

## ALCOHOLIC THE CAUSE OF INSANITY

A Third of the Insane Dependents Brought to Their Downfall by Liquor.

### SPEAKER MAKES THIS DECLARATION

St. Louis, Mo., May 25.—Excessive use of alcohol was charged with one-third of the insane dependents, between 30 and 40 percent of all epileptic cases, and from 40 to 50 percent of all cases of imbecility in the United States by Bailey B. Burritt, assistant secretary of the State Charities Aid association of New York, in an address before the National Conference of Charities and Correction here this morning. Mr. Burritt also stated that 60 percent of the total number of arrests in the state of Massachusetts for the year 1908 were due to public intoxication.

"The almost universal practice of treating drunkenness solely as a penal problem with no medical aspect, and of fining persons convicted of public intoxication a small amount and sentencing them to imprisonment from three to ten days is of no use whatever, either so far as the individual or as society is concerned," said Mr. Burritt.

"The problem should be treated," he concluded, "as a medical problem with penal aspects, rather than a penal problem with no medical aspects." He proposed a plan for dealing with the whole problem as follows:

1.—A more adequate system of identification of cases of alcoholism in order to sift out the "trouder."

2.—A graded series of remedies including release of first offenders without their appearance in court, and a greatly extended use of probation and suspended sentence.

3.—The use of fines to be paid in instalments and the abolition of the practice of fining a man after he has spent his last cent on a spree and then committing him to a penal institution for the want of money to pay his fines.

4.—Provision for the treatment of chronic drunkards upon proper medical certification without the necessity of being arrested for public intoxication and held before a court. This commitment should follow the analogy of commitment of insane persons.

5.—The development of farm and hospital colonies to which habitual alcoholics can be committed and where they can be given abundance of healthful outdoor work and medical care.

**Treatment of Criminals.**  
In discussing a scientific basis for the treatment of problems of criminology and penology before the conference this morning, Prof. Maurice Parmelee, of the state university of Kansas, said that with the aid of science we shall soon be able to individualize the treatment of the criminal and to apply such forces in each case as will counteract the tendency toward crime manifested in the individual.

Whether manifested in the adult or the child," said Prof. Parmelee, "crime is a danger signal to society. It is an indication that biological and social forces are at work causing certain individuals to commit anti-social acts. The juvenile court movement is of peculiar interest from the point of view of putting the treatment of the criminal on a scientific basis, for, if conducted along scientific lines, it offers the entering wedge for the scientific reform of the whole code of criminal procedure, because legislators and the public at large are less tenacious of antiquated conceptions of crime and punishment with respect to children than with respect to adults."

"The speaker urged that all persons who have anything to do with crime, whether they be legislators, judges, lawyers, probation officers, police officials, or prison administrators, should possess some knowledge of anthropology, biology, pathology, psychology and sociology.

### FIFTEEN PERSONS ARE HURT IN WRECK

Pueblo, Colo., May 25.—Fifteen people were injured at 1:30 this morning when two coaches of the Denver and Rio Grande passenger No. 115 jumped the track two miles from Cochran, Junction, Colo. Spreading rails caused the wreck. Both coaches rolled down an embankment. None of the injured are fatally hurt.

### INVESTIGATING BOYS' ACTIONS.

Gay Desmond, 13 years old, was arrested by the police Wednesday and held for further examination.

## COMET SPLITS IN TWO

Tucson, Ariz., May 25.—That the head of Halley's comet has divided into two parts was the discovery, that Dr. A. E. Douglas, of the University of Arizona, says he made last night. According to Dr. Douglas, the brighter part is in advance of the other about 3000 miles. Dr. Douglas calls attention to the fact that a parallel case was the comet of 1882, which divided into four parts and entirely disappeared.

## CHURCH SPLITS OVER ELECT INFANTS CLAUSE

Lewisburg, W. Va., May 25.—After standing two and a half centuries as the doctrine of the church, the "elect infant" clause of the confession of faith of the southern Presbyterian church came up for revision today in the general assembly. The church is divided on the question and a fight has been waged for years. Those who favor action are divided into two classes. One would make an explanatory footnote to the confession, the other faction of advocates holds to changing the wording of the "elect infant" clause itself. How to say, in church language, that the church holds that all infants are "elect" is the problem.

