

Over 8,000 miles of new steam railway will be constructed in the United States this year.

Before the end of the present year 42 beet-sugar factories will be in operation in the United States.

A street railway in a suburb of San Francisco is operated by electricity generated in a swift river 140 miles distant.

Now we are to have pneumatic eggs. A man in Tiffin, O., is feeding his hens on powdered india rubber.

In a burst of generosity, Gov. Stanley, of Kansas, last month offered silver mugs to all triplets born in his administration.

It appears from some statistics published recently regarding the consumption of alcoholic drinks in the United States that the greatest consumption was in 1893.

From the latest official reports in the British war office it is ascertained that the total killed, wounded and missing among the army during actions in South Africa up to March 31, was 1,993 officers and 27,952 non-commissioned officers and men.

A table published in the annual report of the department of agriculture is enlightening as to the amount of money the people of the United States spent in purchasing favorite flowers at retail in 1899—roses, \$6,000,000; carnations, \$4,000,000; violets, \$750,000; chrysanthemums, \$500,000; miscellaneous, including lilies, \$1,250,000.

Among the second lieutenants of the marine corps ordered to Manila is young J. P. V. Gridley, the son of the late Capt. Gridley, who commanded the cruiser Olympia in the memorable fight at Manila.

President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford university, who has accepted an offer from the United States fish commission to take charge of an expedition for the investigation of the fish of the Hawaiian islands.

The Massachusetts senate by an overwhelming vote has decided not to correct the error of punctuation which accidentally crept into the state's liquor law and changed its entire meaning.

Scientists say that recent floods in the Ohio river valley have been caused by forest denudation. During the past half century the forests of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia have been cut down and the hillsides are now bare.

The preparation of a simple and cheap artificial stone is becoming an important German industry and like-ly eventually to supplant brick-making. The ingredients are only lime and sand in the proportion of from four to six parts of the former to one of the latter.

The trustees of the naval arch to be erected at the Battery in New York city in honor of Dewey and the sailor heroes of the American navy have just accepted the plans of the designers.

A WEEK'S HISTORY

The Important Happenings of a Week Briefly Told.

IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNION

All the Latest News of Interest from Washington, From the East, the West and the South.

THE LATEST FOREIGN DISPATCHES

FROM WASHINGTON. A scheme is being prepared by the assistant secretary of war to make the state militia an adjunct to the regular army.

The necessity of liberal reciprocity treaties to still the growing jealousy of European nations is urged.

THE EAST.

Percentages of the baseball clubs in the National league for the week ended on the 5th were: Cincinnati, 7.00; Brooklyn, 6.00; Pittsburgh, 5.45; Philadelphia, 5.00; Boston, 5.00; St. Louis, 4.55; New York, 3.75; Chicago, 3.57.

At Warren, N. Y., John C. Wallace, a wealthy farmer, killed his wife and hired man.

At Bristol, R. I., the cup defender Constitution was launched. A syndicate is planning a \$75,000,000 watch combine to take in the principal companies in the United States.

Ex-President Cleveland made \$400,000 by the skyrocket flight of Northern Pacific stock in New York.

By an explosion of powder in a mine at Wilkesbarre, Pa., five men were fatally injured.

At the age of 80 years George Kellogg died in New Hartford, Conn. He was the father of Clara Louise Kellogg, the well-known opera singer.

At a meeting in New York arranged by the National Civic Federation leaders among unionists and employers discussed conciliation as a means of maintaining industrial peace.

An explosion in a distillery near Uniontown, Pa., killed Frank Fear, a workman, and Ezra J. Thomas, proprietor.

Street railroads in Albany, Troy, Cohoes, Watervliet and Rensselaer, N. Y., were tied up by a strike of the 1,000 employees.

Fire nearly wiped out the village of Kendall, N. Y.

A. S. Ochs, proprietor of the New York Times, has purchased the Philadelphia Times.

WEST AND SOUTH.

Illinois' legislature, after passing senatorial and congressional apportionment bills, adjourned sine die.

Mrs. Freeman Randle, in a fit of insanity, killed her two-year-old daughter and herself near Edwardsville, Ill.

