

The man who goes in swimming every day all winter is now due.

In addition to the yellow peril and yellow journalism the pure food law now threatens us with yellow sugar.

This is the time of the year when the young man without an overcoat begins to wish he hadn't bought so much ice cream last summer.

Sir Thomas Lipton says he may build another yacht and race for the international cup. The Irish will hate to hear that the Shamrock is going to get the worst of it again.

Seattle, Wash., is to have an exposition. The metropolis of Puget sound cannot afford to let Portland get away with all the honors of the north Pacific coast.

New York now has an apartment house for the exclusive use of families in which there are many children. It ought to be in all fairness to be called The Roosevelt.

"The modern English novel reader insists on hearing about the rich or the great," says the Spectator. But a little realism among the rich, or a covert and ill-smelling attack on daily habit, religion or food will sell a good many copies.

A man who was given the privilege of conducting his own defense in a Boston court had to pay three separate fines for drunkenness, speeding and failure to take out a license. If he had not rested his case he would probably have been sent up for life.

London's West End tailors say men are going to wear vivid colors this winter, especially greens and chocolates. Shrimp pinks and tomato blends are also in favor, but the most among males are putting all their color sense into underwear and masking it with the usual pepper-and-salt.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer is not quite sure of it, but is inclined to the belief that the eastern college sophomores who condemned a freshman to a diet of soft soap were more lenient and considerate than the sophs in a western college who threw the freshman down stairs and broke his skull.

Sir Thomas Lipton is thinking of challenging again for the America's cup. Of course our yachtsmen will be put on their mettle and will not give up without a fight to the finish. But there is no one to whom Americans would so cheerfully surrender the cup as the prize of victory as to the gallant Sir Thomas.

New York city's pay roll amounts to \$57,068,253.13, paid to 80,948 employees. That is a bigger army than that of the United States, with everybody on it getting far more than the martial servants of Uncle Sam, since there are plenty of places paying from \$10,000 to \$15,000, or more than the salaries of a major general or lieutenant general.

About the liveliest industry in Russia just now is the trying of revolutionists. The courts in St. Petersburg and elsewhere are running overtime on these cases, and in the capital city alone 400 witnesses are to be examined. With so much time given to disposing of such offenders it is going to be difficult to plan a more liberal form of government.

The latest elixir of life, the vial of endless existence, which the post office department has been examining and has found to contain a little alcohol and oil of peppermint and a great deal of water is at any rate an improvement over old Ponce de Leon's. He put nothing but water in his famous discovery, and he was never found out.

Russia's finances are said to be constantly going into worse condition than they ever have been before. The London Times declares that the gold reserve of Russia is \$200,000,000 short, the last loan has been swallowed up and the condition of the treasury is much worse than it was two years ago. Such reports are not calculated to aid in securing much further relief in the way of large loans from European countries or the United States.

Dr. Forbes Winslow, an alienist of London, England, has been quoted as saying that before long there will be more lunatics in the world than sane people. He has been misquoted, of course. What he said was that if insanity continues to increase at the rate shown by statistics the insane will some time outnumber the sane. As a matter of course, if the percentage of the insane goes on increasing it is only a question of time when not only a majority of the people but all of them will become insane. It all depends on the "if." We need not despair.

The English can't be accused of dumping when they can sell us one of the only two copies of the 62-leaved 1,631 edition of "The Passionate Pilgrim" for \$10,000. Eighty dollars a page is more than this trifle would probably have brought in a home market.

Ristori is dead at the age of 84. This great actress had the genius to reach the level of the legitimate and the classic. Problem plays were not in her line. "Medea," "Lady Macbeth," and characters of that type were good enough for her.

FEAR OCEAN TRAGEDY

MORE THAN 400 LIFE PRESERVERS DRIFT ASHORE.

ON BEACH NEAR HATTERAS

Shipping Men Are of the Opinion That a Passenger Steamer Has Been Lost.

Norfolk, Va.—A maritime puzzle that may be the result of an ocean tragedy came ashore near Cape Hatteras Thursday in the shape of more than 400 life preservers.

Between Hatteras and Big Kinnakeet the beach is strewn with the cork jackets. Some are marked "Caswiz, Rettunysureer, G. R. P. No. 108,341."

Others are stamped "Sealanan." Two bear the name "Sueskiz." Three miles north of Big Kinnakeet a part of a white yawl boat and a fragment of a boat's gunwale washed ashore. There are no marks on this wreckage.

