

BEGGS TALKS OF WATER POWER

President of the United Railways Company of St. Louis Tells of Contracts for Power.

WILL TAKE 60,000 H. P.

He Does Not Know, However, Anything About the Construction of When it is to Commence.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 8.—When the dam across the Mississippi river at Keokuk is completed, 60,000 horse power of that developed will be used by the United Railways Co., of St. Louis and the LaCade Gas Co. President John I. Beggs said today that these companies had contracts with the company which will build the dam for 60,000 horse power. It has been said that the North American company controls the company which will build the dam, but Mr. Beggs said the franchise expires in 1910, but Mr. Beggs said he knew nothing about the work or when it would be started. If the power is developed there, the St. Louis companies would use it in their operations.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL DRIFTING APART

French Catholics and the Public Schools Disagree and the Situation is Acute.

PARIS, Nov. 8.—The situation resulting from the French Episcopal declaration of war against the public schools and the effort to mobilize the Catholic voters for the coming general election is rapidly entering an acute stage. Manager Gely and other bishops have publicly forbidden Catholic parents to send their children to public schools if Catholic schools are available, and parents everywhere are urged to refuse to allow their children to use the interdicted text books. Considerable demoralization of the schools has been caused already. M. Deumergue, minister of public instruction, has ordered an investigation of the situation, which probably will determine the government's ultimate attitude. The decision of the Teacher's Association, comprising 100,000 members, to test in the courts the church's right to interfere with the public schools will be followed by damage suits instituted by the authors of the interdicted text-books. Mgr. Dabourg, archbishop of Rennes, in a statement just issued, declares that Catholic voters must rally to the protection of the church. The catechism is being revised for the purpose of teaching that it is a religious duty to vote for the candidate who is pledged to defend church interests.

PEORIA STORM BROKE RECORD

Most Severe Electrical Disturbance Last Night And Several Houses Were Struck.

PEORIA, Ill., November 8.—The Illinois River Valley was swept last night by the severest electrical storm on record at the local Weather Bureau. Lightning created havoc throughout Peoria and for a time all communication was cut when the lines of both telegraph and telephone companies were lost. Electric lights in many sections of the city are out, through the loss of power. Several houses were struck and burned and the financial losses will reach more than \$10,000. Meager reports from surrounding towns show considerable damage by the wind and lightning. The storm followed an exceptionally warm day. A freak of the storm at the home of Robert Conkey nearly took the life of Mrs. Conkey. A large ball of lightning entered through the open door, encircled the dining room and passed without damaging the house a particle. Mrs. Conkey received such a shock that for two hours she was unconscious. A step-daughter was paralyzed in the left arm.

MURDERED ON SKYSCRAPER TOP

Body of Young Real Estate Man Found on the Roof With Rope Almost Severing the Head.

A MYSTERIOUS CRIME

One Thousand Dollars in Cash Missing from the Body When Found on Roof of Building.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Nov. 8.—With a rope drawn tightly about his neck, the body of Roy D. Gannon, aged 30, a real estate man, was found at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon on the roof of the nine story Campbell office building. Gannon had been dead for several hours and the police are confronted with the most mysterious crime in recent years in the southwest. A package containing \$1,000 in currency, which Gannon drew from the bank at noon Saturday, is missing. After his assailants had beaten the man into insensibility, a noose was formed from a piece of rope and, with the aid of a piece of iron, the rope twisted about the neck of the victim, almost severing the head. Detectives are seeking a blonde woman with whom Gannon was seen on the streets in an automobile late Saturday afternoon. Gannon came to this city about a year ago from Lexington, Ky. He was one of the leading real estate men of the state. Gannon was single. The robbery theory is doubted by the police, as the motive of the crime. At his rooming place Gannon talked of his affairs only meagerly with acquaintances he formed there. It is learned that recently he has been negotiating for a mine at Miami, Okla. For two days he has seemed despondent, and he told a friend that he had been beaten out of some money. Saturday morning a strange man and woman were seen in the house where Gannon roomed. Afterward his overcoat was missing, and he believed it was taken by them. In it were some valuable papers. A mysterious phase of the crime is that he had no office rooms in the building in which the body was found.