Flames destroyed the block owned by the Southern Rock Island Plow company in Dallas, Tex., the loss being \$500,000.

On May 18 the battleship Ohio is to be launched at San Francisco. Mrs. McKinley will press the button setting the ship afloat.

Over 10,000 persons are homeless as a result of the Jacksonville (Fla.) fire which devastated 148 blocks, over three-quarters of the city, causing a property loss of at least \$15,000,000.

Mrs. Josephine Cooley and her two children and Peter Zook and his wife and two children were burned to death in a fire in South Chicago, Ill.

At Aberdeen, S. D., Judge J. J. Healy was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

Gov. Conger announces his willingness to accept the nomination for governor of Iowa.

With deposits of \$314,946 the Cuyahoga savings bank at Cleveland, O., suspended business.

In a Burlington passenger wreck at Thayer, Ia., Engineer Brown was killed and 30 persons hurt.

From the ruins at Jacksonville, Fla., five bodies of fire victims have been recovered.

Residents of New Mexico took advantage of the president's visit to urge that the territory be made a state.

Charles Reis and Emil Mohr were killed at Davenport, Ia., by the fall of a scantling while pretending to hang August Brunck.

In Macon county, Mo., six men and a woman were charged with swindling fire insurance companies out of \$40,000.

In Chicago J. H. Halperin, aged 20, and his young wife killed themselves by inhaling gas.

In a jealous rage Jesse R. King shot his wife of two months and killed himself near Millheim, Pa.

In Iowa and Illinois heavy thunderstorms did great damage to property and many horses and cows were killed by lightning.

The death of Jackson Harris (colored), aged 100 years, occurred at Terra Haute, Ind.

Ida Baare shot and killed her father, Gustave Baare, at their home in St. Louis and then killed herself after a family quarrel.

Dispatches show that the winter and spring wheat crops of the country are in fine condition.

The well-known artist, Raphael Straus, died at his home in Cincinnati, aged 72 years.

The president and his party visited the Congress gold mine in Arizona and spent an afternoon at Phoenix.

After a quarrel Wilsey Miller, of Rockfield, Ind., fatally shot his fiancée, Bertha Timmons, and committed suicide.

Fred Kringle and wife, an aged couple residing near Packwaukee, Wis., were struck by lightning and instantly killed.

In Chicago Policemen Sheehan and Mosher were found guilty of robbing Hugh McDougall.

In Baltimore the first municipal election under the new ballot law resulted in victory for the republicans, who carry 18 out of the 24 wards.

DOONS ROBES OF RANK.

Sebastian Martinelli, Recently Created Cardinal, Invested with the Red Berretta.

Baltimore, Md., May 9.—Sebastian Martinelli, titular archbishop of Ephesus and cardinal-elect of the church of Rome, Wednesday received at the hands of Cardinal Gibbons the red berretta, and donned the robes which will hereafter mark his rank.

Deer forces under Commandant Boyer again destroyed the Delagoa Bay railway. A plan of withdrawal of armies from China has been announced.

To celebrate Gen. Tio's surrender Gen. MacArthur will release another 1,000 prisoners. Filipino officers have tendered their services against outlaws.

It is now said that Miss Ida Harris, who died recently at Champaign, Ill., was the writer of "The Breadwinners."

The Chinese officials favor the movement for the extensive opening of China to foreign trade and commerce.

The industrial interests of Cuba urge annexation to the United States, fearing disaster if they lose American markets.

In Havana the Cuban Washington envoys reported to the constitutional convention, which will accept the United States terms.

At a "smoker" in Peking Gen. Chaffee declared in a speech that British and Americans would never fight each other.

The death of Rev. Henry Scadding, D. D., celebrated Canadian historian and antiquarian, occurred in Toronto, aged 88 years.

LATER NEWS.

President McKinley and his party reached Los Angeles after a notable daylight ride through the San Bernardino valley, and were welcomed to the state by Gov. Gage.

New Jersey prohibitionists have nominated Joel W. Brown, of Jersey City, for governor.

The will of the late George O. Cannon, of Salt Lake City, divides \$1,000,000 between his four wives and 33 children.

