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## NOT ANTAGONIZING THE CATHOLICS

Work of the Methodists in Rome is Not in the Nature of an Assault Upon the Vatican

## ITALY NEEDS RELIGION

Prof. Riley Says that Rome Contains More Infidels Than Any Other City of its Size.

[Special to The Gate City.] MOUNT VERNON, Iowa, April 7.—In reply to Archbishop Ireland, who alleges that "the Methodist propaganda in Rome is vile, calumnious and dishonest," Professor E. C. Riley, of Cornell college who is intimately acquainted with the work of the Methodist church from a long residence in Rome as a member of the American School of Classical Studies, said today:

It is not true, as I know from intimate acquaintance with the Methodist work and workers in Rome, that the Methodist church is guilty of "insulting agitation and offensive proselytism which constitute a real warfare against the holy father and the Catholic religion." The Methodists have their hands more than full with those who come to them believing nothing, and seeking light. Crandon Hall, in which I lived and taught for a year, is patronized by daughters of official and leading families of Italy. The young ladies pay their own expenses, and the school is so overcrowded that it has been obliged to seek more spacious quarters outside Porta Salaria. Pope Leo XIII offered indulgences of no less than twenty-five days to any one who would keep pupils from the school. Although no proselytism has been done by the school or its friends the attendance is between two and three hundred. Miss Italia Garibaldi, granddaughter of the great general, has charge of the Garibaldi school for poor girls, which is also under Methodist control. She says she has never sought a pupil, but she cannot begin to accommodate all who come. I keep in close touch with our work there through letters from friends and an Italian paper published by the mission. The Methodist church is doing a great and needed work in Italy and doing it under the laws of United Italy, which guarantee religious freedom.

The king recognizes the value of all agencies which make for the moral betterment of his people. He sent warm words of welcome and appreciation to the first national convention of the Y. M. C. A. when I attended five years ago. He has in various ways shown his approval of the work done by our Methodist mission, and has extended numerous courtesies to those leading that work. Bishop Burt, while the general superintendent of the Methodist work in Italy, was knighted by King Victor Emmanuel. The king, himself a Catholic in name, is generous, progressive, and intelligent and it would seem that he wishes to save his nation from irreligiosity, and that he sees the Protestant church is ready and able to minister to those who have no faith in old beliefs.

The last census of Italy says that of all the states of Europe Italy has the largest number of men without any religious profession. It is undoubtedly true that "Rome itself, the center of Catholicism, contains in its borders more skeptics and infidels than any city of its size in the world."

The work of Protestantism in Italy is not to assault Catholicism, but to minister to those outside the pale of her influence, and this the noble men and women of the Methodist mission are doing.

## TELLS THE STRY ANOTHER TIME

John Grunden on the Witness Stand in the Saylor Murder Case.

WATSEKA, Ill., April 7.—For the third time in three days, the stirring events in the Saylor homestead on the night of the murder was told today, when John Grunden took the witness stand. Grunden corroborated everything told by his daughter, Mrs. Eayler, and by Dr. Miller, and in addition, testified to the angry frame of mind in which Saylor was on that night. He said that they asked Saylor to play cards with them, but he refused, and was "evidently out of fix about something." He also said that the struggle in the dark parlor lasted only a few seconds. The cross-examination of Grunden brought out nothing new.

## MASKED BURGLAR FOR TWO YEARS

Bertram Spencer Confesses to Having Led the Life of a Bandit From Early Childhood

## STARTED AT SCHOOL

Worked by Day, But at Night Put on His Black Mask and Became Noted Bandit.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 7.—Laying his crimes to love of excitement and mania for stealing, caused by an injury to his head in boyhood, Bertram Gage Spencer confessed that he was the masked burglar who terrorized Springfield for two years and reached a climax of his wild career by murdering Miss Martha B. Blackstone last Thursday evening.

Spencer made it clear that, associated with an overpowering desire to steal, were the intense love of excitement and a high degree of personal vanity, and this latter trait of Spencer was gratified by baffling the police and reading newspaper accounts of the exploits. The accounts of his daring crimes fascinated him and fostered egotism.

The police declare he is a morphine fiend. Coupled with other motives was a desire to get money to purchase elaborate furnishings for his home in West Springfield, furnishing a handsome setting for the young and pretty wife, for whom he bore a strong affection.

While he admitted killing Miss Blackstone, Spencer said he did not intend to shoot her, but lost control of himself when she repeatedly shrieked. Even then he fired only to frighten her and the three other women who confronted him in the Dow house.

Spencer was arraigned in the police court and held without bail. He told the police he experienced no qualms of conscience as a result of his crimes. The only thing that worried him was the loss of a pocket bearing his initials. This was found outside of the house which he had entered, and through it his arrest was brought about.

