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It is estimated that about 3,000 children in Missouri have been named after President Roosevelt.

Tolstoy has given up reading the newspapers, but his friends tell him the news. He spends much time roaming the woods.

For every shark captured in the Adriatic fishermen are to receive bounties ranging from $2 to $200, according to the variety and size of the fish.

Viscount Hayashi, of Japan, has informed the Scottish Anti-Tobacco society that the Japanese police confiscate the "smoking instruments" of any youth under 20 years, as well as his supply of the weed.

The Italian minister of agriculture has written to a German society for the protection of animals that his government will probably soon take action to check the wholesale slaughter of birds in Italy.

To-day 130,000,000 of people speak English, 100,000,000 speak Russian (for not all the people of the empire talk the national tongue), 75,000,000 use German, 70,000,000 employ Spanish, including the inhabitants of the Latin-American countries, and 40,000,000 speak French.

Ozone, the great purifier, is produced artificially by passing an electric spark through oxygen or, better, by the action of a high-tension current of electricity without sparking. It is also made in decomposing water by electricity. A mixture of ozone and oxygen appears at the positive pole.

Chinese residents of St. Louis will soon have a fellow countryman to fight their legal battles for them. Jeu Tom, who has lived in this country for 24 years, has applied for admission to the bar. He came to America when he was 14 years old, and at the age of 20 returned to China to marry the girl whom his parents had selected for him.

The Empress Dowager of China is feeling the weight of her years and is anxious to have her last resting place made ready before she is "invited to become a guest of heaven." The Shanghai North China Herald says that something like $5,000,000 has already been spent on the proposed mausoleum, west of Peking, designated "the happy land of a myriad years."

The earl of Derby said at the meeting of the British Association for the Prevention of Consumption that light and air would do more good to the sufferer from tuberculosis than any medical treatment. Experience has shown in this country that the open-air treatment has produced the most gratifying results. The experiment has been tried in many states and with good results.

The cathedral of the Holy Savior in Moscow is probably the most magnificent church in the world. Its five cupolas are covered with pure gold one-eighth inch in thickness. Its internal decorations are magnificent and very costly. This church is the nation's thank-offering for the deliverance of Moscow from the French. It took 50 years to build, and its cost has been estimated at £10,000,000 sterling.

Nan Patterson, the actress, found that her notoriety gained in her trials for the alleged murder of Cæsar Young in New York was unfavorable to her. She was engaged by a theatrical firm at a salary of $200 a week to reappear on the stage. She was greeted by small audiences in her tour through Pennsylvania and quit in disgust and in tears at Altoona, Pa., her first week. She has returned to her parents in Washington.

Memorial day this year came under widely different conditions from those which prevailed at all previous recurrences of the holiday. The restoration of all the battle-flags captured from the confederacy during the civil war has brought out expressions of warm appreciation from all parts of the South. The bill which ordered the restoration was introduced by a republican, passed each branch of the congress by a unanimous vote, and was promptly and cheerfully signed by President Roosevelt.

Germany, in common with most other European nations is carrying out the policy of promoting peace by preparing for war by making large increases in both her military and naval establishments. Under the provisions of the new army bill the strength of the German army on a peace footing will be increased until it reaches the number of 505,839 in 1909. This involves an addition of nearly ten thousand men, excluding, apparently, officers and non-commissioned officers, and one-year volunteers.

SUMMER ILLS—THE VACATION FACE.

Where Shall He Take the Family?

CUTS LOOSE FROM SWEDEN

The Norwegian Storthing Declares Union With Sweden Ended.

The Authority of King Oscar Repudiated and a Provisional Government Established.

Christiana, Norway, June 9.—Norway has cut loose from Swedish rule. The storthing, or Norwegian parliament, has declared the union between the two countries dissolved, repudiated the authority of King Oscar and established a provisional Norwegian government by empowering the present state council to exercise, until further notice, the power hitherto vested in the king.

The immediate cause of the present breach between Sweden and Norway is the king's refusal to grant the storthing's demand for separate diplomatic representation for Norway.

The real cause of the trouble is far deeper than this, however. The Norwegians have long maintained that Sweden has persistently infringed on their governmental powers, and that Norway has practically been exploited for Sweden's benefit.

Whether Sweden will submit quietly to Norway's secession is as yet a question. It is certain that Sweden has not anticipated so radical a move, and that the storthing's action will come as a complete surprise to the Swedish government.

The storthing adopted an address to the king, declaring that no ill feeling is entertained against him, his dynasty or the Swedish nation, and asking him to co-operate in the selection of a young prince of the house of Bernadotte to occupy the throne of Norway.

THE ARCHBISHOP ESCAPED.

An Attempt to Kill the Archbishop of Ibarra, Catholic Prelate of Puebla.

Mexico City, June 9.—There was much excitement among the people of Tetela Deloro, state of Puebla, over an attempt that was made to kill Archbishop Ibarra, the distinguished Catholic priest of Puebla. He was visiting the parish priest, when a bomb was thrown upon the roof of the house by an unknown person. The bomb exploded, completely wrecking the dining room, which the archbishop and his host had left only a few minutes before. The whole house was badly shattered, but the archbishop escaped uninjured.

