnell, a former employe, who on visiting the plant found it apparently deserted, with engines running under a full head of steam and scarcely any water in the boilers.

TRAGEDY IN COURTROOM.

Chicago Saloonkeeper Tries to Kill Wife and Babe and Then Commits Suicide.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Charles Shyck, a saloonkeeper, enraged because he was about to be arraigned for wife-beating, shot his wife and infant son and killed himself in Justice O'Donoghue's crowded courtroom at the West Chicago avenue police station Wednesday.

STREET CAR DEMOLISHED.

Crashes Through Crossing Gates in Toronto and Is Struck by Train—Four Killed.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 18.—A street car with trailer got beyond control of the motorman and crashed through the guard gates at the Queen street crossing of the Grand Trunk railway Thursday night.

Tragedy in Michigan.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 19.—Two night policemen in Wyandotte, 12 miles down the river from Detroit, early Friday discovered a horse and buggy standing at the corner of Fourth and Oak streets with H. J. Hillebrand and Mrs. W. J. Miller, of Detroit, lying dead in the buggy.

The Vote in Colorado.

Denver, Col., Nov. 19.—The official count of the vote in all counties except Denver, Pueblo and Arapahoe, with the unofficial figures from these, shows that Gov. James H. Peabody won over 40,000 votes behind President Roosevelt.

Exposition at Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 19.—The first announcement has been made of a formal movement to hold in this city in 1915 a world's fair to be known as the semi-centennial peace jubilee exposition, commemorating the end of the war between the states.

Death of a Woman Educator.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 17.—Miss Clara Conway, one of the best known woman educators in the south, is dead after an illness of several days.

PHRENOLOGICAL CHART OF UNCLE SAM.



BIG BLAST FATAL TO FOUR PERSONS

EXPLOSION OF TANKS WRECKS PLANT FOR MANUFACTURE OF ACETYLENE GAS.

Disaster Occurs at Grand Crossing, Suburb of Chicago—Four Men Instantly Killed and Eleven Others Are Badly Injured.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—Terrific explosions of acetylene gas in the Pyle National Headlight company's plant at Seventy-second street and South Chicago avenue, Grand Crossing, brought death to four men, injured 11 others and spread panic through the neighborhood Friday morning.

The Victims.

The dead are Rolf J. Wells, Joseph Jennings, George Muehl and Amos Watkins. At the first explosion Muehl was blown into the air as the roof was torn away. He fell back into the burning ruins and with Wells and Jennings was buried beneath the falling walls under which explosions continued.

Blast Follows Blast.

The cause of the first explosion probably never will be determined, as all of those who could tell are dead. Without warning a thunderous explosion broke from the Pyle factory, and the building fell in ruins.

Adjacent to the one-story building of the Pyle firm was the three-story plant of the Acetylene Apparatus Manufacturing company. Twenty-six men were at work there and all were thrown to the floor, many of them being severely injured.

Spent \$22,189.53.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Gov.-elect Higgins certified Wednesday that his election expenses were \$22,189.53. This is the largest sum spent for this purpose within the recollection of the present employes of the secretary of state's office.

Jury Falls to Agree.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—The jury in the case of Victor Roland O'Shea, on trial for the murder of his wife, disagreed after nearly 24 hours' deliberation and was discharged by Judge Chetani.

Treaty Signed.

London, Nov. 17.—The Anglo-Portuguese treaty of arbitration was signed at Windsor castle Wednesday afternoon.

Vermont's Vote.

Montpelier, Vt., Nov. 16.—The official returns from the presidential election show a republican plurality of 30,633.

TRADE REVIEW.

Steady Improvement Is Shown in Conditions in Commercial Lines.

New York, Nov. 19.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "Business was retarded by the storms which interrupted telegraphic communication, but the loss was quickly recovered, and retail trade responded to the lower temperature, while a large jobbing distribution of holiday goods occurred.

SON HELD GUILTY.

Verdict Against Young Weber for Murder of Parents and Sisters and a Brother.

