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A successful method of making wood proof against both fire and decay is being introduced in Germany. The cells of the timber are emptied of air in a vacuum and filled with sulphate and borate of ammonia.

Steps are being taken to develop valuable deposits of fuller's earth, near Beulah, Col. The few deposits of this substance already located in the Centennial state are said to be among the purest to be found anywhere in the world.

The telephone was used recently for the first time in the history of the Roman Catholic church by its supreme pontiff, at the vatican, when Pope Pius X phoned via "long distance" to Venice, 350 miles away, and he talked with Monsignor Cavallari, whom he had just appointed patriarch of that see.

It is a good thing for the notorious toll weevil, not to mention other similar pests, that they did not become notorious at an earlier date, or they would have certainly found themselves excommunicated, says the Manchester Guardian. It is a remarkable fact that the excommunication of the lower animals lasted until so late as the eighteenth century.

The time limit being one of the burning questions at the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Los Angeles, Zion's Herald, of Boston, says there are eight instances of ministers remaining beyond the fifth year. Of these "one remained eight years, one seven years, six for six years, and the salaries ranged from \$800 to \$1,700, and the membership from 78 to 931.

The canal property at Panama has been taken possession of by the United States, and the Stars and Stripes are waving at the isthmus. This is the last formality attending the transfer of ownership. From this time onward the United States will occupy and govern the zone through which the canal will run, extending between the two oceans. American sovereignty is established along that belt of land, which is by far the most important part of the entire region between North and South America.

The solemn, crushing vengeance that overtook Lieut. Col. Hanzoku, of the Japanese general staff—the modern Benedict Arnold—is appalling. He was condemned and he was not allowed to communicate with his family or to kill himself, but he was shot within the palace walls and his body buried on the edge of a moat and the grave leveled with the earth. Not a word of his fate has appeared in the Japanese press. His personality has been obliterated and his name is never again to be mentioned in Japan.

Gen. Osterhaus is an honored name in the history of St. Louis and in that of the section in a time that tried men's soul. After an absence of many years abroad, the general is once more in that city, where he met with a heartfelt welcome. From a position as officer in a Missouri volunteer regiment, Gen. Osterhaus rose to a major generalship and the command of a corps. He saw incessant hard service from the battle of Wilson's creek to the surrender of Kirby Smith. The high compliment can be paid him that he was both a safe and a brilliant officer.

The entirely successful opening of the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis is a source of great pleasure to its promoters. A good start, under bright skies, was a happy omen. It is remarked that all the exhibits are not in place. But more are ready than any person can inspect in an ordinary visit. The buildings are a glorious study in architecture and art, and the shifting scenes on the two square miles inclosed are intensely novel and interesting. The fair will not be precisely the same on any two days. It is at this moment the most absorbingly entertaining place in the world. There is no need to wait. The fair, the creation of years of effort, is magnificent now.

Of all the testimony given in the Smoot investigation at Washington, the most important was that given by Judge O. W. Powers, of Utah. Brigham Roberts and Patriarch Cannon substantiated President Smith's testimony as to the lawlessness of the Mormons with regard to polygamy. Judge Powers went into the more vital aspects of this matter. "There is a worse thing than polygamy about Mormonism," Judge Powers told the committee. "It is the un-American domination of the hierarchy, requiring its followers to accept the word of its leaders as the word of God, interfering in politics and working socially to attain ends that are antagonistic to American institutions."

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

#### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

The war department has concluded to ignore the charges made by Capt. J. P. Walker, United States army, retired, against Col. Mills, superintendent of the West Point military academy, and a recommendation that no further action be taken was submitted to Secretary Taft.

When they found that the isolation of Porth Arthur was inevitable, Viceroy Alexieff and Grand Duke Boris hastily gathered up all important documents and surplus money, loaded what field artillery there was on to a train and retreated to Mukden, leaving Gen. Stoessel to hold the bag till the Japs should relieve him.

Fearing to stand the new trial that might have been granted him, Curtis Jett, the convicted assassin of James B. Marcum and Town Marshal Cockrill of Jackson, Ky., has dismissed his appeal and accepted the life sentence given him for the murder of Marcum.

After an absence of 29 years, during which time he has served the country of his adoption in both peace and war, Gen. Peter J. Osterhaus arrived in St. Louis, on the night of the 5th, and was warmly welcomed by many of his old comrades in arms.

The funeral of Mauraus Jokai, the Hungarian novelist, who died of inflammation of the lungs at Buda Pest, on the 6th, will be made a state affair.

