

# The Democrat.

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VERSAILLES, MISSOURI

An English writer, noting some of the limitations of the language, says they are often overridden in the nursery, as in the case of a little girl who, wishing to give her reason for not carrying a certain parcel through the streets, sought for the right word and finally said: "You see, mummy, it makes us rather stareable." But one of the best examples of this verbal confusion is found in an epitaph in an East Anglian church, which says of the deceased lady it commemorates that "her extensive benevolence and universal charity will be remembered by all who knew her."

It is going to be a big cotton year also, despite the efforts to restrict production. The bulletin of the Southern Cotton association reports the acreage planted at 27,634,718, against 26,599,491 last year, a gain of 635,227 acres, or 2.29 per cent. The general condition appears to be favorable, although in some localities the crop is late and not up to last year's quality or quantity. But the fact that there is an increase instead of a decline is proof of continued activity and holds out the promise of larger prosperity, even though prices should be shaded a trifle.

The scientific men who are all the time discussing and experimenting with sea products that are largely unknown, have just had a feast at Woods Hole, where Dr. Field, of Harvard, provided a new and strange menu. He gave his friends fried and pickled squid, whelk chowder, boiled snail and sand lance sardines. The diners were delighted. Snail are said to have the advantage of cheapness, but it is doubtful if they would prove generally filling.

There is a new story of McKinley that ought to get into the good books. It was told by an aunt of his, lately deceased: Young William was studying his Bible lesson when an elder brother came in and ordered him to hitch up a horse, as he desired to attend a dance. William turned to Mrs. Waller and remarked: "Aunt, don't you think it awful for a consistent Methodist to hitch up a horse to attend a dance?"

The three first weeks of the fiscal year 1907 show a treasury deficit of \$14,000,000. The same weeks of the fiscal year 1906, however, had a deficit of \$16,000,000, yet for the 12 months there was a surplus of \$26,000,000. The year which is still in its early days is likely to give an even better account of itself than did the one which recently expired.

People in Persia are trying to find some way of keeping their heads while convincing the shah that the country needs a constitution. The shah, like the czar, feels that while they have him it is enough.

One of the new features of progress in Missouri is the introduction of natural gas. Nearly 40 counties contain coal deposits, and the state feels easy when the future fuel supply is discussed.

Still it would not be correct to characterize the lure of the north pole to Wellman and Peary as an ignis fatuus, unless the popular idea of the temperature is erroneous.

Where was the historical painter when President Roosevelt and the hired man were getting in that load of hay?

Air navigation has been "in its infancy" almost long enough to have reached its second childhood.

The quantitative facts of good times are much better than qualitative theories.

News comes from London that enthusiastic cheering marked the passage of the musical copyright bill through the house of commons. The bill is intended to end the pirating of music and to insure the protection of foreign composers. We are glad to note anything anywhere that protects anybody—but what we should also like to see in this country would be legislation to protect the individual citizen against various noises that are only called music for want of more exact definition.

The sultan of Morocco has typhoid fever, after bringing several able statesmen of the foremost powers of Europe close to nervous prostration, by playing them against one another last winter.

A French dancing master has waltzed 14 hours, continuously. What a hit he would make as a Russian revolutionist!

England doubts the purity of the American cigarette. America has no doubts whatever on the subject.

WILL IT BE SUICIDE?



## DOUBTED HIM

PAYING TELLER OF FAILED MILWAUKEE AVENUE BANK, CHICAGO, COMMITS SUICIDE.

## HIS NEIGHBORS TALKED

Believed Final Adjustment of the Bank's Affairs Will Show Stensland's Shortage to Be Two Million.

Chicago—Frank Kowalski, the paying teller of the Milwaukee Avenue state bank, which failed last Monday, and for some time assistant receiving teller in addition to his other duties, shot and killed himself at his home, 340 North Carpenter street. Criticism by neighbors and life-long friends, who accused him of a share in the downfall of the bank, is believed to have driven Kowalski to his death.

Complained Bitterly of Suspicious. Kowalski had complained bitterly of the suspicions of his friends, and declared that unless his character was speedily cleared he would take his own life.

Kowalski's relatives assert their firm belief that he was innocent of any knowledge of the mismanagement of the bank by President Stensland. When the bank failed Kowalski had \$700 of his own money on deposit in the institution, and his immediate relatives nearly \$50,000. Had the teller known of Stensland's defalcations, they assert, he would at least have notified his relatives, and would have taken his own money out of the institution.

The dead teller, who was 30 years of age, had been with the bank for 13 years.

Stensland's Shortage Nearly \$2,000,000.

While the search for Paul O. Stensland, the missing president, is being extended to all parts of the country, Cashier Hering, who was arrested Thursday, spent the day with the state's representatives and Bank Examiner Jones, in examining the bank's collateral, in an effort to determine how much the president is short in his accounts. After an all-day search, forged notes aggregating more than \$500,000, were found, and are now in the possession of the state's attorney, who will use them in the prosecution of the officials responsible for their utterance. From statements made by Hering regarding loans made by Stensland, as banker, to himself, and the shortages found by previous investigations, it is asserted that when a final adjustment of the affairs of the bank is made, it will be found that President Stensland's defalcations will aggregate nearly \$2,000,000.