WILL NOT MEET GEN. MILES.

The President Will Attend the Harvard Commencement as a Private Citizen.

Boston, Mass., June 9.—When President Roosevelt comes to Boston this month to attend the Harvard commencement and the reunion of his class, it will be as a private citizen His wish in the matter has been communicated to Gov. Douglas, with the specific request that he be not accorded an official reception.

Should Mr. Roosevelt come to Massachusetts in his capacity of president, the governor would be required to detail the chief members of his staff to receive the guest, and thus Mr. Roosevelt and Lieut. Gen. Miles would be compelled to meet and greet each other.

Fireman Killed in Wreck.

Farmington, Mo., June 8.—William Sheets, of Doe Run, a fireman on the Mississippi River & Bonne Terre railway, was killed at Flat River. A rail broke, and the engine rolled down a 20-foot embankment.

"BETTER FEELING" EXISTS.

More Seasonable Weather Has Brought About a "Better Feeling" in Business.

New York, June 10.—Bradstreet's weekly review says:

The situation this week may be summed up in the phrase, "better feeling," which is predicated on rather more seasonable weather, allowing better crop progress, a larger volume of retail trade and improved re-order business at wholesale. These in turn are reflected in a more assured tone as to fall business in distributive lines. Relatively best advices come from surplus cereal crop producing regions, but the feeling at the south is likewise better. Against this is to be noted some temporary quieting, due to rains or cold weather in the northwest, the lake region and the east, while new business in iron and steel is smaller and prices are easing. All measures of trade movement still point unmistakably to large gains in all lines over a year ago.

Crop reports confirm last week's intimations of a turn for the better in winter wheat, corn and cotton crop prospects.

OUT INTO THE WORLD AGAIN.

A Missourian Claims He Suffered For a Crime He Never Committed—Friends Believe Him.

St. Paul, Minn., May 9.—Thomas R. Senter has been released from the Minnesota penitentiary, where he had served over four years on a charge of forgery. He was convicted of forging papers in Faribault county, this state.

At the time of his arrest Senter lived in Scotland county, Mo., and claimed he was never in Minnesota up to the time of his arrest. He asserts there is a man in the penitentiary who swore away his liberty by means of an anonymous circular. Senter's Missouri friends labored strenuously to obtain a pardon for him, and through their efforts the board of pardons reduced the sentence of ten years and three months to four years. As Senter came out of Stillwater prison he said: "Knowledge that I was innocent has made my incarceration almost unbearable, but thank God I am again free and able to return home, where my friends and family believe the crime was committed by another man."

NO HOPE FOR MRS. ROGERS.

Supreme Court of United States Refuses to Interfere in Mrs. Rogers' Behalf.

Albany, N. Y., June 10.—Judge Rufus W. Peckham, of the United States supreme court, has declined to grant a writ of error which would allow the case of Mrs. Mary Rogers, of Vermont, now under sentence for the murder of her husband, to go to the United States court. The decision means that the last hope, except the governor intervenes, of saving the woman's life is gone.

A Special Papal Visitor.

Washington, June 10.—President Roosevelt received a call from Archbishop Francis Albin Symon, of Rome, a personal representative of the pope and a special papal visitor to the United States, authorized to investigate the conditions of the Polish Catholic church in America.

Bark Blew Up, Crew Saved.

Antigua, British West Indies, June 10.—The British bark Andes, loaded with asphalt, blew up, Thursday, after putting into port on account of fire. The crew were saved.

GETTING OUT OF THE WOODS

Radical Move Made in Reorganization of the Equitable.

Paul Morton Elected Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Old Officials Resign.

New York, June 10.—Paul Morton, who retires from the secretaryship of the navy on July 1, was, on Friday, elected chairman of the board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance society. His election marks the first and most important step in the reorganization of the society, and was followed by the tender of the resignations of President James W. Alexander, Vice-President James H. Hyde, Second VicePresident G. E. Tarbell, Third Vice-President George T. Wilson and Fourth Vice-President William H. McIntyre.

The new chairman, to further quote Senator Depew, did not consent to take office until he had received positive assurances that he would have a "free hand as to measures and men."

Mr. Hyde "divested" himself of the majority control, but, as made clear in his letter to the board, retains a substatial interest in the society.

HON. PAUL MORTON.
The New Head of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

All of the resignations submitted to the meeting are subject to the pleasure of Chairman Morton, and none has yet been accepted.

Just what action Mr. Morton will take as to these resignations was not disclosed, but it was strongly intimated that President Alexander and Vice-Presidents Tarbell, Wilson and McIntyre retired with the belief that their executive relations with the Equitable had ended.

The interests to which Mr. Hyde disposed of his stock number some two score individuals, led by Thomas F. Ryan, vice-president of the Morton Trust Co., which has close relations with the Mutual Life Insurance Co., one of the Equitable society's principal rivals.

The men requested to hold the majority stock by Mr. Ryan are former President Grover Cleveland, George Westinghouse, of Pittsburg, and Morgan J. O'Brien, recently elevated to the chief justiceship of the appellate division of the supreme court of this district.