## JOIN EL PASO IN INSURANCE CRUSADE

Big Springs Wires Governor a Protest and Dallas Takes Firm Stand.

### NEW RATES NOT PUT INTO EFFECT

The commercial bodies of the state are already responding to the appeal sent out by the El Paso chamber of commerce for help in getting equitable fire insurance rates for El Paso.

Dallas responded immediately upon receipt of the message from El Paso, pledging the chamber of commerce there to do everything possible to assist in getting a reduction in the rates.

The Big Springs Commercial club has also taken similar action, going a step farther and wiring to Gov. Campbell to take steps toward the immediate relief of the insurance situation. The action was taken at a special meeting of the board of directors of the commercial club Wednesday and the result of the meeting was wired to the El Paso Herald by J. C. Baumgarten, the secretary of the club.

Quanah, Texas, has also responded to the telegraphic request and has agreed to do everything possible to get a reduction of the rates.

Senator Claude B. Hinds, who has been in Austin to present the matter to the governor, is at San Antonio today to secure the cooperation of the San Antonio Commercial club in the fight against the increase in rates. The El Paso representative will probably return home Friday and will make a report to the Retail Merchants' league and the chamber of commerce directors upon his arrival.

Pressure is still being brought to bear on Gov. Campbell and the state fire rating board to have the collection of the increased rates postponed until the re-inspection can be made and an equitable rating given El Paso in place of the one now in effect.

No effort has yet been made by the local agents to collect the increased rates.

### OFFICIAL BUILDING PLANNED FOR JUAREZ

Mayor Portillo in Charge of Work—Other Improvements Planned.

The work of constructing a municipal palace at Juarez will start next month, beginning a municipal expenditure of nearly \$200,000. The structure will be located at the new Juarez park in the southeastern part of the city. Two stories will contain all municipal offices with exception of the police quarters, which will remain in the adobe building back of the mission. The exterior of the new building will be especially beautiful, as it is to be constructed of stone in ornate design. There will be a tall center tower supporting a clock, and two smaller towers at either side. The front proper will contain stone columns the height of the second story, and a stone eagle, cactus and snake, the emblem of the republic.

Jefe politico Portillo has received plans from a city of Chihuahua architect, and declares that work will begin before the end of June. Mr. Portillo has received an offer from Alberto Terrazas to share the expense of a boulevard between the new park and the race track. The offer will be accepted, the street paved and trees planted at either side.

Work on the monument of Benito Juarez in the new park is well under way. The laying of sewers is in progress, and at its completion all principal streets will be paved.

### AGED ARKANSAS SPINSTER DIES NEAR TEXARKANA

Texarkana, Tex., May 25.—Martha Vahl, a native of South Carolina, 92 years of age and a resident of Miller county, Arkansas, for 40 years, died at her home near here this morning. She was probably the oldest spinster in the county and was never married.

### PAINTING STATION.

The station street of H. station is being repainted by a force of workmen and minor repairs being made. The color of the station will be yellow.

### W. G. Rowe, assistant superintendent of the Alamogordo & Sacramento Mountain railroad, was arrested by the police Wednesday and held for further examination.

## THESE RULERS ALL WERE AT FUNERAL OF KING EDWARD



### NO PROTECTION AGAINST RAILWAYS

LaFollette Says the United States Leaves People at Their Mercy.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—"There is not one line in the statutes to give the people reasonable rate," declared senator LaFollette in the senate today, speaking in support of the Cummins amendment to the railroad bill, requiring prior approval of the interstate commerce commission of increases in railroad rates.

"All that has been accomplished," he said, "is to afford a means of giving equal rates to shippers. He declared that the people generally are as much entitled to protection as the shippers, and added that the interstate commerce commission is so hedged about that it cannot effectually deal with the problem.

While the rate regulation provision of the president's original bill was in the public's interest, Mr. LaFollette said, its provision has been modified by senators Aldrich and Elkins wholly in the interest of the railroads.