## NO MINING UNTIL NEXT MONTH

Mine Workers and Operators Have Joint Conference on Next Monday.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 7.—The scale committee of the United Mine Workers are awaiting a reply from the operators for a joint conference in Chicago on April 11. Two years ago the conference extended over several weeks. The understanding is that mining in the state shall not be resumed until the middle of May.

## Supreme Court Decisions.

[Special to The Gate City.] DES MOINES, April 7.—The supreme court today handed down the following decisions:

City of Ida Grove against Ida Grove Armory company, Ida district; affirmed.

Hardenburg and Company against Roberts, appellant, Shenandoah superior court; affirmed.

Walton, plaintiff, against Hobson, Fayette district; affirmed.

Conn against Milliken, appellant, Humboldt district; affirmed.

Sawyer, treasurer, against Stilson, appellant, Hancock district; affirmed.

Peter and Frost against Kissell, appellant, Potawatamie district; affirmed.

## The River Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—The river and harbor appropriation bill is virtually made up and will, in all probability, be reported to the senate today or Friday at the farthest. The bill will carry in the neighborhood of \$52,000,000, but of this amount between \$7,000,000 and \$10,000,000 are not properly chargeable to the revenues collected during the present fiscal year.

## BANK ROBBERS WERE HEADED OFF

One Fatally Shot and Two Others Wounded While the Other Two Were Able to Escape

## BLEW OPEN THE SAFE

Word Sent Ahead that the Robbers Were on the Train and They Met the Reception Committee.

JOLIET, Ill., April 7.—Three men were shot, one fatally, in a fight at Mazon, Ill., early today, following the robbery of the Coal City bank by five masked men, who fled with \$400. The five robbers entered Coal City at midnight, bound and gagged William Saylor, an electrician, and John Gitto, night watchman at the bank, and dynamited and looted the safe.

At 1:30 they boarded a south-bound train and the authorities at Mazon were notified. A posse stopped the train and the five men immediately alighted and began firing. In the revolver fight which followed, three of the men received wounds. The other two escaped.

## WHAT RAILROADS MADE IN IOWA

Rock Island Earnings Over Three Million, and Burlington Made Over One Million.

DES MOINES, April 7.—The Rock Island and Burlington companies filed their annual reports with the executive council to be used by that body in making up the assessment rolls for the year. The Rock Island made a net earning of \$3,358,207.27 in Iowa last year and paid taxes in the state to the amount of \$286,207.80. The report condensed is as follows:

Gross earnings in the state, \$9,412,955.82; net earnings in state \$3,325,033.27; gross earnings per mile in state, \$8,592; net earnings per mile in state, \$3,965; gross earnings entire line, \$69,445,943.93; net earnings entire line, \$18,491,186.96; operating expense in state, \$6,654,324.56; operating expense entire line, \$42,043,856.09; taxes paid in state, \$286,207.80; miles of track in state, 1,024.95; total miles operated, 6,555.47.

The Burlington report shows that that company had net earnings in Iowa last year amounting to \$1,161,402.38, and paid taxes in the state amounting to \$194,845.68. The condensed report is as follows:

Gross earnings in state \$4,609,553.92; gross earnings per mile in state, \$4,581; operating expense in state, \$3,448,151.54; operating expense per mile in state, \$3,427; net earnings per mile in state, \$1,154; taxes paid in state, \$194,845.68; miles in state, 995.86.

## McLean Takes a Trip.

IOWA CITY, April 7.—President George E. MacLean of the State university here delivered the address at the laying of the corner stone at the new Presbyterian church at Cedar Falls, Tuesday, and from there went to Minneapolis where he will attend the banquet celebrating the twenty-first Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, of which he is a charter member.

## COMET'S TAIL BURNING

Prof Barnard Says that the Sun is Melting up Halley's Night Rider and Bedimming It

## WASTING INTO SPACE

William the Conqueror Saw a Greater Sight Than the Present Day People Will Witness.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Prof. Barnard of Yerkes Observatory, who has been camped on the tail of Halley's comet all winter, says the comet is disintegrating under the rays of the sun.

"The comet may surprise us by unexpected developments in the next two weeks," said Professor Barnard. "The observations which have been made up to date show that it is diminishing in substance and luminosity. It probably was a great comet when it shone down on the boats of William the Conqueror as they crossed the English channel, but since then it has been losing power.

"We have learned that as the mass of such a body grows smaller its surface relatively increases. Hence the growth of the tail of a comet indicates the dissipation of its solid substance. The rays of the sun act on the diaphanous tail with disintegrating force. Photographs taken a few hours apart shows fragments of the tail torn off and floating away.

