

Another Canal Project.

Another canal project is to be mentioned. Germany in the Kiel channel has a waterway by which she can shift her warships from the North sea to the Baltic or vice versa at will, and she is also developing her interior system, showing she is giving attention to the needs of peace and commerce as well as those of war and national defense.

A farmer who has just driven into

Vermilion, Saskatchewan, in a dog sled brings word that he is running the most northerly wheat-raising ranch in the world, and he submits specimens of fine grain to prove the statement. As his farm is 1,500 miles above the international boundary line it certainly is pretty well north, but the farmer is enthusiastic over the conditions. All the region needs, he affirms, is the opening up of communication, as travel by dog conveyance and without roads or trails is a little slow. He admits that the winters are a trifle severe up there, but says the summers are great for grain raising. No doubt Canada will hail this as a fresh boom for her wonderful northwest, but it is quite likely that the average farmer would prefer a section which does not require a combination of agriculture with arctic exploration.

The toll roads once so numerous all

over the country are gradually but surely becoming free public highways. The toll system was recognized as a necessity of earlier times, but the modern spirit will not submit to the restrictions involved in being compelled to pay tribute to private ownership. Yet the toll road has by no means entirely disappeared, and it is found even in close proximity to big and prosperous cities. Cleveland, O., one of the foremost towns in the state, is moving to secure the abolition of 15 miles of toll roads in Cuyahoga county, in which Cleveland is located. Rensselaer county some years ago threw open its tollgates, and can lay claim to rank among the most progressive communities in the Empire state.

The official figures, just forthcoming,

show that leather takes an important place in the commerce of the United States, the aggregate having amounted to \$150,000,000 in 1906. This represents a rapid growth, our leather dealings ten years ago having been but \$45,000,000. Our imports are mainly hides and skins, which are the crude material for our leather-working industries, while foreign countries are taking our manufactures of leather in many forms and in increasing quantities. In 1906 we sold abroad \$9,500,000 worth of boots and shoes and \$25,000,000 worth of sole leather. The biggest item in imports of this character was \$32,500,000 worth of goatskins, to be made up into the high-class American shoes which are steadily walking into favor the world over.

There is an enormous number of

small landholders in Egypt, 5,000,000 acres being cultivated by over 1,000,000 landowners, of whom 6,000 are Europeans, owning, on an average, a little over 100 acres. Nine hundred and forty peasants hold under five acres each, or 23 per cent of the whole cultivated land, while 12,000 men of means have holdings above 50 acres, their total being over 2,250,000 acres, or 44 per cent of the whole; proprietors of between five and twenty acres having 21 per cent.

Charles Curtis, who was lately elected

to the United States senate from Kansas, is more completely American than any other member of that body. His mother was a full-blooded Kaw Indian. Mr. Curtis has served in the house of representatives 14 years.

A child was born on board an elevated

train in New York the other day. The subway would have been a more up-to-date place for this to happen, but you can't expect the stork to visit the subway.

The refusal of the Rothschilds to

lend Brazil \$25,000,000 indicates that, however strong German's interest in Berlin may be, she is more interested in her pocketbook.

A gentleman in Connecticut has

been forced to pay \$20 for a hug. He hasn't said whether he got his money's worth or not.

President Castro is sick and

swamped with troubles. He hasn't had a good time lately.

MINISTERIAL DECLARATION READ.

SPEECH, FAITH AND THE PROMISED FULL FREEDOM.

Also Local Self-Government, Reform of the Zemstvos and a Single Form of Martial Law.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—The ministerial declaration setting forth the program for legislation was read by Premier Stolypin before the lower house of parliament.

The projects of law are summarized as follows: Freedom of speech and of the press; liberty of faith; habas corpus, on the same basis as other states; the substitution of a single form of martial law for the various decrees of exceptional security; local self-government; reform of the Zemstvos; agrarian reforms; the abolition of the free entry of goods into Vladivostok; completion of the Trans-Siberian railroad in Russian territory, and popular education.

Mr. Stolypin was not once interrupted, and at the close of his address received hearty applause from the conservatives.

