



TUESDAY EVENING SEPT. 14, 1909.

THE committee appointed two years ago by the American Bar Association to find some remedy for the unnecessary costs and delays of litigation reported at the recent Detroit meeting. Congress is urged to authorize the employment of official stenographers in federal courts, to limit the setting aside of verdicts on error unless the error complained of shall appear to have resulted in a miscarriage of justice to permit the use of printed copies of records in appealing cases instead of written manuscripts, and a complete reorganization of the state courts so as to vest the whole power of each state in one great court of which all tribunals should be branches. This should be divided into three parts, county, superior and supreme, and the judges should be eligible to sit in any branch. These recommendations will hardly become laws during the life of the present generation, but certain it is some remedy should be found for the "laws delay" which has prevailed for centuries past.

AT Peking last week the negotiations between China and Japan relative to the Manchurian rights, were definitely concluded preliminary to the signing of a formal agreement. China agrees to give Japan the right to work the Fusun and Yentai coal mines in Manchuria, to construct the Manchurian extension of the Yinkow Railroad, to trade in four towns of the Manchurian border, the Koreans therein to be under the jurisdiction of Japan and those elsewhere under the Chinese, but the former country to determine all cases involving capital punishment. Aside from these trade rights Japan is to recognize Chinese territory in the Chientao district, to move the terminus of the Hailuinan Railroad to Mukden and to indemnify the owners of the Fushun and Yentai mines. China must borrow from Japan half the capital needed to build the Kirin Railway east and must not build northward.

THE claim of the United States to the North Pole is questioned. The Paris Temps, discussing the sovereignty of the pole, expresses the opinion that the relative permanence of the ice there might properly raise the question whether the territory comes under the ordinary international rules applying to land and the high seas. The paper insists, however, that exploring expeditions such as Cook's and Peary's cannot give title, and claims that the acquiring of sovereignty is involved with effective occupation, accompanied or followed by the commencement of administrative organization or commercial and industrial exploitation. The Temps quotes authorities and refers to precedents in order to prove its assertions. The Temps is a little "too previous." The fact that the pole has recently been discovered, according to many, remains to be proven and sometime will necessarily be consumed in settling the dispute between Commander Peary and Dr. Cook.

FRANCES RUSH, living in Chicago, former wife of Charles Harper Thaw, a cousin of Harry K. Thaw, appeared in the debtors' court of that city a few days ago in answer to a citation on a \$120 judgment for jewelry bought in a Chicago store. The woman declared that she had not a dollar left from the \$75,000 settlement she received from Mr. Thaw at the time of the divorce. About half that amount, she said, was spent traveling and in betting on horse races. She also said she had spent or helped to spend about \$500,000 in her life and that she put up \$1,500 on one horse in California and lost that, and \$500 on another horse in New York that lost. The above shows what will become of some people if given loose reins and an abundance of money.

THE crime of an Italian in Utica, N. Y., who shot three little children—killing one and seriously injuring the others—adds another horror to the annals of the present day. The details were given in yesterday's Gazette. There is a case in the Newgate Calendar, where a school teacher in a private family, who had been exposed in the commission a misdemeanor by the children of the household took the unsuspecting little ones for a walk, and when he had conducted them some distance from their home butchered the innocents. The annals of crime seem to be growing all the time.

MR. BRYAN takes occasion to briefly declare once more in favor of the "principle" of free raw materials. This, says the Philadelphia Record, is not so much a principle as a sound policy enforced by the example of all manufacturing nations in freely admitting wool, cotton, hemp, flax, iron ore, coal and every other raw material of industry. The hypocrisy of levying duty on these raw materials under pretense of revenue is transparent.

"PROHIBITIONISTS all over the country are making an effort to suppress the use of intoxicating liquors, and while I hope they will succeed, I don't think they will. Reform must come from within and not from without. You cannot legislate for virtue," said Cardinal Gibbons in Baltimore a day or two ago during the course of instruction following the pledge given to members of a confirmation class. "Believe me," he continued, "when I tell you there is no vice like that of intemperance—no vice that is followed by such dire results. Its effects are found everywhere, and sometimes even among clergymen. No church should tolerate a clergyman who drinks. Understand me, I do not mean to say that it is a sin to take a little refreshment, but it should be taken at the proper time. The Catholic Church does not advocate extremes, but wisely and safely steers in the middle course." The cardinal has on other occasions recently spoken substantially as above.

