

According to official statistics 233,102 Italians emigrated to transoceanic countries in 1904.

In the matter of automobile exports to Germany this country stands second to France, leading Great Britain by a comfortable margin.

Receipts of Paris theaters and music halls, taxed by the municipality for the poor, last year amounted to \$8,005,100. The tax is 10 per cent.

The London Zoo is the first European institution to possess a living specimen of the huge South American spider, which catches animals as big as humming birds.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of the supreme court, in a recent opinion on a stock gambling case, said that dealing in futures was the "self-adjustment of society to the probable."

The new turbine steamer Virginian has the distinction of having made the transatlantic trip from land to land in 100 hours, breaking the Canadian record by nearly 20 hours.

A law has been passed by the Belgian chamber and senate to prohibit the manufacture and sale of absinthe within the kingdom.

The government of the Netherlands has instituted a competition with the object of discovering a process of cutting diamonds which will dispense with the use of an alloy dangerous to health.

The Austrian government has just made a contract with the Danubius Marine and Machine works for the construction of six torpedo destroyers and ten sea-going torpedo boats to cost \$3,225,000.

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RUSSIA: "AND I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GIVE IT TO HIM."



TO MEET AT PORTSMOUTH

Navyyard at the New Hampshire City Is Fixed as Place of Peace Parley.

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COTTON SCANDAL EXPOSED

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Makes Public Report of Irregular Practice of Statistician.

Washington, July 10.—As the result of the investigation by secret service agents into the charges made by Richard Cheatham, of Atlanta, secretary of the Cotton Planters' association, that information had been given to cotton brokers in New York by some person or persons in the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture, Secretary Wilson Saturday made public an official report in which he states that Edwin S. Holmes, the associate statistician has been guilty of "juggling" the official report.

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ASSASSIN'S BULLETS.

They Cost the Life of Gen. Shouvaloff, Prefect of Police of Moscow.

Moscow, July 12.—Maj. Gen. Count Shouvaloff, prefect of police here, and formerly attached to the ministry of the interior, was assassinated Tuesday morning while receiving petitions.

Count Shouvaloff owes his death to his custom of freely granting audiences and receiving petitions from all classes. One bullet wounded the count in the pericardium, another pierced his abdomen, a third struck him in the arm, and the fourth in the shoulder, while the fifth bullet of the assassin struck the leg of an official who was standing near.

The assassination is considered to be a purely political crime, as the count was not yet 40 years old, and was regarded as being of the best type of the Russian official.

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Chauncey M. Depew, United States senator, will have to resign from the board of directors of the society. He will be given an opportunity to send over his resignation from Europe, where he is now making his annual rounds.

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THE EQUITABLE EXPOSE.

Criminal Prosecutions Are Threatened—Gossip Against Senator Depew.

New York, July 12.—The publication of the testimony given by the principal officials of the Equitable Life Assurance society during the investigation by Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks gave to the public the first substantial facts of the amazing Equitable corruption.

Among the facts which the testimony has given to the public are the following: It showed "graft" and financial irregularities far greater than had been published.

It involved men of hitherto high repute in most questionable transactions. It furnished evidence for the authorities to begin their criminal and civil prosecutions.

It awakened the political leaders of the state to the necessity for legislative action.

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WESTERN CANADA.

Free Homes for Millions in the Best Agricultural Country in the World.

There are to-day millions of people in the countries of Europe and in the United States of America who are living on small worn-out farms, and even farms that are productive and valuable in so far as market prices are concerned, and millions more without properties altogether, but who would use them to advantage if they had them, for whom the Canadian Northwest offers inducements that can hardly be reasonably estimated.

As the entire country is inland wholly, without water communication with the outside world, the nearest point of connection being Port Arthur, at the head of Lake Superior, 450 miles distant, it can be readily understood that no matter how fertile its soil or favorable its climatic conditions for agriculture may be, settlement because of lack of ingress and egress, was out of the question until rail communication was fully established.

It was not until 1880 that a railway tapped the country; then with a population that could have been easily numbered on four figures, and now, mark the change, a population of 750,000, a city of 100,000 people, and an annual production of over \$60,000,000 worth of agricultural merchandise, and an export of over \$50,000,000. These figures most eloquently show that the country has long since outgrown everything in the shape of prejudice against it, and is a long distance on the road to unlimited advancement and uniform prosperity.

