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American flour barred from Brazil? So much the worse for Brazil.

Some of these western tornadoes are almost as deadly as automobile races.

The man who tells all his troubles to his friends soon has no friends left to tell them to.

That New York man who lives with a bullet in his brain should be able to do some heavy thinking.

The reassuring information comes from Colombia that President Marroquin has not resigned again.

Gen. Castro continues to do very well for a man who has a revolution and a large indemnity on his hands.

France is to have \$2,000,000 worth of nickel coins, worth five cents each. They will be useful in purchasing cigars.

Max O'Rell owed much of his popularity in this country to his wife, who translated his writings into lively English.

"Summer thoughts" would be sufficient clothing for the sultry days. And then the "thoughts" should be "light and airy."

Once upon a time there was a man who was too lazy to lie, so he invented a machine to do it for him and called it a gas meter.

A Missouri man lived a month on water, says a western paper. Well, the slow steamer are sometimes the most comfortable.

"Is poverty an obstacle or an opportunity?" asks a contributor to one of the current magazines. Poverty is usually a necessity.

Some of those absurd Filipino girls seem to think their marriages to soldiers ought to be binding even after the boys come home.

Russia has been giving the powers a glimpse of her hand in the far East. There appears to be four aces and a club, also a Manchuria, in it.

Panama hats are not to be worn by fashionable men this summer. Now let the victim who paid \$25 for a new one last summer gnash his teeth.

A team of English golfers is to visit this country. Evidently they do not think the tees and caddies sufficiently represented by Sir Thomas Lipton.

Selfish peasants who persist in getting in the way of racing automobiles are inconsiderate brutes to litter up the next county with their remains.

Undoubtedly the reason that no one has organized a cucumber trust is that its stock would have to come under the head of undigested securities.

A French woman who had been in a trance for twenty years woke up the other day and died. Some people don't know when to leave well enough alone.

The simon pure Turkish sportsman is taking advantage of the open season in Macedonia. Only forty-eight of the 500 inhabitants of one village escaped.

The newspaper picture of the countess who is planning to jump from the Brooklyn bridge shows that she has no intention of being hampered by a bathing suit.

"No politician makes money honestly while in office," says an Ann Arbor professor. The same sentiment was expressed long ago in the phrase, "Where did you get it?"

Now the dispatches say that the sultan of Turkey knows he is wrong, but will not give up until he has to. This shows that the sultan would make a successful politician in this country.

Perhaps that projection on Mars is simply a device of some kind from which the people up there are trying to fire a reply to the message forwarded by Nicola Tesla a few years ago.

The Kansas City Star speaks of Mrs. Hetty Green's "superfluous and burdensome wealth." Mrs. Green may have a lot of superfluous wealth, but we don't believe she finds any of it burdensome.

A man with a pad containing several sketches in his pockets, who was killed by a train near Yonkers, is thought to have been an artist in spite of the fact that he had \$5 in cash and a gold watch worth \$25.

It was necessary to give a condemned murderer five distinct shocks before the authorities at Sing Sing could kill him. New York may be obliged to give each of its murderers an automobile if it insists that they shall be electrocuted.

The memoirs of the Princess Metternich, who is now approaching her ninetieth year, are all completed, but they are not to be published until after her death. That is why some of the people who are mentioned in them are wishing a long life to her.

In Far Northland.

CONFINING THE FINNS.

Neither People Nor News Allowed to Escape From Finland.

Communication of all kinds between Finland and Sweden across the frontier will be stopped by the Russian authorities. Had it not been for the ski service across the frontier the world would have known nothing of the dreadful famine in Finland last winter. Not only to prevent news from leaking out, but to prevent the Finns from emigrating, is the boundary so carefully guarded.