THE future price of coal consumed in this country is involved in the outcome of the Alaskan coal land cases, which have been brought to the attention of the president through the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. There is relief for the people from the oppressions of the coal combination in the apparently inexhaustible coal fields of Alaska. Even a casual glance at the great mineral wealth of the northwestern territory indicates that its coal production is destined to be greater than the output of its gold mines. Experts say that the value of the Alaskan coal beds runs into the billions of dollars.

THE future of the commercial relations between the United States and Germany under the new American tariff is giving German manufacturers no little concern and there is talk in the German newspapers of the likelihood of a tariff war between the two countries. This would not be at all surprising but such a war would be the result of the robber tariff laws recently enacted by this government.

From Washington.

(Continued from the Alexandria Gazette.) President William Howard Taft left his summer home today for Washington. But his way lies along the Pacific coast, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic coast and, before he reaches the capital and resumes his duties at the White House the president will have traveled 12,759 miles, visited 29 states and two territories, made about 300 speeches, shaken hands with probably 100,000 persons, and been seen and heard by 3,000,000 of his countrymen. With the exception of the famous Roosevelt swing round the circle in 1903, the Taft trip will discount anything before attempted by an American president and in many ways will discount even the Roosevelt dash. When the president started for Boston, where the western trip begins, the executive offices in the board of trade building in Canal street were closed, and the working force of clerks, stenographers and telegraphers left for Washington. Their route is a little more direct than that of the executive. Beverly has lost its proud title of "Summer Capital" and is once more a pinpoint on the map that it was before the nation's chief picked it as a golfing and resting place.

The president does not delude himself into thinking the forthcoming trip either a rest or a siesta. Some of his friends are even willing to admit that it is in reality another campaign looking toward "four years more." One of the most picturesque, as well as the most historic incidents of the presidential journey will be Taft's meeting at El Paso with President Diaz, of Mexico. This takes place October 16. Out at Seattle the president will take in the Alaska-Yukon Exposition, down in New Orleans he will attend the lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterways Convention. When he gets back to Washington, November 10, he will have traveled over every kind of soil and through every climate the country offers, and will have spoken to practically every class of people under the flag.

Charging that the Southern Railway and several other lines owned by that system are exacting excessive and unlawful rates on the transportation of coal from the so-called "Coal Creek" region of Tennessee to markets in several southern states, the Andy's Ridge Coal Co., of Knoxville, together with a dozen other corporations in that section, today filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission. Discrimination in favor of the so-called Virginia coal field producers is alleged.

Fire early this morning gutted the bakery of Ferdinand Eriesser, in the rear of 476 L street southwest. Three thousand loaves of bread were consumed. The damage amounted to \$3,500.

Perished from Thirst.

Rhyolite, Nev., Sept. 14.—While searching for Dave Edrize, a son of President Edrize, of Nevada, a young man, who was with a party of rescuers came upon the bodies of Emory Bodge and Tom Finze, miners, who had perished from thirst in Death Valley, just west of Rhyolite, California. The men left here early in August to prospect. Eldridge's party and pack horses were found, but there were no traces of the young man, and it is believed he abandoned the animals to hurry in search of water and that he has perished somewhere in the desert.

Spanish Republicans.

London, Sept. 14.—The Exchange Telegraph prints a Madrid message today which says that the Spanish republicans are preparing to take violent measures against the government, their resentments being particularly strong on account of the numerous imprisonments without trial of some of their members.

Will Lessen Punishment.

Paris, Sept. 14.—Sultan Mulai Hafid has promised the powers that joined in a note warning him against the atrocities perpetrated against the captured rebels that he will lessen the punishment of the prisoners in the future. He explains the torturing of prisoners, such as cutting of their arms and plunging the stumps into boiling pitch, by saying that the Moroccan people have not yet arrived at the European state of civilization and that they demand severe physical punishment for their offenses.

Fatal Fall.

New York, Sept. 14.—Falling from a fifth-story window down an air shaft while walking in the city, a young man, James J. Smith, 191 East 118th street, was instantly killed early today. His neck was broken.

