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great measure upon the individual's sense of responsibility and devotion to duty. No common carrier can go farther in the discharge of its public obligations in this direction than to secure the service of men of known intelligence and fitness for their stations.

Yet having done all this it becomes inevitable at one time or another that some besotted or reckless fellow in position will overthrow all precautions and bring about a calamity to prevent which every precaution which years of experience and study of conditions have established as necessary to the safety of passengers.

It is a pity that that Chicago coal dealer who sold 1,500 pounds of coal for a ton to one of his customers could not be punished according to the meanness if not the gravity of his offense. Compared with the punishment which is meted out to offenders along other lines this fellow's claim to the introduction of the delights of the whipping-post are not to be disputed for a moment.

APPEAL OF CALEB POWERS

The report comes from Georgetown, Ky., that Caleb Powers, the former secretary of state of that commonwealth, who is regarded all over the country as being responsible in the first instance for the assassination of Gov. Goebel, has appealed to the public for financial aid in conducting his defense against the offense of conspiracy to murder on which he awaits trial.

It has been the constant claim of the defenders of those by whom Gov. Goebel was done to death that it was not possible to secure them a fair trial in the state of Kentucky. Yet this man, whom near a score of witnesses have testified to being a leading principal in the assassination, has already had three trials and still awaits conviction. And so, too, in the face of these statements, dictated by an unreasoning political partisanship, it remains true that the then governor of the state of Kentucky, who became a fugitive from justice and whose extradition was denied by a Republican governor of Indiana on the same ground, is still at large and will probably never be brought to the bar of justice for his known participation in this murderous conspiracy.

No doubt there will be found all over the country men who honestly believe that Powers will be denied justice unless his plea for monied aid is successful, and who will accordingly contribute to the cost of his defense. There can be no objection raised to such a course. The possession of ample means to conduct a defense against any charge in any community may, of course, operate to defeat the ends of justice, but it more frequently operates to secure full and equal justice, especially where public prejudice runs high against the accused. On this principle it is to be hoped that Powers will succeed in raising all the money that he may require.

The evidence that has been produced on the various trials in connection with this crime shows that the assassination was perpetrated under the protection of the office occupied by Powers as secretary of state, and that it was a mere bloodthirsty combination formed by Republican politicians and placeholders in Kentucky to prevent the enforcement of the people's will. But notwithstanding all this Powers is entitled to receive, as he appears to have received, the fullest consideration of the law. If there is any reasonable man who believes that it is consistent with his duty as a law-abiding citizen to advance money on behalf of Powers he ought to act on his belief if it is within his power to do so. But whether Powers receives the aid he seeks or not, whether he is convicted or whether he is discharged, the awful crime of the murder of the executive of the state by a band of bloodthirsty partisans, aided and abetted by the officials of the state, can never be wiped from the record of the public service of the state of Kentucky.

Germany is now waiting on President Castro for his answer to its arbitration proposal. President Castro doubtless thinks that a little waiting practiced a little earlier in the game might have saved both Germany and Venezuela some trouble.

SHOULD BE PERFECTED.

The press dispatches from Jacksonville, Fla., show that the inevitable consequences of freezing weather have been avoided through the timely precautions of the weather bureau. A temperature below freezing point was realized on the west coast of the state within the past day or two, but owing to the timely warning which fruit and vegetable growers had received of the approaching cold wave the necessary precautions were taken and no damage whatever resulted.

We have had not a few instances of this kind from time to time within the past few years and we have also had many disasters occurring as the result of approaching storms which might have been averted had the weather service reached the degree of perfection of which it is capable. With the knowledge which the public now possesses it is safe to say that if the signal service along the Gulf coast had reached a normal degree of perfection, even with the then existing facilities, the world would have been saved the awful destruction of life and property which set in a few years ago at Galveston and its immediate vicinity.

The government signal service is the growth of but a few years. Its scope originally was thought to be limited to its ability to advise the owners and navigators of vessels about to leave the Atlantic ports of the approach of dangerous storms. In the few years that have elapsed since its foundation it has become an indispensable requisite to public safety and comfort in every city in the country. Today changes of temperature and approaching meteorological changes are foretold with a close approach to accuracy and with an approach to timeliness which enables the people in the several walks of life to make provision to meet the changed condition. Until the service is extended and perfected so as to make this true in every community all over the country and in contiguous territory, the weather bureau will not render to the public the efficient and timely service which it has proven itself capable of rendering.

In order that such results as that reported from Jacksonville shall be certain of production everywhere and at all times it is necessary that congress shall give this department the most liberal allowance and shall enable those at the head of it to do everything possible to be done to extend its value to all sections of the country and to all classes and conditions of the people. To that end it is absolutely necessary that the most liberal appropriations should be made at the earliest day possible for the extension and perfection of the national signal service.