Because all the life preservers and the pieces of wreckage came on the beach in such a limited area, shipping men here are of the opinion that whatever the cause may be, it occurred not far from the coast, and that if there is a wreck it is probably that of a passenger ship.

A search among the marine records has failed to reveal any names that correspond with those on the life preservers, and life preservers are generally marked with the name of the boat to which they belong.

It is probable a revenue cutter will be sent to search off Hatteras for further clues.

A MISSISSIPPI LYNCHING.

Negro Found Cutting Head Off His Victim Strung Up.

New Orleans.—Tom Crompton, a negro, was lynched near Centerville, Miss. It is alleged that he confessed to the murder of Ely Whitaker, a farmer.

Whitaker was murdered Tuesday, and all Tuesday night a posse of men, suspecting foul play, searched for him. With this posse was the negro Crompton. Wednesday he begged leave from the searchers to go home, but after he had gone the posse followed him, finding, it is alleged, that instead of going home he had gone to the spot where Whitaker's body lay, and cutting off the head, arms and legs with an ax, had dropped them into a sink hole near his cabin.

WINS POINT IN ANTI-TRUST SUIT.

Answer of Hammond Co. Stricken from Docket at Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark.—The state won in its anti-trust suits against the packing companies in the second division of the Pulaski county circuit court. Judge E. W. Winfield sustained the motion filed by the state that the answer of the Hammond Packing Co. be stricken from the docket, and that the state be permitted to take judgment for \$10,000, because of the failure of the officers of the company to testify before the commissioner in the recent hearing in Chicago.

SPANIARDS ON THE ISTHMUS.

Stevens Says They Resist Malaria Better Than Negroes.

Washington, D. C.—Chairman Shonts of the Isthmian canal commission, has received reports from Chief Engineer Stevens and Chief Sanitary Officer Gorgas, stating that the Spanish laborers brought to the Isthmus are doing very well, not a single one of the 300 brought since January having died. They also resist the malaria better than the negroes, and Mr. Stevens says he is satisfied that any white man can do so.

High Water in Washington State.

Bellingham, Wash.—The continuous heavy rains and the warm weather of the past two days have caused all the streams of the northwest to rise to a height never before known since the country was first settled. The Skagit river has risen 15 feet in fifteen hours, and the Nooksack is overflowing its banks and causing much damage.

Wanted in Texas.

Los Angeles, Cal.—George M. Pool has been arrested here as a fugitive from justice in Texas, where, it is alleged, he is wanted for the murder at Beaumont, in 1893, of two or more men in the course of a family feud, and of United States Marshal James Jett.

At Louisville Next Year.

Richmond, Ind.—The Olive Branch Lutheran synod chose Louisville, Ky., as the next meeting place. Delegates to the National Anti-Saloon league convention at St. Louis were named.

CHILD KILLS MOTHER.

Rifle Accidentally Discharged—Bullet Cuts Jugular Vein.

New York.—John Jacob Sacco, 7 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giovanni Sacco of Chatham, N. J., shot and almost instantly killed his mother last night. The child was playing with a rifle while his mother was clearing the supper table. "Better be careful, Johnnie," said his mother. Just then the gun was discharged, the bullet severing Mrs. Sacco's jugular vein.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Moroccan crisis becomes acute and France sends warships, while Germany holds hers in readiness.

Great Britain, France and Italy form defensive alliance to safeguard peace of Europe.

Switchmen's union at Galveston gives the railroads forty-eight hours to concede terms or suffer a tie-up of the wharves and terminals.

Harriman is said to have organized Chicago, Joliet & Kansas City road to give him two Kansas City outlets.

Nelson Chesman, founder of pioneer advertising agency, in business in St. Louis thirty-two years, expires in the east.

Business section of Argyle, Tex., is destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at \$50,000.

Nine cavalry troops on trail of Ute Indians; have orders to avoid fight if it is possible.

German foreign secretary visits cardinal delegate and asks aid from the vatican to prevent Polish revolution.

The recent storm, by blowing the mosquitoes away, is believed to have effectually checked yellow fever at Havana.

Washington report says Robert Bacon will be appointed ambassador to France to succeed R. S. McCormick.

William Walsh, former well-known jeweler in St. Louis, ends his life with revolver in Elks' clubrooms.

