

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

The House at Washington adopted a special rule restoring to the army appropriation bill the provision for an increase in the pay of enlisted men and non-commissioned officers in the army.

A dynamite bomb was thrown at the carriage of President Alcora, of Argentina, while he was driving in the streets of Buenos Ayres. The bomb failed to explode. Four arrests were made.

An attempt was made in Teheran to assassinate the Shah of Persia by a bomb. The Shah was not hurt. Three of the outriders who were accompanying him were killed.

The joint committee of coal miners and operators of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois adjourned sine die at Indianapolis Saturday without reaching an agreement on the proposition to call a joint convention to re-establish the interstate agreement and fix a wage scale to go into effect April 1.

A back tax suit against the Burley Tobacco Society on an alleged omission on a valuation of \$199,000,000 on the pooled crops of 1905 and 1906 was filed at Winchester by M. F. Roborn, revenue agent for the State at large.

The indictment against Judge Peter S. Crosscup, of Chicago, and four other directors of an electric railway, charging manslaughter because of an accident last August, was quashed at Charleston, Illinois.

After a long and hard fight the county unit bill was passed by the House by a vote of 76 to 14. The Republicans made an effort to force a report of the contest before allowing the unit bill to be reported but the Democrats through the rulings of the speaker, were able to force the Republicans to consent to vote on the measure without any prospect of ever getting a report on the contest cases.

The Senate witnessed an unusual scene when two Senators with Indian blood in their veins, Owen and Curtis, engaged in a sharp debate over Mr. Owen's effort to have the word "Indians" placed before the designation of the "five civilized tribes." Mr. Curtis said Mr. Owen, as an Indian, was still under the control of the Secretary of the Interior. This remark was bitterly resented.

The brief of Attorney General Breathitt and associate counsel for the State of Kentucky on the appeal of Berea College from the decision of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, sustaining the constitutionality of the act of the Legislature requiring separate schools for the whites and blacks, was filed with the clerk of the Supreme Court Friday. It is maintained that Kentucky's police power gives the right to pass such a law, and that co-education of the races would result in social equality, which would blot out both.

Negotiations for the sale of the American Tobacco Company of the tobacco in pool to the Burley Society were declared off, and the leaders of the farmers' organization charge that the American's buyers have been acting in bad faith and never meant to make an offer that would be accepted. All parties of the conference left Winchester and the Society of Equity men went to Frankfort to urge the passage of the McChord bill by the Legislature.

Missouri Republicans in convention at St. Louis endorsed Secretary Taft for President and Herbert S. Hadley for Governor. Delegates were elected to the National Convention and instructed for Taft.

Hemp is now quoted at \$140 a ton, the highest price for several years, and many farmers in the Bluegrass will raise hemp instead of tobacco.

Ed Turner, of Breathitt County, was hanged in the county jail at Chattanooga, Tenn., Friday afternoon. He went to the scaffold without a tremor. Turner killed his wife Lillian Turner, on the side of Lookout Mountain on the afternoon of April 2, 1907.

It was rumored in Washington that it was the fixed purpose of the Independence League to nominate Theodore Roosevelt for President on the platform outlined at the Hearst convention in Chicago last week.

It is announced that the mines of the Amalgamated Copper Company at Butte, Mont., will resume operations Monday.

The condition of Thomas A. Edison, who has undergone two operations in a few days, is somewhat improved.

Since the great fire of 1906, building permits to the amount of \$97,800,000 have been issued in San Francisco.

Giuseppe Alla, the Slayer of Father Leo, pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder when arraigned at Denver last week. His trial was set for Monday March 3.

About 35,000 acres of timber lands in Northern California have been acquired by capitalists from New York and Pennsylvania. The deal involves \$4,500,000.

King Manuel has issued a decree fixing March 5 as the date of the next general election in Portugal and another convoking the Cortes on May 29.

An international congress of authors, editors, publishers and publicists in Denver from July 14 to 25, immediately following the National Democratic Convention is projected by the Denver Convention League.

Semi-official declarations were issued in Berlin denying the reports that Germany was agitating the "open door" question in Manchuria, either alone or by secret proposals to the United States.

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw says there was no truth in the rumors that proceedings were in contemplation for the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw.

Leaders of the Burley Tobacco Society in Montgomery county have received anonymous letters threatening their property with destruction if any plant beds are scraped in that county this spring. The letters have been turned over to the postal authorities.