There might be some room for feeling sympathy for the unhappy man down in Greenville, Ill., who found himself an unwilling bridegroom through the alleged hypnotic power of his bride had it not been the fact that he already had two marital experiences. The only safe conclusion to draw in his case is that he ought to be placed in some public institution where the science of hypnotism is unknown and where the other sex never find entrance, and be kept there for the rest of his natural life.

The settlement of the speakership fight might be somewhat embarrassing to newspaper men at times when there is more or less of a dearth of other news items, but to the general public it would doubtless be an event more welcome than any other circumstance unless it might be a material addition to the supply and a material lessening of the price of anthracite coal.

It is evident that we are destined to another avalanche of congressional oratory on Cuban reciprocity. Every possible phase of the question has already been discussed except perhaps one, and that is whether the Republican opponents of reciprocity are to be regarded as protectionists or as tariff revisionists.

When we learned that Roosevelt would probably arbitrate President Castro had it announced in guarded manner that he, too, was once a cowboy.

MORTGAGES A SIGN OF PROSPERITY

THIS IS TRUE OF 95 PER CENT OF THEM, SAYS LABOR COMMISSIONER WRIGHT

WILL GAS ENGINES RUN OUT THOSE OF STEAM?

"Psychology of the Labor Question" and the Utilization of Power the Chief Topics Considered at the Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The American Association for the Advancement of Science began its fifty-second annual convention here today. The attendance was large. Prof. W. H. Hall, U. S. A., called the meeting to order and introduced President-elect Ira P. Remond, who presided.

The vice presidents of the several sections, delivered addresses on a variety of technical subjects, and tonight the entire association listened to the annual address of the retiring president, Prof. Asaph Hall. There were three sectional meetings in all.

Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor, and vice president of the section of social and economic science, spoke before the body on the "Psychology of the Labor Question." He said:

"Observation and experience, covering many years of investigation of various elements of the labor question, have convinced me that there are underlying features which cannot be reached by the statistical method; that the mental attitude of parties has much to do with the labor question from whatever standpoint it is considered. This is well illustrated by the statistics relative to mortgages. At present, the business 5 per cent, represented the lack of business capacity, some form of failure or disaster coming to the proprietor. So, in the labor question, we can ascertain the total number of strikes and the apparent causes, losses, etc., but the real motive of the strike cannot be disclosed by the statistics. From the psychological point of view must be studied and the apprehensions and fears of the strikers considered."

"Tendencies in the Utilization of Power" was the topic of the address of Prof. Joseph Plather, vice president of the section of mechanical science and advanced physics.

"The desire to add to the original holding, or to raise money for business operations, or to educate children, or to improve the lot of existing property, was the motive. All these indicate something entirely different from the prevailing impression that a mortgage represents disaster, failure or some ill condition. The business 5 per cent, represented the lack of business capacity, some form of failure or disaster coming to the proprietor. So, in the labor question, we can ascertain the total number of strikes and the apparent causes, losses, etc., but the real motive of the strike cannot be disclosed by the statistics. From the psychological point of view must be studied and the apprehensions and fears of the strikers considered."

"Four years ago St. Paul heard Dr. Lussan sing the leading role in 'Carmen.' Much of the dramatic fire that she infused into the part of the cigarette girl of Madrid, and which made that part one to be remembered, she infused into her programme last night and whatever faults her singing possessed, lack of color was not one of them. But a few things Mlle. de Lussan sang last night possessed no obvious faults. For instance, there was her closing number, 'Habanera,' from Bizet's 'Carmen.'"

Not only was this 'temptress' song sung with infinite diablerie as regards expression, but the deep mezzo tones were velvety in their smoothness and sure and clear. Nevil's 'Auf Wiederseh'n' and Tosti's 'Chanson d'adieu' were two little tone pictures exquisitely presented. But a disagreeable thoroughness occasionally marred the singer's voice and not always were her tones so sure as in the 'Carmen' songs. This thoroughness and lack of surety was especially noticeable in 'Connois tu le Pays,' from Thomas 'Mignon' in 'Traviata,' 'La Paloma,' and in Schumann's 'Liebst du mich Schonheit.' The programme presented last night was the usual opera singer's recital.

"The outlook for oil fuel in general competition with coal or long-distance electric transmission is not encouraging. It is hardly probable that liquid fuel would be a serious competitor of coal, notwithstanding its many advantages. The gas engine, in both large and small sizes, has reached a point in its development where it can fairly rival the steam engine in reliability and economy of running. In both large and small sizes, it has reached a point in its development where it can fairly rival the steam engine in reliability and economy of running. In both large and small sizes, it has reached a point in its development where it can fairly rival the steam engine in reliability and economy of running."

