

Gov. Hoch, of Kansas, referring to the enforcement of the prohibition law, says that the state is "80 per cent. dry."

So poor are the Russian peasants, says a writer, that even the roach and black beetle can not find sustenance in their huts.

Automobiles can cross the frontier of Russia only by special permission of the minister of finance, obtained by written request.

Dr. William Royal Stokes and Dr. John S. Fulton, of the Maryland board of health, insist that they have discovered a curative serum for typhoid fever, after a four years' search.

Ellen Kay, one of the foreign leaders of the movement for equal rights for women, expressed her regrets in a recent lecture in Vienna at the "Americanization" of that movement.

The duchess of Marlborough' particular fad is the collecting of artistically bound books. She is so absorbed in that pursuit that she has forgotten her earlier fad of collecting miniatures.

The British Niam-Niam expedition in Africa, which has returned to Khartum, after putting down the revolt of the Bahr-el-Gazel, has brought back a curious trophy in the shape of the sultan's great war drum. It is cut out of the trunk of a tree, stands four feet high and is carved to represent a buffalo.

The origin of belief in "horseshoe luck" is so ancient that it never has been determined with certainty, and no superstition is more universal. Ever since horses began to wear shoes these crescents of iron have been accounted lucky emblems of all people, races and nations that have been acquainted with their use.

The will of an Australian detective provided an unusual way for dividing his property among his six children. His estate, about \$35,000, consisted mostly of realty. He ordered that six envelopes should be placed in a box, each child to draw one and have the portion of the property described on the paper inside the envelope.

Dr. Nalpasie is preaching in Paris the gospel of the shake-hand-less salute, which he declares partly responsible for the excellent health prevailing in unhygienic Turkey. You put your hand to your heart, lips and forehead successively to express that your friend is always in the heart, on the lips and in the thoughts. It is pretty and you neither give nor take microbes.

The millinery jobbers in the St. Louis market, whose business is estimated at \$8,000,000 a year, are greatly agitated over the way in which Game Warden J. H. Rodes, of Sedalia, will execute the Walmsey law, passed by the legislature 90 days ago and which went into effect on June 17. While the law was intended to preserve the fish and game of the state, it bears heavily on the millinery trade, because it absolutely prohibits a fowl or any parts of it to be exposed for sale.

Many people will be surprised to learn that John D. Rockefeller, as president of the big Standard Oil Co., receives a salary of only \$20,000 a year, or less than the average New York bank president. It has been stated time and time again that the Standard Oil Co. paid to its officers larger salaries than any other corporation in the United States, but a glance at the pay-roll of the corporation would serve to set at rest all rumors of this kind.

As a family record the following would be hard to beat: In the town of Thurso, England, a man 87 years old still follows his duties as superintendent of some flagstone quarries. Among the workmen he has seven sons, six sons-in-law, 29 grandsons, four grandsons-in-law and two great-grandsons. Forty-nine members of one family, all connected with the same trade and living in the same district, is something decidedly out of the common.

The widespread influence of the American educational effort at Harput, Asiatic Turkey, during the last half century has done much to prepare the way for commercial effort in that region. It has brought about a feeling of respect and admiration for the American home and its accessories, for our books, periodicals, inventive skill and practical devices and enterprise. It has likewise led to deep-seated confidence in the integrity and business principles of the American nation. Another helpful feature is the growing dissatisfaction with the articles of European manufacture.

**THE CZAR NEEDS A LARGE SUPPLY.**



**CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS**

Formal Opening of Twenty-Second International Convention.

President Clark Detained by Illness - Letter of Regret From President Roosevelt Read.

Baltimore, Md., July 6.—The formal opening of the twenty-second international Christian Endeavor convention took place Wednesday in Armory hall, with about 8,000 delegates present, and nearly all the 16,000 seats in the vast auditorium occupied.

