

During the winter of 1896 a sheet of the ordinary one-cent stamps with the word "Guam" printed across the face slipped through with "Guam upside down." Those stamps were printed for the use of the island, and collectors have searched far and near for them.

Strong efforts are being made in Italy to improve its merchant marine. It is claimed that foreign ships carry the greater part of the Italian emigrants, as well as of Italian freights. The main cause for the strong competition lies in the superiority of the foreign vessels, both in numbers and in construction, to those flying the Italian flag.

According to reports made in October, 1903, there existed at that date 600 gardens in Belgium in which plants had been allotted to 3,000 persons. France had created 6,137 gardens, which had provided assistance to 43,000 persons. These gardens were provided either by charitable societies or by groups of philanthropists associated for that purpose.

According to the Frankfurter Zeitung, the percentage of unemployed laborers in England is very large. Information from private sources puts the number in October, 1903, at 200,000, while some press reports for last year estimate it to be as high as 600,000. The statistics and reports of the trade unions and other sources are agreed that the number is at least 100 per cent greater than in 1903.

The shipments of citrus fruits, oranges and lemons from the state of California for the season of 1903-4 is given in a statement published in the issue of the San Francisco Trade Journal as \$9,399 carloads consisting of 11,239,216 boxes. The figures for the season of 1902-3 are 23,871 carloads, consisting of 8,641,802 boxes, and for the season of 1901-2, 19,180 carloads made up of 6,904,800 boxes.

Meat manufacturers in Germany are especially anxious for the revocation of the prohibition against the use of boric acid in Frankfort sausages, as it is thought to be almost impossible to manufacture them for exportation without using boron. It is worthy of note, however, that a Frankfort firm has discovered a process by which sausages can be made without boron and remain good for a long time.

Black bears are rapidly going the way of the foxes, and to-day it costs a woman \$150 or more for a good set of black furs, while a few years back farmers and woodsmen hardly thought it worth their time to skin the bears they shot, unless they wanted the hides for home use. Now the fortunate hunter who traps or shoots a black bear is in pocket anywhere from \$75 to \$125, not counting the value of the meat.

During the last 12 months more than 1,000,000 muskrats were slaughtered to be made up into fashionable furs. Almost half as many mink were trapped and shot. Yet these represent only two of the scores of species of animals that are called upon to sacrifice their lives at the demand of fashion. It is not improbable that last year 5,000,000 of the creatures of the forest, field and stream were slaughtered.

Generally speaking, the quality of the deciduous fruits grown on the plains of Central China is very poor. The apples, especially, are soft, lack flavor, and have no keeping qualities. American varieties of apples and pears introduced in Northern China by the missionaries a number of years ago are doing comparatively well, but even these northern products do not compare favorably with the fruit grown on the Pacific coast and shipped to China at some seasons of the year.

English newspaper are giving interesting details of a process whereby radishes are transformed into potatoes. The process is the invention of a Frenchman. He takes a very young radish and cultivates it in a glass retort, after a process invented by Pasteur, in a concentrated solution of glucose. Starch then develops plentifully in the cells of the radish, which swells out, loses its pepperyness and acquires practically the consistency, flavor and especially the nutritive properties of the potato.

It is not generally known that many of the handsomest summer hats worn by the ladies of this country are literally made from wood "shavings." The finest examples of this industry are produced in Japan, these wooden ribbons appearing in many forms, some of which have almost the delicacy and sheen of satin, while others resemble soft and dainty crepes. Only about 15 per cent of the chip is exported in the form of wood ribbons, the remainder being worked into what is commercially known as chip-braid.

During this year's sacrifice of wild birds and animals—slaughtered to satisfy the vanity of fashion—it is believed that more fur-bearing animals will be killed than in any one of the preceding half dozen winters, for furs are being worn throughout the country and warning their agents that the passion for furs will be at its height next winter, and that it will be difficult for trappers and hunters to satisfy the demand. No cause has contributed so largely to the disappearance of wild life in America as has this increasing demand for furs.

BULLETS RIDDLE PALACE WINDOWS

SHOT FEROUS DURING CEREMONY AT CZAR'S WINTER RESIDENCE

Emperor and Guests Unhurt—St. Petersburg on the Verge of a Revolution—Violence Threatened Unless Demands Are Granted.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—The festival of the Epiphany, the blessing of the waters, had just concluded at one o'clock Thursday afternoon when simultaneously with the salute fired from the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress a rain of bullets swept over the little chapel built over the frozen Neva in front of the winter palace where Emperor Nicholas and every member of the Romanoff family were participating in the service.