Ute Indians are in an ugly mood and are expected to fight when ordered to return to their reservation.

Orders from the department of justice will prevent former Senator Burton being given special privileges in the Ironton (Mo.) jail.

Logan Nance, aged 39, merchant and vice president of the Herrick (Ill.) bank, died of typhoid fever and blood poisoning.

James Carey, resident at Virginia, Ill., since 1840, died from an accidental fall off a porch, aged 87, and totally blind.

Appointment of Charles H. Huttig, of St. Louis, on elastic currency commission is regarded as settled by financiers.

George J. Gould inspects the Wabash line from Chicago, dines in St. Louis and leaves for the east at midnight.

American Railway association determines upon plan to correct car service abuses and will adopt heavy per diem penalty.

It is rumored in New York that Stuyvesant Fish may be succeeded as president of the Illinois Central by Vice President Grammer of the Vanderbilt lines.

Baptists near Cape Girardeau, Mo., unveil monument on the site of the first church west of the Mississippi river.

Date for Hague tribunal is set for next May, following conference between Roosevelt and Gen. Horace Porter.

At St. Louis Lyman E. Hamilton, after arrest, confesses to forgery, safe robbery and theft.

Another storm breaks on Mobile, destroying eighty of 125 boats driven helplessly out to sea.

Cuban rebels harassing towns in Puerto Principe province to be dispersed by the United States troops.

No trace is found by the officers of James Long, who killed widow and father-in-law near Fairfield, Mo.

Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager Byrne of the Santa Fe urges creation of new tariffs before the convention of the American association at Atlantic City.

Experts on traffic from all sections of the country are selected to aid the interstate commerce commission in the formulation of notices relating to changes in tariffs.

Following the troubles of last Friday and Saturday, Casey's (Ill.) negro citizens have all departed.

Bankers' convention adjourns at St. Louis, after providing for a special commission to consider currency reforms.

Experts find an error of \$1,000 in the St. Louis treasury accounts, but say it is not connected with the \$61,200 shortage.

ALLEGED ROBBERS CAPTURED.

Explosion Woke Up People of Bowers-ton, Who Got Busy.

Cadiz, O.—After a desperate encounter between a posse and six alleged bank robbers, the latter were captured at Jewett and brought to the jail here.

The men are charged with having dynamited the safe of the First National bank of Bowerston. The explosion aroused people of the town, and the robbers, who escaped on a hand car, were pursued by the posse.

American Cruisers at Bombay.

Washington, D. C.—A cable message has been received at the navy department from Rear Admiral Brownson, announcing the arrival of the armored cruisers West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Colorado and Maryland, at Bombay, India, on their way to the Philippines.

The "Pythian Sisterhood."

New Orleans, La.—The feature of the day's Pythian convention was the decision to consolidate the Pythian Sisterhood, having a membership of 7,000, and the Rathbone Sisters, which has 125,000 members. The new name will probably be the Pythian Sisterhood.

Condition of U. S. Treasury.

Washington, D. C.—Available cash balances in United States treasury, \$222,222,252; gold coin and bullion, \$107,503,472; gold certificates, \$38,451,290.

ONE EVERY DAY.



4 KNOWN TO BE DEAD

EIGHT REPORTED MISSING IN KANSAS CITY (KAS.) FIRE.

OVER FIFTY OTHERS INJURED

Man Who, When Rope Was Thrown to Him, Passed It to a Woman, and He Was Lost.

Kansas City, Mo.—Four persons are known to be dead, eight others are missing, two are fatally injured, and over 50 more or less seriously injured, as a result of the fire which destroyed the Chamber of Commerce building in Kansas City, Kas., at an early hour Thursday.

A single body has been recovered from the ruins, that of D. R. Young, aged 62, identified by a relative, although burned almost beyond recognition. It is known that Charles A. Lynch, a laborer, and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sparks are dead, but their bodies have not been recovered.

J. F. Branham, a wagonmaker, died at a hospital as a result of injuries sustained.

It was stated at the Kansas City (Kas.) fire department that three bodies are known positively to be in the ruins. The firemen believe that Geo. Mullin, aged 60, an invalid, who lived on the fourth floor, perished in the flames.

Charles Carlin, ill with typhoid fever, who had been a regular tenant of the building, and who had been missing, was located at the home of a relative.