It was, of course, to have been expected that as Manitoba was created a province in 1870, and given full provincial autonomy, and had the only access to the outside world in the Red River to St. Paul, in the United States, it would have made the first advancement in settlement, and have had its lands taken up the earliest.

Early Progress of the West. In 1882, the first year the railway touched that country, it was divided into four territories, Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Athabasca and given a primitive form of government which prevailed until this year (1905) when the four territories were converted into two provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan, given full provincial autonomy and admitted as sisters into the Canadian Confederation.

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MUTINEERS GIVE UP SHIP.

Crew of Kniaz Potemkin Surrenders and Vessel Is Delivered to Roumanian Officials.

Kusteni, Roumania, July 10.—The flag of St. Andrew once again floats over the Russian battleship Kniaz Potemkin and the torpedo boat which have proved such terrors to the Black sea communities for a couple of weeks past. The formal surrender of the mutinous crews actually took place at one o'clock Saturday afternoon after a series of discussions and negotiations between the Roumanian authorities and the leaders of the mutineers.

Roumanian officers who boarded the battleship on her arrival here called upon the crew to surrender, in which case they would be treated as foreign deserters, or else leave the port forthwith. It speedily became apparent that the Russian vessels returned to this port with the intention of surrendering to a foreign government, and the crews soon announced their acceptance of the Roumanian terms.

CONGRESS TO MEET.

Call to Lawmakers and Date of Special Session Are Settled by the President.

Chicago, July 13.—Walter Wellman, in a special to the Record-Herald, dated Oyster Bay, says: Congress is to be called to meet in extraordinary session November 10 next to take up railway rate legislation. The decision of President Roosevelt to this effect is fixed and final. Various reports concerning his intentions have been in circulation for several months, ranging all the way from a special congressional session early in October to no special session at all and with every rate legislation plan put over to the regular session of December. But now the matter is settled—the national legislature is to be summoned to assemble a month before the ordinary date of its convening.

HEAVY FAILURE.

Cotton Oil Company in South Carolina Bankrupt with Liabilities of \$800,000.

Charleston, S. C., July 13.—Representatives of the bankrupt Independent Cotton Oil company met in Charleston Wednesday and appointed July 26 at Darlington for a meeting of creditors. It is now estimated that liabilities will reach \$800,000 and the principal assets are a number of mills and gineries which might not bring one-third of that amount on the block. Charleston is said to have lost about \$375,000 in the failure. It is fully expected that the entire stock issue of \$1,000,000 will be wiped out. The failure is far reaching and oaks have been hard hit in many eastern as well as southern cities.

Two Outlaws Slain.

Winfield, Kan., July 13.—C. S. Calhoun, of Kansas City, an Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway detective, was shot and instantly killed at Cedarvale early Wednesday by two outlaws, who were shot down later by a posse of citizens at Hewins, seven miles from Cedarvale, close to the Oklahoma state line. One of the outlaws, Ed Madigan, of Ponca City, Okla., was killed instantly by the posse. The other, William Chaddburn, of this city, was fatally wounded.

Fraud Order Against Bank.

Washington, July 10.—Postmaster General Cortelyou has announced the issuance of a fraud order against the People's United States bank of St. Louis, Mo., its officers and agents, and E. G. Lewis, a publisher, effective July 9. The action bars the company from the use of the mails, after an investigation by the postal authorities as to the details of the business of the institution.

Murder and Suicide.

Crandon, Wis., July 11.—Paul Lorelle has killed his wife and his stepdaughter, Blanche Lorelle, at Gavous, because of jealousy of the girl, who wished to marry. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of murder and suicide.

Explosion in a Sawmill.

Huntsville, Ala., July 11.—Owing to the alleged carelessness of Allen Hall, the engineer, three men are dead and Couch's sawmill at Gollyghtly, Ala., is a total wreck.

Elks Gather in Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 10.—Thousands of delegates to the nineteenth annual reunion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks arrived here Sunday and were given a hearty welcome as they marched through the gaily decorated streets.

Ex-Wisconsin Mayor Dead.

Kenosha, Wis., July 10.—Maj. Frank C. Culler, formerly mayor of the city, and a man well known to the literary world, died here Saturday. Maj. Culler was 67 years of age.

TO BUILD NEW NAVY.

New York, July 12.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the World says: The navy department having resolved to build a powerful new navy, has instructed Charles M. Schwab to make plans for new warships, giving the exact time in which the work can be completed.

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SAVED OTHERS; PERISHED HIMSELF.

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