News of the Day.

John Washburn, 14 years old, shot and killed himself in the woods near Freeport, Mich., yesterday, when about to be arrested for robbing a grocery and hardware store.

Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop yesterday officially awarded the contracts for the two new 26,000-ton battleships Arkansas and Wyoming to William Cramps Sons & Co. and the New York Shipbuilding Company, who were the two lowest bidders.

A skiff was swept over dam No. 1 in the Monongahela river above Pittsburgh, Pa., Sunday, and Julia Roach, aged 16, and Myrtle Ryan, aged 13, were drowned. Instead of obeying the orders of their parents and going to church, Julia and Myrtle went skiff riding.

St. John's Catholic Church, New Orleans, was almost destroyed by fire yesterday as a result of being struck by lightning. The loss will amount to about \$200,000, partially insured. About 50 persons in the church at the time were slightly shocked.

Oscar Leisner fulfilled a promise made over his wife's coffin when he committed suicide in New York yesterday by shooting himself through the head. Before he shot himself, Leisner tried to find Oscar, his little son, and his failure to do so may have saved the boy's life.

Thomas Dwyer janitor of the Owls Nest Club, in Harrisburg, Pa., was shot and killed at the clubrooms early yesterday by Wells Detweiler. One of the bullets passed clear through his body and struck Mrs. Dwyer, injuring her slightly. No reason is given for the shooting except that Detweiler had been drinking.

Woodfin Green, who, it is alleged, shot and killed Edward L. Young, a prominent resident of Cranberry, N. C., a few days ago and then made his escape to the mountains, has returned and surrendered. He is in jail at Bakersville. There was a reward of \$400 for his capture.

William Bonnett, of Spencer, Va., was instantly killed Sunday night by the explosion of a solution which he was using for developing pictures. One arm was torn from his body, and he was otherwise mutilated, his flesh being punctured with glass. Bonnett was seeking to perfect a new process for developing photographs.

One man was killed, nine others seriously injured, while several more received cuts and bruises yesterday when the walls at the Bank Transfer and Storage Company's building in Pittsburgh, Pa., recently destroyed by fire, collapsed, demolishing two adjoining buildings and burying more than a dozen men in the ruins.

The Vienna correspondent of the Berlin Tagblatt announces that Prince Christopheras, youngest son of the King of Greece, contemplates marrying Margarita Drexel, whom he met at the banquet given in celebration of the betrothal of Prince Miguel of Braganza and Anita Stewart, Miss Margarita A. Drexel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel of Philadelphia. The family is at present living abroad.

It is up to the federal grand jury at New York to determine whether or not the Holland-American Steamship Company and other trans-Atlantic lines, in connection with a number of American railroads, have been violating the anti-trust laws and the Sherman anti-trust act. According to reports current there today, the data upon which the charges are based will be laid before the grand jury tomorrow.

Half a score of persons were injured, one probably fatally, when a boiler in the Lurline baths, San Francisco, exploded yesterday. Women patrons were blown through the windows of their compartments into the street, and the building was almost completely wrecked. The boiler was torn from its foundation and hurled through the roof. From the second floor of the structure men and women were blown through the great gaps in the walls and the windows.

With a .22-caliber bullet in his brain, and probably to remain there the remainder of his life, Frank Blaine, 20 years old, of Washington, who attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself in the mouth more than two weeks ago, walked out of Casualty Hospital yesterday afternoon. Blaine is one of the few men alive with a leaden missile in his brain. He fired the bullet into one of the most vulnerable parts of the body, and only the small size of the missile prevents it from being fatal.

News of the killing of two negroes, following the slaying of a white woman, has been received from Billamy, a lumber camp 20 miles west of Demopolis, Ala. Two negroes, Robert Gully and John Holly, Sunday night entered the home of a man named Gray. Mrs. Gray was awakened, and when she failed to heed the order to stop screaming, was shot and killed by Gully. Gray brained the negro with an axe, but not before Gully had shot him in the leg. Holly was captured yesterday morning and made quick work of by a posse of Gray's neighbors.

