

WORK ON FAIR SITE TO BEGIN TO-DAY.

Fifty Shovel Scrapers Will Scoop Out River des Peres Channelway.

HUNDREDS OF MEN EMPLOYED.

With Sewer Contract Under Way in Few Days Director Taylor Expects to Have 1,500 Digging.

Director of Works Isaac S. Taylor will begin the practical work of building the world's fair of 1904 at 6 o'clock this morning...

Before the Executive Committee of the Exposition yesterday, Mr. Taylor expressed the hope that the work would be at work on the fair site within forty-eight hours...

The bond required of the Rich Construction Company, which has the contract for building the new channelway for the river des Peres...

The contract for the work of changing the course of the river des Peres, which began this morning, involves an expenditure on the part of the Exposition Company of \$115,000...

Needs 2,000,000 Feet of Lumber.

President Rich expressed some fear yesterday that he would be unable to get the lumber fast enough which will be used in the construction of the sluicing boxes...

The sewer contractors will meet a difficulty which will not be experienced by the contractors on the channelway...

John McCarthy, who will superintend the digging for the Hanley-Casey Company, arrived in St. Louis this morning and accompanied T. F. Hanley to the site...

President Francis was authorized by the Executive Committee of the Exposition yesterday to give the assurance requested by the Board of Public Improvements...

CRUSHED UNDER AUTOMOBILE.

Charles Head Smith of Chicago Seriously Injured.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 6.—Charles Head Smith, the well-known Board of Trade plunger, member of the Washington Club and owner of blooded horses, was seriously injured in an automobile accident Sunday afternoon...

Mr. Smith and Charles Chaplin were spinning up Drexel boulevard at a high rate of speed when the axle broke...

SIX WILL HANG IN GEORGIA.

Gov. Aycock Names Wednesday, February 25, as the Date.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—Governor Aycock to-day named Wednesday, February 25, for the hanging of six white men, such a wholesale execution in one day being without precedent in this State...

IN FAVOR OF ARMY CANTEEN.

Representative Kern of East St. Louis Introduces Bill.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Representative Kern of East St. Louis to-day introduced a bill for the re-establishment of the army canteen.



AT WORK ON THE CANAL.

DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE CALLED TO MEET IN ST. LOUIS ON JANUARY 18.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 6.—Chairman Solbert has issued a call to the members of the Democratic State Committee for a meeting to be held in St. Louis January 18, at the Laclede Hotel...

SCHLEY CLOSETED WITH PRESIDENT.

Rear Admiral Pays a Visit to the White House that Arouses Much Speculation.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Rear Admiral Winfield Schley announced to-day that he would make a tour of the South and West. He also called on President Roosevelt and asked that official to review certain portions of the evidence adduced during the Court of Inquiry...

INSURGENTS LANDED ON VENEZUELA SOIL.

Delbaried With Arms and Ammunition Near Veladecoro Yesterday.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Jan. 5.—It has become definitely known that General Riera, the Venezuelan insurgent leader, and all the other insurgents who had assembled here, embarked on board the Libertador (formerly the British steamer Ban Righ) during the day and night landed on Venezuelan soil this morning near Veladecoro, with arms and ammunition...

NAMES A WOMAN AS TRUSTEE.

Mrs. Fannie J. Howe Appointed by Governor Yates.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 6.—Governor Yates to-day appointed Fannie J. Howe of Chicago to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Training School for Girls at Geneva, succeed H. E. Sunney, resigned. Mr. Sunney has retired from this board to accept a position on the commission named to select a site for the State Home for Delinquent Boys...

ORGANIZE FOR TEXAS EXHIBIT.

St. Louisans Will Meet Texas Commissioners To-Day at Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 6.—Charles M. Reeves, J. J. Schotten, Lewis T. Tule and Henry S. Caulfield of St. Louis, representing the World's Fair to be held in that city in 1904, arrived in Dallas to-night to be present to-day at the meeting of the Texas commissioners for the World's Fair. The meeting to-morrow is for the purpose of thoroughly organizing for a splendid Texas exhibit at St. Louis...

CORNET PRETORIUS IS SLAIN.

British Thirtieth Eleven and Capture Thirty-Five of Boer Commando.

Bloomfontein, Orange River Colony, Jan. 6.—Beresford's constabulary encountered a force of Boers January 4 in the central part of the Orange River Colony and killed Field Cornet Pretorius and ten men and captured thirty-five burghers, including Field Cornet Leroux and Erasmus.

CLARK QUESTIONS STATE COMMITTEE.