TAFT GOLFING IN THE SOUTH

Spending Today in an Attempt to Create a New Presidential Record on the Golf Links.

MET BUSINESS MEN

Guest of Honor This Afternoon at the State Fair and Left in Afternoon for Wilmington.

AUGUSTA, GA., NOV. 8.—

President Taft is playing golf today. At 8:00 o'clock this morning he started out to the Country club with Major Cummings and went around the course prepared to make a new presidential record. There was only a small gallery. Following the session of golf, the president was taken to the Chamber of Commerce where he was introduced to the business men of the city. This afternoon, accompanied by the governors of South Carolina and Georgia, he will be the guest of honor at the state fair and will leave at 3 o'clock for Wilmington.

This Must Mean New York. American men and women today hire their wives and husbands as they hire their houses and carriages. Therefore if they are not suited they proceed to hire different ones! Hire, hire, and "fire" seems to be the motto for the modern home!—Current Literature.

An Effective Medicine. Richter: The only medicine which does women more good than harm in dress.

CONGO QUESTION BEING DISCUSSED

Sir Conan Doyle is the Leader in the Movement to Force Intervention in the Congo Where King Leopold is Cruel.

BLOOD SUCKING VAMPIRE

As the Big Mass Meeting Tonight in London, the Socialists of Brussels Also Meet and Denounce the King.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—Sir A. Conan Doyle is the leader in a movement to force government intervention in the Congo and will preside at a great mass meeting at Newcastle tonight, when the Congo campaign will be formally launched. This meeting will be followed by a larger one in London on November 19. The distinguished novelist believes that these meetings, at which all the terrible atrocities perpetrated in the Congo will be laid bare, will result in exciting public opinion to such a high pitch as to demand government action. Sir Conan says: "Once the people of England know the facts and have heard the statements of eye-witnesses and seen the photographs of mutilated men, women and children I am sure they will rise with us and put an end to these crimes. "The government cannot do anything until the people of the country are enlightened as to the real horrors, and stand behind the government as a driving force. I wish the public to cooperate and call for an end to this long orgy of blood, lust and greed. "I have a photograph of a poor black child, with a mutilated hand and leg. We stand for the murdered and maimed men, women and children of the Congo, and this is a hearty call to the men and women of England. This country took a most solemn pledge when the Congo Free State was created, and one article of that treaty was that we bound ourselves in the name of the Almighty God with a solemn oath to watch over the preservation of the native races, and the amelioration of the moral and material conditions of their existence. "What have we done to keep that pledge? Millions of natives have been wiped out, and many others maimed and hacked and tormented without any civilized power raising a hand to save them. "It is a significant fact that the heraldic shield of Antwerp, to which city most of the rubber from the Congo is sent, contains a bloody hand, severed at the wrist. Mr. Harris, the secretary of the Congo Reform Association, has been a missionary for many years in the Congo. When asked to give evidence before a commission he had the records of a thousand murders to prove his accusations. "A third of the whole population of the Congo, which formerly contained thirty million people, he said, had disappeared under Leopold's regime. The question is: Are cold-blooded and infamous men to continue to make capital out of suffering and misery?"

Called a Vampire. BRUSSELS, Nov. 8.—A great mass meeting of socialists was held in Brussels today to protest against the alleged crimes committed by King Leopold's agents in the Congo. Leopold was denounced as an inhuman monster and a blood-sucking vampire. M. Emile Vandervelde, the socialist leader in the Belgian parliament, is at the end of the Congo reform movement, and acted as counsel for the Rev. W. H. Shepperd, the American missionary, who was acquitted on a charge of libel brought against him by the Kasai Rubber Company, King Leopold's monopolistic rubber concern. The opposition is confined principally to the socialists, the conservatives defending the "merry monarch's" atrocities.