Mrs. Emma M. Laughlin was gored almost to death by a mad bull, which created a reign of terror for an hour on the island, the fashionable residence district of Wheeling, W. Va., yesterday afternoon. The bull leaped a 3-foot fence and attacked the woman in her own yard, goring her in the back and abdomen. It is believed she will recover. The animal then drove W. W. Weyman, who was fishing under the steel bridge, into the river to save his life. When finally lassos after plunging wildly through the streets, the bull choked himself to death, an end of the rope being fastened to a tree.

Robert S. Lovett, vice president and general counsel of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, who for several years has been in probably closer touch with Edward H. Harriman than any of his other associates, has been elected chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific to succeed Mr. Harriman. At the same time the directors elected Jacob H. Schiff to succeed Mr. Harriman on the board and elected William Rockefeller to fill the vacancy caused by the death of H. H. Rogers. Both men were also elected to the executive committee, of which Judge Lovett was already a member.

MARRIED.

In Philadelphia, Tuesday, September 7, 1909, by Rev. Edwin Fawcett, Ph. D. JAMES W. REED and EFFIE V. SMITH, both of this city.

Today's Telegraphic News

American Bankers' Association. Chicago, Sept. 14.—The greatest gathering of financiers America has ever witnessed—the 35th annual convention of the American Bankers' Association got down to business today when the first session was called to order at 10 a. m. The immense Auditorium Theatre was crowded with delegates and spectators gathered to hear the addresses by some of the leading financial lights of the country and listen to the reports of the committees.

President George M. Reynolds called the convention to order and after an invocation Governor Deneen, of Illinois, and Joseph T. Talbot, president of the Chicago clearing house association, delivered brief addresses of welcome. At 12:15 noon, at the conclusion of its regular morning programme the convention listened to an informal address by Speaker Joseph G. Cannon.

Hon. Lawrence O. Murray, comptroller of the currency of the United States was subsequently introduced and discussed "Some Problems of the Comptroller's office."

The first business session closed with a rapid fire debate on practical banking questions.

Another Victim.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 14.—The second victim of the Italian child murderer, little Ferdinand Infusino, aged 2 years and six months, died in Faxon Hospital early today.

The police at every turn have brought up before a blank wall of mystery.

They are no closer to finding even the motive for the crime than they were an hour after six year old Ferdinando Infusino was found Monday morning crying beside her dying baby brother and the corpse of her little playmate, Teresa Procopio, aged 7, in the mud of the "gulf" culvert.

Mayor Wheeler offered a personal reward of \$250 for the murderer. The City Council will increase this to \$500. It may be other rewards will be offered, for the people of Utica, especially the Italians, are fearfully aroused by the crime.

The police have two theories: Either the shots were fired Sunday evening by a man who hated the Infusino or Procopio family, or else the children were victims of a maniac.

It is this latter the police fear. In that case a murderous lunatic may be at large seeking to kill more children. The streets were very quiet last night.

Still Combs Cook's Claim.

Boston, Sept. 14.—Retaliating that Dr. Cook has falsified his declaration that he has reached the North Pole, but giving little further details of his own dash and omitting entirely any mention of Harry Whitney, Commander Peary today is quoted here in a message by wireless from Battle Harbor via Cape Eay, N.F. Replying to an interrogation as to Dr. Cook's claim Peary, replied that "It was simply untrue."

Portland, Maine, Sept. 14.—That Commander Robert E. Peary intends to let no grass grow under his feet in the effort to reach New York before Dr. Cook was indicated today when a message from the explorer was received here. Peary had been invited by wire to stop over for a celebration of his trip in this city. His reply was: Cannot attend Portland celebration, New York first claim.

Notwithstanding the determination of the explorer an effort will be made to do him honor by a big gathering at the railroad depot should he pass through here on his way to New York.

The President to Leave for Boston.

Beverly, Mass., S. pt. 14.—The summer carnival on the north shore of Massachusetts died today. Secretary Carpenter closed up the executive offices at 9:30 and made a hurried trip out to the president's cottage to take his large vacation correspondence. At 3 p. m. president and Mrs. Taft will take an automobile for Boston.

President Taft will be the speaker of honor at a huge banquet in Boston tonight. He will sleep at the Touraine Hotel and at 10 a. m., tomorrow will board his car Mayflower for his 13,000 mile trip through the west and southwest.

At about the time of the president's leaving he will in all probability give out a formal statement upon the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. It is predicted in this statement all parties to the squabble will be held blameless.