LOYALTY TO KING OSCAR.

Demonstration at Stockholm Following News of the Secession of Norway.

Stockholm, June 8.—The Norwegian coup d' etat was answered here, Wednesday night, by a great patriotic demonstration of loyalty to and sympathy with King Oscar. A great procession, accompanied by bands, went to Rosendal castle, where the bands played the national anthem. In a few minutes the king and other members of the royal family appeared on a balcony of the castle and were enthusiastically cheered by the demonstrators, while a number of ladies advanced from the crowd and presented the king with a bouquet.

Though greatly excited over the situation, the populace remains outwardly calm.

Approved in Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, June 8.—The announcement that the Norwegian storthing, by a unanimous vote had declared that it could no longer acknowledge King Oscar as king of Norway was received here not with surprise, but with the same spirit of approval and determination that prevailed in Christiana.

Woman Walks 250 Miles.

Macon, Mo., June 11.—Having walked 250 miles from Muscatine, Ia., on her way to St. Louis, Mrs. Joan O'Connor arrived here penniless and in a pitiable condition. Macon citizens were touched and contributed more than enough to purchase transportation to her destination. Mrs. O'Connor is a widow and is going to relatives in St. Louis.

For Alleged Boycotting.

Quincy, Ill., June 10.—The Weems Laundry and Pure Ice Co. has instituted suit in the Adams county circuit court against 60 persons for alleged boycotting.

MRS. MYERS WAS CONVICTED

The Jury at Liberty, Mo., Found Her Guilty of the Murder of Her Husband.

Liberty, Mo., June 12.—The jury which has been sitting for the past week in the case of Agnes Myers, of Kansas City, charged with the murder of her husband, Clarence Myers, returned a verdict, Sunday, of guilty of murder in the first degree. The verdict means that the death penalty—hanging—is to be inflicted. When the jury retired at 11 o'clock Saturday night it stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal. The jury continued its consideration of the case intermittently throughout the night, and the deliberations continued for several hours Sunday. It was not until the most urgent arguments were presented by the ten men in favor of conviction that the other two were prevailed upon to change their votes.

The crime for which Mrs. Myers was convicted was one of the most atrocious ever committed. According to the story of her paramour, Frank Hottman, who confessed to being an accomplice with Mrs. Myers in the murder of her husband, the crime was premeditated and was executed in the most brutal manner. Hottman was tried last February for the crime and was convicted, and is now awaiting the death penalty.

FIRE IN ST. LOUIS SUBURB.

Two Teamsters Reported Missing in a Fire Which Burned Stables at Wellston, Mo.

St. Louis, June 12.—Fire which supposably originated from an overturned lantern in the stable in the rear of No. 6223 Easton avenue, spread to four brick buildings and threatened with destruction that section of Wellston for a time at 10:30 o'clock last night.

Early this morning it was reported by the police that two of the half dozen teamsters who have been sleeping in the Motts & Forrest stable were missing.

Fully 5,000 visitors to west end summer gardens were marooned for several hours on account of the trolley wires being burned away.

LOSSES REACH MILLIONS.

Thousands of Acres of Rich Farm Lands in Northeast Missouri Under Water.

Quincy, Ill., June 12.—Thousands of acres of rich farming land with growing crops of corn, wheat and oats, in northeast Missouri, are covered with water, ranging in depth from a few inches to ten feet. The losses in the various flooded sections will reach millions.

Many heads of cattle and other stock have been drowned, and large quantities of personal property have been lost or destroyed by the high water in the Mississippi river and tributary streams.

Seven persons are reported missing in the vicinity of Alexandria, Mo.

TEN YEARS FOR BIGELOW.

The Milwaukee Bank Defaulter Goes to Fort Leavenworth Prison for Ten Years.

Milwaukee, June 12.—Frank G. Bigelow, self-confessed defaulter of the funds of the First national bank to the amount of a million and a half dollars, pleaded guilty to an indictment of the federal grand jury containing ten counts, each a violation of the national banking laws, and was sentenced by United States District Judge Joseph V. Quarles to ten years' imprisonment at hard labor in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kas. Bigelow arrived at Fort Leavenworth Sunday night.

GOLDEN STATE LAND FRAUDS

Investigator Declares They Dwarf Those of Oregon—Serious Charges Against Officials.

San Francisco, June 12.—Francis J. Heany, United States district attorney, appointed to prosecute the land fraud cases in Oregon, who has been investigating similar frauds in California, declared that the California frauds dwarf those of Oregon.

It is alleged that some officials of the state land office are involved in frauds and their assistance made the work of the land grabbers easy.

A BIT OF FRENCH COURTESY.

They Tender a Torpedo Boat to Carry Paul Jones' Body Down the River Seine.

Paris, June 12.—The French government has indicated its willingness to assign a torpedo boat to carry the body of Paul Jones down the River Seine from Paris to Havre, where a French squadron will deliver the body to an American squadron.

This will necessitate a change in the rendezvous of the American squadron from Cherbourg to Havre, which is now under consideration.