Army Officers Lecture. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 8.—Officers of the regular army will deliver lectures before the National Guard officers of Ohio at their meeting here today and tomorrow.

All She Could Do. "She thanked him with a look." "I s'pose her gown was so tight that she couldn't trust herself to speak, eh?"—Washington Herald.

The Wonders of Science. "Oh, mamma," said little Albert, who was having his first view of an aeroplane in action, "see the cattle pen flying."

Immense Production of Soap. More than \$50,000,000 worth of soap is made and sold in the United States every year.

FOUR DROWNED FROM AUTOMOBILE

Touring Car Plunged Into the River Through an Open Draw and all Passengers Were Lost.

DOCTOR SAW ACCIDENT

Life Preservers at the Bridge House Were Fastened to Wall and Could not Be Used.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 8.—A big touring car with four passengers, two women and two men, plunged into an open draw at the Jackson Boulevard Bridge last night at 11 o'clock and all were drowned. The accident was witnessed by A. E. Bertling, who, with his wife and a couple of friends, were in another automobile at the side of the boulevard waiting for the bridge to be closed. None of the bodies have been recovered and their names are not known. According to Dr. Bertling, there was no guard chain or policeman at the opening. He was barely able to see that the bridge was open, the night being foggy. As the car dashed by him he shouted to the driver that the bridge was open. The chauffeur did not hear him, for the car did not slacken speed. Dr. Bertling ran to the edge of the draw and in the darkness saw a man and woman struggling in the water below. They were screaming for help. Dr. Bertling rushed to the bridge tender. He shouted to him to throw out life preservers. The man had them lashed to the side of his room and could not loosen them. He had no knife. By this time the struggling persons were carried down the river in the swift current.

NINE LOST THEIR LIVES IN FIRE

Eight Workmen and One Boy Met Death During Red Hot Blaze in a Celluloid Factory.

MEN WERE PANIC STRUCK

Had to Get out of the Building so Fast That Many Leaped Through the Closed Windows.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Eight workmen and one boy lost their lives and ten other workmen were badly hurt while jumping from windows during a fire which destroyed the celluloid factory of Morrison & Son, which started on the second floor from some unknown cause. The inflammable material became ignited and the blaze spread rapidly through the building, cutting off the escape of the workmen from their benches. Many jumped from the windows without stopping to raise the sashes, in the panic which followed. Three alarms were sounded, bringing all the available apparatus in the city. The fire was hard to control as the celluloid exploded as the flames reached it, driving the firemen back from the building. The work of getting the dead and injured from the building, called for desperate efforts from the firemen. Every effort was made to keep the flames in the four story building, but this seemed a hopeless task as the burning structure was old and very inflammable.

Masons in Savannah. SAVANNAH, Ga., Nov. 8.—Masons of all degrees and from many states are in Savannah today to attend the tenth triennial assembly of the general grand council, Royal and Select Masons of the United States, and the thirty-fourth triennial convocation of the general grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the United States. The sessions will extend through the week.

Looking for a house to rent? Read the want ads.

WIDOW WINNING IN HER TRIAL

Madame Steinhell Seems to be Having the Best of the Effort to Send Her to Her Execution.

NOTHING PROVEN YET

Testimony so Far in the Murder Case, Does Not Appear to be Damaging Against Her.

