

RULES AGAINST THE AMERICANS

Venezuelan High Court Declares the Asphalt Mine Claim to Be Null and Void

FINDS FLAW IN TITLE

Right of Original Holders of Bermudez Concession to Make the Sale Is Denied

CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 28.—The Federal High Court, sitting in full session with ten judges on the bench, has finally handed down a decision in the long-drawn-out asphalt case. The court gives as its unanimous judgment the opinion that the claim of Warner & Quinlan of Syracuse, N. Y., to possession of the Felicidad Asphalt mine, a portion of the asphalt lake in the State of Bermudez, claimed also by the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company, which holds a concession to work the lake, is null and void.

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY UNDER SURGEON'S KNIFE

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—William C. Whitney went under the surgeon's knife last evening in an operation for appendicitis, which was performed by Dr. W. T. Bull. It was said at Whitney's residence, 871 Fifth avenue, to-night that he was doing as well as could be expected after the shock consequent upon this operation.

WOULD BROADEN SCHOOL POLICY

Bishop McFaul Urges State Support for Catholic Institutions of Proper Standard

DETROIT, Jan. 31.—About 2000 persons were present in Light Guard Armory to-day at a mass meeting that marked the close of the semi-annual meeting of the advisory board and executive board of the American Federation of Catholic Societies. Speaking of the aims of the federation, Bishop McFaul of Trenton, N. J., said it would accomplish much in the direction of doing away with two great deficiencies of the Catholic church. One of these, he said, was the lack of organized Catholic opinion, the other being the lack of an organ to disseminate such an opinion if it existed.

"Retain the present public school system," said Bishop McFaul, "but do not bar Catholics out of their rights as citizens. The federation has taken an admirable stand on this question. Its platform is: That there shall be no public moneys paid out for religious instruction in any school. But let the State examine our schools and if on examination it is found that we are giving the children an education which comes up to the requirements of the State then let the State pay for it." The board decided that a special organization fund of \$5000 should be raised.

BRAVE STATION AGENT KILLED BY ROBBERS

Railroad Employe Makes Desperate Fight Against Bandits in a Missouri Town

JOPLIN, Mo., Jan. 31.—William H. Broadstreet, station agent of the Frisco system at Granby, near here, gave up his life to-night in defense of company's property, being shot by one of two masked men who ordered him to hold up his hands. A fierce struggle followed, when Broadstreet finally fell with a bullet in the head. Broadstreet had been sent to the scene to take up the trail of the robbers.

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TRAIN WRECKED BY CRIMINALS

Twenty-Five Passengers on Indiana Express Escape With Only Slight Injuries

DETECTIVES HAVE A CLEW

Spikes and Bolts Removed From Rails Send Two Cars Down a Steep Embankment

PRINCETON, Ind., Jan. 31.—Train wreckers removed a number of spikes and bolts from the tracks on the Southern Railroad near here to-day, and a passenger train running at the rate of twenty miles an hour was derailed, the baggage car and a day coach rolling down a steep embankment. There were seventy-five passengers on the train, but all escaped with slight injuries. Detectives say they have a clew to the wreckers.

MORALES GOVERNMENT IN FULL POSSESSION

United States Recognizes the Provisional Regime for Protection of Commerce

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—According to information received at the State Department all the ports of Santo Domingo are now in the possession of the Morales provisional Government, which succeeded the Government of General Wos y Gil. The Jimenez revolution seems to have been stamped out. Though there has been no diplomatic recognition of the Morales Government United States officials in Santo Domingo have entered into relations with it, this step being necessary for the protection of commercial business.

W. K. VANDERBILT JR. MAKES REMARKABLE TIME IN A PRACTICE RUN ON FLORIDA BEACH

Special Dispatch to The Call.

ORMOND, Fla., Jan. 31.—W. K. Vanderbilt Jr. to-day finished a mile in thirty-five seconds in an automobile practice run.

"I might have done the mile in thirty-seven seconds officially on this beach," said Vanderbilt as he left in his special car for Palm Beach. "I did thirty-five seconds in practice. Vanderbilt also averaged forty-one seconds for ten miles, which is looked upon as quite as remarkable automobilism as the one-mile trial in thirty-nine seconds, for ten miles in forty-one seconds in competition means that he must have gone under that time—perhaps one second, perhaps two and perhaps more toward the close.

YOUNG SOCIETY MEN SUSPECTED OF MURDER

Police Find Clues Which May Connect Bedford Youths With Murder of Miss Schaefer

BEDFORD, Ind., Jan. 31.—Two Bedford young men, prominent in business and society circles, are under surveillance, suspected of complicity in the murder of Miss Sarah Schaefer, the young teacher found murdered in a barn here ten days ago. Additional evidence, the police assert, has been discovered in the barn where the death struggle took place and they promise a decided step toward ferreting out the murderer within another day or two. Both of the men under surveillance had, at different times, it is asserted, been repulsed by Miss Schaefer in their advances.