In the absence of President Clark, who is detained at home by illness, Rev. Howard B. Grosse, of New York, presided. Treasurer Shaw of the united society read a letter from President Roosevelt, in which the latter expressed regret at not being able to address the convention, but sent greetings, closing with the following words:

"To make better citizens, to lift up the standard of American manhood and womanhood is to do the greatest service to the country. The stability of this government depends upon the individual character of its citizenship. No more important work can be done, important to the cause of Christianity, as well as to our national life and greatness."

The reading of the letter evoked hearty applause, and the convention voted unanimously for a reply thanking the president, expressing a wish to join with him in paying tribute to the memory of the late secretary of state, John Hay, and asking the president to stop at Baltimore on his way home, that he might address them.

**TRADE HAS BEEN RETARDED**

Holiday and Weather Influences Have Combined to Retard Business in Some Sections.

New York, July 8.—Bradstreet's weekly review says:

Holiday influences, irregular weather and crop reports and seasonable shut downs for repairs and inventories have tended to limit the turn-over. Too much rain in the west has retarded trade in that section, and from the south similar reports come. In the central west and east and southwest, however, trade is of full summer volume, with a good retail distribution and fair returns for summer goods from jobbers. The sharp advance in raw cotton has had a rather stimulating effect on southern trade sentiment, though indicating smaller than expected yields, the feeling being that higher prices will offset reduced production. The advance of raw cotton has stimulated inquiry for cotton goods, which have been generally advanced 5 to 10 per cent., and buyers complain of slow deliveries.

**HEAT WAS ALMOST TOO MUCH**

Miss Alice Roosevelt Suffered a Mild Attack of Heat Prostration.

San Francisco, July 8.—Miss Alice Roosevelt was greatly oppressed by the intense heat in Berkeley, Friday, and after nearly fainting was forced to leave the open Greek theater at the University of California, where Secretary Taft was delivering a speech. Miss Roosevelt recovered quickly on returning to the city and, after resting at the hotel, felt sufficiently well to attend the reception given to Secretary Taft and his party by Mrs. Ellinor Martin in the evening.

**HAY FUNERAL AT CLEVELAND**

The Ceremonies, as Was the Wish of the Late Secretary and Mrs. Hay, Were Very Simple.

Cleveland, July 6.—Funeral services over the body of the late Secretary John Hay were held at 11 o'clock in the chapel of the family church. From thence the body was taken to Lakeview cemetery for interment.

President Roosevelt and the members of the cabinet, who arrived on a special train, attended, the cabinet members being honorary pallbearers. The ceremonies, as was the wish of the late secretary and of Mrs. Hay were of the simplest character. They were conducted at the chapel by the family's pastor, Rev. Hiram C. Haydu, assisted by Rev. Teunie F. Hamlin, of Washington, a friend of the family.

The body of the late secretary was taken from the chamber of commerce at 10 o'clock to the chapel, escorted by the guard of honor of Troop A of the national guard, of which the late secretary was a former member. Great crowds lined the streets, but perfect order was maintained. Everything at the chapel was as nearly private as was possible to make it under the circumstances.

President Roosevelt and Vice-President Fairbanks attended the remains to the cemetery, with the members of the cabinet.

President Roosevelt left for Oyster Bay at three o'clock.

The meeting between he and Mrs. Hay was deeply affecting to those who witnessed it, when the president went to personally extend his sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

**TO SUCCEED SECRETARY HAY**

Hon. Elihu Root Appointed to and Accepts the Office of Secretary of State.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 8.—Official announcement is made here that Elihu Root has been appointed secretary of state.

The following statement was issued: "Elihu Root has accepted the tender by the president of the secretaryship of state. He will take the oath of office in a couple of weeks, but it will necessarily be some little time before he closes his business affairs. He will not go to Washington permanently until some time in September."

In point of mentality, it is the opinion that the president has found a man who can fill the shoes of John Hay. Mr. Root made a good secretary of war, proving himself in that function a man of action and quick decision. He is one of the keenest lawyers in the east. As to politics, he has always been a republican. Like Roosevelt, however, he has not been in any sense a "machine" man.