Senatorial Candidate Wants to Know If Request of 100,000 Democrats Will Be Heeded.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 6.—Champ Clark has claimed attention again with his demand for a State primary to decide who shall have the Democratic vote for United States Senator in the Legislature next winter. Friday he sent from Washington letters to each member of the State Committee, in which he said: "Chairman Solbert informs me that he has called the State Committee on the question of a general primary for the nomination of a Senator of the United States...

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

- THE SIX RISES THIS MORNING AT 7:30 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7:32. THE MOON RISES TO-MORROW MORNING AT 6:10. WEATHER INDICATIONS. For St. Louis and Vicinity—Generally fair and moderate. Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and Western Texas—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday. Eastern Texas—Fair Tuesday; warmer in eastern portion, Wednesday fair. Washington Miscellany. Seeking Special Interview With Pope. Sunburst Skirt Woman's Latest. Society News. Chinese Court Will Enter Pekin To-Day. Urges Change in Tax and Corporation Laws. Kelley Presents Model City Plans. Stewart P. Is Under Arrest. Catin Tract Sold at \$70,000 Profit. Ben Westhus to Succeed Collector H. C. Groomer. "Billy" Condon Dead. Detective Williams Has Record for Efficiency. How to Get Off Street Car. General Sporting News. Police Board Cited for Contempt. Neighborhood News. Editorial. Strong Advance in May Wheat. New Season's Record in New York. Death Penalty for Even a Blow. Will Ask for Shorter Hours. Republic "Want" Advertisements. Birth, Marriages and Death Records. Real Estate Transfers. New Corporations. Rooms for Rent and Real Estate Advertisements. Summary of the St. Louis Markets. Wheat Touches New High at Chicago. Local Dealers in Stocks Disposed of Remnants. New York Stock Markets. River Elevators and Telegraphs. Weather Bulletin. Another Mystery for Police. Models and Designs of Fenders Offered. Vegetable Supply is Plentiful. Macdowell Makes Startling Charges. Killed Sweetheart and Wounded Rival. Captain is Dead, Crew is Mysterious. New York Legislator Would Define It as a Misdemeanor. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Among the bills introduced in the Lower House of the Legislature to-day, was one by Assemblyman William S. Bennett of New York, making it a misdemeanor to flirt on a public thoroughfare.

AERIAL THEORISTS INVITED TO CONFER.

Professor Langley and Octave Chanute May Assist in Arranging World's Fair Tournament.

FORMAL REQUESTS ARE SENT.

Views of Eminent Scientists Sought by Special Committee Members—Entries for the Competition.

Professor S. P. Langley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C., and Octave Chanute of Chicago, two of the most eminent scientists of the country in aerostatics, have been invited to St. Louis to confer with Charles W. Knapp and Nathan Frank, subcommittee of the Executive Committee of the Exposition, on the proposed aerial tournament to be held at the World's Fair...

An important phase of their deliberations will be the recommendation of a chief of the aerostatic display. It is surmised that the views of the visiting scientists will be solicited in this respect. The committee is also intrusted with the division of the money at their disposal into various prizes, to be graded from the premium of \$500,000, which may be taken by the aeronaut who mounts from the earth into the skies...

"At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, it was determined to recommend to the general Board of Directors of the corporation that a congress of aerostatics be called and an aerial tournament be held during the International Exposition at St. Louis in 1904, and a large sum of money was tentatively appropriated to defray the expenses of the congress and tournament and to cover the prizes that it is intended to offer..."

MAXIM MAY SPEND \$100,000 TO WIN BIG AIRSHIP PRIZE.

Investor Says He Has Already Used \$100,000 in Aerial Experiments, but Is Willing to Duplicate the Amount in an Effort to Capture the St. Louis World's Fair Trophy.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Regarding the published statement that the managers of the St. Louis exhibition have decided to offer \$200,000 for an airship competition, Sir Hiram Maxim, the American inventor, said to a representative of the Associated Press this evening: "I have not heard anything on the subject beyond press reports, and I certainly shall not spend any money on that basis. I have spent \$100,000 in aerial experiments in the past. If I get an invitation in an official form, and the St. Louis managers put up \$200,000 in a bank, I am willing to spend \$100,000 more to win, and thus recoup myself, which I feel reasonably confident I could do."