TEXAS VOTERS DISFRANCHISED

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 31.—The registration of Texas voters for next November's election closed to-night at midnight, and while all the returns will not be in for several days, it is estimated that out of the 700,000 voters in Texas only 550,000 have saved their vote by paying their poll tax. Under a constitutional amendment enacted two years ago and made operative a year ago voters in Texas are not allowed to exercise the franchise unless they pay \$1.75 poll tax each year.

A NEW SUBSTITUTE FOR WHALEBONE

The increasing scarcity of whalebone has attracted the attention of merchants and inventors all the world over to the discovery of substitutes for use in corset and dress making, but so far few satisfactory ones have been discovered.

Steel is in many respects the best substitute and in some it is superior to whalebone. Its fatal defects are its tendency to rust and its sharp edges, which cut the fabric of the corset. While it has almost exclusively replaced whalebone in the cheaper grade of corsets, these two defects have shut it out entirely from use by the high-grade commercial and custom corset makers. Horn strips and other substitutes lack the resiliency and lightness of whalebone. There is a substitute now on the market which seems to fill about all the requirements. It is composed of thin strips of steel of the highest grade, covered with a composition which absolutely protects it from rust, and which at the same time, having rounded edges, protects the fabric of the corset or dress from being cut by the sharp edges of the steel. Unlike whalebone, it is practically indestructible, possessing greater resiliency, and is much thinner than whalebone and of equal strength, which is a strong point in its favor. The chief drawback to its use is that it cannot be cut to the lengths required, but the manufacturer declares that it is made in so many lengths that it is unnecessary to cut it.—New York Press.

MEN FIGHT FROM DAWN UNTIL DUSK

Desperate Battle for Life Occurs in an Arizona Mining Camp and One of the Three Combatants Is Dead

QUARREL FOLLOWS DRINKING OF LIQUOR

Battered Victor in the Struggle With Two Companions Travels to Kingman and Surrenders to the Authorities

KINGMAN, A. T., Jan. 31.—One of the most sanguinary life and death struggles in the history of this county took place last evening at a place known as Meyers Well, twenty-six miles west of here, between Thomas W. Smith and two men known as Lang and Wilbur, in which Wilbur was fatally and Lang seriously wounded. Wilbur died to-day.

The three men had entered into a prospecting agreement and Smith came to town for a supply of provisions. After depositing supplies at the Lang and Wilbur camp, the men went to Smith's camp to assist in bringing his outfit to the new camp. On the way they apparently drank liquor freely and were soon involved in a quarrel. Wilbur and Lang attacked Smith and a rough and tumble fight followed. From 6 o'clock yesterday morning until 7 o'clock last night the men fought with hands and rocks with but slight intermission, and the ground over which the battle raged is covered with blood. Smith was badly battered, but the other two men were so overcome that they were unable to continue the fight and early this morning Wilbur died from his injuries. A teamster witnessed the fight, but made no effort to separate the combatants. Smith came to Kingman this afternoon and gave himself up to the Sheriff and is now in the County Jail. The Sheriff and the Coroner have gone to the scene.

FEARS DEATH AND IS JAILED

Santa Rita Man Surrenders and Tells the Monterey County Sheriff of a Fight

SALINAS, Jan. 31.—Early this morning Frank Castro of Santa Rita, distant about two miles from town, gave himself up to the Sheriff, stating that he had cut a man named Tarango of Monterey during a dispute at a dance.

BENEFICIAL INSECTS FROM OTHER LANDS

Are Imported Into This County to Destroy Others Killing Our Fruit Trees.

The American public naturally looks with suspicion upon the importation of foreign living products. The English sparrow, first brought here about thirty years ago, has driven away nearly all our native song birds, while the German carp has driven from our streams most of the fine food fishes with which they once abounded.

RADIO-ACTIVE GAS IN EARTH

Yale Professor Making Gratifying Progress With Investigation of His Discovery

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 31.—Professor Henry Andrews Bumstead of the physical department of Sheffield Scientific School, with an assistant Professor L. F. Wheeler, has been experimenting for several months with a radium found in surface water and earth around this city, has just completed his work and the American Journal of Science to-morrow will give a detailed account of the results obtained.

Professor Bumstead has had such great success in his investigations that a leave of absence for the coming year has been granted him by the Yale corporation in order that he may continue his investigations abroad. Professor Bumstead draws three conclusions of the greatest interest to investigators. In regard to the presence of radio-active gas in the earth and in surface water near this city, Professor Bumstead says: "First—Radio-active gas found in the ground and in surface water near New Haven is apparently identical with the emanation from radium.

FINAL REST FOR BODY OF JAMES SMITHSON

Forced Removal From Genoa Cemetery Brings It Back to Land of Adoption.

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"It's so unfortunate that he should have died," said she, with self-interested sympathy. "I do hate to have a funeral here."

"It won't be necessary," said the doctor, consolingly. "The funeral can be at the undertaker's."

"But I don't even know of an undertaker," said the unweary woman. "I do," said the doctor. "Just round the corner is a good one, to whom I send all my patients."

"All!" gasped the landlady, and the doctor wondered why she turned pale.—New York Times.