PARIS, Nov. 8.—Madame Steinhell today took her place in the court, confident that she will save her head from the guillotine knife by securing an acquittal. She appeared today with renewed strength. The position of the woman today is stronger than it was before the state made its effort to prove her a murderer. She herself says that nothing has been proven against her, despite the testimony of witnesses. It is apparent that the bitter arguments between the prisoner and judges, prosecutor and justices is hurting the effects of justice. Instead of throwing light on the crime, the prosecution of the widow is blinding the issue. Today's proceedings opened with another victory for the widow in the testimony of M. Achury, family physician of the family who said he was intimately acquainted with their family life and that he knew she cared most tenderly for her husband and mother. He said that after the crime, she had received an anonymous letter alleging that her husband was guilty of unnatural practices and she had refused to allow the letter to influence her feelings for her head husband. That the case of the state is crumbling became apparent today when M. Auderal, admitted lover of Madame Steinhell, declared that neither he nor the Madame had ever dreamed of a marriage as a result of their relations. The prosecution had held that the motive of the murder of her husband was the desire to marry him. The prison authorities today announced that a collection of embroider, the work of the woman during her long imprisonment will be sold at auction soon. The work is marked with the name "Meg" Steinhell, her pet name. The proceeds will be used for the fight.

DIAMOND JO BOATS RETURN

Steamers Quincy and St. Paul Were the First Ones to Get Back From New Orleans.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 8.—The first boats of the fleet which accompanied President Taft to New Orleans to reach here on the return trip were the steamers Quincy and St. Paul of the Diamond Jo Line, which arrived at their wharfboat, at the foot of Washington avenue, at 12:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. These boats left New Orleans at 3 p. m., on Sunday, October 31. They were delayed by fogs on the lower river, but made a remarkable fast run between Memphis and this city. The Quincy, in charge of Capt. Morris M. Killeen, carried the members of Congress to New Orleans, and the St. Paul, Capt. John Killeen, master, carried the governors and newspaper men. They are two of the largest packet steamers out of this port. Their masters report a fine trip without accident both ways. They will coal here this morning, and will depart for Dubuque this afternoon, where they will be put in winter quarters. The steamers G. W. Hill, Erastus Wells, bringing Mayor Kreismann; City of Saltville and Grey Eagle are expected to arrive here today. The steamer Cape Girardeau is expected late tonight or tomorrow.

Paderewski an Inventor. LONDON, Nov. 8.—Paderewski has become an inventor, his contrivance being a new musical instrument which he calls the tonitruum, but which is popularly described as a "thunder-maker." The invention will be heard in public for the first time tonight at the premiere of Paderewski's new symphony, in which it will be used to give the effect of distant thunder.

Charities and Corrections. BALTIMORE, Nov. 8.—Correction of "bad boys," care of the insane, education of children and conservation of public health are among the topics on the program of the Fifth Maryland conference of Charities and Corrections, opening today.

Japanese Public Ovens. Most of the cooking of the Japanese cities is done in public ovens, which are maintained at convenient places at moderate cost to patrons.

—Read the Daily Gate City

TEN MILLIONS AND NO ALIMONY

Mrs. John Jacob Astor Secured an Absolute Divorce Today From Her Millionaire Husband.

ANOTHER IN SAINT LOUIS

Grace VanStuddiford the Comic Opera Star is Also Freed From Her Husband by the Courts.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Mrs. John Jacob Astor, the society leader was granted an absolute divorce from her husband by Justice Mills in the Supreme Court here today. The papers in the case were ordered sealed. It is reported that Mrs. Astor received a lump sum of ten million dollars in lieu of alimony and that she will have the custody of their daughter, while the son will remain with his father.

One in St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, Nov. 8.—Mrs. Grace Van Studdiford, comic opera prima donna, was granted a divorce in the Circuit court at Clayton today. The granting of the decree followed a hearing a week ago Friday when she testified in whispers against her husband Charles D., a traveling salesman of St. Louis. He did not contest. The judge in granting the decree made no comment. No alimony was asked or mentioned in the decree. There are no children. It was rumored that the case was dismissed and when she was playing at the Century here and decided to prosecute the case, it came as a big surprise. The case was tried with the greatest secrecy.

CUMMINS WILL BE VERY BUSY

Leaves for Washington Tomorrow to See About Fixing the Tariff Up so it Will Suit Him.