Charles G. Seymour, one of Chicago's best known newspaper men, died at El Paso, Tex., aged 39 years.

Justice King, of the Ontario supreme court, died at Ottawa.

R. N. Pollock, missing president of the Cuyahoga savings bank of Cleveland, O., committed suicide at Seattle, Wash.

John M. Carroll, who was a member of the Forty-second congress, died at Johnston, N. Y., aged 78 years.

All factories of the National Starch company have been ordered closed because of the corner in corn.

Seats collapsed in a circus at Oil City, Pa., badly injuring a dozen persons.

Evan Williams, ex-governor of Nevada, died in San Francisco.

Col. E. F. Taggart, of Akron, has been elected commander of the G. A. R., department of Ohio.

Andrew Carnegie in an address in London declared England must adopt American business methods.

Cardinal Martinelli was invested with the red berretta by Cardinal Gibbons at Baltimore.

The Indiana law prohibiting practice by Christian Scientists and magnetic healers has been upheld.

A bitter fight for control of Northern Pacific caused a panic in the New York stock exchange, in which many fortunes were wrecked.

The insurgents in La Infanta province surrendered, ending the war in north Luzon.

Near Augusta, Ill., William Aughtertaght, a married man, fatally shot the 16-year-old daughter of Robert White, with whom he had been intimately, and then killed himself.

Harvard trustees voted to make President McKinley an LL.D.

The powers have declined to assist China in raising the indemnity demanded by them. The American, British and Russian legations were seeking summer quarters which will be guided by troops.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

Two missionaries who made fortunes in the Nome district are to build a hospital in Chicago.

The state department has received satisfactory reports of new gold discoveries in the Klondike region.

A dispatch from Tangier says the French commercial attaché recently sold 100,000 rifles to the Sherifian government.

After the salamlik recently the sultan received in private audience John G. Leishman, the United States minister to Turkey.

It is said that the principal fraternal organizations of the United States and Canada have a membership of 5,723,016.

Senator Hawley is in favor of protecting the Nicaragua canal, no matter what kind of an international agreement is made.

Vice President Roosevelt is now a master mason, having taken the third degree in Matinecock lodge, No. 806, at Oyster Bay, L. I.

To rid the road of the tramp nuisance the Erie has purchased bloodhounds to be used on the line between New York and Buffalo.

An effort will be made during the next congress to curb the indiscriminate speculative sales of stock in industrial and railroad enterprises.

A Paris newspaper favors joint Franco-American control of the Panama canal. The waterway can be completed in six years for \$160,000,000.

CHINA WANTS OPEN DOORS.

Officials with United States in Desire for Removal of All Trade Restrictions.

Washington, May 8.—It has developed that the movement for the extensive opening of China to foreign trade and commerce has the active approval not only of the United States and several other leading powers, but also of Chinese officials.

About the only doubt as to the formal position of China is that caused by the empress dowager's recent creation of a council of state. How far this council will have authority to check the acts of the prince plenipotentiaries is not yet clear.

The attitude of Russia also, although the negotiations are being so framed as to obviate any objection which Russia might raise if the opening of commerce is to apply principally to Manchuria.

Peking, May 8.—The foreign ministers decided to address a collective note to the Chinese government informing it that a joint indemnity of 450,000,000 taels would be demanded, and asking what method of payment is proposed.

A reply is expected at the end of the week, which will probably propose to meet the indemnity by raising the customs tariff. It is considered likely that the powers will assent to some such measure in return for concessions on the part of China, including the complete abolition of the likin, the placing of import duties on a gold basis, and really free navigation of Chinese waters.

Peking, May 6.—The United States cavalry and artillery left Peking Sunday morning to march to "Ton-Ku." Imposing farewell ceremonies attended their departure. Sir Alfred Gaselee and the other British generals, with their staffs, were present, and the British commander sent a detachment of Baluchis who escorted the Americans outside the city wall.

Gen. Chaffee publicly thanked the cavalry and artillery for their services in the international relief expedition and for their behavior since, which has been, he said, a credit to themselves and their nation.