The first speech, that of Prince Zeretel, in behalf of the social democrats, provoked an angry scene between the members of the right and left parties, in which such epithets as "Liar," "Murderer" and "Inciter of outbreaks against the Jews," were freely exchanged.

Prince Zeretel proposed a resolution, in behalf of the social democrats, which arraigned the government for violating all the rights of the people promised in the imperial manifesto of October 30, 1905, with filling the prisons with liberals, the introduction of drumhead court martial, protecting the organizers of riots and countenancing the minister of the interior and other bureaucrats in oppressing the peasants through the purchase of estates by the peasant bank, despoiling the working classes and unjust discrimination.

The resolution concluded with the declaration that the people can liberate their friends, fighting for freedom, only when they themselves are free.

ATTACKS MOTHER; KILLS BABY.

Negro Commits Murder On Being Refused Fifty Dollars.

Cartersville, Ga., March 20.—Mrs. James Tolbert, wife of former Mayor Tolbert, of Fairmont, was brutally attacked and her two-month-old baby was murdered by a negro at their home.

The negro, who approached the house when Mrs. Tolbert was alone with her child, demanded \$50. Being refused, he said he must have the money or her life.

Then began a struggle, during which he followed her from room to room, until she escaped and ran to her husband's store, some distance away.

When she returned with a party the baby was found with its head nearly severed from its body, and the negro was missing. A posse immediately set upon his trail.

Rivers Booming Again.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 20.—The Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers are rising rapidly on account of heavy rains throughout Western Pennsylvania. Creeks and other small streams in this vicinity are already swollen beyond their banks. The stage registered here was 16 feet. Forecaster Pennywitt, of the United States weather bureau, predicts a 25-foot stage.

Fire Destroys Newspaper Plant.

Augusta, Ga., March 20.—A fire broke out in the building occupied by The Augusta Chronicle and the Western Union Telegraph Co. The office of the Augusta Chronicle was ruined and the main office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. and the Union ticket office were destroyed. The losses are estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000; partially insured.

Heat Records Broken.

Guthrie, Okla., March 20.—All heat records of Oklahoma were broken when the thermometer Tuesday registered 102 in the shade. The unusual heat was accompanied by a stiff breeze. Reports from all over the territory are of a like nature. At Oklahoma City the mercury reached 97, and at Thomas 99.

Count Lamsdorff Dead.

San Remo, Italy, March 20.—Count Vladimir Nicolaievitch Lamsdorff, the former Russian minister of foreign affairs, died here. Paul Lamsdorff, a nephew of the deceased statesman and representing the Lamsdorff family, was present at his uncle's death.

Wages Increased.

Owosso, Mich., March 20.—General Manager Lowell, of the Ann Arbor railroad, has completed arrangements with employes which involve an increase of wages amounting to 10 per cent. for conductors, switchmen, brakemen, engineers and firemen.

Train Strikes Carriage.

Pottsville, Pa., March 20.—A Philadelphia & Reading freight train ran down a carriage containing three officials of the Schuylkill Haven Gas Co. crossing three miles south of here and probably fatally injured two of them.

No Indictment Found.

New York, March 20.—No indictment against Mrs. Lottie Wallau, who was charged with having caused the death of her mother, Mrs. James Bluge, was found by the grand jury which reported.

Roof Collapses.

Terreon, Mexico, March 20.—Nine persons, eight of them school children, were instantly killed, and many others injured at Durango, Mexico, by the collapse of the roof of the public school building, while the rooms were crowded with pupils.

Called To His Death.

Sedalia, Mo., March 20.—Frank Smith, a business man, was called to the door of his home at Estlin, Howard county, Mo., by an unknown person and shot and killed. No motive is known.

Blown to Atoms.

Dubois, Pa., March 21.—An explosion occurred in the Emporium powder mill, located two miles west of Emporium, Pa., which caused the death of six men—three Americans and three Italian laborers. The cause of explosion not known.

Japanese Buy War Material.