Advices from Lulea state that Russian officials have confiscated all the telephones on the Finnish border, and destroyed the telephone cables at the bed of Tornea river, separating Finland from Sweden. Russian revenue cutters are patrolling the river on the Finnish side to see that no new cable is landed. The frontier patrol has been doubled, and it is now impossible to cross the river without meeting Russian gendarmes on horseback, whom it is very difficult to satisfy as to passports or identity.

Russian detectives infest Lulea and the villages along the river. All telegrams and other messages crossing the frontier are censored and precautions are taken to prevent Finnish exiles to communicate with their friends by means of those who are returning to Finland.

NORWAY'S INDEPENDENCE HALL.

The Eidsvold Building Is Being Preserved and Restored.

Funds are wanted for the restoration of the Eidsvold building. The work has been carried on by means of private subscriptions secured by an appreciation of the people interested in preserving this historical place, where the patriotic band on May 17, 1814, declared the Norwegians a free and sovereign people. The hall in which the storthing met has been placed in the condition in which it was in 1814. The gallery has received many additions, as has also the original library. Considerable of the old furniture has been secured, and while the building already offers many attractions, it still needs considerable more to be complete. Several articles of furniture which would be very appropriate are to be had, and certain improvements to the building and grounds would be desirable.

HIDDEN PICTURES.

Discovered in Course of Repairs to Old Rimbo Church.

On an examination to ascertain the repairs necessary to the interior of the old Rimbo church, Sweden, Architect L. Cronstedt and Contractor L. A. Guaffin discovered that the plastering in the dome held paintings which were probably executed in the fourteenth century. After the plastering was removed the paintings appeared so distinctly to a great extent that it is regarded as possible to fully restore them to their original condition.

NOT SO BADLY OFF.

Norwegian Town Has Been Sending Money to Heathen and Receiving Aid From America.

From Norrland's Amt comes the information that 18,000 crowns for missionary work has been sent from there to China and the English and French colonies in Madagascar and Zululand. At the same time Norrland Amt has received from America 23,000 crowns for the prevention of famine and the securing of potatoes and grain for seeding purposes.

Wismar Out of Pawn.

Sweden has formally said "good bye" to Wismar. This German city once belonged to Sweden and was pawned for a big loan over a hundred years ago. The principal with interest now amounts to an immense sum, and it is doubtful if it could be redeemed anyway. Both chambers of the Swedish riksdag have voted to waive the Swedish claim. The inhabitants of Wismar are delighted, and through the mayor have sent a telegram of thanks to the riksdag.

Victoria Medal for Hedin.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Geographical society at London, Sir Clemens Markham, the president, decorated Dr. Sven Hedin with the Victoria medal for his explorations in Central Asia. A gold watch was presented to Capt. Isaksen, the second in command on the Sverdrup expedition to Greenland. As Capt. Isaksen was not present the watch was received by the Swedish-Norwegian attaché.

The Valdres Railway.

Work on the railway in Valdres, Norway, will be prosecuted with vigor, and the authorities announce that the line will be completed as far as Fagerness by October, 1904. Traffic will be opened as far as Tonsaasen by next fall. The work was carried on the winter long, particularly in blasting rock and hauling it away.

Has a Fondness for Danes.

The king of Siam continues to show his preference for Danish naval officers, of whom there are many in the Danish service. When Capt. Trolle resigned as commander of the royal yacht, the king immediately appointed Capt. Schoning to the vacant position.

Ibsen Is Well.

Henrik Ibsen has recovered from his late attack of illness. His advanced age keeps him pretty much at home, but he is up every day, is in good spirits and dines with a good appetite.

New Party in Sweden.

From having a paucity of political parties, Sweden is soon likely to have as many as the other countries. The moderate reform friends have recently organized, and twenty of the independent or "wild" men of the riksdag have joined it. The party will labor for the country's welfare and will seek to maintain its neutrality by providing for efficient defense. It will in particular work for the strengthening of the union with Norway.

Wealth in Greenland.