Washington, May 6.—Chinese advisers say a thrilling story of the massacre of 45 foreigners at Tai Yuan Fu is told by Yung Cheng, a Baptist convert. Men, women and children were mercilessly slain. The missionaries bravely preaching until the fall of the executioner's ax. Bodies were stripped of clothing and some of the heads placed in cages on top of the wall.

FACTORIES TO CLOSE.

National Starch Company to Shut Down Its Eleven Plants for the Summer.

Sioux City, Ia., May 8.—A telegram from the head offices of the National Starch company states that the company will close all of its 11 factories as soon as the present corn supply is consumed. The Sioux City plant, which is one of the largest in the country, will continue to operate until June 1.

The other factories are in Nebraska, Buffalo, Glen Cove, N. Y., and other places. The information sent here inclines the local management to the belief that repairs will be made during the summer and most of the plants be reopened in the fall.

President Piel was here recently, and said that all factories were overstocked. It is believed the trust proposes to stop production and sell the present supply at increased prices.

PLAN A BIG MARCH.

Ten Thousand Pennsylvania Miners to Make Direct Appeal for Legislation.

Pottsville, Pa., May 6.—National Organizer Dougherty, Secretary Hartstein, of the Ninth district, and President Duffy, of the Seventh district, held a conference here Saturday and arranged for a march of mine workers to Harrisburg for the purpose of urging the passage of bills recommended by the United Mine Workers.

It is proposed to gather the miners from Hazleton, McAdoo, Panther creek valley and Schuylkill region at Pottsville on Tuesday. They will take six days' rations each and will march to Harrisburg, where they will be joined by those from Northumberland and Columbia counties. At least 10,000 men will leave when the orders to march are given. They will camp in Agricultural park.

JOKERS KILLED.

Men Engaged in Tensing a Felony Workman Meet a Terrible Fate.

Davenport, Ia., May 7.—Emil Mohr and Charles Reis were killed Sunday evening while pretending to hang August Blunck on a pulley rope outside the Independent Maltng company's building. Mohr and Reis with Gus Siems were teasing Blunck and wound up by tying the rope about his waist with the avowed intention of hanging him. The strain on the rope caused the fastenings, 60 feet above, to give way. An iron pulley struck Reis on the head, crushing it into a shapeless mass. A falling scantling brained Mohr. Blunck was slightly injured.

Wild Day in Stock Market.

New York, May 9.—Wall street passed through one of the wildest days in its history Wednesday. After a sharp rise in values, led by Northern Pacific, which sold up to 180, the entire market suddenly collapsed. Stocks broke from five to 35 points. Thousands of shares were thrown upon the market amidst the wildest confusion. For three hours this wholesale liquidation continued.

Deaths in South Africa.

London, May 7.—The war office officially gives out the total number of deaths in the South African war at 714 officers and 14,264 men. Four officers and 314 men have been invalidated home and subsequently died. Two thousand four hundred and ninety-three noncommissioned officers and men have left the service unfit for duty.

Electrocuting Upheld.

Boston, May 8.—The supreme court Tuesday rendered a decision upholding the constitutionality of the law which prescribes execution by electricity in capital cases. The issue was raised in behalf of Luigi Storti, the murderer of Michael Calucci. Storti is to be put to death the week beginning May 12.

Terrible Crime at Quincy, Ill.

Quincy, Ill., May 9.—William Achteroth Wednesday shot fatally the 17-year-old daughter of Robert White, at Augusta, Hancock county, and then killed himself. The girl can live but a few hours. Achteroth was a married man and leaves a family.

SEBASTIAN MARTINELLI.

The New Cardinal of Rome.

BODIES ARE FOUND.

Remains of Victims of Jacksonville Fire Recovered—President Extends Sympathy.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 7.—The body of Harry Bonnetheau, a real estate dealer, was recovered Monday morning from the St. Johns. Mr. Bonnetheau's wife and son are supposed to be in New York city.

The bodies of two negroes were also recovered. All are victims of Friday's disastrous fire. There are many rumors of loss of life, but owing to the departure of thousands of people from the city it will be impossible for several days to verify the reports unless the bodies are found.