Berlin, March 21.—Japan is doing considerable business with the Krupp in the line of war materials. Guns are now being inspected by the Japanese at Essen preparatory to their being accepted by Japan.

RELEASED ON BAIL

WERE THE 70 SUFRAGISTS WHO STORMED PARLIAMENT,

WITH LADY BARBERTON AS LEADER

Demonstration Raid More Important and More Numerous Than Any Previous Effort.

London, March 21.—The women suffragists attempted a demonstration raid on parliament more important and more numerous than any of their previous efforts. The police, however, had timely warning and made preparations that resulted in making the demonstration somewhat ineffective.

The only result was some amusing disorderly scuffles and the arrest of nearly seventy suffragists, who were at once liberated on bail.

Previous to the demonstration an indignation meeting, which was largely attended by the so-called "Suffragettes" and their friends, was held at Caxton Hall, where the speakers denounced the house of commons for stifling the Dickinson woman suffrage bill.

The raid was led by Lady Barberton, who was assisted by the most prominent women who took part in the previous raids.

The women drove up in wagons, and after promading before the house of parliament stormed the entrance of the house of commons, where the police re-enforcements, drawn up for the occasion, awaited the onslaught and drove the women back.

After the first rebuff the women made a second determined attempt to penetrate the police cordon, but all to little purpose.

In accordance with instructions, the police employed against the women as little force as possible.

At a late hour the suffragists reassembled at Caxton Hall, and amid the greatest enthusiasm passed a resolution to send another deputation to the premier and to renew their demonstrations before parliament.

Accordingly, another move was made against the house of commons, the disorderly scenes were repeated on a smaller scale and several further arrests were made.

AMERICAN MAIL BAG STOLEN.

Pouch Disappears Between New York and French Capital.

Paris, March 21.—An American mail bag, the contents of which are valued at approximately \$400,000, has been stolen. The theft occurred either on board a steamship between New York and Havre, or between Havre and Paris.

The postal authorities have just placed the affair in the hands of detectives, although the theft occurred a fortnight ago.

A cable inquiry to the New York postoffice brought confirmation of the fact that the mail bag had been embarked at New York.

The theft of the mail bag occurred on board the French line steamer La Provence, which left New York February 28 and arrived at Havre March 9. A man giving the name of Buttoss was arrested here recently, with American securities to the value of \$12,000 in his possession, for which he could not account satisfactorily.

Buttoss is believed to be an accomplice of the thieves and to have been attempting to negotiate the proceeds of the robbery.

Immense Loss By Floods.

San Jose, Cal., March 21.—More damage has been done by floods in the creeks in the last 24 hours than in the past 15 years. Erosion of the banks will cost many acres of fine fruit and farming lands, while the washing out of bridges, notably the Southern Pacific, will stop all traffic from San Jose to Los Gatos, by way of Campbell for weeks. The damage in the vicinity of Flattertown will be immense. At San Martin Harold Bole, the five-year-old son of a well-known rancher, fell into the swollen Llagas creek and was drowned.

Bank Teller Missing.

Charlotte, N. C., March 21.—Frank Jones, the teller of the Charlotte National bank, has been missing since last Saturday, when he left, saying he was going to Richmond, Va. An examination of his accounts shows a shortage of about \$68,000. The bank has offered a reward of \$1,000 for his apprehension. The Charlotte National bank, it is said, will not suffer from the alleged defalcation, as its assets are more than \$1,000,000.

Steamer Sinks; 21 Lives Lost.

Lubeck, Germany, March 21.—The 188-ton German steamer Horn has been sunk in the North Sea, with the loss of 21 lives.

New York, March 21.—The steamer

Kronprinz Wilhelm, which arrived from Europe, brought \$340,000 in gold for the National City bank.

Shot Three Times.

Cincinnati, March 21.—In a desperate battle with two thugs, within 200 feet of his home, Jesse Yelton, of Locust street, near the Big Four railroad, Elmwood Place, was shot three times in the body. He is believed to be fatally wounded.

Hondurans Suffer a Defeat.

Managua, Nicaragua, March 21.—It is reported here that the Honduran troops have suffered a serious defeat at the hands of the Nicaraguans. No details of this engagement are yet at hand.