Preparations for Wedding.

Dingwall, Scotland, Sept. 14.—Everything is in readiness for the wedding tomorrow of Miss Anita Stewart, daughter of Mrs. James Henry Smith, of New York, and Prince Miguel de Braganza, son of the pretender to the Portuguese throne, which will take place at St. Lawrence's Roman Catholic Chapel, Mrs. Stewart having adopted the Catholic religion in conformity with the requirements of the Portuguese laws. Presents to the value of several thousand dollars have arrived at Tulloch Castle, the most imposing array ever seen in Dingwall or any other Scottish town.

After the wedding the prince and his wife will assume the titles of the Duke and Duchess of Viana.

Attempts to Destroy a Bridge.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 14.—The third attempt to blow up a railroad bridge with dynamite in this city within a short time occurred early today when the huge crane of the S. J. McCann Construction Company, of Mercer, Pa., running on the open shop principle, was blown to atoms. The engine and boiler used to operate the crane were demolished and many windows in the vicinity were broken. No one was hurt.

On June 7 the New York Central viaduct over Grider and East Ferry streets was damaged by dynamite, while a few months before that time the Lackawanna viaduct at Red Jacket Park way was badly damaged.

Will Not Submit to Censorship.

Madrid, Va. Hendays, S. pt. 14.—The strongest protest yet made against the government's suppression of news from Morocco came today in the shape of a resolution adopted at a meeting of editors, gathered from all over Spain, which declare that the newspaper will no longer submit to the censorship and will henceforth exercise more freedom in printing the news. The resolution declares that only evil can result from keeping the people in ignorance of the true conditions as regards the war in Morocco.

Replica of the Clermont.

New York, Sept. 14.—The veil of a hundred years lifted today and from down the water's of the Kill von Kull there steamed a replica of the party platform, a replica of "Robert Fulton's folly," the little steamer Clermont, which is to take a leading part in the Hudson-Fulton celebration the latter part of this month.

The Clermont steamed slowly, exactly an old her predecessor. Not more than five miles an hour could she make, for the engines in the 1909 Clermont, are as nearly as possible a duplicate of the engines in the original. They take up half the boat. The boiler is upright and there are two big and two little cog wheels. The smaller cog wheels run the balance wheels on the outside of the boat, which were intended to prevent the paddle wheels from being stopped on "center." Her small unprotected paddle-wheels attracted attention. They had eight blades, compared to the hundred or more in her modern day progeny.

In the Hudson-Fulton celebration she will be manned by a crew dressed exactly as the crew of the first Clermont and her passengers will be attired as the passengers of a century ago.

There will also be the replica of the Half Moon, from whose high poop decks Henry Hudson steered his courageous way up the Hudson some centuries before.

Posse Searching for a Negro.

Mt. Holly, N. J., Sept. 14.—Armed posses are today searching for Samuel Layfield, a negro farm-hand, and a lynching is possible. Layfield had been employed for the past six months on the farm of William H. Mortland, living near Marlton. Late yesterday, while Mortland was away from home, the negro entered the house and struck Mrs. Mortland unconscious with a club. He then bound her feet and hands and gagged her. After that he threw her on a bed and covered her head with several blankets, in which condition she lay for several hours nearly smothered. Layfield then robbed the house, getting \$50 in money as a gold wa. Upon leaving the place he met Mortland. The negro told Mortland a man had been at the house to buy a pair of mules and that the man had gone to Moorestown. Mortland took the negro and drove there, but as no stranger put in an appearance, returned home and found his wife. He immediately gave the alarm.

Lost Diamond Pin.

New York, Sept. 14.—James Burns, of the Hotel Braddock, 126th street and Eighth avenue, quarreled with his pretty young sweetheart, name unknown shortly after midnight last night. They said awfully unkind things to each other and they didn't mean half of what they declared they meant. "Take back your present," Burns exclaimed, as he snatched a handsome diamond horse-shoe pin (value \$150) from his tie. "Never," defiantly shrieked the miss. "Now, you're gone and done it," she smiled in a different tone as Burns tossed the pin into the street. Burns eyes followed the pin and he located the exact spot it had landed, so he could find it later, if occasion demanded. When he was sure he knew exactly where to find the pin, he resumed the talk with the girl. Pretty soon the quarrel was patched up and the pair began looking for the pin. It wasn't in the spot where Burns thought it was. They're looking yet.