The richest Greenlander is the Eskimo Korkoya, who controls the commerce of Baffin's bay. He was born at Julianehaab and began to barter forty years ago. He will not have money, but trades the products of the Arctic for food products, which he exchanges again to the natives for furs, elder-down, ivory, etc. The contents of his magazine are easily worth 50,000 kroner, besides which he has 13 kajaks, 40 fine dogs and an immense quantity of harpoons, lances, etc.

Stang May Resign.

It is generally believed in Norway that Minister Stang will be obliged to resign from the cabinet on account of his recent utterances regarding the proposed solution of the Norwegian demand for a separate consular service. His views are at variance with the government's program. The plan proposed by the Swedish-Norwegian commission has been publicly endorsed by the leaders of the Conservative, Moderate and Liberal parties.

The King Enforces Justice.

Four boys at the Flakkeberg (Denmark) children's home wrote to the king complaining that the master beat them with a switch of steel wire. The king was much pleased over their display of confidence and instructed the minister of justice to attend to the matter at once. Investigation proved the charges to be true, and the brutal master and his assistant were removed.

Christian IX. Will Junket.

King Christian of Denmark will follow the example of his illustrious contemporaries and do a little visiting himself. After a brief sojourn at Weisbaden to take the cure, he will pay a ceremonial visit to President Loubet of France, and will then go to Berlin to call on the emperor, returning the recent visits of these rulers to his kingdom.

Danish Engineer Dead.

Capt. H. Nonboe, one of the foremost engineers in the Argentine Republic, died recently at Buenos Ayres from blood poisoning. He was formerly first lieutenant in the Danish artillery, but resigned from the service to become instructor in a polytechnic school. Nonboe went to Argentina in 1896 and soon obtained a responsible position and was rapidly advanced.

United States Steel in Sweden.

Advices from Stockholm announce that negotiations are pending for the sale of the large iron fields in Lapland, said to be the richest in the world, to the United States Steel corporation. Charles M. Schwab, its president, had several conferences with the owners of the mines while in Europe. The agreed price is said to be \$50,000,000.

Practical Forestry.

About 300 Swedish acres in Hornadal Dalecarlia, will be sown to pine and spruce this year. The restoration of this part of Sweden has proved very successful. The work has been going on for many years and beautiful young forests now prevail in districts previously covered with brush.

French Invest in Norway.

It is reported that the rich platinum mines at Voaland, near Arendal, Norway, have been sold by the Tyse Prospecting company to a French mining company for 2,500,000 francs. It is presumed that mining will be prosecuted on a larger scale than heretofore.

NOTES FROM OVER THE POND.

The Swedes in Copenhagen, Denmark, have commenced the collection of funds for the building of a church. Gov. Hedman of the Danish West Indian Islands has arrived in Copenhagen and will remain there for some time.

Bank Director Siklo of the Nordiska bank at Nystead, and Senator L. Gripenberg of Uleaborg, Finland, have been ordered to leave the country.

Norway's richest farmer, Helge Berger of Elverum, has died, aged sixty-eight years. His wealth is estimated at several millions of crowns.

Capt. E. Trolle, who for several years has held the position of yacht captain to the king of Siam, has returned to Denmark and will there re-enter the navy.

On June 30 the Odd Fellows of Denmark will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the introduction of the order into that country. Arrangements are being made for a great fest to be given in the Odd Fellows' palace, Copenhagen.

The merchant marine of Sweden was increased in 1901 by 84 sailing vessels and 32 steamships. The entire number of ships at the end of the year was 2,160 sailing vessels and 943 steamships, with an aggregate carrying capacity of respectively 341,622 and 29,419 tons.

TO DISOBEY COURT

GOVERNMENT MAY LAUNCH GALVESTON IN SPITE OF INJUNCTION.

WILL NOT DELAY THE WARSHIP

WHILE PRIVATE FIRMS ADJUST THEIR FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

MIGHT CALL OUT THE TROOPS

NO COURT HAS A RIGHT TO INTERFERE WITH WORK ON WARSHIP.