Since January first, he said, rates in wool from St. Louis and Duluth to New York had increased 17 and 18 percent, on grain and grain products from St. Louis to New York 18 percent, and from Chicago to New York 20 percent. He contended that instead of an increase there should be a decrease.

### GREAT POWER PLANT AT DOUGLAS, MAYBE

Plans Formulated by Big Corporations; Meeting in Progress.

Douglas, Ariz., May 25.—Representatives of the Phelps-Dodge Copper company, the Lucky Tiger Mining company, the New York Power company and the Westinghouse Electric company, are in conference here relative to building a great power plant in Douglas to supply electric power to operate various enterprises.

This will include a new mill at the Tiger mine, a mill at the Cincro de Mayo and the Roy Electric line from the Tigre district to Yzabal.

### LAKE RESORT HOTEL BURNS IN NEW YORK

Albany, N. Y., May 25.—Hotel Champlain at Bluff Point, Lake Champlain, one of the most famous resorts on the lake, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is \$300,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. The hotel had not yet opened for the summer. An electrician named Herbert, an employe of the hotel, is missing. It is believed he burned to death.

### TRACK REPAIR WORK DELAYS STREET CARS.

Street car traffic was delayed for 20 minutes Tuesday by the derailment at Fourth and Stanton streets of a race track car. Improvements at that point caused an uneven track. Barriers in the day a Mexico car was similarly thrown off the track, occasioning a wait of many minutes.

### MRS. ROOSEVELT PAYS VISIT TO QUEEN MOTHER

London, Eng., May 25.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt visited Buckingham palace today and had a long chat with the queen mother, Alexandra. The call was at the suggestion of her majesty, who, when she received Mr. Roosevelt yesterday, expressed the hope that she might see the former president's wife.

### DIES AT AGE OF 111 YEARS

Andrea Mendiol, 111 years of age, died at her home near the Federal smelter in Highland park where she had lived for nearly seven years, working until within a month of her death, which was caused by pneumonia. The woman was born at Zacatecas, Mexico, in 1799 and was the daughter of Mauricio Zelaya of that city, having later married Mendiol.

### REBELS ARE IN BAD POSITION

Madriz Men Seem to Have the Estrada Army Surrounded.

New Orleans, La., May 25.—A large force of Estrada's insurgent army was saved from complete annihilation near Bluefields late yesterday, according to a cablegram received today.

Gens. Lara and Rivas closed in on the revolutionists, who fought with desperation and were saved only by the timely arrival of Gen. Mena with a large force of insurgents, who are en route to Bluefields.

Estrada's forces were driven into the swamp where many were killed or captured, and the rest scattered when Mena came up.

The revolutionists abandoned six large field guns and threw away their small arms. That a hundred were killed or wounded in Monday's battle is today confirmed. Madriz had two other wings in the vicinity to support the attacking army. Four hundred from the government ship Venus are preparing to join the infantry and make a general attack.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, May 25.—A Nicaraguan government force from the gunboat Venus today boarded and searched the American schooner Estuero, flying the stars and stripes. The action was in defiance of a ruling from Washington that the Venus had forfeited her right of search.

### PACKERS DODGE BEHIND THE LAW

Plead That Statutes of Limitation Give Them a Clear Bill.

Chicago, Ill., May 25.—The first skirmish in the government's attack on the beef trust began before Judge Landis today when counsel for the National Packing company and its 10 subsidiary concerns assailed the validity of the indictments charging a conspiracy in restraint of trade.

Attorney George Buckingham, for the defendants argued that the indictment did not charge a crime nor cite facts constituting a crime; that if there was a crime the statutes of limitation of "three years," had run against it, and that it was the combination itself that was illegal, not its acts.

REG MEN ELECT. Beaumont, Tex., May 25.—The Improved Order of Red Men in state convention here today selected Dallas as the next meeting place and selected H. A. Sappington of Galveston as great sachem; Joe Snetter of Laredo as great prophet. The convention will adjourn tomorrow.

