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Inmates of English prisons are employed in picking oakum, making coal bags for the navy and mail bags for the general postoffice.

The Mikado of Japan has no mere horticultural little country to reign over. He is the sovereign of 45,000,000 people who live in 13,000 towns and villages.

The vast region called Western Siberia forms less than one-fifth of all Siberia, but contains two-thirds of the population—numbering nearly 3,000,000 souls.

Since the recent attack on his life, the Italian Premier, Signor Crispi, wears under his shirt a light but solid coat of mail steel, of double thickness over his heart.

Outer blinds for windows were unknown until the fourteenth century. The Venetian or interior blinds are so-called because they were first used in Venice.

Pompeii was destroyed with showers of ashes, but Herculaneum by hot mud, on which streams of lava have since accumulated. Vesuvius reposed for nearly 1,500 years, until 1631.

Sirius, the dog-star, the brightest star in the heavens, moves through space at a velocity of 33 miles a second. Its distance from the earth exceeds about a million times the distance of the sun.

A woman who had lost her way in the streets in London recently paid threepence, and had herself conducted by special messenger from the postoffice to her home, where a receipt for her was duly obtained.

Contemporary Roman writers are silent about the destruction of Herculaneum and Pompeii, but Dion Cassius 100 years later, states that giants issued from the earth, accompanied by flourishes of trumpets, etc.

Byron's household according to Shelley, consisted, besides servants, of 10 horses, 8 enormous dogs, 3 monkeys, 5 cats, an eagle, a crow, and a falcon, and all except the horses went to and fro in the house at their pleasure.

The children of the blackest Africans are born whitish. In a month they become pale yellow. In a year brown at four, dirty black, and at six or seven glossy black. The change is in the mucous membrane, below the cuticle.

The number of men and women in France is more equal than in any other country there being 1,007 women to 1,000 men. In Switzerland there are 1,064 men to 1,000 women, and in Greece only 933. In Hong Kong there are only 396 women to 1,000 men.

Every Japanese barracks has a gymnasium, and the Japanese soldiers rank high among the best gymnasts in the world. In half a minute they can scale a 14-inch wall, by simply bounding on each other's shoulders, one man supporting two or three others.

Spermaceti is taken from the head of the sperm whale, a single specimen having been known to yield 12 barrels of this valuable substance. It was formerly in high repute as a medicine and in 1827 was sold in Europe for medical purposes at about \$5 a pound.

An authority on hypnotism says that hysterical persons are very difficult to influence. They are so wedded to their own fancies—mental and physical—that they prove very obstinate hypnotic patients. Even if an influence is gained, it passes off very quickly.

The Rundetaarn of Copenhagen is a round tower erected towards the end of the eleventh century, during the reign of Canute VI. It is 195 feet high and 65 feet in diameter. By means of a spiral gallery in the interior, on a gentle incline, the ascension may be made either on horseback or in a carriage.

Some scientific men assert that in ordinary chemical analysis the 120th of a grain practically approaches the lowest limit of determination. The spectroscope, however, is so sensitive that it can tell the presence of a substance when the quantity is nearly 2,000,000 times less than this, or 1-240,000th of a grain.

The new alliance of Central American republics is to be called the Major Republic of Central America. It is hoped that it will soon be rendered complete by the adhesion of Guatemala and Costa Rica, which would make the Central American population of 13,000,000 a unit against foreign aggression. The alliance is the direct result of the recent forced assessment of Nicaragua by England.

PITH OF THE NEWS

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

The Latest and Most Important News of the World, Culled From the Telegraph Reports of the Press Associations.

Washington.

The North Atlantic squadron, which has been anchored off Thompsonville during the past week, has left for Fortress Monroe from here it will start upon its cruise.

The president has granted a pardon because of the prisoner's ill health, in the case of L. A. McKnight, convicted in the Indian Territory of malicious mischief (three cases) in burning the stack of hay belonging to the United States.

Secretary Carlisle has reversed the ruling of the auditor of the treasury for the state department and decided that M. W. Ransom, minister to Mexico, may draw his salary as such under his present appointment. A draft of \$525 on this salary account drawn by the state department on the treasury has been honored by order of Secretary Carlisle.

Personal Mention.

Rev. Frederick Cushing, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Minonk, Ill., died while visiting at Elyria, Ohio.

Delaney, the Frenchman who became famous as having been cured of paralysis at Lourdes, turns out to be a fraud. He was not paralyzed at all.