An estimate on the total loss by the fire is given out by a former tax collector Monday afternoon as follows: Public buildings, \$1,658,000; stores, north side of Bay street, \$495,000; stores, south side of Bay street, \$300,000; stores, Forsyth street, \$465,000; stores, Main street, \$200,000; residences, prominent, \$778,000; residences, 1,500 small, \$2,000,000; residence personal effects, \$2,200,000. Stocks of goods in stores, \$1,630,000; stocks in 200 smaller stores, \$550,000; street railways, \$30,000; pavements, \$100,000. Total, \$10,553,000.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 6.—Gov. Jennings received the following telegram: "El Paso, Tex., May 5.—The Governor of Florida, Tallahassee, Fla.: I have just learned of the death of Harry Bonnetheau, who has swept over the city of Jacksonville, and hasten to express the deep sympathy, in common with our country, I feel for those who have suffered. Perfect relief will do all it can in the work of relief. (Signed) 'WILLIAM MCKINLEY.'"

Gov. Jennings acknowledged the receipt of the president's message of sympathy in the following telegram: "Tallahassee, Fla., May 6.—To Hon. William McKinley, El Paso, Tex.: We appreciate your sympathy for the sufferings of our people caused by the Jacksonville conflagration, which is especially to thank you for the aid of the government, so generously tendered. Estimated that over \$9,000 are homeless and that loss will reach \$15,000,000. No lives lost so far as known. Sufficient funds have been placed at disposal of relief association to provide for immediate necessities. Perfect order prevails. I beg to extend gratitude of the people of Florida to you. (Signed) 'W. S. JENNINGS, Governor.'"

SEVEN LIVES LOST.

Tenement House at South Chicago, Ill., Destroyed by Fire with Fatal Results.

Chicago, May 6.—In a fire that destroyed the three-story tenement house at 9116 Marquette avenue, South Chicago, early Sunday morning, seven persons lost their lives; three were so badly injured that they will die, and a score were injured in their attempt to rescue the unfortunate ones. The dead are: Mrs. Josephine Cooley, aged 31 years; Mabel Cooley, daughter of Mrs. Cooley, aged six years; Annie Cooley, daughter of Mrs. Cooley, aged 13 months; Peter Zook, owner of the house, aged 50 years; Mrs. Peter Zook, aged 40 years; Victoria Zook, daughter of Peter Zook, aged 14 years; Nicholas Zook, son of Peter Zook, aged 15 years. The fire engines, in responding to the alarm, were blocked at the railroad crossing, and did not reach the fire until it was too late to render any assistance.

The Zook family was cooped up on the second floor in the rear, where the smoke is believed to have suffocated them before they had an opportunity to escape. The body of Victoria Zook, 14 years of age, was found near the bed, indicating that she was burned to death while still asleep. The other bodies were found at intervals about the rooms occupied by the Zooks, as if they had attempted to escape, but were too exhausted to open the windows and jump from them.

CUP DEFENDER LAUNCHED.

The Yacht Constitution Glides Gracefully Into the Water at Bristol, R. I.

Bristol, R. I., May 7.—Saluted by cannon, fireworks, and huzzahs from several hundred spectators, the Constitution Monday evening gracefully glided into the waters of Narragansett bay, and there daintily courted a pretty acknowledgment of the compliment paid her. Promptly at 8:30 o'clock, when the tide was at its highest point, Nathaniel Greene Herreshoff, the designer of all the yachts that come from this famous shipyard, saw that all was ready, and two minutes later he gave the signal to let the yacht slide into the water. It took several minutes for the yacht to slide into deep water, and then she floated out of the cradle. Mr. W. H. Duncan, Jr., stood sponsor for the new yacht and broke one bottle of wine on its bow as it started to slide down the ways.

A FATAL WRECK.

Collision on the Burlington Road—Engineer Killed—Thirty Others Injured.

Ottumwa, Ia., May 7.—Burlington passenger train No. 3, while passing Thayer, a small town 18 miles east of Creston, struck an engine attached to a freight train endeavoring to get out of the way by backing onto a side track and was derailed, killing Engineer S. D. Brown, of Burlington, and injuring 29 people, although the names of but 22 are obtainable. All but the two rear cars of the passenger train left the rails and rolled down a 20-foot embankment.