Official Statement. The official account of the affair is as follows: "During the ceremony of the blessing of the waters of the Neva, in the presence of the emperor, as the usual salute was being fired, an accident happened. A charge of grape instead of a saluting charge was fired from a gun belonging to one of the batteries stationed near the bourse. Some bullets struck the facade of the winter palace, near the quay gardens, breaking four windows. A policeman belonging to the St. Petersburg force was wounded. According to the information to hand at present no other accident occurred. Inquiry continues."

It is stated in official circles that the grape was fired from one of the guns of the Seventeenth battery of the First Horse artillery of the guard, the most aristocratic corps in the Russian army. It seems that at gun practice on Tuesday a loaded shell was inadvertently left in the gun.

Czar Has Narrow Escape. The emperor had a miraculous escape. Some of the bullets actually struck the little open chapel in which the emperor was standing, but the staff of one of the standards and fairly riddled the basement windows of the palace, wounding a policeman. Had the gun been aimed a little lower, the charge of grape might have wiped out the whole Romanoff dynasty. The emperor displayed splendid nerve. He did not show a trace of excitement. He received the diplomats in his usual cordial, gentle manner, reviewed the guard regiments on the square behind the palace, and subsequently had luncheon served in the state dining-room.

Official Version Doubted. In spite of the official statement, the case is under the combined investigation of the military and police, and the public seems as little inclined as the authorities to accept the published theory. The two investigations are proceeding independently, and both are guarded with the utmost secrecy. The general belief is that a widespread plot did not exist, but evidences of design are so strong that the statement attributing the presence of a loaded shell to previous target practice evoked smiles in many quarters. It is pointed out as being highly improbable that the gun had not been cleaned for two days; it is impossible that a second cartridge could have been inserted for saluting purposes behind the first, and it is certainly a startling coincidence that the gun containing this missile should have been trained directly on the imperial chapel.

Russia Near a Revolution. St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—With the Russian capital seemingly on the verge of an incipient revolution, thousands of workmen parading the streets, agitators and fanatics sowing the seeds of disorder, half the city in darkness and without fire protection, owing to walkouts, the situation was hourly growing more tense when the authorities decided Friday night to adopt energetic measures to preserve order, prevent rioting and overawe the violent minded, at the same time seeking to placate the striking workmen by offering satisfaction of their demands insofar as they are just and reasonable.

The government has augmented the garrison of the city with 2,500 cavalry and 1,000 infantry from Tsarkeet Selo, and filled the streets, especially in the disaffected quarters, with heavy patrols of soldiers. Throughout the day workmen's meetings were held at which incendiary speeches were made, the wild threats being uttered as to what would come in the event of the authorities and employers failing to meet their demands.

Dies Over Chess Game. Osceola, Ia., Jan. 20.—His defense gone, Levi Taylor, business man and inventor, of Osceola, smiled defeat Wednesday night at his friend across the chess board, then fell prostrate to the floor. He played with death and lost. Apoplexy, due to the excitement of the game, was the cause of the sudden demise.

Murder and Suicide. Ellis, Kan., Jan. 20.—At Wilson, Kan., Thursday City Marshal Tillman shot and killed Sam Hutchinson, the postmaster and editor of a paper there, and then committed suicide. Several days ago Tillman whipped Hutchinson's boy and the latter scored the marshal in his paper. Thursday they met and quarreled.

Mississippi River Frozen Over. Cairo, Ill., Jan. 17.—For the first time in several years people are walking across the Mississippi river at Cairo. The ice is four to nine inches thick.

Business Section Wiped Out. Aurora, Ill., Jan. 17.—The business section of Leland, Ill., 25 miles west of Aurora, was wiped out by fire Monday. Loss, \$100,000.

DELEGATE IS EXPELLED.

Miners' Convention Suspends Randall for Attack on President Mitchell.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 21.—Robert Randall, delegate to the United Mine Workers' convention from Dietz, Wyoming, who charged President Mitchell with having sold out to the operators during the recent Colorado strike, was expelled from the organization Friday by the national convention. Randall took the floor and made a statement which was marked by an absence of the abuse of President Mitchell which he used Thursday. President Mitchell replied to him, and demanded that either himself or Randall should not be in the convention.

Delegate Walker, of Illinois, floor leader of the socialists in the organization, then presented a resolution, which was adopted with a unanimous vote that Randall should be expelled until such time as he publicly retracted the charges made against Mitchell.

DEADLY DYNAMITE.

Jarring of Wagon Causes Explosion in Indiana—Two Men Killed—Four Injured.