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Must Wed Or Be Fined.

Ft. Dodge, Ia., March 22.—Every man in Ft. Dodge between the ages of 25 and 45 years must become a married man as the result of an ordinance introduced by Mayor Bennett and passed by the city council. Any man failing to comply will be fined.

Freight Depot Burned.

Memphis, Tenn., March 22.—The Illinois Central freight depot, at the corner of Shelby and Calhoun streets, was almost entirely destroyed by fire, also a number of cars and a quantity of merchandise.

U. S. MARINES TO POLICE PORTS.

BLUEJACKETS TAKE A HAND IN CENTRAL AMERICAN WAR.

Action of This Government Will Believe Foreign Countries of Making Naval Demonstration.

Washington, March 22.—Bluejackets and marines have been landed from the United States gunboat Marietta, at Trujillo and Celba, and probably at Puerto Cortes, Honduras, in order to protect American interests in those ports.

Advices to this effect were received at the navy department from Commander Fullam, of the Marietta, and they were at once transmitted to the state department.

As yet no word has been received as to whether forces have been landed at Central American ports on the Pacific coast side, but undoubtedly this step will be taken if American interests are considered in danger.

The navy department feels that the action of Commander Fullam brings the situation completely in hand so far as the safeguarding of trade interests is concerned.

In addition to the protection given to Americans it is felt that the action of this government will relieve foreign governments of the necessity of taking any steps toward making a naval demonstration.

The landing of the bluejackets and marines and the policing of both shores of the Central American republics with United States gunboats before trading vessels had been molested in any manner, or foreign interests jeopardized, is regarded here as a diplomatic move that will prevent any international complications growing out of the policy of the United States not to permit European demonstrations in Central American or South American waters.

From the meager dispatches received it is understood that Commander Fullam landed a force of about 20 marines from the Marietta at Trujillo and 20 bluejackets at Celba and then continued his course to Puerto Cortes.

JEWEL BAG MISSING.

It Contained Gems of Mrs. Morgan Valued at \$18,000.

New York, March 22.—Eighteen thousand dollars' worth of jewelry was stolen from the home of Charles Morgan, son of the founder of the Morgan steamship lines, at Orange, N. J.

Late in the afternoon Mrs. Morgan found that a drawer in her dressing table had been disturbed, and an investigation showed that her jewel bag was missing. It contained a diamond bracelet valued at \$4,000, two necklaces at \$2,000, and many other pieces of jewelry.

Robbers Attack Messenger Car.

Palestine, Tex., March 22.—As train No. 4, of the International & Great Northern, north bound, was leaving Elkhart, 12 miles below here, Express Messenger Winsley Womack, of the Pacific Express Co., was knocked in the head and thrown out of the car. He was not missed from the train until Palestine was reached and a little later a telephone message was received from him at Elkhart, stating that he had been assaulted by robbers. The safe in the car was open when the train reached Palestine. The sheriff and a posse is leaving Palestine on a special train for the scene of the robbery.

Mail Bag Thief Confesses.

Paris, March 22.—The man named Buttoss, arrested here recently with \$12,000 in American securities in his possession, under the suspicion that he was an accomplice of the thieves who stole a mail bag containing \$400,000 on a French line steamer, has made a confession, implicating a gang of international robbers, as the result of which other arrests are expected immediately.

Japs Win a Point.

San Francisco, March 22.—Although Japanese were barred from the United States the Japanese in San Francisco have partially won their fight with the local school authorities. Under the new order of the board of education Nipponese children under 16 years are permitted to enter the primary grades.

Burned To Death In Prairie Fire.

Bonesteel, S. D., March 22.—Mrs. C. B. Youm and her daughter were burned to death in a prairie fire that has been raging all day on the reservation west of here. Several farm houses have been destroyed.

Records Smashed.

Springfield, Ill., March 22.—Thursday was the hottest March day since the weather bureau was established in this city 20 years ago, the temperature being 90 degrees.

Hurricane's Havoc.