Richmond, Va., June 20. — Judge Grinnan of the Richmond chancery court yesterday granted an injunction restraining Lieut. Theiss and Naval Constructor Grosbeck, United States navy, from proceeding further toward the launching of the cruiser Galveston, under construction in the Trigg shipyards here.

The injunction was granted on petition of S. H. Hawes & Co. of this city, supply creditors of the Trigg company, now in the hands of a receiver, and restrains the government and all other persons from in any way interfering with any of the property at the Trigg yards under control of Lillburn T. Myers, the receiver, and especially the cruiser Galveston and the dredge Bernhard, under construction for the government.

Lieutenants Theiss and Grosbeck were sent here by the navy department to superintend the launching of the Galveston, which it was the intention of the department to send to the Norfolk navy yards for completion. All preparations had been made for launching the vessel next Monday.

Could Call Out Federal Troops. Washington, June 19. — It is stated here that proper respect will be shown the mandate of the courts so long as they keep within their jurisdiction, but that the navy department cannot submit to any interference with its rights. The cruiser Galveston at Richmond, it is added, will be launched when ready.

Secretary Moody is not at all disposed to act hastily in the matter of the Galveston, but as indefinite delay upon the construction of that vessel in the event of an international emergency, might prove a grave matter, the department therefore feels bound to proceed with the work as rapidly as possible. It is hoped that the vessel will be in condition for launching next Monday afternoon. Secretary Moody was informed of the action of the Richmond court restraining the government.

From Further Work on the Galveston, but declined to talk on the subject until after conferences to be held to-day with the president and the attorney general. Attorney General Knox was also unwilling to be quoted in the matter until his opinion, rendered to the president as to the jurisdiction of the government over the Galveston, has been made public.

It can be stated, however, that the attorney general regards as eminently well taken the contention advanced by Rear Admiral Bowles, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, that no court has the right to interfere with work on a war vessel, and the government would be warranted in calling federal troops to protect its agents engaged in such work.

Instructions have been sent Lieut. Theiss and Naval Constructor Grosbeck in charge of the work on the Galveston, to proceed with all possible dispatch in the effort to get the ship ready for launching Monday.

JURY UNABLE TO AGREE.

Trial of Jett and White Has Unsatisfactory End.

Jackson, Ky., June 20.—The jury in the case of Jett and White, charged with the murder of J. B. Marcum, was unable to agree. The case has been in the hands of the jury since yesterday noon. Last night it was said that at least two jurors were holding out for conviction, while the others are divided, most of them favoring acquittal. The jury went to bed early. The indications are that the jury will finally agree to report that it has disagreed and ask to be discharged. All hope of conviction seemed to be given up.

Demands \$50,000,000.

Boston, June 20.—An attachment for \$50,000,000 was filed in the United States circuit court here yesterday against the General Electric company by counsel for S. F. Hanchote of this city, who alleged infringement of a number of inventions. The attachment is filed in connection with a suit for damages entered by counsel for Mr. Hanchote.

Was Mentally Deranged.

Fitchburg, Mass., June 20.—Herman Tilot last night shot Harold Brown, a lawyer who recently came from Chicago, inflicting a slight wound. He then put a bullet through his own head which will probably prove fatal. He was mentally deranged because of the loss of his job.

Cardinal Vaughn Dying.

London, June 20.—Cardinal Vaughn, who has been ill with heart affection, has had a turn for the worse. He is gradually sinking.

FIVE MORE INDICTMENTS.

Federal Grand Jury Still Busy With the Postoffice Scandals.

Washington, June 20.—The federal grand jury which has been investigating postal affairs probably will bring in five indictments against persons involved. Assistant District Attorney Taggart, who has the cases in charge for the government, was at his office earlier than usual and was busily engaged in going over the indictments. He denied himself to all callers. Although every effort has been made to keep the public in ignorance of the action to be taken until the papers are ready for presentation to the grand jury, it is learned on unquestioned authority that the jury has voted to return indictments against August W. Machen, Dillar B. Groff, Samuel A. Groff, George E. Lorenz and Mrs. Lorenz, the two latter being residents of Toledo, Ohio. The specific charge, it is understood, will be conspiracy to defraud the government.