Officer Will J. Hord, on the union station beat, has returned from a 24 day leave of absence and is again on duty at the union station, relieving Officer Tillman, who has patrolled the beat during Hord's vacatio-

## MAX RELEASE CONFIDENCE MATTERS OF RIO GRANDE NON CANNON SMALL

Those Not Absolutely Needed for Elephant Butte Project to be Determined.

### SURVEYORS ARE PUT IN FIELD

W. M. Reed, district engineer of the reclamation service, returned to the city Wednesday morning from Albuquerque, N. M., where he went to attend a conference with W. B. Freeman, of the geologic survey, and V. L. Sullivan, territorial engineer. The purpose of the conference was to arrange for a survey of the hydrographic conditions of the upper Rio Grande and its tributaries, looking to the release of water not needed for the Elephant Butte dam project.

The data to be obtained is of equal importance to the three departments mentioned and the purpose of the conference was to arrange for a mutual survey, the cost to be divided between the three departments. Mr. Sullivan was prevented from attending the conference but the matter was thoroughly gone into by Mr. Reed and Mr. Freeman and a later meeting will be held to provide for the survey.

Investigating Now. H. P. Galt and J. A. French, engineers of the reclamation service, have gone to northern New Mexico to look over irrigation conditions there and gather data to be used in making charts showing the water more obtained from the river and tributaries and how much more can be secured by conservation.

Speaking of the purposes of the survey to be made, Mr. Reed said: "The survey will be for the purpose of obtaining information regarding the actual flow of the Rio Grande above the dam, and the seepage water that comes back from the ditches. It will probably take some time to complete this year or more. This appears to be a normal year, though, and it is possible that, with the information we have already on file, we may get through this year. The survey will determine just how much of the waters of the Rio Grande may be released from appropriation by the reclamation service as not needed by the Elephant Butte project.

Work Begins. "Stations will be placed at intervals from the headwaters of the Rio Grande away up north in Colorado to the project at Engle. I am starting two men today to investigate every ditch along the river, its flow and capacity, and the acreage it irrigates. From the data so gathered and the survey I have mentioned charts will be prepared showing how much water returns from each acre located in a certain position with reference to the river, and showing how many more similar acres can be irrigated.

How to Finish This Year. "The number of stations that are already in operation will aid us greatly in the work, as by comparing the records from them for this year, and those in the same places for former years, we can see at once whether or not this is a normal year or an abnormal one.

"The release of the unneeded waters will follow the report of the survey as soon as possible. The amount of water we have stations now all along the river, but their number is not sufficient for the determination of return waters. We have been taking records continuously since 1899 in some stations and have intermittent records as far back as 1888.

This survey will determine the whole available waters of the entire Rio Grande watershed, and the surplus over the amount needed by the Elephant Butte project will be released as soon as possible after that surplus is determined, probably in a year or two."

### UNLOADED REVOLVER CAUSE OF DEATH

Bullinger, Tex., May 25.—Clarence Brown, aged 33, of Nolan county, was instantly killed by a bullet from a revolver in the hands of a companion, Oscar Lloyd, last night, according to a message received here today.

Thinking the pistols unloaded, the boys each had one trying to see which could snap at the other the quickest, when the shot was fired. The bullet struck Brown in the neck.

### SOUTHWESTERN WILL NOT TAKE OFF ANY TRAINS

It is announced by the Southwestern that there will be no change in their trains and schedules, as had been contemplated. The road will continue to run 12 trains daily out of El Paso. The new June folder will appear soon without change from the present status.

### DROWNED NEAR SANTA FE

Santa Fe, N. M., May 25.—Peter Lutz, of Fort Lupton, Colo., while taking a drive of ties down the Rio Grande for the Santa Barbara Tie and Pole company, was drowned in the Rio Grande at Embudo. His body has not been recovered.

### LAST LUNCHEON THURSDAY

The last luncheon of the season will be given by the chamber of commerce at the Angelus Thursday. No subject has been assigned but a general discussion of important matters pertaining to the city's welfare will be discussed.