"Thus the tail of the comet is constantly changing. It is never twice the same and indicates that the body is wasting away into space. Finally it becomes merely a pack of meteors after all the gaseous matter is forced out of it. We know that a pack of meteors was swinging around the sun in a regular orbit in 1833, and in 1866, when showers of meteors fell on the earth. In 1899, however, when they again were due, only a few fell, showing that the pack had been swerved from its course.

"These meteors are supposed to be the solid nucleus of the comet. Some persons seem to think that nothing would happen if the nucleus of a comet struck the earth. I am of the opinion that a good deal would happen if a body of meteors as hard as iron should collide with this planet.

"There is no danger of this from Halley's comet, however. Its tail is likely to sweep us, but the head will pass millions of miles beneath the earth."

The comet will not be visible to the naked eye before April 29, according to Prof. Barnard. It will then be visible only at dawn.

## SOCIALISTS TO START NEWSPAPER

Enough Members of the Party Can be Gathered Together to Run the Office.

MILWAUKEE, April 7.—The first step of the successful Milwaukee socialists, who now control the city administration, may be the starting of a daily newspaper. Enough printers and reporters on the other papers belong to the party to permit the starting of a socialistic paper without securing unskilled men.

## THE PASSENGERS WERE CHANGED

Ship Was on Fire While Bound for America and all on Board Were Saved

## PANIC WAS QUELLED

Sailors Knocked Down all Who Made a Rush for the Life Boats During the Excitement.

LONDON, April 7.—In one of the most brilliant feats of seamanship, 900 passengers from the British steamship Carimnoma, bound from London to Portland, Me., were transferred from that ship, which caught fire today in the English channel, to the British ship Kamanawa.

The transfer took place in mid-channel and despite the panic of the passengers, it was accomplished without serious mishap.

Captain Stooke and Captain Kellam, who superintended the transfer, conducted the work with military precision and no one was burned or crushed in the panic. The crew, under orders of the captain, knocked down those who made the first rush for the life boats.

## CREPE PROVED TO BE STOCKINGS

Front Door Clothes Line Caused the Neighbors to Think Woman Was Dead.

FAIRFIELD, April 7.—The reported death of Mrs. Katherine A. Barndollar, 129 East Broadway, is, like that of Mark Twain, considerably exaggerated. The report arose from the fact long black streamers appeared beside her front door. Mrs. Barndollar lives alone, and when the signs of death appeared at her residence, neighbors, conscience stricken because they had not given the sick woman more attention, hastened to the Barndollar home to perform any possible service. To their amazement Mrs. Barndollar herself met them at the front door quite alive. A closer examination revealed the fact that the supposed crepe was a pair of long black stockings attached by the toes to the newspaper clip at the bottom of a mail box, where the gentle zephyrs were drying them quite as well as if Mrs. Barndollar had hung them on a clothes line after washing them.

## BLOODY HORSE ON THE ROAD

Wealthy Cattle Dealer Thought to Have Been Murdered for His Money.

SAN ANTONIO, April 7.—A sheriff's posse has started trekking through the water holes near here today in hopes of finding the body of A. J. Polte, a wealthy cattle dealer of this place, who it is believed, was murdered and robbed of over \$5,000 he had drawn from a bank.

After drawing the money he started on a lonely road through Sabine Parish. Late yesterday, his horse was found along the road, covered with blood.

## INVESTIGATION OF RAILROAD WRECK

Iowa Commissioners Held Two Day Session at Marshalltown to Look Into the Wreck at Green Mountain

## WORK OF THE BOARD

Large Number of Witnesses Were Examined and Much Testimony of Technical Nature Was Introduced.

[Special to The Gate City.] DES MOINES, April 7.—The Iowa railroad commissioners held a two days investigation in Marshalltown, March 29 and 30 concerning the causes leading to the wreck of the Rock Island train on the Great Western line near Green Mountain. The investigation was as complete as could be made. A large number of witnesses were examined and much testimony was introduced of a technical nature.

The Commission has not as yet completed its report to the governor. Upon their return to the office the commissioner announced their decision in the case of the Boone Brick and Tile company vs. C. R. I. & P. Ry. Co. This opinion is of particular interest from the fact that it declares that although the shipment in question is outside the yard limits of the railroad company, and even outside of the town limits, the shipment is in fact a switch and not a haul. They further held in this case that no general rule could be followed in determining the distinction between a haul and a switch, that each particular case must be determined on its own merits. The hearing fixed for Tuesday, April 5, in the matter of general rules for switching cars and charges therefor was postponed to Friday, April 8, for the reason that the date of April 5 would interfere with the negotiations between the coal operators and the railroad companies concerning the adjustment of rates. The coal rate hearing as previously announced, is set for April 7, in the office of the Board of Des Moines.

Further hearings are as follows: Saturday, April 9, at Des Moines. The complaint of the Nauman company, Waterloo, vs. C. R. I. & P. Ry. Co., concerning the right to use side track as an industry track.