The American Chemical society, one of the largest of the body and affiliated with the American Society for the Advancement of Science, also held its initial session today, with an attendance of about 200 persons. The principal address was made by Dr. E. A. B. Schwab, chief of the biochemical division of the department of agriculture. In his discussion of tuberculosis he announced that virulent tubercle bacilli obtained from a human being would cause the disease in cattle.

Is This a Packers' Trust? TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 29.—Articles were filed with the secretary of state today incorporating the firm of Morris & Co. with a capital stock of \$2,000,000. The company is authorized to buy and sell cattle, hogs and sheep, including including poultry, and to operate stock yards, packing houses, etc. The incorporators are Albert D. Newkirk, Thomas J. Curran, Philip Bromberg and John V. Smith, all of Jersey City. It is understood that the principal incorporators of the company are members of the firm of Nelson Morris & Co., meat packers of Chicago.

University Conference. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The fourth annual conference of the Association of American Universities, composed of the leading universities of this country, began today at Columbia university. The programme included a discussion of 'The Scientific Method of Admission to Colleges and Universities,' (a) from accredited schools; (b) from schools not accredited; (c) from the University of formally admitted; and a paper presented by the University of Pennsylvania.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Minnesota—Fair Tuesday; warmer in west portion; Wednesday, fair and warm; fresh west to south winds. Upper Michigan—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday, fair; probably warmer; fresh west to south winds. Wisconsin—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday, fair, warmer; fresh winds, mostly southwest to south. North Dakota—Fair; warmer Tuesday; Wednesday, fair. South Dakota—Fair Tuesday; warmer in central portion; Wednesday, fair; warmer in east portion. Iowa—Fair Tuesday; warmer in extreme west portion; Wednesday, fair, warmer. Montana—Fair Tuesday; warmer in southwest and extreme northwest portion; Wednesday, fair. Wyoming—Fair Tuesday; warmer in southwest and extreme northwest portion; Wednesday, fair.

Temperature—Today's temperatures, taken by the United States weather bureau, at the following places: St. Paul, 32; Minneapolis, 32; Chicago, 30; New York, 34; Philadelphia, 36; Washington, 36; St. Louis, 36; Cincinnati, 36; Cleveland, 36; Detroit, 36; Milwaukee, 36; St. Paul, 32; Minneapolis, 32; Chicago, 30; New York, 34; Philadelphia, 36; Washington, 36; St. Louis, 36; Cincinnati, 36; Cleveland, 36; Detroit, 36; Milwaukee, 36.

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Washington time (7 p. m. St. Paul). Below zero.



AT ST. PAUL THEATRES

A radiant woman charmingly gowned in mauve silk that looked a very pale mauve, indeed, under its robe of spangled net, infused into the programme of songs which she presented last night so much of her own buoyant spirits that those songs, even when unworthily presented, won warm applause. It was a small audience that assembled in the new People's church last evening to hear Zelle de Lussan in song recital, but the size of the audience seemed not to dull the good spirits of the songstress.

Blanche Walsh, as Salammbô, accompanied by Charles Dalton, in Wagner's and Kemper's scenic production, 'The Daughter of Hamelin,' comes to the Metropolitan for an engagement of four nights and Wednesday matinee beginning next Sunday evening. The fact that three baggage cars and two coaches are required for the transportation of the scenery and company gives an idea of the magnitude of the production. This is a day of big theatrical achievements, when the theater rivals the circus in the amount of paraphernalia carried. As Salammbô Miss Walsh is said to have made the greatest success of her career. The sale seats for this engagement will open Thursday morning.

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Getting Ready to Move On.

thing about the pianist is the absence of showiness in his playing or of mannerisms in his execution. His solos last night found instant favor with the audience and he was persuaded to double his numbers.

The concert given last night was under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the People's Church.

"The Prince of Pilsen," the latest musical comedy success, played to a crowded house at the Metropolitan last night. It is undoubtedly one of the best musical comedies seen here for many seasons, and is well worthy of the generous patronage it has won. It verges closely on the bounds of genuine comic opera. The music is above the average, the principals competent and the chorus attractive and well drilled. The first matinee of the engagement will be given tomorrow afternoon, and the engagement of 'The Prince' will continue for the remainder of the week, with a special New Year's day matinee on Thursday at 2:30, and the usual Saturday matinee.

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the entire engagement will open Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

The public has taken very kindly, indeed, to the excellent bill offered at the Star this week by the Bowers Burlesquers. The house was packed at both performances yesterday, and the audiences were vociferously demonstrative of their appreciation. There are many clever things in the vaudeville bill and the burlesque is full of brilliant effects and funny dialogue. The Bowers Burlesquers is easily one of the season's hits.