Representatives of the powers, at Peking, according to good authority, without exception are seeking to make the Chinese government observe strict neutrality.

On the 6th George W. Parker, of San Francisco, president of the Pacific Coast Gypsum Co., was run down by an automobile and probably fatally injured. His shoulder and three ribs were broken.

An injunction was issued by Judge Tuley, in Chicago, on the 6th, restraining the Woman's Catholic Order of Foresters from holding the biennial convention of the order at Minneapolis, May 10. The date named, it was charged, would prevent the attendance of many who wished to attend.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. announced that the Hong Kong and Shanghai banking corporation and Farr's bank, limited, of London, has purchased from the Japanese government £10,000,000, seven year six per cent. treasury notes, redeemable after three years at the option of the government, and secured by an exclusive first lien on the customs.

The French government will reject both in substance and form the note of protest against President Loubet's visit to the quirinal at Rome, sent by the vatican to all Catholic powers. The French ambassador to the Holy See has been instructed by Foreign Minister Delcasse to notify the papal secretary of state to this effect, and to declare that France considers the protest to be null and void.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The tornado that swept northwest Texas, on the night of the 5th, killed Mrs. Mary Wagley, her daughter Anna and G. Anthony at Moran. A dozen persons were seriously injured. At Putnam one man was killed and one woman injured. There were casualties at other points.

A London dispatch of the 6th said: "Port Arthur is completely cut off by land and sea. One great Japanese army of 63,000 men and 126 guns is landing, or has landed at Pitsewo, about fifty miles northeast of the doomed fortress, and already an equally powerful corps has reached Kin Chow, on the east side of the Lalo Tung peninsula, while at the south Admiral Togo has shut the sea gates on the Russian stronghold."

On the 6th Joseph Gibbs, a passenger on a Union Pacific train, was killed in attempting to board the train. He was on the way from his California home to Pittsburg.

In a fire that destroyed the Hotel Turret, a two-story wooden structure, at Turret, a mining camp 12 miles north of Salida, Col., on the 6th, Raymond Zooks, a young miner, was burned to death, and six other persons had a narrow escape from being cremated.

The navy department having declined to grant a third trial for the cruiser Denver, the vessel was delivered to the government, under the contract, on the 6th, and the payment to the contractors will be made on the basis of the showing of that vessel at her last trial.

Goaded by insane jealousy Samuel Roby, a farmer near Liberty, Mo., shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Thomas Pennington, and then shot and killed himself. Mrs. Pennington and her husband were visiting Roby's home.

Eight hundred Thibetans coming from the direction of Sbigatze attacked the British column at Gyangise at dawn on April 5. The Thibetans were repulsed with heavy loss and fled. The British loss was two wounded.

### CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

A house in Progresso, Yucatan, has been raided by the police, who captured two Americans by the name of Ford and Williams, who were caught manufacturing counterfeit money.

The treasury department has awarded to the Galesburg Gas & Electric Light Co. the contract for the installation of steam-heating apparatus in the public building at Galesburg, Ill.

The artillery band (the Zapadores), the band selected to represent Mexico at the musical contests at the St. Louis exposition, will leave there for that city June 1. It is composed of 60 select musicians.

Carlisle D. Graham, who earned for himself the sobriquet of "Hero of the Niagara" by his frequent trips through the whirlpool rapids in a barrel, is going abroad, and will make an attempt to swim the English channel.

Contrary to what has been deemed probable a general strike of all union bakers in New England was not ordered at the convention of the Massachusetts state branch of the Bakery and Confectionery workers, held at Boston on the 8th.

The treasury warrant for \$40,000,000 to be delivered to J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York, on account of the Panama canal purchase, was taken to that city on the 8th by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw. It was delivered by the secretary to Morgan & Co. on the 9th.

Herman Earl Wilson, an extra conductor in the employ of the Fort Wayne & Southwestern Traction Co. at Fort Wayne, Ind., met instant death, on the 7th, receiving an electric shock as he attempted to make a telephone connection with the company's private system.

Seventeen business places and ten dwellings were destroyed in a fire which wiped out half of Utica, Mich., on the 8th. Practically nothing could be done in the way of fighting the fire until the arrival of an engine and company of firemen from Detroit. The village had scarcely any fire fighting apparatus.

The demand for press seats at the two national conventions far exceeds the capacity of the space set apart for the newspapers of the country. At the Chicago convention there will be 294 seats in the press reservation, and already there have been received 1,300 applications. The demand for seats at the St. Louis convention also is far in excess of the capacity of the space reserved for the press.