Bedford, Ind., Jan. 18.—By an explosion of dynamite one mile east of Bedford Tuesday evening, two men were killed and four others injured. The dead are William Jenkins, of Bedford, and William Garrett, of Collette. The injured are: H. C. Meredith, Westburg, critical; T. C. Brighton, Gosport, serious; O. E. Lukenwill, Gosport, serious; Moses Bass, Bedford, not serious. The men, who were employees of the Central Union Telephone company, had been working on the line that is being run east of this city. The men had quit work and were returning to town in a two-horse wagon, into which they had thrown the dynamite explosion caps and tools. The jarring of the wagon caused the explosion of the caps. The wagon was blown to pieces, but only one of the horses was injured.

NEW SHERIFF CONVICTED.

Is Sentenced At Detroit to Term in Prison for Defrauding State While Coroner.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 16.—Ex-Coroner John T. Hoffmann, one of the most prominent politicians of Detroit and Wayne county, who was elected sheriff in November and since January 1 has been vainly endeavoring to secure possession of the jail and sheriff's offices, was locked up in the jail as a prisoner Saturday night, a jury in the recorder's court having found him guilty of collecting fraudulent fees from the state for holding inquests.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 17.—John T. Hoffmann, ex-coroner of Wayne county, who was found guilty Saturday of the charge of obtaining money from the state by false pretenses, was Monday sentenced to four years' imprisonment in Jackson prison by Judge Murphy.

A DEADLY AVALANCHE.

Mass of Rock Slides Into Lake in Norway Causing Death of Fifty-Nine Persons.

Christiana, Norway, Jan. 18.—Fifty-nine persons perished as the result of an avalanche of rocks at Naesdal, north of Bergen, Sunday. A mass of rock was suddenly precipitated into Loenvand lake from the neighboring hills, causing an immense wave 20 feet high, which swept the neighboring shores. Houses, people and cattle were swept away by the rush of water, and it is known that 59 persons perished. Thus far only four bodies have been recovered.

Fixes Bail for Mrs. Chadwick.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 20.—Upon the application of Attorney J. P. Dawley in criminal court Thursday Judge Neff fixed the bail of Mrs. Chadwick at \$20,000 for her release from jail pending trial on the three indictments found against her by the grand jury. In order to secure her freedom Mrs. Chadwick must furnish security to the total amount of \$40,000, the United States district attorney having fixed her bond at \$20,000 several days ago.

Jealousy Causes Murder.

Charlotte, Mich., Jan. 19.—Charles Smith, a 21-year-old farmer, living near Eaton Rapids, shot and instantly killed Morton Kimes, aged 16 years, Tuesday night. Smith was married about ten months ago to a 15-year-old girl and it is said was jealous of Kimes. The shooting followed a scuffle in which Smith was the aggressor.

Three Die in a Fire.

New York, Jan. 21.—Two men and a woman, Italian rag pickers, were burned to death in a fire Friday which destroyed the hotel they occupied in Harlem. It was not known that the hut was tenanted and the bodies were not discovered until the ruins were searched.

Jury Disagrees.

New Ulm, Minn., Jan. 21.—The jury in the case of Dr. G. R. Koch, charged with the murder of Dr. A. L. Gerhardt on the night of November 1, came into court at 9:45 Friday and announced a disagreement. The jury had been out since 4:25 p. m. Wednesday.

Died at the Age of 107.

Milwaukee, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Catherine Lubawa, aged 107 years, died Monday in this city. She was probably the oldest woman in Wisconsin. Mrs. Lubawa is survived by 89 descendants in five generations.

Death of a Centurarian.

Cadillac, Mich., Jan. 18.—Ira Brown died at the home of his daughter here Tuesday, aged 100 years and eight months.

THE GOOD FAIRY.



Oberlin Student (Walking Home)—"It's No Use, Old Man. A Woman Came Down Here and Made Those Same Motions at the Bank President Who Had My Money, and the Bank Is Busted and So Am I."



Mr. Carnegie—"Andrew Carnegie prestechange! But You Seem to Have Something in Your Pockets!"

CHINA IS SAVED BY HAY'S ACTION

SECRETARY OF STATE SENDS NOTE TO POWERS—RECEIVES SATISFACTORY ANSWER.

Agreement Is General That There Will Be No Readjustment of Territorial Boundaries—Following Peace Between Russia and Japan.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Secretary Hay has secured positive assurances from the powers that there shall be no attempt made upon the integrity of Chinese territory. Recently it was reported that some of the powers contemplated extending the territorial possessions they already had in China at the conclusion of the war in order to maintain what they called the balance of power in the east, asserting that the outcome of the war would be a readjustment of Chinese territorial boundaries. A circular note was dispatched by Secretary Hay to the powers based on this information with the result that they have now all positively disclaimed any such intention.