TAGGART IS TOO SLOW.

Fault Found With His Investigation Work.

Washington, June 20.—Serious friction has developed between the officers in charge of the investigation of the postal service scandals and Assistant District Attorney Taggart. This condition is entirely due, according to high officers of the postoffice department to the dilatory and unsatisfactory methods employed by Taggart in prosecuting the cases in his hands. It is alleged that the delay is seriously hampering the progress of the inquiry and may even result in the failure of certain carefully laid plans of the investigators. Taggart, when asked to assign a reason for the alleged delays in the cases under his charge, indignantly refused to discuss the matter and practically ordered the reporter out of his house.

GUARDS ARE CHANGED.

New Company Sent to Protect the Tomb of McKinley.

Canton, Ohio, June 20.—The detachment of Company M, Eighth regiment, United States army, on guard at the temporary tomb of the late President McKinley since last fall, has been ordered to return to Fort Thomas, Ky., July 1. A detachment from the First regiment, infantry, now stationed at Fort Wayne, Mich., will be sent here to take the place of the men leaving. It is expected that the Eighth regiment will be ordered to the Philippines about Dec. 1.

GET LIGHT FROM RIVER.

Waste Water Power Is Likely to Be Utilized.

Washington, June 20.—The war department will recommend to congress next winter that a commission be appointed to ascertain the feasibility of utilizing the water power of the Mississippi between St. Paul and Minneapolis for the purpose of lighting Fort Snelling and the public buildings in the Twin Cities. This subject was taken up by Representative Stevens yesterday with Col. McKenzie and other officials of the engineer corps. The officials are very much impressed with the representations made by Mr. Stevens, and believe that if the project is adopted it would mean a large saving to the government.

PLANS FOR SNELLING.

Heads of Army Will Try to Hasten Construction Work.

Washington, June 20.—The subject of the improvement of Fort Snelling was discussed by Representative Stevens yesterday with Secretary Root, Gen. Humphreys and Maj. Rullin. Assurances are given and steps will be taken to expedite the construction of cavalry and infantry barracks at the Minnesota post. It is estimated that this work will cost \$450,000.

DYNAMITE FOR FISH.

Volunteer Society Will Bring Illegal Hunters to Justice.

Lead, S. D., June 20.—There is now in Lead and Deadwood a well organized society which is protecting the game, especially trout, in the Black Hills. Arrests will soon be made of persons who have been using dynamite in Spearfish creek to destroy the fish. Ten blasts were heard last week in one favored fishing place, which resulted in killing a large quantity of trout.

Woman Killed by Train.

Grundy Center, Iowa, June 20.—Mrs. Jack Heffelfinger, while changing cars at Afton Junction, on her way to visit her sister, Mrs. Wolfe of Red Oak, Iowa, was struck by an engine and instantly killed. She, with one of her children, was passing around the end of the train and did not see the engine approaching on the other track.

U. S. Grant for Vice President.

San Diego, Cal., June 20.—The Union announces that U. S. Grant is a candidate for the Republican nomination for vice president next year.

Killed on Track.

Sparta, Wis., June 20.—John Haas of Portland, Monroe county, was killed near Westby, while walking on the track. The train backed up and he was put on board, but died before reaching Viroqua.

Fire Started by Lightning.

Windom, Minn., June 20.—Lightning struck John Humon's elevator and burned it, together with several thousand bushels of grain. The loss is from \$10,000 to \$12,000, and is partly insured.

WORK OF BANDITS

BOLDEST HOLD-UP IN THE ANNALS OF THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

ONE HUNDRED PERSONS ROBBED.