A railroad man, standing near the burning building, heard a man in a second-story window giving the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen's distress signal, of which he is a member. Finding a rope, he threw it to his brother fireman, who instead of saving himself, passed it to a woman in the window above him. The woman saved herself, but the man was lost. His name is not known.

AN ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING.

Japanese Government Trying to Discourage It.

London, England.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Express cables that the Japanese government is endeavoring to minimize as much as possible the anti-American sentiment. The authorities have issued reassuring statements in semi-official newspapers. The ministry of the interior is discouraging mass meetings called in the big towns, and several anti-American agitators have been warned that they will be severely dealt with if they persist in their campaign.

UTES CONTINUE RAIDS.

Are Encamped 75 Miles North of Gillette, Wyo.

Gillette, Wyo.—The roaming Utes who have defied the State of Wyoming and the United States soldiers are still encamped 75 miles north of here on the Little Powder river. Six troops of United States cavalry, under Col. Rodgers, are now marching overland from Fort Meade, S. D. Two troops of the Tenth Cavalry from Fort Robinson, Neb., are already here seeking to protect the settlers.

The soldiers, however, have orders not to shoot unless absolutely necessary. The reinforcements from Fort Meade are not expected to arrive before Sunday.

Wounded Woman, Killed Self.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Samuel Becker, declared by the authorities to have been twice a deserter from the United States army, in a room of the Blakesley lodging house, 30 South Main street, shot Mrs. Pearl Kirkpatrick and killed himself. Mrs. Kirkpatrick is not dangerously wounded.

A War Veteran Dead.

Havana, Ill.—Isaac J. McElverson, aged 89, a prominent civil war veteran at one time aid de camp of Gen. Grant, is dead.

DEAD MAN IN A SACK

IDENTIFIED AT FORT SMITH AS JAMES MCKEEHAN.

Twemley, Under Arrest, Lays Crime at the Door of McKeehan's Father-in-Law.

Fort Smith, Ark.—The murdered man whose body was found in the Arkansas river at Pawpaw, I. T., tied in a sack, was James McKeehan, brother-in-law of Twemley, who confessed his complicity in the murder. Twemley says that his father-in-law, James Harris, and McKeehan came down the river in two houseboats. Harris and McKeehan had quarreled frequently because of the non-support of Mrs. McKeehan by her husband. Twemley says Harris killed McKeehan. The two put the body in a cotton sack, weighted it with a 20-pound piece of railroad iron, and sank it in the river at Pawpaw. Harris took Mrs. McKeehan and departed for Eufula, while Twemley and his wife drifted to Fort Smith, selling one of the boats including its furnishings. Blood was discovered upon one of the quilts by the purchaser, who believes McKeehan was murdered in the boat.

WRECKED ON VANCOUVER COAST

Captain and Cook Lost and the Skagit is a Total Wreck.

Victoria, B. C.—The barkentine Skagit, 443 tons, for Port Gamble, drove ashore on the Vancouver Island coast, within a few miles from where the Valencia disaster occurred. Capt. Ross and the cook were drowned. The mate and seven men reached shore in safety, although some were injured as a result of hardships, and were succored by Davis Logan, the fireman who did such excellent work during the Valencia disaster. The Skagit is a total wreck. She was bound from San Francisco, which port she left Oct. 9, for Port Gamble, and encountered heavy fog obstructing sight of land. The vessel was in the breakers before the crew were aware of the danger.

Four Hurricane Survivors.

Norfolk, Va.—Counting the minutes which seemed but few between them and death, five men adrift on a bit of wreckage off the Florida coast saw one of their companions, whose sufferings had driven him mad, throw himself into the sea to death, and not long afterward a ship, which was coming, saved their lives. The five survivors of one of the greatest tragedies which has ever occurred on this coast, the hurricane, were landed here Thursday by the British steamer Heatherpool.

Held Night Sessions.

Harrisonburg, La.: The Catahoula criminal court adjourned yesterday morning after a two-weeks' session, during which a jury case was on trial daily. The amount of business disposed of was the greatest in the history of the court. Judge Thompson holding night sessions for the dispatch of business. The results were three convictions and three sentences to the state penitentiary, as follows: George Law, twenty years; Jake Smith, fourteen months, and Floyd Smith, fourteen months. A mistrial was entered in the case of W. H. Jackson, charged with manslaughter. Roach, Willis and Bailey were acquitted.