To Boycott Brandy.

Leipzig, Sept. 14.—The German socialist party, with over 600,000 members and several times this number of sympathizers, adopted a resolution at its international meeting here today to organize the working classes of Germany into a boycott against the use of brandy. The purpose of the movement is to cut down the government's enormous revenue from the brandy tax, thereby forcing a readjustment of taxes, which are now declared to fall with particular weight on the working classes and to win moral support for the socialist cause. The brandy tax now yields about \$25,000,000 a year to the government. The socialists admit that they hope to ruin both the makers and sellers of brandy, but they say that in so doing they will be promoting abstinence throughout the country and achieving the moral elevation of the masses.

Directors Elected.

New York, Sept. 14.—At a meeting of the directors of the Southern Pacific Railroad here today, ex-Judge Robert S. Lovett was elected chairman of the executive committee. Jacob H. Schiff and William Rockefeller, who were yesterday elected to the directorate of the Union Pacific, were elected directors of the Southern Pacific today and also made members of the executive committee.

El Rhogi Still at Large.

Tangier, Sept. 14.—El Rhogi, the pretender to the Moroccan throne, was not captured after the recent defeat of his army near Fez, but escaped and is now trying to re-organize his forces, according to a rumor that spread through the city today.

The man supposed to be El Rhogi, who was put in an iron cage and carried on a camel's back through the streets of Fez, is declared to have been another person, the ruse being used to impress the people with the success of the sultan's campaign against the pretender.

Another explanation of today's rumor is that El Rhogi has been put to death by the sultan and the latter is trying to avoid the censure of other powers, in the event that El Rhogi's death becomes known by the story that he escaped.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Sept. 14.—There was a stronger tone at the opening, and during the first fifteen minutes moderate gains were made in nearly all stocks traded in. Union Pacific opened with an advance of 7-8 and received slightly in the following transactions: Union Pacific preferred sold at 108. The market held strong through the first hour. Union Pacific preferred rose to 110, while the common sold at 207.5. Other railroad stocks made proportionate gains.

Accident to Archduke.

Vienna, Sept. 14.—Archduke Joseph Ferdinand was seriously injured today when he fell from his bicycle. The arch-duke was coasting down a steep grade and lost control of his machine. It ran into the ditch, and Joseph Ferdinand heavily to the ground. His right arm was broken, and he was badly shaken up. Internal injuries are feared.

Conditions in Greece.

Athens, Sept. 14.—The conversion of Greece into a republic is one of the possibilities of ultimatum sent to the Military League and army today by King George.

The Market.

Georgetown, D. C. Sept. 14 Wheat 90-100

Mr. Bryan in Texas.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 14.—In a speech before an enormous crowd here, William Jennings Bryan scored Texas senators and representatives who voted for a duty on hides and denounced them for violating the party platform pledges and for aiding canonism. The speech is considered a direct challenge to U. S. Senator Bailey, although Bailey's name was not mentioned. Texas politicians in discussing the speech declare there is a strong possibility that Bryan's home near Mercedes and only a short distance from the ranch of Charles F. Tark, may become his permanent residence, and that the challenge to Bailey was strong enough to imply that Bryan may enter into a compact against him. It is even hinted that Bryan may become a candidate for the Senate from Texas.

Bryan's speech incorporated three tentative planks which he declared every congressional platform should incorporate. One plank referred to the binding power of platforms, the second to the overthrow of canonism, and the third to the tariff.

Strike of Street Car Employees.

Paris, Sept. 14.—A partial tie-up resulted to day from the strike of the street car employees on the lines in the western part of the city. The lines to Bagneux and the Champs Elysees line were without cars while only a limited number of cars ran on other lines.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The officers of the steamer Ryndam, which arrived from Rotterdam, reported that on September 6, Mrs. Ritke Zisel Mendelbaum, a second cabin passenger, committed suicide by jumping overboard. The woman was from Russia. Her husband is in Chicago.

The city councils of Bulogne, France, and Folkestone, England, decided today to abandon the idea of giving a \$10,000 prize for a cross channel flight from Boulogne to Folkestone.