Holiday in Mexico.

Mexico City, May 6.—The national holiday commemorating the victory of the Mexican forces over the French and imperialists at Puebla 39 years ago was celebrated all over the republic with the usual enthusiasm. President Diaz and suite, with a large number of distinguished people, went in the morning to San Fernando cemetery, where they placed wreaths on the tombs of Gen. Zaragoza, leader of the victorious Mexican forces.

In Favor of Fusion.

Omaha, Neb., May 8.—The annual banquet of the Peter Cooper club was held in this city Tuesday night, about 250 guests being present. W. J. Bryan and W. V. Allen, the guests of honor, occupied places on either side of President Quinby, of the club. The future of fusion was the theme of the evening, and the expressions were unanimous in favor of its continuance. Mr. Bryan spoke upon "Fusion," urging its continuance.

News in Brief.

A militia company is being formed at Mankato.

The Minneapolis police raided two opium joints, one kept by a negro, the other by a Chinaman.

Efforts are being made to secure the presence of President McKinley at the Modern Woodman's convention at St. Paul next month.

Hennepin county will pay no more wolf bounties after July 1, the appropriation being exhausted.

Major James Elwin, of Minneapolis has been appointed on the governor's staff with rank of colonel.

Norman Felter, of St. Paul, has been appointed the third member of the state board of arbitration.

M. J. Luby was elected business manager of the university football team for 1901.

An enormous log jam formed in the Snake river near Mora, the logs being piled high for half a mile.

Incendiary fires destroyed several buildings at Preston.

From four to five thousand people are expected to attend the convention of the Catholic temperance societies in St. Paul next month.

A postoffice has been established at Bloemendale, Aitkin county, with H. C. Bloemendale as postmaster.

The postoffice at Marcy, Lake county, has been discontinued; mail to Avery.

Twenty-seven bushels of dead fish were picked up and buried along the shores of Lake Mora. The fish were mostly black bass that were smothered under the ice.

All the gambling houses in Cass Lake have been closed up by orders of the city council.

More than 3,000 homeseekers passed through the Twin Cities April 30.

MINNESOTA NEWS.

First Landing.

Warren Upham, secretary of the State Historical society, has been exploring the first ground that feet of white man trod in Minnesota. It is Prairie island in the Mississippi river, between Hastings and Red Wing, 10 miles long and 2 1/2 miles wide. Two Frenchmen visited the island in 1655, with about 150 Indians, and passed an entire summer there. A copy of the manuscript report of the trip to the island, and two other visits which followed it, which was written soon after the occurrences, was hidden in England until 16 years ago, when it was secured and published by the historical society of Massachusetts. A copy was recently secured by the Minnesota society. Mr. Upham's visit to the island was for the purpose of verifying statements made in the manuscript. He proved the existence of the fireplace built on the island by LeSueur in 1655, which was unearthed by farmers while plowing this spring. The clay was found intact, and thoroughly baked.

Parole for Younger Brothers.

At a regular meeting of the board of managers of the state prison unanimous action was taken in favor of paroling the Younger boys, now serving life sentences.

Before the parole can be effective all three members of the state pardon board must approve it, and the action will be submitted to that body as soon as possible. This is in accordance with the provisions of the new parole law, which allows parole to life prisoners after about 24 years' imprisonment, being 33 years, less time gained by good behavior.

Paroles are usually granted by the prison managers alone, but in case of life prisoners unanimous approval of the board of pardons is also necessary, and such paroled life prisoners cannot leave the state.

The pardon board does not meet regularly until in July, but a special meeting may be called if the members of the board consider one necessary.

Walked in Her Sleep.

The family of George E. Burke, of Duluth, were startled the other night over the mysterious disappearance of their 9-year-old daughter Stella. For three hours she was missing, and parents, neighbors and policemen made a search for her unavailingly. Early the next morning, however, she was found wandering about a mile from her home, asleep, but safe and unharmed. She had fallen asleep on a lounge, and when the family