Tuesday, April 12, at Des Moines. Petition of the citizens of Spragueville vs. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co. Application for switch track and station.

Wednesday, April 13, at Gilmore City. Complaint against the M. & St. L. R. R. Co., on account of condition of track and alleged poor train service.

Thursday, April 14, at Montezuma. Application for connecting track between lines of railroad companies.

Friday, April 15, at Washington. Application for connecting track between the lines of the various railroad companies.

## WHEN IOWA COAL IS EXHAUSTED

Water Power Plants Along Streams Will Help the State Out of Its Dilemma.

DES MOINES, April 7.—The state conservation commission will this week start the work of making surveys looking to the erection of reservoirs at the headquarters of all the rivers of Iowa. The plan of the commission is to regulate the flow of these rivers by the establishment of huge reservoirs at the headwaters of the streams.

Another purpose which the commission has in mind is the use of these reservoirs for creating electric power. The members of the commission say that within a comparatively short time the coal supply of the state will be exhausted and the people will have to use electricity.

## TOO MANY MRS. COXES ARE FOUND

Man Had Four Wives, Three in Oklahoma and One With Him in Kansas.

BLOOMFIELD, Kan., April 7.—Chas. Cox is in the county jail here, charged with having three wives more than the law allows. His wife discovered that he had three other wives, by means of letters and papers in his possession. One was at Oklahoma with a child seven years old. The other two live in Oklahoma. Cox admits that he has been too much married.

## THE ROOSEVELTS ON HONEYMOON

Driving by Easy Stages Over the Route Which They Took in the Spring of the Year 1887

## THREE DAYS IN VILLA

Newspaper Correspondents Left Behind But Were Promised a Brief Dispatch Each Day.

SPEZIA, Italy, April 7.—Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt began their second honeymoon here today. They arrived this morning from Rome and after a brief rest decided to drive by brief stages to Genoa.

In the spring of 1887, shortly after their marriage in London, they made the same trip by carriage and will make the same trip. After arriving at Genoa, the trip to Porto Maurizio will be made by train. The three days will be spent at the villa of Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, Miss Carew. Later they will proceed to Vienna.

The trip from Rome was made in a special car. As the car was switched to the sidetrack, he waved a farewell to the newspaper correspondents. He agreed to telegraph to them each day a brief account of his movements until April 13. Ideal conditions for the romance which the Colonel and his wife will have, prevail.

## Dictatorial Policy.

ROME, April 7.—Champions of Col. Roosevelt's course in the vatican controversy are making much of an incident which they say shows the dictatorial methods of Cardinal Merry Val Dal. The Cologne choral society which is now visiting Rome had an engagement to sing at the vatican before the pope and cardinal. On the day before the date set, the society visited the palace and sang before the king and queen. When Merry Val Dal heard of this, he cancelled the engagement.

## Bank President Passed Away.

MASON CITY, April 7.—J. H. Brown, president of the Farmers' State Grain Dealers' association, died at his home in Rockwell, after weeks of illness. He was one of the most prominent men of this section, being connected with numerous co-operative movements and also county supervisor.

## THE WEATHER.

(Until 7 p. m. Friday.)

For Keokuk and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Warmer tonight. Cooler Friday.

For Illinois: Fair and warmer tonight. Friday partly cloudy with warmer south portion.

For Iowa: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Warmer east portion tonight. Cooler Friday.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Friday. Warmer east portion tonight. Cooler west portion today.

## Weather Conditions.

The movement of the storm center from the lakes out through New England has been attended by rains in the lake region, Ohio valley and eastern states, snow falling in some portions of the lake region.

A field of high pressure attended by fair, cool weather, extends from the western lakes to the gulf, and in its rear a trough of low pressure covers the eastern slope of the Rockies, where partly cloudy, warmer weather prevails, while a field of high pressure, with fair, slightly cooler weather is on the Pacific slope.

Conditions indicate partly cloudy weather for this section tonight and Friday, with warmer tonight, and slightly cooler Friday.

## Daily River Bulletin.

Stage Height, Change, Weather.

St. Paul .. 14 5.5 -0.1 Clear  
La Crosse .. 12 6.1 -0.2 Clear  
Davenport .. 15 7.6 -0.1 Clear  
Galland .. 8 4.5 x0.1  
Keokuk .. 15 8.6 x0.4 Clear  
St. Louis .. 30 15.5 -0.3 Clear

## Local Observations.

April 7. Bar, Ther. Wind, Weather.  
6 7 p.m. .. 29.06 54 NW Clear  
7 7 a.m. .. 30.17 44 SW Clear

Mean temperature, 48.  
Maximum temperature, 59.  
Minimum temperature, 38.

## River Forecast

The river will cease to rise during the next 24 hours.

FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

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