William Rock, a farmer living near Paducah, was robbed of \$175 by masked men, who pretended to be night riders. He was taken from his home and whipped, after the money that he had received for his tobacco crop had been taken from him.

Frankfort was almost deserted by the politicians of both sides Saturday, the leaders going away to get a much needed rest after a long strain of the senatorial contest. W. O. Bradley, the Senator-elect, left for Louisville.

The supreme court of Texas has sustained the judgment of the lower courts for \$1,600,000 damages and cost from State against the Water-Pierce Oil Company for violating the antitrust laws.

The Rose bill providing for local option throughout the State, passed the Ohio House yesterday by a vote of 79 to 36. The bill has already passed the Senate, and will now go to the Governor.

Night riders captured two loads of tobacco at Augusta and forced the owner and his landlord to sign the pledge.

The sheriff of Clermont county, O., has called out Co. K, of the First Regiment, Ohio National Guard, on account of rumors that the tobacco district of that county was to be invaded by a band of night riders from Kentucky. The company is to be held under arms at Neville.

Gov. Wilson sent a message to the Legislature urging legislation to stop the night riders. He also recommended that immediate action be taken on the county unit bill, which he said was favored by a majority of the people.

The requisition from Gov. Wilson for Allan Creech, wanted in Breathitt county for the murder of Charles Robbins in 1905, was honored by Gov. Swannson, of Virginia. Creech is in the Roanoke jail.

The Norfolk and Western railway officials have announced that the matter of spending \$2,500,000 to improve the Pocahontas division has been abandoned.

Dispatches to the mercantile agencies indicate that improvement continues, although progress is slow and the conservatism of buyers' defines contracts to immediate needs.

Wu Ting Fang, the new minister from China to the United States, has arrived in San Francisco. He will probably remain there a few days before leaving for the East.

The Republican State Convention of Ohio which begins Tuesday at Columbus is expected to declare for a revision of the tariff along protective lines at a special session of Congress. The Taft men are in complete control, and Senators Foraker and Dick are not expected to attend. Gov. Harris will be renominated by acclamation.

Three hundred and eight buildings were destroyed by fire in Tampa, Fla., 18 1/2 city blocks being burned over. Five cigar factories and over 200 dwellings. A woman dropped dead from excitement. The loss is estimated at \$600,000.

All union miners in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio will walk out April 1 rather than accept a cut in wages. The operators are willing to close down their mines until the price of coal settles. It is possible that the strike will affect Kentucky coal mines.

Members of the Kentucky Legislature celebrated Mardi Gras with a big dance. Speeches by prominent politicians of both parties were made, and the affair was not an exclusively Republican "joillification."

Night riders visited the farm of Walter Layne, of South Hopkinsville, and left switches and notes warning Mr. Layne and his tenants to sell their tobacco through the association or suffer whipping.

The railroads are preparing to comply with the nine-hour-law. Thousands of new telegraph operators will be employed as an offset to the increased expense many stations will be closed on each line.

Former Mayor Henry T. Duncan, of Lexington, has announced himself a candidate for County Judge in opposition to Judge Frank Bullock anyone whom Judge Bullock may support.

Alexander Hamilton, for years in charge of the insurance legislation at State Legislatures, was found dead in bed at his home in New York. Death was due to heart trouble.

The licensing bill has caused a shrinkage in value of British brewing properties of about \$250,000,000. Stocks went so low Saturday that they could not be sold at any price.

It is said there are over 300,000 idle freight cars in the United States. One road is said to be hauling "empties" up and down because all yard space is congested with cars.

Enormous atmospheric pressure which followed an avalanche destroyed a hotel near Noppenstein, Switzerland, killing thirteen persons and injuring fifteen others.

Fire destroyed a New York street car barn and a paint factory causing a loss of \$2,625,000. Seven hundred and forty street cars were burned.

The head of Fred Dolph was blown off with a shot gun while he was asleep at Clinton, Ia. His wife was placed under arrest.

Seven Terrorists were hanged in Russia Sunday.

Muscular Energy in Sugar.

Men performing hard manual labor have a natural taste for sweets, as they supply a great amount of muscular energy, says "What to Eat." They are equally beneficial to persons exposed to severe cold. In the lumber camps and mines of Canada and the colder sections of the United States workmen consume large quantities of sugar in the form of molasses. Tea and coffee are often sweetened with molasses and in some places it is added to almost every article of food. The same is more or less true in the logging districts of the south, where molasses and rice, mixed together, have become almost a staple diet.