Bomb Thrown in Waiting Room.

Sosnowice, Russia—A bomb was thrown into a crowded waiting room at the railway station. One man was killed and many were wounded. A frightful panic ensued, resulting in the injury of many other persons; women fainted and children were trampled upon. The bomb-thrower escaped.

## Some Terse Telegrams

Duke Nicholas, of Russia, narrowly escapes assassination during blank cartridge firing at army maneuvering. Kansas board of health takes steps to stamp out white plague.

Ex-Gov. Francis of Missouri predicts Bryan's nomination for president.

Cloudburst at Lantry, Tex., causes great damage and loss of life.

The Longworths have arrived home from Europe.

Tennessee miners sign scale effective from September 1 for one year.

Riotous negroes shot up the town of Otisville, N. Y.

Owing to disagreement with electric light company, Madisonville, Ky., is dark.

Chas. Holliday, harvest hand, in jail at Pratt, Kas., charged with beating and kidnaping a farmer's daughter.

Several midshipmen subject to dismissal from naval academy for violation of anti-hazing law.

A Paris professor says X-ray will restore natural color to gray hair.

Arthur, eight-year-old son of August Fischer, Quincy, Ill., drowned in the Mississippi.

Indian mounds in Macon county, Mo., and being explored.

Steamer knocked down bridge pier at Duluth, Minn., and blocks navigation.

Ticket scalpers driven out of business in Nebraska.

Grain rates from Missouri river to Chicago restored to 11 cents.

Train 36 cars of watermelons sent from Blodgett, Mo., to Chicago.

Thos. Morgan, a railway conductor, shot himself at Carbon, Ind.

Sultan of Turkey seriously ill. May undergo an operation.

Six men burned by explosion and fire on torpedo boat at Norfolk, Va., navy yard.

Toledo ice trust to be investigated by federal authorities.

Chinese labor to be given a thorough test on Panama canal.

Cattle raisers of the west ask Secretary of Agriculture Wilson for a "square deal."

Over 200 machinists at Missouri Pacific shops, Sedalia, Mo., are out on strike.

Former U. S. Senator James K. Jones denies that he represented the Standard Oil Co. when he visited the president at Oyster Bay.

Purchase of silver by government may reopen old mines in Colorado.

Five Americans killed in a hand-to-hand fight with Pulajanes on island of Leyte.

Fifty persons injured in wreck on Fort Worth & Denver City railway, near Fruitland, Tex.

New York board of health making war on impure meats and fruits.

Omaha has big lumber fire, \$100,000 loss; fully insured.

William Loeb, Jr., secretary to President Roosevelt, made defendant in a \$50,000 damage suit.

U. S. may be held liable for indemnity for killing Japanese seal poachers.

Kansas City, Mo., wins long fight for cheaper gas.

Cashier of Milwaukee Avenue State bank, Chicago, arrested, refused bail. New evidence in Thaw-White tragedy coming to light.

Speaker Cannon of Illinois being boomed for president.

Indemnity for killing of Japanese seal poachers may be asked.

## REBATE CASE

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION'S REPORT ON THE SANTA FE VIOLATIONS.

## MORTON EXONERATED

There Was a Technical Violation of the Law, the Report Says, But There Was No Criminal Intent.

Washington—In a statement issued by the interstate commerce commission regarding the conviction of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. for violating the law with respect to the giving of rebates, the commission says: "The avowed purpose of the practice tends to support the view" that there was no criminal intent on the part of Paul Morton, former secretary of the navy, and former head of the traffic department of the Santa Fe, and the other railroad officials involved. The statement calls attention to the fact that with the imposition of the \$15,000 on the railroad, the history of the famous Santa Fe rebate case is practically closed, and praises President Roosevelt and Atty-Gen. Moody for carrying out with success the administration's declared purpose to enforce the statute in all such cases.

### Regarding Criticism.

Regarding the criticism which followed the refusal of the administration to prosecute Paul Morton, the statement says: "Too much praise can not be accorded to Atty-Gen. Moody in carrying the case through to a successful conclusion, and that, too, the adverse criticism in many journals because of the refusal of the administration to undertake the prosecution of Paul Morton, then secretary of the navy, and formerly head of the traffic department of the Santa Fe system. The attorney general in disagreeing with Messrs. Harmon and Judson, who had been employed by the government to make a preliminary investigation, acted plainly with foreknowledge of the legal difficulties that attended every step in the attempted prosecution of Mr. Morton and other officials in this peculiar case, which really grew out of a long-standing practice intended primarily to develop the coal industry in Colorado and New Mexico, which only became conspicuously unlawful after the passage of the Elkins law in 1903, and the courageous investigation and report of the facts by the interstate commerce commission to the attorney general.