Judge E. M. Colver, one of the best known lawyers of Northern Ohio, died at his residence in Sandusky, aged 63. Judge Colver had just returned from Chattanooga, where he attended the dedicatory exercises of Chickamauga National park.

James Cooper, of Shelbyville, Ind., wealthy and 70, married Jennie Perry, 20 years old, who had been his servant during his first wife's life. He willed his entire property to his new wife and died. His son now contests the will, alleging undue influence, insanity and hypnotism.

Mr. H. F. Dickens, Q. C., resembles his father in many ways. He is the author of a good many legal stories, and says clever and witty things by the score. In work he is alert, energetic and thorough. In preparing for the defense in a well remembering poisoning case he read a whole library of books on poisoning.

Rev. Dr. B. H. Engbers, perfect of studies at St. Gregory college, Cedar Point, once professor of theology at Mount St. Mary's seminary, died at Cincinnati. He was a widely known Roman Catholic and an authority on canon law and history. He had been ill with a complication of diseases for two months.

Lillie Hamilton, a variety performer well known in every city in the west, died at Butte, Mont. She was until a few days ago in the legitimate and was the wife of Frank Slocum, formerly advance agent for Richard Mansfield and now associated with his brother in the management of one of the "Trilby" companies.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris has returned to Washington from New York to place her daughter, Rose Mary Sartoris, in school at a Georgetown convent. She intends to take a house there again this winter. Mrs. Grant also expects to be in the capital the most of the winter, but is as yet undecided whether to take a house or not.

The Casualty Record.

A steamer ran into and sunk a row-boat at Geneva, Switzerland, drowning seven persons.

Fire damaged the coal pockets of J. J. Poole & Co. of Hartford, Conn., to the extent of \$50,000.

Three people were drowned while bathing in the surf at Manassas, N. J., to-day.

Walker & Sons' paper mills at Montgomery, N. Y. were destroyed by fire last night. The plant cost \$125,000.

Lewis D. Means and a man named Owens were seriously injured by an electric car in Washington city.

The Boone County Milling and Elevator company's elevator at Columbia, Mo., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000.

A fire at Carnegie, Pa., destroyed Waldes & Foster's extensive flour mill, Martin's lumber yard and several other buildings, entailing a loss of \$60,000.

Near Kansas City, Mo., a Missouri Pacific repair train was wrecked by striking a steer, instantly killing Engineer H. C. Ferguson and seriously injuring Fireman Charles Hart.

One of the cars in a "Big Four" whisky train caught fire near Leroy, Ill. In the explosion which followed Conductor Murphy and brakeman Muldoon were fatally burned.

John Celedonie, an expert rider in the employ of the Gormully & Jeffrey Bicycle company, was killed by being hurled from his bicycle by a cable car in New York city.

By an explosion of a lamp in the dwelling of Leon Kuchinsky in Pittsburgh this morning two daughters, six and eight years old, were fatally burned.

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, who has been stopping for several weeks at his country home in Cornwall on the Hudson, was seriously hurt by a fall from his horse.

Fire at Hot Springs, Ark., destroyed the Pacific hotel on Central avenue, the Crescent house adjoining, the Valley livery stable, the Jewish synagogue and five cottages in the rear of the Pacific hotel, involving a loss of \$50,000, which was only partly insured.

Criminal Doings.

Ex-Treasurer Henry Bolln, at Omaha, Neb., is found to have appropriated over \$8,000 interest on school funds.

Mrs. Henry L. Dudley, a millstone, was murdered at Stamford, Conn., by Mack Simpkins, a colored plumber, who then committed suicide.

At Woodville, near Butte, Mont., William Sutherland, postmaster, was found dead in his store, and it is believed he was murdered.

At Evansville Ind., Walter Saner tried to kick in a neighbor's door. Ed

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Saturday Sept. 28.

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ride, was badly bruised, but the trainmen all escaped injury.

Louis Dorsch a Winona police officer, was shot and badly injured about 8 o'clock last evening by an unknown tramp. The man who did the shooting, together with three others, tried to hold up John Hanson a hostler for the Empire Lumber company. Hanson's loud cries attracted Officer Dorsch's attention, and he pursued the highwaymen. Finding the officer was overtaking them, the three thieves made a stand and fired four shots at him, the second piercing his left arm and injuring the bone badly. All are under arrest. The ringleader fought desperately but was overpowered by the officer whose arm was disabled entirely. One of the quartet was jailed a month ago, and at that time told Chief Bradley he would get even with the town. The appearance of himself and companions is attributed to a desire for revenge.