COMMISSION APPOINTED

Expects to Have the Support of the Other Insurgents in the Work he Has Outlined.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 8.—Senator Cummins will begin work this week looking toward the immediate appointment of a commission to revise the tariff "according to the pledge of the Republican National platform." This was announced today by him. He created a sensation in his speech Saturday night here. The senator expects to have the support of the other "insurgents" and this movement presages another big fight between the two factions in the party as soon as Congress meets. Cummins will leave for Washington tomorrow afternoon. He will first confer with the President regarding sentiment in the west and will then devote all his time until Congress opens, to the lining up of the insurgents.

DIRECT WORD FROM ROOSEVELT

Has Sent a Message to His Wife Stating That He Has Met With No Accident.

ROME, Nov. 8.—The first news from former President Roosevelt himself, since the rumor concerning his alleged death was received here today in a cable message to Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt from her husband, dated Nairobi, stating that there is no truth in the rumors that he is ill or has met with an accident. He adds that he is perfectly well.

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OLD AGE PENSIONS FOR WORKINGMEN

Bill Introduced Before the American Federation of Labor Which is in International Session This Week at Toronto.

TO PETITION CONGRESS

The Proposition Will be Taken Before the American Congress Next Month by Congressman Wm. B. Wilson.

TORONTO, Nov. 8.—A draft of a bill providing for old age pensions in the federal service was submitted by President Samuel Gompers to the American Federation of Labor, which convened in twenty-ninth international session here today. The bill was written by Congressman William B. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, a Democrat, at the request of the executive committee of the federation, and will be introduced by him when Congress meets next month. For the first time a minister was seated as a fraternal delegate to the federation convention. He is the Rev. Charles Stelzle, and represents an organization of thirty-three Protestant denominations. It is expected that the present convention will organize a railroad department, which will embrace the switchmen, conductors and other railroad employes, numbering more than 500,000 employes not now affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The old age pension bill is attracting much attention among the delegates today. The author of the measure, Congressman Wilson, is a native of Scotland, who came to America in 1870, and in the spring of the following year began working in the coal mines. Two years later he became a half member of the Mine Workers' Union, and from early manhood he has taken an active part in trades-union affairs. From 1900 until 1907, when he entered Congress, he was the secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America. Congressman Wilson is the father of ten children.

National Food Show. WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—A national food show and industrial exposition occupies Convention hall today and will remain open to Nov. 20.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and Vicinity—Partly cloudy and colder tonight. Tuesday fair. For Illinois—Partly cloudy and colder tonight with rain south portion, Tuesday fair. For Iowa—Fair tonight with colder east portion. Tuesday fair with rising temperature. For Missouri—Partly cloudy and colder tonight. Tuesday fair with warmer northwest portion.

Weather Conditions. There have been rains in the lower Missouri and Upper Mississippi Valleys, and it is warmer east of the Mississippi, with an area of relatively low pressure over the Lower Lake Region. The barometer is high on the Atlantic Coast, and an area of very high pressure covers the Northern Plateau region, attended by fair weather, and temperature of 20 degrees or less, in the Dakotas and Western Nebraska. These conditions indicate clearing weather, with the temperature below the freezing point, for this section tonight, and fair weather with slowly rising temperature Tuesday.

Daily River Bulletin. Stage, Height, Change, Wthr. St. Paul ... 14 3.6 x0.1 Clear Ia. Crosse ... 12 3.5 x0.3 Clear Davenport ... 15 3.2 x0.2 Cl'dy Galland ... 8 1.6 0.0 ... Keokuk ... 15 2.9 x0.5 Cl'dy St. Louis ... 20 5.6 x0.5 Cl'dy

Local Observations. Bar. Ther. Dir. Wthr. 7 7 p. m. ... 30.16 61 SW Cl'dy 8 7 a. m. ... 30.44 59 N Cl'dy Rainfall for past 24 hours, 1 inch, 33 hundredths. River above low water of 1864, 2 feet, 9 tenths. Change in 24 hours, 5 tenths. Mean temperature, 7.67. Maximum temperature 78. Minimum temperature, 56.

River Forecast. The river will rise for the next 45 hours. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.