GAS EXPLODES, KILLING TWO

Pennsylvania Man's Home Is Wrecked and Owner Burns to Death in View of Friends

MANY PERSONS INJURED

Victims Are Pinioned in Debris and Fire Rages While the Spectators Are Helpless

PITTSBURG, Jan. 31.—An explosion of natural gas that wrecked the home of Henry Magel, in West Liberty, to-day caused the death of two persons and the severe injury of six others. The dead: HENRY MAGEL, aged 55, burned to death; CHARLES MAGEL, his son aged 20, both legs burned off and caught under falling wall.

Mrs. Henry Magel fell through the cellar and was seriously injured. Her three children and a son-in-law and his wife were all badly bruised and cut. The building was demolished. Neighbors were unable to reach Magel, who was pinioned down by the debris and they were obliged to stand by and see him burn to death.

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OFFICERS LEAD THE SEARCHERS

Marshal and Constable in Command of Citizens Seeking Pomonan Who Has Disappeared

FEAR IN SOUTHERN TOWN

Aged Resident Leaves His Home and May Have Perished in the Foothills Fastnesses

POMONA, Jan. 31.—Two hundred and forty men from all parts of the Pomona Valley gathered at the head of San Dimas wash, at 9 o'clock this morning and commenced an organized search for John D. Jones, an 83-year-old resident of Pomona, who was last seen on last Tuesday night, headed for the mouth of San Dimas wash.

Under the leadership of Marshal Ogle and Constable Slanker a platoon was formed extending from the mountains to the valley. Every foot of ground was traced as far west as Glendora, and the region of Charter Oak and Puddingstone Falls without success. The search was continued till dark. Jones has a wife and daughter residing here. It is feared he wandered off and died in the foothills.

DOG CAUSES CHILD'S DEATH

Tragedy Occurs During a Fire in a Kennel at the Home of a Washington Mariner

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 31.—After accidentally setting fire to a dog kennel into which he had crawled to play with matches, the four-year-old son of Captain Edward Gustavson of the steamer City of Shelton was unable to escape because the dog, excited by the blaze, stood guard at the entrance and prevented the child getting out.

The lady secured matches in some way and went into the dog kennel to play with them where his mother could not stop him. The excelsior which had been placed there as a bed for the dog caught fire and the bound sprang to the door of the kennel barking furiously. When the little fellow attempted to crawl out the dog snarped and bit at him and the frightened child drew back. In another instant the flames flared all around him and although the blaze lasted only a few seconds the child was dead before the terrified mother could reach the spot.

HOW ROYAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE SELECTED

King Edward Inclines to Canes or Tobacco Boxes, Alexandra to Jeweled Trinkets.

The festive season is kept in royal fashion at Sandringham, and all the old English traditions are scrupulously adhered to, with perhaps a touch of the German sentimental feeling, which makes the Christmas tree as much a part of the festival as plum pudding and roast beef are here.

The ceremony of receiving the Christmas presents at Sandringham is a most elaborate one. All the gifts, with labels and inscriptions, are laid out on tables in one of the sitting rooms, and the King of each person generally occupies a whole table.

The King is a great present giver and really enjoys choosing gifts for his friends, nor does he shirk the personal trouble of making each one appropriate to its recipient. Jewelry is his most frequent choice, but he also gives snuff boxes, cigar boxes and walking sticks. His Majesty sends few Christmas cards, as he prefers writing little notes of greeting, which are naturally most highly valued.

The Queen has a certain number of "private" Christmas cards printed for her friends, and her Majesty, like the King, sends notes and little gifts to her personal friends and little gifts to the more numerous and less complimentary form of greeting. Last Christmas she sent a great many jeweled brooches and trinkets, while some specially favored individuals received photographs taken by the Queen, most daintily mounted and with the royal monogram ("A" surmounted by a crown) on the frame.

Neither the Queen nor the Princess of Wales often go to the shops, but order selections of all the novelties to be sent them. Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll), the Duchess of Connaught and the daughters of the King go to the shops themselves and make their unobtrusive purchases with their other people.

The late Queen gave much more "useful" presents than is the fashion with the royal family to-day, often sending dress lengths of tartan, velvet, plaids and sometimes Cairngorms and other Scotch jewelry. Queen Victoria herself probably received more gifts during her life than any other living person, and the actual value must have amounted to quite a million pounds sterling.

Aprons of royal presents it is interesting to know that whatever other gifts the King and Queen give their daughters each year as their birthday anniversaries come round the Princesses receive an exquisite pearl, as perfect in shape and color as can be obtained. This delightful custom began when each was a child, so that by the time they were grown up they were each the fortunate possessors of a lovely chain of fine pearls.—London Mail.

ARE WOMEN REALLY STINGY?

Are women meaner in giving than men? It cannot rightly be urged that they are. Women, after all, in buying or in giving, are commonly making use of money that others have earned.

They have been trustees of other people's money for 2000 years, and long use has made them careful of their trust. Of course, the petty meannesses of a certain kind of women have afforded infinite opportunities for men's jests and contempt, but those petty meannesses are nothing in comparison with the great meannesses of really sordid men.—The Spectator.

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