Auburn, Cal., Nov. 19.—In the Weber case the coroner's jury has brought in the following verdict: "We find that Julius Weber, Mary Weber and Bertha Weber came to their death by pistol shot wounds, and it is the belief of the jury that said wounds were inflicted by Adolph J. Weber."

Aid Is Voted.

San Francisco, Nov. 19.—By unanimous vote, the delegates to the American Federation of Labor decided to aid the striking textile workers of Fall River to the extent of \$25,000 per week for three weeks.

Famous Bear Hunter Dies.

Florence, Col., Nov. 18.—William Perkins, better known as "Moccasin Bill," is dead on a ranch near Montrose, aged 80 years. He came to Colorado in 1860 as a government scout to watch the movements of the Indians.

Will Fight Filivans.

New York, Nov. 18.—Losses of half a million dollars through shoplifting have been suffered during the past year by 21 department stores in this city, whose proprietors, because of such losses, have formed an alliance to fight petty pilfering.

Parker Opens Law Office.

New York, Nov. 17.—Ex-Judge Alton B. Parker, recent democratic candidate for president, opened a law office in the building at No. 32 Liberty street, in this city, Wednesday.

Bank Robbed.

Iowa City, Ia., Nov. 16.—Four unmasked men have robbed a bank at Boxholm, Ia. The robbers got \$1,200.

STORM IS FATAL TO MANY PERSONS

A NUMBER OF LIVES LOST DURING RECENT HURRICANE ALONG ATLANTIC COAST.

Big Cities Cut Off from Telegraphic Service and Otherwise Isolated—Business Suffers—Wharf Washed Ashore.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 17.—A special train Washington, D. C., says: Capt. Charles Williams and three others left Saturday on the schooner Misouri for their home in Hyde county. Storm bound at Indian Head, they anchored at a point on the north side of the bay, and all aboard were killed.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 17.—Further advice from the Carolina coast say that the New Inlet life-saving station was destroyed by Sunday's hurricane and that several of the crew stationed there were lost.

Damage Is Widespread. Chicago, Nov. 16.—The area isolated by an eastern storm and in which telegraph and telephone communication was rendered practically impossible, extends from Portland, Me., west to a point north and west of Albany, N. Y., thence south to Norfolk, Va., on a line running east of Harrisburg, Pa., and west of Washington.

Great Cities Isolated. New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, within the storm zone, were almost completely isolated from the rest of the country and from one another.

One of the most singular effects of the gale was reported from Pennsylvania, Me., where a whale 80 feet long, was blown ashore. Unable to get back into deep water the great creature lay helpless on the beach and a bullet from a hunter's rifle ended its life.

DEATH OF ARTHUR CATON.

Noted Clubman and Society Leader of Chicago, Expires Suddenly in New York.

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THREE DROWNED.

Hotel Keeper and Two Guests Lose Their Lives on Tenderfoot Lake in Wisconsin.

Eagle River, Wis., Nov. 19.—Horace Bent, a summer hotel keeper, Frederick Anderson and an unknown eastern tourist, a guest of Bent's, were drowned in an attempt to cross Tenderfoot lake in a canoe through a heavy sea.

Farwell to Liberty Bell.

St. Louis, Nov. 17.—Special farwell exercises in honor of the Liberty bell, which for several months past had been on exhibition in the Pennsylvania building at the world's fair, were held Wednesday, at the conclusion of which the honored relic was started on its trip back to Philadelphia.

Evidence Insufficient.

New York, Nov. 18.—Richard Van Cott, who was charged with aiding and abetting in a colonization in the Fifth assembly district, where he was defeated for the assembly in the last election, was discharged by Justice Wynn in the court of special sessions on the ground of insufficient evidence.

Hecker Resigns.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Col. Frank J. Hecker, of Michigan, has resigned as a member of the Panama canal commission. Mr. Hecker's letter of resignation gives as the reason for his action the fear that residence on the isthmus would cause general physical breakdown.