Will Retire as Chairman.

Cortelyou Will Relinquish Head of Republican National Committee.

Washington, D. C.—Postmaster General George B. Cortelyou will retire from the chairmanship of the republican national committee before he becomes secretary of the treasury in succession to Secretary Shaw. This statement was made on excellent authority Harry S. New, the vice chairman of the republican national committee will, it is expected, assume the duties of chairman when Mr. Cortelyou retires.

Must Produce the Books.

St. Louis, Mo.—Judge Pinkelburg, of the United States circuit court in an opinion, held that Robert M. Fraser, secretary of the east-bound freight committee, must produce the records and papers of the traffic bureau in his care before Judge Rombauer in the terminal hearing.

THREE KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Fatal Accident to a Funeral Party on Long Island.

New York, N. Y.—Three persons were killed and three seriously injured in a collision at Woodside, L. I., between a Long Island railroad train and a coach that was returning from a funeral at Calvary cemetery. Edgar J. Griffin, driver of the coach, drove the vehicle directly in front of the train.

LOUISIANA NEWS.

AN OFFICER KILLED.

William Shoemaker, Marshal and Deputy Sheriff, at De Quincy, La. Lake Charles, La.: William Shoemaker, marshal and deputy sheriff at De Quincy, was shot and instantly killed about 10 o'clock last night. Shoemaker has been very active in enforcing the law in the village and incurred considerable ill-will in so doing. Last night he was standing in a saloon, watching a game of cards, when Lee Coleman, a liquor dealer, entered and began firing. Five shots took effect and Shoemaker fell to the floor dead. After the shooting Coleman walked out of the saloon and has not been seen since.

Rumors reached town today that he had barricaded himself in a house and defied arrest. A posse of six deputies heavily armed, in charge of Chief Deputy Harry Reid, went to De Quincy on a special train this afternoon, but found the story had no foundation. They are still searching for Coleman, but have not succeeded in locating him. No reason is known for the shooting other than Shoemaker's active work in behalf of law and order. Shoemaker was about 30 years old and had been marshal six months.

Projected Branch Lines.

Marksville: From all indications Marksville is the objective point of two railroads, the Arnaudville branch of the Southern Pacific railroad and a branch road of the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company from Hesser, a station on their main line. The Southern Pacific has been contemplating building here for some time, and when their project was made known in the spring it was met with great inducements on the part of the citizens of this town and other towns along the proposed route, in the shape of free right of way and depot grounds. A corps of surveyors in charge of J. P. Markham is said to be in the Bayou Jack country, near Plaqueville, surveying the line to Marksville.

Surveyors of the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company have run a line from Hesser, and the rumor is that this line has been definitely located and construction on it will begin soon. The terminus of this branch is situated in the western portion of the town, and the projected route of the Southern Pacific, it is said, passes through the eastern part of the town. The activity of these two roads has been viewed with a high degree of satisfaction by the residents of Marksville, who are ready to lend their hearty co-operation towards making the early advent of this road here an assured fact.

Hadnot Arrested.

Colfax, La.: Robert Moore, who killed Jack Hadnot last week at the latter's gambling house, and was in turn shot through the right side by John R. Hadnot, brother of the dead man, was today locked up in the Colfax jail pending an investigation by the grand jury. John R. Hadnot was also arrested late this afternoon and lodged behind prison bars on the charge of shooting with intent to kill. Hadnot and his father-in-law had just arrived from Leesville, where his brother had been buried, and expressed considerable surprise at his arrest, but made no resistance.

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Campaign for Reform League.

Port Allen: Copies of the articles of agreement of the West Baton Rouge Civic Reform League have been mailed to the vice presidents in the different wards of the parish. Some of these contain blank pages for the signatures of all who will join the league, while others are for general distribution. The vice presidents will solicit membership to the league in their respective wards.

Floyd, La.: The West Carroll parish school board has allowed the claim of Assessor S. S. Rundel for making out poll list and assessments of special tax in Ward one.

Secretary Dolberhde was instructed to write to W. L. Bell & Co. that their contract was not legally made, and that settlement of their claim was refused.

Lafayette, La.: John Doucet, a young white man, while attempting to clean an old pistol last night, accidentally shot himself in the chest. Dr. Trapeau attended him, but could not locate the ball. The wound is considered serious.