### MEXICAN WAR VETERANS WILL VIEW BATTLEFIELD

Houston, Tex., May 25.—But 15 veterans are in attendance at the meeting of the 14th annual reunion of the State Association of Mexican War Veterans here this morning. Thursday they will be taken down the ship channel to the San Jacinto battlefield for a picnic.

L. W. Sensenay, a coal operator from Auburn, Ill., is visiting friends in the city.

Presbyterians Do Not Think He Stands Right on the Liquor Question.

### WHITE SLAVERY IN MURDER CLASS

Atlantic City, N. J., May 25.—The Presbyterian general assembly objected today to speaker Cannon having the power of appointing the proposed federal commission for the investigation of the liquor traffic of the United States.

In discussing temperance legislation, congressman W. S. Bennett, of New York, one of the leading laymen and father of the bill providing for a commission, asked the assembly's support of the measure.

Rev. H. T. Laughton, of Oklahoma City, said he would be willing to have the membership of the committee placed in the hands of congressman Bennett, but was unwilling to trust the speaker of the house with the appointment of the committee.

The members applauded the introduction of a resolution condemning white slave traffic and asking that it be made a crime not less than murder.

### URGE A MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

California Men Address El Paso Credit Men's Association.

Speaking before the El Paso Credit Men's association at a luncheon Wednesday, Warren C. Kennedy, president of the Los Angeles Credit Men's association, advocated the organization of mutual fire insurance companies, of the affiliation with other companies already organized as one way of combating the old line companies and the increased rates.

"Merchants in California have got the attention of the insurance companies by negotiating with the cooperative companies of the east for rates," Mr. Kennedy said. "The use of the old New England form of mutual insurance company is also one way of bringing the company to terms. These companies charge the same rates as the board companies, returning the surplus in the form of dividends at the end of the year. The employment of a fire marshal and the careful inspection of the causes of fires and prosecution of any fires thought to have been caused by design would also have its effect on the insurance rating of your town."

Newman Essick, cashier of the Commercial National bank, of Los Angeles, also spoke briefly to the credit men who attended the luncheon. He spoke of the laws for the prevention and punishment of various forms of crime in Texas and California, commending Texas law for the punishment of those who make false statements in writing. He also urged a national prosecution of the National Credit Men's association similar to that now in effect in the American Bankers' association.

Both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Essick have been attending the national convention of the National Credit Men's association at New Orleans. At this convention Mr. Essick was made a member of the national board of directors. They were entertained at luncheon at the Angelus by the El Paso Credit association, of which James A. Dick is president, and Frank Smith secretary.

### CHIEF COMMISSARY HAS BEEN AT POST

Capt. Waldron Ordered to Instruct Militia—Telephone Repairs.

Fort Bliss, Tex., May 25.—Capt. Joseph E. Cusack, chief commissary of the department of Texas, has been here making an inspection of the commissary department here.

Capt. William H. Waldron, of the 23rd infantry, stationed at Fort Bliss, has been ordered to report to Maj. Clarence E. Dentler, 23rd infantry, at Camp Mabry, Austin, Tex., for duty as instructor of the infantry officers of the organized militia of the state of Texas when the state troops go into camp there.

First class Serat. Charles W. Chadbourne, of the signal corps, is at the post to make repairs on the telephone as the post and on the target range.

Private James J. O'Brien, Company G, 23rd infantry, has been discharged from the army by purchase.

## MANILA DRYDOCK SINKS

Manila, P. I., May 25.—The great floating drydock Dewey, towed here from the United States at great expense, sank yesterday. The general opinion is that the sinking was due to carelessness rather than to a deliberate purpose on the part of Japanese employes to cause damage.

Experts declare the dock can be saved, though the machinery will be damaged.

## TRIES TO CUT HIS THROAT WITH GLASS

Because he had tired of life, and asthma had driven him to despondency, Adolph Uibrich, a German carpenter 51 years of age, is said to have attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a jagged beer bottle Wednesday morning. He was found on Seventh street with a few small scratches on his throat and taken to the police station, from where he was removed to the county hospital. He said that he had been living in El Paso for two years, having come here from Houston, Tex.