### CURRENT NEWS ITEMS.

A bill has been introduced in the German reichstag which would award damages to all persons unjustly arrested.

Fire at Indianapolis, Ind., caused a loss of \$50,000 to the Wisconsin Paper Co. and Climax Coffee and Baking Powder Co.

Reports from the storm-swept area of Texas are as yet incomplete, but it is believed that at least 20 persons lost their lives.

Father Schilling, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor, St. Louis, was found dead in bed by his curate.

The amity of nations is shown at the World's fair. Prince and Princess von Hohenlohe were entertained in the French pavilion.

Mrs. Daniel Manning, president of the World's fair board of lady managers, received a silver-mounted gavel from the members of the board.

D. J. Sully testified at the bankruptcy proceedings in New York that Edwin Hawley was a partner in the deal to corner the cotton market.

In the last week women have stolen from the unwary in St. Louis more than \$2,000. The police are making efforts to round up the thieves.

The navy department refused to grant a third trial for the cruiser Denver, and it has been delivered to the government under the contract.

The first issue of the Lawton (Okla.) Daily Constitution came out Friday. The Constitution is a democratic paper and is edited by N. W. Smalls.

The sultan of Jolo, in the Philippines, expects to visit the World's fair after he has put down a rebellion and secured the head of Datto Asan.

Delegates to the biennial convention in Washington of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America were received, Friday, by President Roosevelt.

Minister Thompson cables the state department that Brazil threatens to resort to arms unless Peru withdraws her troops from the disputed territory.

Bishop Stephen Merrill, after serving the Methodist Episcopal church for 59 years, has tendered his resignation to the general conference in session at Los Angeles, Cal.

Fifteen postal stations just outside the corporate limits of St. Louis have been discontinued by the post office department. It is said they were es-

### MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

#### Frank of University Students.

Members of the sophomore class of the agricultural department of the Missouri university broke into the agricultural museum and took out two of the finest mounted specimens in the museum—a white English cow of rare breed and a stuffed hog. These stuffed animals were placed on the portico of Academic hall in the places formerly occupied by the historic bronze lions. The cow was a very valuable specimen, and was given to the university several years ago by Queen Victoria. Officials of the agricultural department are very indignant, and say they will not only suspend the offenders, but will prosecute them. This is the first time in the history of the agricultural department has engaged in any student pranks.

#### Must Serve Term in Jail.

James Henry, 30 years old, was captured near West Fall, and is now in jail at Macon for violation of a banishment order by the circuit court. Henry was before the court in April, 1903, and pleaded guilty to the charge of attempting to kill his old mother with an ax. He had knocked her down, and was standing over her with the weapon raised when a neighbor ran to her rescue and wrenched the ax out of the son's hands. Henry was banished from the state for a year, but refused to obey the order of the court and managed to dodge the officers until he was shot during a quarrel with a saloonkeeper. He will be kept in jail for the term he was banished.

#### Six Wedded By One Ceremony.

Two daughters and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Willia Aslinger were married by the same ceremony at the Aslinger residence, near Marquand, in Madison county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fred Brotherton, J. E. McCormick married Miss Effie Aslinger, and Miss Ida Aslinger became the bride of William T. Green. Anderson Aslinger married Miss Esther McCormick.

#### Stolen Jewelry Recovered.

Mrs. John Hazard, of Midland Heights, St. Louis county, recovered a pocket book containing \$500 worth of jewelry and \$200 in cash which had been stolen from her. Mrs. Hazard found the pocketbook under the ice box in the kitchen. A certain party was suspected, and it is thought he returned the booty, being afraid of arrest.

#### Body Found in the River.

The body of an unidentified man was found in the Mississippi river at Jefferson barracks, in St. Louis county. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide. The man was of medium height and about 45 years of age, and there were no marks of violence. The body was buried near the spot where it was taken from the water.

#### Noiseless Fourth For St. Joseph.

Chief of Police Frans of St. Joseph has issued an anti-firecracker Fourth of July order. It is effective against the retail dealers and jobbers who sell torpedoes, crackers and the like, as well as against the patriotic youth who makes the noise. The order is issued early so the dealers will not overstock on pyrotechnics.

#### Lightning Strikes Roby's House.

The superstitious were awed, at Missouri City, when the house of Samuel B. Roby, who, in a fit of jealous rage, shot Mrs. Pennington and killed himself, was struck by lightning and ignited. Mrs. Pennington herself lay stricken in the very room in which the lightning came, and the bed clothing was set on fire.