Preservation of China Assured.

London, Jan. 21.—It is understood here that Secretary Hay's circular note regarding the preservation of the integrity of China has been formally and warmly welcomed by Great Britain and all the non-belligerent powers to which it was addressed. In diplomatic circles here the opinion prevails that the note will effectually prevent placing any plans afoot for a readjustment of China's boundaries at the conclusion of the war and that a potential cause for friction is removed.

China Is Warned.

Washington, Jan. 17.—China's attention has again been indirectly invited by the American government to the necessity for a faithful maintenance of her neutrality, not only in her personal interest, but in the interest of the world's peace. Secretary Hay, on the receipt of the full text of Count Lamsdorff's note expressing Russia's belief that China's neutrality had been repeatedly violated, on Monday prepared instructions for the American charge at Peking directing him to make inquiry of the Chinese government regarding the situation. It is specifically declared that this action cannot in any way be construed as indicating that this government assumes responsibility for the charges made by Russia. Nevertheless, in view of Russia's expressed anxiety over the situation in China, which her investigation discloses, the American government is ready to do what it can to save China and the other neutral powers from the far-reaching complications which it is feared would follow an extension to Chinese territory of the zone of hostilities.

Russia Pleased.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Russia through Count Cassini has expressed her thanks to the American government for its prompt action in calling to China's attention the charges that her neutrality was being violated. The Russian ambassador received on Tuesday a note from Secretary Hay stating that the Chinese minister had assured him that his government was equally desirous of remaining strictly neutral, and was doing her utmost to prevent violations of her neutrality by either belligerent.

Formally Elected.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Formal election of United States senators occurred on Wednesday as follows: Indiana, Albert J. Beveridge, to succeed himself, and James A. Hemenway, to succeed Vice President-elect Fairbanks; New York, Chauncey M. Depew; Maine, Eugene Hale; Connecticut, Morgan G. Bulkeley; Rhode Island, Nelson W. Aldrich; Massachusetts, Henry Cabot Lodge, to succeed himself, and W. Murray Crane, to fill out unexpired term of the late Senator Hoar.

Will Take Two Holidays.

New York, Jan. 20.—The cotton exchange here will be closed on Saturday, February 11, and Monday, February 13, in observance of Lincoln's birthday.

VOTES FOR IMPEACHMENT.

House Adopts Articles Providing for Removal of Accused United States Judge Swayne.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Debate on the Swayne impeachment case in the house Monday was exhaustive, dealing with many of the legal phases of the charges against Judge Swayne. The senate resolution voting Wednesday, February 3 as the time for counting the electoral vote for president and vice president, the proceedings to take place in the hall of the house, was adopted.

In the senate the statehood measure was discussed for three hours by Senators Simmons and Heyburn, both of whom favored the elimination of Arizona from the bill.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, made an impassioned statement before the senate Tuesday denouncing his indictment in connection with the Oregon land frauds. The house listened to a five-hour debate on the Swayne impeachment case. The committee on post offices and post roads reported the post office appropriation bill. It carries \$180,781,993.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The lower house of representatives on Wednesday adopted the 12 articles of impeachment against Judge Charles Swayne, of the district court of the northern district of Florida, which had been presented by its special committee of investigation. The speaker was authorized to appoint seven managers to present the case to the senate and conduct the impeachment proceedings before that body.

The charges of impropriety, made in connection with the campaigns of 1896 and 1904, were revived for a time in the senate by Senator Stone, who spoke in support of his resolution providing for an investigation of the charges.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The house of representatives on Thursday completed consideration of the army appropriation bill. A vigorous attack was made, but to no avail, on the army transport service by Mr. Humphrey, of Washington. Consideration of the statehood bill was continued in the senate and Senator Stone spoke for two hours in opposition to it. The bill for the remuneration of American fur sealers who suffered losses because of their suppression was also debated.

FOUND GUILTY.

Man and Wife Convicted of Serious Crime in an Iowa Town.

Carroll, Ia., Jan. 19.—After a sensational trial, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harvey were convicted at this place on a charge of arson. They were charged with setting fire to the hotel at Glidden, which they were operating over a year ago, for the sake of securing the insurance. Two brothers, W. E. and A. W. Hobbs, who were sleeping in the hotel, lost their lives in the fire, their charred bodies being found in the ruins. Harvey and his wife are both 23 years old and they have been married only a little over a year. The penalty for their crime is life imprisonment.

Tragedy in Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Mary Kiff, a good-looking girl of 19 years, was shot and killed early Wednesday by an Italian, as yet unidentified, in a room in a hotel in lower Pearl street. The man then shot and killed himself.

Shot Through the Heart.