**SHOT TO DEATH BY MOB**

Lon Beard, a Negro, Charged With Assault, Riddled With Bullets at Normandy, Ky.

Louisville, Ky., July 8.—A special to the Times from Shelbyville, Ky., says: Lon Beard, a negro who had been arrested on a charge of assaulting Mrs. Chester Crawford, of Normandy, was lynched at that place Friday afternoon. He was being taken from Taylorsville to Shelbyville for safekeeping, but when the train arrived at Normandy a mob of about 25 men entered the day coach and riddled Beard with bullets as he sat in his seat.

**JAPAN WOULD NOT CONSENT**

China's Request to Be Represented at the Peace Conference.

Japan Believes She is Able to Take Care of China's Interests, for Which She Has Fought.

Washington, July 10.—China's request to be represented in the Washington conference on the ground that she is vitally interested in its proceedings, has been received by the president and informally transmitted to the belligerents. Whether the president has received the formal replies can not be learned, but it can be stated that while Russia is inclined to favor the suggestion, Japan would not consent to it.

Japan has already made public her assurance that Manchuria is to be restored to China. That is one of the principles for which she says she has been fighting. Japan regards herself as fully capable of executing this promise without the assistance of China, and in view of China's inability before the war to cope with Russia in Manchuria, the Japanese government is unable to see what possible service a Chinese representative would be in the Washington conference.

Moreover, the Japanese have all along taken the position that when peace negotiations were begun they would be conducted directly with Russia. It is altogether unlikely that the Washington government will press the claim of China, and the official view here falls to sympathize with the idea.

**THE CROP REPORT LEAKAGE**

It is Brought Home to Associate Statistician Edwin S. Holmes and He is Let Out.

Washington, July 10.—As the result of the investigation by secret service agents into the charges made by Richard Cheatham, secretary of the Cotton Planters' association, that information had been given to cotton brokers in New York by some person or persons in the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture, Secretary Wilson has made public an official report in which he states that Edwin S. Holmes, the associate statistician, has been guilty of "juggling" the official report, and dismissed from the service. The report says: "It has been found that Mr. Holmes communicated advance information to L. C. Van Riper, a New York broker, and M. Haas, of New York, who acted as a go-between in conveying information from Holmes to other New York brokers."

"Steps have been taken by Secretary Wilson to prevent any further leakage of the department figures, and an entire reorganization of the bureau of statistics and manner of preparing monthly crop reports has been outlined."

**FRAUD ORDER ANNOUNCED**

Became Effective Sunday and is Directed Against the People's United States Bank of St. Louis.

Washington, July 10.—Postmaster-General Cortelyou has announced the issuance of a fraud order against the People's United States bank of St. Louis, Mo., its officers and agents and E. G. Lewis, a publisher, effective July 9. The action bars the company from the use of the mails, after an investigation by the postal authorities as to the details of the business of the institution. The postmaster general, in his announcement, says:

"It is understood that the funds of the bank, which have not been borrowed by Mr. Lewis and his enterprises, amounting to about two-thirds of the total amount remitted, are deposited in banks and will be available toward reimbursement of the stockholders, who number upwards of 65,000. It is the intention of the officers of the post office department to co-operate with the secretary of state of Missouri in every proper way from the Missouri in every proper way for the UPS."

**A WITHDRAWAL REQUESTED**

Theodore H. Price, of New York, Asks Secretary Wilson to Withdraw Alleged Unjust Charges.

Washington, July 10.—Theodore H. Price, of New York, arrived in Washington, Sunday, and through his attorney requested Secretary Wilson to withdraw what Mr. Price characterized as the "unjust, offensive and unsubstantiated charges and implications" contained in the report made public in connection with the removal of Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., the assistant statistician of the department of agriculture.

"The secretary," Mr. Price said, "had his request under consideration."

**Pioneer Lumberman Dead.**

Chicago, July 10.—George E. Wood, a pioneer lumberman of Chicago, died of pneumonia, Sunday. He had engaged in the lumber business in Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and the south at various times.