Mrs. Eugene Walter, known on the stage as Miss Charlotte Walker, the actress, was operated on today in a private hospital in New York for appendicitis. Dr. John F. Erdmann, who performed the operation, declares it was an entire success.

Virginia News.

A man believed to be W. M. Justice, of Richmond, a lawyer, is in St. Joseph's Hospital, at Lexington, Ky., with both eyes shot out and his wrist horribly lacerated as a result of an attempt at suicide.

Prolonged brooding over her desertion by her husband yesterday caused Mrs. Mary Thomas, aged 35, at Boudars' station on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, to attempt to end her life with a revolver. She shot herself three times, but is still alive.

Judge Samuel W. Williams, democratic nominee for attorney-general, is evidently liable to a fine of \$5,000 for failure to comply with the statute requiring candidates for office in primaries or general elections to file within 30 days after the election a statement of their campaign expenditures. John Thompson Brown, the unsuccessful candidate for commissioner of agriculture and immigration, is in the same position. It is provided in the Barksdale election law that any person violating this provision shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$5,000. No minimum is fixed. Proceedings to collect the penalty may be instituted by a commonwealth's attorney or by any citizen of the state.

The comptroller of the currency yesterday granted the application of Dr. Thomas F. Keen, Joshua P. Hatcher, S. E. Rogers, W. M. Parker, Daniel J. Hoge, S. J. Johnson, Clarke Hoge, Dr. W. C. Orr, G. Ernest Leith, S. W. Brooks, H. J. Hoge, George W. Laycock, M. L. Herndon, and J. W. Chamblin, citizens of Loudoun county, for the establishment of a national bank at Hamilton, Loudoun county. The incorporators already have obtained a bank building, and will at once complete the necessary legal arrangements and probably open the bank for business within the next two weeks. The capital stock is fixed at \$25,000. The petitioners visited the comptroller's office yesterday and were presented to the comptroller by Representative Carlin.

TRIP TO BARNESVILLE BY AUTO.

Mr. John Edelee, of this city, has received a letter from a friend who took a trip in an auto from Boston, Mass., to Barnesville, Ga., a distance of 1,232 miles. The cost of gas for the distance was \$27.15; cost of cylinder oil was \$5.35; cost of storage, \$8.25; cost of license, \$3, and cost of tolls \$8.67. He says:

You have heard the expression, that "I will do most anything once." It is true; but I do not want to say more. The man who goes through the "grind" and the "dust" and travels over boulders and the rocks and the mountains and the valleys and the bridges, and "sighs" at all those toll gates, needs a "guardian."

I have come to the conclusion that there is still left on old mother earth, a few "colossal, mammoth foils," one of whom I am most assuredly foolish.

The "New York Herald-Atlanta Journal route" is supposed to be a nice smooth boulevard, with flowers growing on one side and banana trees on the other. The "common, ordinary motorist" thinks this. I did a fortnight ago, but just between you and I and the gasp, it was simply "a pipe dream." Easing it all in all, even in dry weather, it was the roughest road over which I ever drove a motor car. If you can get up against anybody that ever took this trip, just say "Rocky Mount, Va.," to them and it will be like waving a very red flag in the face of a very mad "bull."

Still, with it all we had a good time. We passed one farmer who had a pair of mules, and just as he got alongside and his mules were absolutely asleep, he says "set off that steam." And the writer noticing that his mules were absolutely harmless, replied "I can't do it brother, I am running on Magneto." The farmer says, "Ah, yes, then that is all right, I understand." That remark made Riley "ha ha."

Summing it all up I will contend that the "lobster" sighs and listless to "The Call of the Road," but the wise guy will invariably "take the train." It is all right to see southern Pennsylvania; it is good to gaze over the hills and through the valleys of beautiful Shenandoah valley, but when you see these beautiful sights of nature, and when you want to behold the Natural Bridge of old Virginia. Take a train brother, and just before you hear the whistle for the station, stand erect, let the porter dust off the few cinders, pass him a quarer, step off the train like a gentleman, and be prepared to see the sights.

It is "Dear Old Georgia" for me, and when I crossed the bridge at the Savannah river, those old red hills never looked so good, and this little town, while it is not quite the size of New York, certainly did look good to me.

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