FAMOUS OUTLAW TAKES THEM INTO TEMPORARY CAPTIVITY.

NO CASH, ONLY HORSES TAKEN

MARSHALS DETERMINED TO CAPTURE THE BANDIT DEAD OR ALIVE.

Guthrie, Okla., June 20. — Ben Cravens, the outlaw leader, accompanied by two companions, has again demonstrated his nerve and daring by holding up a party of 100 men and women Sunday afternoon in the Osage Indian nation, twenty-four miles from Pawhuska, Okla., and successfully robbing the entire party. The hold-up was the boldest in the annals of the territory. The news was brought to Guthrie yesterday by John Leahy, postmaster at Pawhuska. The first man captured by the outlaws was Fred Keeler. He was halted, searched and removed to a secluded spot where he was closely guarded by one of the trio, all of whom were armed with rifles. Ten minutes later David Ware, an old Texas ranger, passed along. He was treated in the same manner as was Keeler. Ware

but powerless, being unarmed. From 2 to 6 o'clock the hold-ups continued. Not a single person escaped. At 6 o'clock 101 persons were grouped together one hundred yards from the highway and bandying jokes with the highwaymen. David Ware was the particular target of the highwayman. "Ware, you're a killer; why don't you do something?" said Cravens. "To hell with you," rejoined Ware. "You've got the drop now, but wait."

At 6 o'clock the band of prisoners were released. The highwaymen, out of fifty-five head of horses, selected nine good animals and made off. A particularly peculiar feature of it is the fact that not one cent of money was taken. Good horses seemingly was the chief desire of the bandits. In the bunch of prisoners only one gun was found, a 38-caliber revolver. Among the victims were

A Party of Ladies and gentlemen, numbering eight, who had arrived from Ohio for a hunt. The party was driving along the road en route to a fishing stream when taken in by the Cravens band.

Monday the outlaws surrounded a cow camp at Gray Horse and stood up the punchers. They took no loot, merely eating hearty meals. Cravens escaped from the Kansas penitentiary three years ago by holding up the guards with a wooden revolver covered with tin foil. Since then he is known to have committed two murders. He is the chief of the boldest band of bandits in existence at the present time. There are rewards aggregating \$10,000 on his head. Deputy marshals are now in pursuit, with the determination of bringing the bandit in dead or alive.

STILL FINDING BODIES.

Number of Dead Recovered From the Ruins Reaches 153.

Heppner, Or., June 20.—The number of dead recovered from the flood ruins totalled 153 bodies yesterday. Fifteen bodies were found yesterday in drifts along Willow creek. Although the number of missing is reduced by the discoveries made yesterday it is likely that the missing and unknown list will be further augmented by transient strangers whose baggage was found yesterday. The number of missing remains in the neighborhood of 55 to 60. A list of valises and trunks prepared yesterday establishes the fact that from 15 to 20 transients went down in the flood.

KILLED IN A COLLISION.

Express Agent Loses His Life and Valuable Horses Are Injured.

St. Louis, June 20.—Shortly before midnight an east-bound Big Four passenger train ran into the rear end of an Illinois Central train which was standing in the approach of the Illinois side of Eads bridge. The driver of Dallas, Tex., who was in charge of an express car loaded with race horses, was instantly killed. The express car was attached to the rear of the Illinois Central train and the car was splintered. Thirteen of the trotters were so badly maimed that they will have to be killed. Rebins, with a record of 2:09, was killed outright.

FEMALE BLUEBEARD.

Woman Who Poisoned Five Husbands Is Placed on Trial.

Berlin, June 20.—The trial of a so-called "female Bluebeard," Frau Przygodda, has begun at Allenstein, East Prussia. Her fifth husband, Przygodda, a hotelkeeper, caught her putting arsenic in his coffee, and remembering her other husbands, all prosperous peasants, died suddenly, the authorities exhumed their remains and found arsenic in each of them.