"There was a technical violation of the law involved in the transaction, as has always been plain, but that there was criminal intent on the part of Mr. Morton and the other officials involved has always been denied; and the avowed purpose of the practice tends to support that view."

### WHERE EIGHT-HOUR LAW STOPS.

Attorney General Gives Out an Important Opinion.

Washington, D. C.—Organized labor is not sustained by the attorney-general in its contention that the eight-hour law applies to work on naval vessels constructed in private shipyards and on armor, guns and other portions of naval equipment when made in private establishments; and that supplies for the army such as shoes, gloves, clothing, etc. when manufactured for the quartermaster-general's department by private firms or corporations, are subject to the restriction of the eight-hour law of 1892.

### KILLED JAPANESE POACHERS.

Americans Take Summary Action on Attu Island.

New York—A special to the New York Tribune from Washington says: "A report of the killing of five Japanese fishermen and the capture of 12 Japanese poachers on Attu island, the westernmost of the Aleutian group, the prisoners having been taken by the revenue cutter McCulloch, commanded by Capt. J. C. Cantwell, has been made to the department of commerce and labor."

### ZION CITY OWES FIVE MILLION.

Volivia's Plan to Pay Off the Indebtedness Adopted.

Chicago—The first detailed statement of the indebtedness of Zion City was given to the investors at a meeting in the college building at Zion City.

The table showed a total of nearly \$5,000,000, which it is proposed by Overseer W. G. Voliva to pay by funding the entire indebtedness for 18 years and to issue bonds bearing six per cent. interest.

## THE G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND VISITORS IN MINNEAPOLIS.

Promises to Be One of the Most Stirring Encampments Ever Held By the Order.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Fully 75,000 people, according to railroad estimates, have poured into this city for the fortieth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It promises to be one of the most stirring encampments ever held by the Grand Army. There are at least half a dozen candidates for the honor of being the next commander of the organization, and the contest promises to become warm before it is decided.

Aside from the work of the encampment there will be many social functions, and these will continue throughout the week. The first event of this kind will be held by Mrs. H. H. Kimball, who will give a reception in honor of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The first reunion of veterans of the civil war will be that of survivors of the First Minnesota volunteers, who assert that they were the first troops to offer their services for the civil war. In the evening a grand patriotic concert will be given in the Auditorium.

### MR. ROOT AT MONTEVIDEO.

Numerous and Varied Entertainments Given Secretary.

Montevideo—With a general desire to make the entertainments in honor of Secretary Root as numerous and varied as possible during his brief visit here, there has been an incessant round of functions, at each of which cordial speeches were exchanged. The entertainments were brought to a close by a banquet given by Mr. O'Brien, the American minister, and a grand ball at the Uruguay club, both of which were highly successful. The guests at the banquet, which was on a magnificent scale, included President Ordenez and all the cabinet ministers and their wives, the leading citizens of Montevideo and officials.

### Bank President a Fugitive.

Chicago—Theodore Stenzlund, vice-president of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, has been arrested, and the bank placed in the hands of a receiver, and Paul O. Stenzlund, president of the bank, and father of the vice-president, together with Cashier Hering, were officially declared fugitives from justice, and their personal descriptions placed in the hands of the police throughout the country.

### Santa Fe Takes In Another Road.

Topeka, Kas.—The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. has purchased the Arkansas Valley Railway Co., from the American Sugar Beet Co. This line is surveyed 80 miles long from Lamar to Rocky Ford, Col. Forty miles of this road has been completed, and the Santa Fe will at once finish the line. The purchase price is not known.

### Charged With Theft of Crown.

Paris—Telegraphing from Lisbon, the correspondent of the Journal says that a Brazilian named Guerriero has been arrested there charged with the theft of the crown of the Brazilian emperor, which is formed of precious stones and valued at \$500,000.

### The Eagles at Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Large delegations to the national convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which will open in this city on Tuesday, have begun to arrive in Milwaukee. Twenty-five thousand visitors are expected.

### Thieves Kill Russian Police.

St. Petersburg—The police surprised three thieves as they were entering a priest's house in Dolgoroukoffsky street. A fight ensued, and the thieves escaped, after killing two policemen and wounding a passer-by.

### Mad Mullah Kills a Thousand.

London—The correspondent at Aden says the Mad Mullah has raided the Somaliland border, killing more than 1,000 of the Rareharon tribe dwelling in the Ogaden region and capturing 10,000 camels.

### Killed When Auto Turned Over.

Houston, Tex.—An automobile turned over near here here. George Melkjohn, a passenger, was killed, J. Camp Dean and a Mr. Drake were hurt, but will recover.

Torrential Rains in Texas Mountains. El Paso, Tex.—Torrential rains in the mountains east of here and north of Southern Pacific tracks, in the vicinity of Sanderson, have washed out 20 miles of track.

### Died From Effects of Coughing.

Waterloo, Ill.—Mrs. John Stump, aged 74, burst a blood vessel in coughing, and died. She was a pioneer settler of Monroe county.