Where Politeness Doesn't Pay. "French and German hats," said a hatter, "only last half as long as ours. It isn't the poor quality of the hats but the fine quality of the manners that causes this."

"Lifting the hat in salutation is the hardest work that falls on the heads, and the French and German lift it to men and women equally, thus giving it twice as much labor as we do. Naturally, then, it wears out twice so quickly. It goes in the bins in no time over the water."

DOUBTFUL OF THE GUARANTEE. Specific Clause Caused Increase in Price of Cloth.

The Arabs, and, indeed, all Moslems, have the practice of re-enforcing promises by adding to their word of honor the Arabic phrase, Inshallah—"please God." How much meaning it conveys in some lands of the east is told in the pages of "In Moorish Captivity."

The pious proviso is a very useful formula to the Moors, and is frequently used in making promises that they have no intention whatever of keeping, as they can then take refuge behind the Almighty when they are taxed with their breach of faith.

There is a story told of a man who kept a shop in Gibraltar, and who knew the ways of the Moor. To him one day came one of the faithful, who was desirous of buying some cloth. On being informed that the price was two dollars a yard, payment in 60 days, he replied:

"All right, I will take so much and will pay you in 60 days, Inshallah." "No," said the vendor, "The price is two dollars, payment in 60 days. For 60 days, Inshallah, the price is two dollars and a half."—Youth's Companion.

MUSICIANS OF TENDER YEARS. Many "Youthful Prodiges" in the World of Melody.

Like so many of the world's great composers, Sir Edward Elgar was a "youthful prodigy" of exceptional gifts, as was proved by a recent performance of a suite composed by him at the immature age of 13. But even Sir Edward was probably not as precocious as one of his English predecessors, Samuel Wesley, who in his eighth year heard a regimental band play a march which he had composed for it. At 11 Franz Schubert had already placed several songs, string quartets and piano pieces to his credit. Handel's first attempts at composition were made at eight, and Vieuxtemps, who began to scrape the strings of a tiny fiddle at two, is said to have been even more precocious. Sir Charles Halle was only four years old when he played in public a sonata expressly composed for him; Liszt was a public performer at nine, Chopin and Rubenstein at eight, Lady Halle and Joachim at seven, and at five Mozart composed a piece of music almost too difficult for his father to play.

Women's Rights in Brazil. "The curse of Brazil lies in the great illiteracy of its men and women," declared Edward B. Norris, an Englishman who has been many years a resident of Rio Janeiro.

"According to the official government figures the illiteracy is 80 per cent. Certainly a country where only one man in five can read and write and only one woman in 20 has cause to blush at the ignorance of its people. A country of enormous area, yet with a population of only 15,000,000, Brazil is sadly handicapped by lack of modern enterprise and an enlightened citizenship. One of the most discouraging features of the country is the low esteem in which woman is held. A great many Brazilian girls marry by the time they are 12 years old and are grandmothers long before they are 30. Woman is regarded as a chattel, and in many a household of the republic never opens her mouth except at the bidding of her husband."

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Looking for the Angel. A new city settlement worker was going the rounds of her district one bright spring morning. In a crowded tenement some five or six little children gazed inquiringly at her as she entered. "Well, well, children," she said, "I never saw so many soiled faces in my life. Why don't you use some soap and water?" "We are waiting for the angel, mum," replied Tommy Tuff. "What angel?" asked the young woman. "Why, de lady dat come true here last week and give one of de kids a nickel to wash his face."

The Brain After Fifty. The brain usually stops growing at about 50 and from 60 to 70 it is more likely to decrease. It has been related by Canon MacColl that Mr. Gladstone's head was constantly outgrowing his hats. As late as the Midlothian campaign, when he was nearly 70, he was obliged to have his head remeasured for this reason. Canon MacColl's conclusion that this continual growth of brain contributed to Mr. Gladstone's perennial youthfulness appears not unwarranted.

A Little Vague. "Is it far from here to the next town?" asked a tourist of a man he met on a rural road. "Well, it ain't so very far, nor it ain't so very nigh, an' yit it ain't so nigh as might be if it wa'n't so far as it is. Still, it'd be further if it wa'n't so nigh, an' I reckon one might say that it is further an' between fer an' nigh."—Lippincott's.

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