Rome, March 22.—A violent hurricane, which has caused serious damage, has swept over Italy. Several vessels have been wrecked.

Suffragists Go To Prison.

London, March 22.—Twenty-six "suffragettes" who were arrested for brawling within the precincts of parliament were sentenced to from \$5 or a fortnight in prison to \$10 or a month's imprisonment. They all elected to go to jail.

Quit War in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., March 22.—Abnormal hot March weather prevailed in Kansas Thursday. The maximum temperature at Topeka was 91, but many other points reported temperatures ranging 2 to 4 degrees higher.

Two Men Blown Into Eternity.

Marlin, Tex., March 22.—Two men were killed and three others were wounded as the result of a boiler explosion at the plant of the Brazos Harwood Lumber Co., six miles south of Marlin. The bodies of the killed were horribly mangled.

Becomes Raving Maniac.

Atlantic City, N. J., March 23.—James Parker, the negro who attempted to save the life of President McKinley by striking the arm of Col. Goetz as the latter fired the fatal shot in jail here, a raving maniac.

SERIES OF TRAGEDIES

OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL AND SPECTACULAR CHARACTER.

COUNTY ATTORNEY JEFF D. McLEAN

Was Shot and Killed and Hamil P. Scott Fatally Wounded By William Thompson.

Ft. Worth, Tex., March 23.—Following a raid on an alleged gambling house, County Attorney Jeff D. McLean was shot and killed and Hamil P. Scott, a member of the raiding party, fatally wounded by William Thompson, the one-armed proprietor of the resort.

Half an hour later Thompson was surrounded in a lumber yard within 100 yards of where Scott was shot down and captured after a desperate fight, in which Thompson received bullet wounds that will probably cause his death within a few hours.

The series of tragedies were of the most sensational character. The house raided is located on Main street, near the corner of Sixth, in the heart of the retail district.

Forced Entrance Into House.

County Attorney McLean, heading a party of deputies, forced an entrance into the place, arrested several men and loaded a furniture van with tables and other paraphernalia.

The wagon with the confiscated furniture had just moved off when Thompson approached McLean, who was standing on the sidewalk, and when within a few feet of the official fired one shot, the bullet striking McLean in the throat, breaking his neck and causing almost instant death. As McLean fell, Thompson turned and ran west on Sixth street, with Scott in pursuit.

Dodging Behind a Bill Board at

the corner of Seventh and Throckmorton streets, Thompson ambushed Scott, shooting the deputy three times in the body. When Scott fell Thompson stopped only long enough to discard his empty pistol for that carried by the deputy, and then he renewed his flight.

Thompson, by this time, thoroughly desperate, was ready for a fight to the death. Bell and Lloyd opened fire on Thompson, which the latter returned. The officers wounded Thompson in three places and he is probably fatally injured. As soon as Thompson had emptied his gun the officers fell upon him with bare hands and made him a prisoner.

ROUMANIAN RIOTS SPREADING

And Inhabitants Are Compelled To Flee For Their Lives.

Vienna, March 23.—According to the news received in Budapest from Moldavia, the peasant movement in Roumania is spreading. The town of Dorogai has been sacked and burned by the peasants. The inhabitants are compelled to flee for their lives.

Husband Took First Shot.

Florence, Ala., March 25.—The negro, Cleveland Harding, who attempted to assault Mrs. Ben F. Rice near here Friday, and who was driven off by Mrs. Rice's shepherd dog, was summarily executed by his intended victim's husband and some 200 or 300 sympathizers. Tied to a tree, with his arms up, the negro was riddled with bullets, the first shot being fired by Rice, following which, it is said, every man in the crowd emptied his revolver at the prisoner.

Verdict, "Not Guilty."

Carthage, Mo., March 25.—The jury in the unwritten law murder case against Arthur Sanderson, who slew Dr. S. D. Meredith, a brother member of the Order of Eagles and his family physician, on the morning of January 1, brought in a verdict of not guilty. According to one of the jurors, the verdict was reached upon the idea that "the unwritten law must be upheld."

Sporting Man Shoots Himself.