#### Want a Quiet Sabbath.

The ministers' alliance of Nevada is making an effort to stop Sunday baseball in that city, and also to stop Sunday excursions. Petitions are being circulated, asking the Missouri Pacific and M. & T. companies to discontinue all Sunday excursions to Nevada.

#### Mail Pouch Stolen.

A mail pouch, containing over \$1,000 in drafts and other valuable papers, was stolen from the platform at the Wabash depot at Centralia, but was found later. All the letters had been opened and the money extracted.

#### Officials Slow to Act.

The dead body of an unidentified man laid in a field for three days after being discovered at Prospect Hill, in St. Louis county. The body was badly decomposed, causing a sickening stench to permeate the air.

#### Missouri Presbytery Meets.

The Missouri presbytery met at Auxvasse. Rev. Frank Mitchell, of Keytesville, preached the opening sermon. He was elected clerk, and Rev. J. E. Kerr, of Montgomery City, was elected moderator.

#### Saved By a Steel Clasp.

Thomas Ryan, a World's fair visitor, was hot in the abdomen by a highwayman in St. Louis. A steel clasp on the waistband of his trousers prevented a fatal wound.

## CALM DISCIPLINE PREVENTED PANIC

What Might Have Been a Repetition of Iroquois Horror.

WAS AVERTED BY COOLNESS

Proctor's Theater, in New York City, Was on Fire, and a Panic Was Prevented by Display of Police Clubs.

New York, May 8.—Discipline, calmness and ready wit prevented a panic in Proctor's theater Friday night. The second act of "A Rose of Plymouth Town" was on. Smoke curled slowly up from a window of the fifth floor of the other half of the theater building, used for offices and the storage of scenery. A red tongue of flame licked out. In three seconds more the upper floors were roaring with fire.

#### A Level-Headed Manager.

Manager Brunelle kept his head cool. He touched an electric button that rang bells wherever an usher or attendant was stationed. The ringing, just loud enough for the theater employees, but not for the audience to hear, meant "fire; every man to his place."

"Ladies and gentlemen," said the manager, speaking in a voice that penetrated every corner of the theater, but had no tone of alarm in it, "there is a fire in the building next door. There is not the slightest cause for alarm, so every man, woman and child must keep his seat. Must keep his seat, you understand. You will all get out safely and quickly."

#### A Small Boy Yelled "Fire."

Then a woman in the balcony screamed. A small boy in the gallery yelled "Fire!" At the rear of the orchestra floor a rush for the door began. At that instant the big doors swung open, and Capt. Nally, at the head of 15 policemen, appeared. The detail split, a third running down each aisle until they had the whole floor commanded. Nally ran to the footlights and waved his stick, calling out in a loud voice:

#### Clubs Were Tramped.

"Keep your seats! If anybody in this house starts a stampede, I'll knock his head off. The first man or woman that tries a rush for the door will be smashed with a club."

There was no rush. In six minutes after the policemen had seen the smoke the theater had been emptied from gallery to orchestra floors, and the big crowd herded into the streets without a single person being burned, bruised or scratched.

The firemen got the flames under control after about \$70,000 damage had been done.

#### ANOTHER THEATER FIRE.

Interior of the Curtis Theater at Denver, Col., Destroyed.

Denver, Col., May 8.—The interior of the Curtis theater, which had just been newly equipped, was destroyed by fire that started on the stage at 2:30 a. m. All the traveling equipment, costumes and scenery of the May Howard extravaganza company, which was showing at the theater, was burned.

The total loss is estimated at \$55,000. The fire is believed to have started from an improperly insulated electric wire.

For a time the fire threatened to spread to the Chicago hotel, where the May Howard company and a number of others are guests. Heroic effort of the firemen which was especially directed toward the hotel, prevented the fire from spreading, however.

#### MARRIED MEN PREFERRED

Order Posted in the Post Office at Des Moines, Ia., Said to Have Come From Washington.

Des Moines, Ia., May 8.—"Hereafter preference will be shown to clerks who are married, especially those with large families."

The above notice has been posted in the Des Moines post office. Postmaster McKay stated the order came from the post office department at Washington, and is in line with a suggestion from President Roosevelt and his large families idea.

#### A Mascot for Jerusalem.

St. Louis, May 8.—The first baby born in the New Jerusalem at the World's fair came about ten o'clock Friday night. It is a diminutive donkey colt, and its arrival caused a general rejoicing among the dark skinned inhabitants of the reproduced Holy City. It will be their mascot.

#### President of Peru Dead.

Lima, Peru, May 8.—President Candamo who had been ill for some time at Arequipa, died to-day.