Maude Lillian Berri, of the 'Sultan of Sulu' company, received a Christmas present, so she says, which promises her a small fortune. It is the popcorn privilege at the St. Louis exposition. Last summer she was playing there, and one evening at a public supper she was lamenting the fact that actresses rarely have an opportunity to make money. According to her story, ex-Gov. Francis, of Missouri, who was present at the supper, offered her the exclusive right to sell popcorn at the exposition. She says she took the matter as a joke until Wednesday, when she received an offer of \$5,000 for her right from a St. Louis man.

It had to come, of course, so the sooner it is done with the better. Theodore Kremer has just finished his dramatization of the bottle that kicked up all the rumpus in the Molnux murder case, and the play is to go on the road immediately. One of the striking scenes will be the death chamber at Sing Sing.

C. B. Dillingham will be the manager of Frank Daniels next season. He has arranged to present the comedian at the Broadway theater in a new comic opera by Harry B. Smith and Victor Herbert. It is understood that one of the conditions of the new contract was that Mr. Daniels should not overstep himself by attempting to play all of the principal parts.

CIVILIZED RULER INDULGES IN BARBARISM

Viceroy of India Heads a Pageant of Unparalleled Magnificence.

DELHI, India, Dec. 29.—The viceroy, Lord Curzon, made his state entry today into the city of Delhi. This constituted the official opening of the Durbar, held to celebrate the accession of King Edward as emperor of India. It was a splendid pageant, probably unparalleled in its magnificence.

At the head of the elephant procession rode Lord and Lady Curzon of the state "grand tusker," twelve feet high, the largest elephant in India. Their howdah was decked with silver and gold, and the elephant itself was almost hidden beneath a gold-worked saddle cloth. Surrounding them were footmen in scarlet and gold liveries and bearing massive silver staves. The Duke of Connaught, who represented King Edward, and the duchess of Connaught, followed in a howdah which was equally gorgeously compassioned. Then, in order of precedence, came ruling chiefs, seventy in all, their huge elephants forming a line a quarter of a mile in length.

This glittering procession started from the railroad station, preceded by dragoon guards and artillery. The viceroy's escort and by heralds and trumpeters. The route was entirely lined by British and native troops. From the saluting battery, posted at the fort commanding the Lahore gate, guns thundered out a royal salute as the viceroy passed, with the heralds and trumpeters sounding at intervals splintered fanfares. The cortege passed in front of a line of 150 elephants, carrying the brilliantly dressed retainers of the ruling chiefs. The colossal beasts all saluted by trumpeting and throwing their trunks in the air, presenting a magnificent sight. The pageant fell in line behind the official procession. Huge crowds of onlookers witnessed the spectacle.

Down the main street moved the cortege, through lines of saluting soldiers and excited, surging, saluting throngs of natives; through the city, with the balconies and housetops teeming with life, and through the Moree gate into the open park beyond. There, after a four-mile march, the elephants of the viceroy and the duke of Connaught halted side by side, and the pageant was concluded with the great princes filing by, their elephants trumpeting a salute.

Rapid-Fire Gun Contract.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The award of a contract for a rapid-fire, six-inch-type gun, was made today to the trustees of the Brown Segmental Wire Tube Gun by the chief of ordnance of the army under an allotment of \$41,000 provided by the board of ordnance and fortification. The gun must give a muzzle velocity of 3,500 foot seconds, which is an advance of 500 seconds over the velocity given by any gun in the army.



Mlle. Zelle de Lussan.

programme, calculated to spare rather than to fully reveal the capabilities of the voice. In addition to the 'Carmen' song, Mlle. de Lussan's most satisfactory numbers last night were 'Der Asra,' by Rubenstein, and 'Styrienne,' from Thomas 'Mignon.' The latter is little more than a scale of mocking laughter, but it was colored by de Lussan's remarkable gift of vocal expression.

The audience was most cordial in its reception of the singer last evening, and would gladly have had her repeat part of her programme. De Lussan consented to respond to but one encore, however, and the audience was forced to be content with that.

Ellis has given it this season is worth the patronage of all lovers of this style of dramatic diversion. Several changes have been made in this piece this season. The electric ballet and the Phassey troupe of singers and dancers are the most commendable features. A large audience greeted the piece again last evening.

Next Sunday night Robert B. Mantell will inaugurate his annual engagement in this city at the Grand opera house, presenting his romantic drama, 'The Dagger and the Cross,' which will also be the bill for Monday and Tuesday evening performances of his engagement. For the Wednesday matinee only, 'The Lady of Lyons' will be the offering, and on Wednesday and Thursday nights Mr. Mantell will appear in 'Monbars,' conceded to be his best play. On Friday and Saturday nights on for the Saturday matinee Mr. Mantell will present 'The Face in the Moonlight.' The sale of seats for