Memphis, Tenn., March 25.—Suffering from what the police say was melancholia, Charles W. Wallace, a well-known sporting man drew two revolvers from his place of business and inflicted wounds that caused almost instant death. John E. Rousch, brother-in-law, was wounded attempting to prevent the man from his purpose.

Trim Fell Dead.

Joplin, Mo., March 25.—When Joe Trim's wife asked him for money he dropped dead. Trim was a machinist. His wife wanted some money to do some shopping. It was immediately after he gave her a small amount and she had started to leave the house that he collapsed.

Four Men Buried Alive.

Bellingham, Wash., March 25.—Eight miners were buried in an avalanche of snow at the Britannia mine on Howe Sound, 40 miles north of Vancouver. Four men were taken out dead and four were rescued.

His 101st Birthday.

Sedalia, Mo., March 25.—Frederick Graugraine, the oldest living man born in the Louisiana Purchase and the oldest native-born citizen of St. Louis, celebrated his 101st birthday here.

Old Soldiers Poisoned.

Leavenworth, Kas., March 25.—One death resulted among the 900 old soldiers at National Soldiers' home who were poisoned by eating tainted hash. The victim was William J. Cook, aged 64 years, a member of the 14th Miss were obtainable.

Forest Fire Still Raging.

Danville, Va., March 25.—The forest fire which broke out near Stuart, and which spread to Critz, is believed to be still raging, though no advices from the scene of the conflagration were obtainable.

Thirty Children Poisoned.

Kansas City, Kan., March 25.—Thirty children in the Children's home in Kansas City, Kan., are ill from ptomaine poisoning, thought to have been caused by milk which had been served for breakfast. It is believed that all the children will recover.

Sporting Goods Burns.

Chicago, March 25.—The sporting goods house of A. C. Spaulding & Bros. on the west side of Wabash avenue, near Monroe street, was partially destroyed by fire, the loss being estimated at \$350,000.

DESERTED BY PRESIDENT BONILLA

ARE THE FORCES OF HONDURAS AND SALVADOR.

And Cable Dispatches Indicate That the Central American War is Practically Ended.

Washington, March 25.—President Bonilla has fled from the battlefield and the Central American war has practically ended according to cable dispatches received in Washington by the Nicaraguan minister, Mr. Corca.

The fall of the Honduras capital, Tegucigalpa, is predicted by the Nicaraguan secretary of foreign affairs, Mr. Gomez.

The cablegram from the secretary of foreign affairs is as follows: "Choluteca taken. Salvadorean and Honduran combined armies defeated. President Bonilla hidden in San Lorenzo with 200 men. Sent steamers to capture them. Tegucigalpa will be taken tomorrow."

Gen. Ramirez, director general of telegraph and telephones, sends this message: "It is my opinion that the war is terminated. Bonilla has fled from Choluteca to sail."

When shown press dispatches announcing that President Bonilla had fled from Honduras by boat, Minister Corca expressed the opinion that the fugitive president would go to Salvador and again recruit his army for a second attack in Nicaragua unless the United States and Mexico exercise their good offices to the extent of insisting that Salvador and Guatemala maintain neutrality. If this is done, Mr. Corca says, the war is ended, otherwise he is firmly convinced that it will be only a question of a short time until hostilities are again resumed. The Nicaraguan minister will ask Secretary Root and Mexican Ambassador, Mr. Creel, to take some steps to force Salvador and Guatemala to keep neutrality pledge.

SIX KILLED, SEVENTEEN HURT.

And at Least Two Additional Bodies Under the Wreck.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 25.—A special train on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway, carrying scores of students home from an intercollegiate field meet at Claremont, collided head-on with outbound limited No. 2, on the same road, while both trains were moving at a rapid rate, within the city limits here. Six persons were killed and 17 injured, several of them fatally. Both engines, one of the baggage cars on the Overland Limited and the smoker on the special were demolished. The crash was terrific and was heard many blocks away from the scene. Workers at the wreck stated they were convinced there were at least two additional bodies under the wreck of the smoker.

Only Woman Scene Painter