**ILLINOIS SHOT-FIRES' LAW**

Judge Gray, as Fifth Arbitrator, Decides That the Miners Stand Half the Expense.

Springfield, Ill., July 8.—Judge George Gray, of Delaware, who was selected as the fifth arbitrator by the arbitrators selected by the operators and the miners of the state of Illinois to decide whether the operators or the miners should bear the expense of the shot-firers, rendered necessary by the law which passed the last legislature, has decided that the miners shall reimburse the operators one-half for the expense incurred by the employment of the shot-firers.

Judge Gray in his decision says: "No good reason can be urged, in my opinion, why the expense of such inspection (that required by the law of shot-firers) should be imposed on the miners. It is an expense made by law incidental to the conduct of mining operations."

**NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN**

List of Officers Elected By the National Educational Association at Asbury Park.

Asbury Park, N. J., July 7.—The National Educational association elected the following officers at Thursday's session:

President, Nathan C. Schaeffer, of Pennsylvania; vice-presidents, Wm. H. Maxwell, of New York; Miss N. Cropsey, of Indiana; J. H. Hineman, of Arkansas; E. D. S. Jaught, of Oklahoma; John H. Riggs, of Iowa; Joseph O'Connor, of California; D. B. Johnson, of South Carolina; J. A. Shawan, of Ohio; H. O. Wheeler, of Vermont; J. Y. Joyner, of North Carolina; J. W. Spindler, of Kansas; J. Stanley Brown, of Illinois; treasurer, J. M. Wilkinson, of Kansas; secretary, Irwin Shepard, of Minnesota.

**WHAT IT COSTS TO CELEBRATE**

A "Safe and Sane" Celebration of Independence Day is Still a Thing of the Future.

Chicago, July 7.—The total figures on the Fourth of July casualties received are larger than those received at the same time last year, so that the promise of a decreased list due to a safer and saner Fourth will not be fulfilled.

The casualties this year are as follows: Dead, 54; injured, 3,157; from the following causes: Fireworks, 1,258; cannon, 294; firearms, 446; gunpowder, 706; toy pistols, 373; runaways, 80. The total fire loss was \$251,317.

Last year at this time the deaths were 52 and the injured 3,049, divided as follows: Fireworks, 1,110; cannon, 340; firearms, 446; gunpowder, 677; toy pistols, 383; runaways, 93; fire loss, \$317,700.

**IMPORTANT ORDER ISSUED**

Military and Naval Officers Must Hereafter Stand on Their Records for Promotion.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 8.—An important order was issued, Friday night, by President Roosevelt announcing the policy hereafter to be followed by the administration in the making of appointments or promotions in the military branch of the government.

The president orders that if any officer of the army or navy hereafter shall solicit influence, aside from the records of his services on file in the war or navy departments, in order to obtain promotion or assignment, he shall be debarred thereby from the advancement or detail which he is seeking.

**NO ARMISTICE YET**

Japan Will Not Consent to an Armistice Until Basis of Her Demands is Accepted.

St. Petersburg, July 6.—It is ascertained from official sources that an armistice can not be arranged. Japan has made it known that she will not consent to an armistice until the Russian peace commission has formally accepted the basis of her proposals, which will not be communicated till the peace conference has assembled.

**A MONTANA PIONEER GONE**

Wilbur Fisk Sanders, One of Montana's First United States Senators, Has Passed Away.

Helena, Mont., July 8.—Wilbur Fisk Sanders, one of Montana's most illustrious citizens, civil war veteran, pioneer, lawyer, leader of vigilantes and former United States senator, died here Friday, aged 72 years.

He was elected one of Montana's first United States senators and has been prominently identified with every public movement in the State for 40 years.

**The Loeb's to Take a Vacation.**

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 10.—Secretary and Mrs. Loeb expect to leave Oyster Bay in about ten days on an extended trip to the Yellowstone national park. During Mr. Loeb's absence the executive work will be directed by Assistant Secretary Bernes.