Marietta, O., Jan. 20.—While a party of young men were "belling" a newly wedded couple, John Moorfield, a well-known young farmer of Gracey, Washington county, was shot through the heart and instantly killed.

Editor Kills Himself.

Arlington, Minn., Jan. 18.—A. C. Wallin, editor of the Arlington Enterprise, was found dead in his office Tuesday with a bullet hole in his head. He had shot himself. The cause for the deed is unknown.

END OF STRIKE AT FALL RIVER

AFTER SIX MONTHS IDLENESS COTTON OPERATIVES DECIDE TO ACCEPT REDUCTION.

Work in the Big Mills to Be Resumed at Once—Gov. Douglas to Adjust Minor Differences—Strike Has Cost About \$5,000,000.

Boston, Jan. 19.—The strike of the cotton mill operatives at Fall River, which affected about 25,000 persons and has been in progress for six months, to the great hardship and suffering of Fall River's people, was settling Wednesday through the mediation of Gov. William L. Douglas. Under the terms of an agreement accepted by both manufacturers and operatives, at a conference held at the state house Wednesday, the strikers will return to work at once under the 12 1/2 per cent reduction, against which they struck last July, and with no discrimination because of the strike. No rate of wages was established, but it was agreed that Gov. Douglas shall investigate the matter of margins between the cost of cotton to the mill owners and the selling price of the cloth, and submit his conclusions as to an average margin upon which the manufacturers are to pay a dividend of five per cent on wages earned from the present time to April 1. Both sides regard the outcome of the deliberations as a victory.

History of the Strike.

The cotton mill strike, which began here on July 25, 1904, was the greatest disturbance the textile industry of America has ever known. When the mills involved were obliged to close their gates about 25,000 operatives were thrown out of work. Seventy-one mills, controlled by 23 corporations, stopped the machinery and it remained idle through the months of November, since which time most of the factories have been running, generally with less than one-half the usual force. The strike was directly due to a reduction of 12 1/2 per cent in wages. The mills had reduced wages 10 per cent eight months previously. Under the second reduction the standard price for weaving was 47.32 cents per cut. The last cut down was not met by the six mills of the Fall River iron works, an independent concern. The yarn and thread mills, the Barnaby Gingham and Stevens' quilt mills were also out of the wage reduction agreement.

Losses Placed at \$5,000,000.

The mills affected by the strike have a combined capital of \$25,000,000, and have 2,300,000 spindles. During the months the mills were shut down the operatives lost nearly \$150,000 weekly, and the corporations about \$23,000. The aggregate direct losses to all interests up to Wednesday are estimated at fully \$5,000,000. The indirect losses were also considerable.

VICTIMS NUMBER SIX.

Half a Dozen Perished in a Burning Mine at Decatur, Ill.—Imprisoned Men Rescued.

Decatur, Ill., Jan. 18.—In the disastrous underground fire in the mine of the Decatur Coal company here six miners are dead, and another is in the hospital fatally injured. All the bodies of the dead were recovered.

The dead: Paul Golan, aged 18; Emil Knorr, aged 16; August Jagusch, aged 51; Charles Laschinski, aged 35; Will Fagan, William Gallon.

Injured: August Rex. About 20 miners who were imprisoned in the shaft, 600 feet underground, were rescued. The fire was extinguished by lowering a hose from the point of entrance.

Those who escaped said it was impossible to live more than a few minutes in the choking clouds of smoke and miners were seen to fall and die in their efforts to break through the cord of flame.

Ten or 12 were enabled to crawl through an escapement at the rear of the shaft into a new shaft. One body was recovered in this way.

Troops to Remain at Zeigler.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 19.—After a conference between Adj. Gen. Scott and Gov. Deeney Wednesday regarding the situation at Zeigler, Gov. Deeney decided to retain Company C, Fourth infantry, at Zeigler for the present, that course having been recommended by Gen. James H. Barkley, commanding. The militia have been at Zeigler for some time owing to alleged disturbances resulting from a labor strike at the coal mines of Joseph Leifer.

Duke Not Insane.

New York, Jan. 20.—Brodie L. Duke, the half brother of the president of the American Tobacco company, who has been kept in a sanitarium following his marriage to Alice Webb, was brought into the supreme court in Brooklyn Thursday and discharged from custody after a hearing before Justice Gaynor.

Enters a Protest.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 20.—The Arizona legislature passed unanimously a joint resolution protesting against statehood with New Mexico in any form, and preferring territorial government forever.

Has Resigned.

Washington, Jan. 16.—William Williams, commissioner of immigration, has tendered and the president has accepted his resignation of that office, to take effect February 10 next.