Dennis Ryan of Marshall lost his stable and barn by fire. Insured for \$1,000 in the Royal of Liverpool.

Shells & Bringard's store front at West Concord was badly damaged by runaway teams.

George Griley, running a steam threshing outfit in the township of Cherry Grove, lost a new separator by fire, caused by sparks from the engine. Loss about \$800.

Deputy Warden Lemon has returned to Stillwater from St. Louis, bringing with him Convict Thomas Gordon, who broke his parole recently and fled to that city. Gordon has yet to serve two years of a five years' sentence for grand larceny.

The case of James McGinty vs. the Northern Pacific, in the United States court at Fergus Falls, in which plaintiff asked \$51,000 damages, was settled for \$5,000 out of court. The Northern Pacific got out of \$81,000 in damage suits at an average cost of 6 cents on the dollar.

POPULATION 1,573,350.

Gain of 271,524 Since the Census of 1890 in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Sept. 27.—Below is a complete synopsis of the results of the recent state census. Every county in the state shows an increase, and this aggregate gain is 271,524. Figures follow:

County	1890	1900	Gain
Aitkin	1,805	6,462	4,657
Anoka	11,181	9,884	1,297
Becker	11,062	9,401	1,661
Beltrami	1,330	2,210	880
Benton	7,793	6,284	1,509
Big Stone	1,530	5,722	4,192
Blue Earth	22,933	29,210	6,277
Brown	18,431	15,817	2,614
Carlton	7,458	6,272	1,186
Cass	17,567	10,532	7,035
Cass	3,425	1,247	2,178
Chippewa	10,905	8,555	2,350
Chisago	13,118	10,359	2,759
Clay	15,154	11,617	3,537
Cook	427	98	329
Cottonwood	1,187	2,845	1,658
Crow Wing	11,561	8,852	2,709
Dakota	21,345	20,240	1,105
Dodge	12,753	10,864	1,889
Douglas	14,336	12,436	1,900
Fairbault	28,139	18,708	9,431
Fillmore	28,569	25,966	2,603
Freshwater	1,376	1,776	400
Goodhue	32,288	28,800	3,488
Grant	1,987	6,875	4,888
Hennepin	217,198	185,110	32,088
Houston	15,646	14,653	993
Hubbard	2,447	1,412	1,035
Isabella	1,336	6,391	5,055
Itasca	3,967	743	3,224
Jackson	12,416	8,924	3,492
Kandiyohi	16,402	13,907	2,495
Kittson	6,288	5,387	901
Lake	2,433	1,512	921
Lake	2,211	1,299	912
Le Sueur	20,915	19,057	1,858
Lincoln	7,196	6,391	805
Lyon	12,425	9,501	2,924
McLeod	19,136	17,026	2,110
Marshall	15,072	9,959	5,113
Martin	13,953	9,403	4,550
Merrick	17,389	15,456	1,933
Murray	14,537	13,112	1,425
Morrison	19,163	13,325	5,838
Mower	21,546	18,019	3,527
Murray	14,537	12,630	1,907
Nicollet	14,296	12,382	1,914
Nobles	11,905	7,858	4,047
Norman	14,537	12,630	1,907
Olmsted	21,316	19,056	2,260
Otter Tail	40,002	34,322	5,680
Pine	8,033	4,052	3,981
Pipestone	14,537	13,112	1,425
Polk	39,171	30,192	8,979
Ramsey	11,627	10,032	1,595
Redwood	13,632	9,386	4,246
Renville	21,818	17,099	4,719
Rice	26,857	22,968	3,889
Rock	8,597	6,817	1,780
Roseau	3,493	2,493	900
St. Louis	77,445	41,892	35,553
Scott	16,494	13,831	2,663
Shelburne	6,357	5,908	449
Sibley	16,430	15,161	1,269
Stearns	41,012	34,844	6,168
Steele	16,818	13,232	3,586
Stevens	6,002	5,251	751
Swift	11,846	10,161	1,685
Todd	17,074	12,930	4,144
Traverse	6,002	4,514	1,488
Wabasha	18,587	16,972	1,615
Wadena	6,076	4,053	2,023
Waseca	14,713	13,311	1,402
Washington	27,417	22,862	4,555
Watonwan	10,262	7,746	2,516
Wilkin	6,490	4,346	2,144
Winona	37,134	33,956	3,178
Wright	27,953	24,164	3,789
Yellow Medicine	12,581	9,854	2,727
Totals	1,573,350	1,854,876	271,524