Santos-Dumont and Langley are mentioned as probable competitors for the St. Louis prize. Mr. Maxim expressed the hope that he might soon know the details of the interesting proposition that has come to England only in brief cable dispatches. President Francis of the Exposition Company, in commenting last night on the endeavor of Hiram V. Maxim, the inventor, to enter the contest for the airship prize if he had satisfactory assurance that the offer was bona fide, said: "Mr. Maxim will receive all the assurances he desires when the committee of aerial experts has crystallized the plan for the contest. If he abides by the conditions of the competition and invents an airship that will obey the directions of an operator in mid-air, as well as develop speed, he will be entitled to be adjudged as a real contestant."

The total sum of \$200,000 has already been set aside by the Executive Committee for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the proposed aerial tournament. Of this sum \$100,000 will constitute the award for the successful operation of a craft in the air. \$50,000 will be devoted to premiums for races between airships, and \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the competition. We have opened correspondence with noted experts in aerial science, and the entire matter of suggestion with reference to the management of the contest will come from that authority."

Secretary Walter B. Stevens of the Exposition company said: "The recommendation of Director of Exhibits Skiff on the subject of the airship contest has been unqualifiedly endorsed by the entire Executive Committee. Nothing in the way of a suggestion for an Exposition feature that has been made to the committee has received such immediate and strong approval."



HIRAM MAXIM.

OPEN-AIR TREATMENT SUCCEEDED IN ALL BUT ONE CASE OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Boston, Jan. 6.—The open air treatment for persons in early stages of consumption is shown to have been efficacious to the extent of about 67 per cent of the cases which were treated during the past year at the Massachusetts State Sanitarium at Rutland, according to the annual report made public to-day.

There was but one death during the year, and the percentage of cures or of marked improvement was considerably higher than for two years past. There were 1,199 applications and 209 were admitted. The average age of the patient was 35.

"FORTY-NINER" GOES OVER THE RANGE.

Louis Harris, Who Made a Fortune in California, Dies, Surrounded by Family.

Louis Harris, one of the "forty-niners" who made a fortune in the early gold-fever days of California, died at 1 o'clock yesterday at the residence of his son-in-law, E. M. Schwarzko, No. 4617 Westminster place, surrounded by seven of his children and thirty-eight grandchildren. He was 75 years old. A remarkable personal characteristic of Mr. Harris was his uncommon stature of 6 feet and 4 inches.

FATHER KLOSS IS APPOINTED.

Father Kloss's Successor in St. Henry's Parish.

The appointment of the Reverend Father Kloss to the rectorate of St. Henry's Church in East St. Louis, to succeed the late Father Henry Koenig, was yesterday made by Bishop John Janssen of Belleville.

Father Kloss, who is vicar general of the Belleville Diocese, is at present pastor of a church in Germantown, Ill., but it is understood that he will at once assume the duties of his new charge. His successor at Germantown has not yet been named.

Father Kloss's return to East St. Louis recalls the controversy that followed his appointment to St. Patrick's Parish on the death of the Reverend Father Patrick J. O'Halloran two years ago. The members of St. Patrick's Parish were mostly Irish-Americans, and they held that their pastor should be of the same nationality. Bishop Janssen at first refused to accede to their demands, but the controversy became so bitter that a compromise was effected, and Father Kloss was given the pastorate at Germantown.

St. Henry's Parish is the largest German Catholic parish in the Diocese of Belleville, and under the administration of the late Father Koenig, was among the strongest in Southern Illinois.

HOPKINS IS VICE PRESIDENT.

St. Louis Man Succeeds Webster on Diamond Match Board.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—George H. Webster resigned as a director of the Diamond Match Company, and J. P. Lapsley was elected to the vacancy. Director John Hopkins of St. Louis was elected vice president in place of Mr. Webster. The retirement of the latter has followed the liquidation of the Armour holdings in the company. Mr. Webster was a business partner of the late P. D. Armour.

BUSINESS CAUSED A DELAY.

Professor Herron's Socialist Sister Postpones Her Marriage.

New York, Jan. 7.—Miss Margaret Herron of Metuchen, N. J., announces that her marriage to Doctor Charles Venner Bergall

WANTS LAW AGAINST FLIRTING.

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ACCIDENT AT UNION STATION.

Baltimore and Ohio Train Collides With Bumper No. 13.

Baltimore and Ohio train No. 3, backing into Union Station yesterday morning, crashed into the bumper at track No. 13. The bumper cracked and gave way with a rebounding noise that startled all the occupants of the station.

The train was brought to a standstill with a sudden jolt. The passengers were somewhat shaken up, but nobody was injured. About two weeks ago a Vendalia train struck the bumper of track No. 15 with great force. In this case, also, nobody was hurt.

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