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WHAT CONSERVATION MEANS.

"For the prevention of waste the most effective means will be found in the increase and diffusion of knowledge, from which is sure to result an aroused public sentiment demanding prevention."

This is the most certain indication of its judgment upon its future usefulness presented in the first report of the National Conservation Commission which the President transmitted to Congress the other day. The report is merely a rough estimate of the natural resources of the country, coupled with an equally rough outline of the principal channels through which our appalling waste passes. Yet rough as it is, it is a tremendous piece of work. It enters upon absolutely new statistical territory, in many cases, and as a whole has no existent basis upon which to shape itself.

At random we take a few of its briefly stated yet immensely significant facts:

Our coal supply will approach depletion before the middle of the next century.

High-grade iron ores cannot be expected to last beyond the middle of the present century, nor will petroleum last longer.

The waste in the extraction and treatment of mineral products in 1907 was equivalent to more than $300,000,000.

The average yield of wheat in the United States is less than 14 bushels per acre, in Germany, 28 bushels and in England 32 bushels.

The greatest unnecessary loss of our soil is preventable erosion. Second only to this is the waste, nonuse and misuse of fertilizer derived from animals and men.

Oud wild game and fur-bearing animals have been largely exterminated. With game birds the story is much the same.

Not less than 50,000,000 acres of forest is burned over yearly.

One-fourth of the standing timber is lost in logging. The boxing of long-leaf pine for turpentine has destroyed one-fifth of the forests worked. The loss in the mill is from one-third to two-thirds of the timber sawed.

Of each 1,000 feet which stood in the forest an average of only 320 feet of lumber is used.

By reasonable thrift we can produce a constant timber supply beyond our present needs, and with it conserve the usefulness of our streams for irrigation, water supply, navigation and power.

These facts and figures are of such elemental bigness that it seems almost unjust not to have them blazened on the first page of every newspaper in the land. This, in effect, is to be the work of the commission in the future. Its specific plans for conservation legislation it will draw up and present as rapidly as may be, but according to its own words education of the public is to be its continuous task. In other words conservation means information.

This definition we believe to be the true one. The country has never thought of the need of saving its natural resources nor has it been aware that its processes of production and manufacture have been wasteful. The commission must simply take up the slow task of establishing newer and better standards. That Congress will have the hardihood to refuse the paltry $50,000 which the President asks for the immediate prosecution of this object is unthinkable.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

Byrd & Davis, of this city, were in Mt. Sterling last week being counsel in the case of the State against John Hawkins, charged with murder. The killing occurred more than a dozen years ago and Hawkins tired of being a fugitive from justice, finally surrendered. The case was postponed until the April term.

OFFICERS CAPTURE NEGRO DESPERADOES

Kill Two and Mortally Wound Third In Barricaded Hut.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 26.—Three negroes, brothers, named McLaughlin, barricaded in a farmhouse, resisted the attempt of three deputy sheriffs to arrest them near Payson, Okla., and as a result one of the negroes was killed, another shot so that he died later, and the third fatally wounded.

One of the deputies, Thomas Dunn of Chandler, was shot in the arm. A bullet grazed the deputy from Prague. The third officer, William Kays of Sparks, escaped unhurt. The officers went to arrest the negroes for carrying concealed weapons.

CARRIE IS EGGED

London Rowdies Break Up Hatchet Wielder's Meeting.

London, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, who is attempting to deliver a series of lectures here, met with a very hostile reception at the Canterbury Music hall. She was pelted with eggs, some of them striking her in the face. From the very beginning the audience maintained a chorus of boos and hisses. Her manager vainly appealed for fair play, and Mrs. Nation was obliged to quit the house under police protection.

Three Killed In Accident.

Piedmont, W. Va., Jan. 26.—Three men were killed and 10 others injured, three perhaps fatally, in a coal mine accident here. Two cars loaded with miners were ascending the plane at the mine of the Piedmont and Georges Creek Coal company. Near the top the cars became uncoupled and dashed with fearful rapidity down the incline and collided with other cars at the bottom.

Indicted For Killing Negro.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 26.—W. H. Irvin, former chief of police, was indicted by the grand jury, charged with the murder of Edgar Briel, a negro coachman. The negro's antemortem statement says that he pleaded for his life, but without avail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Mayor.

We are authorized to announce
J. A. HUGHES,
as a candidate for Mayor, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce
H. T. STROTHER
as a candidate for Mayor of Winchester, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce
W. O. HOSKINS,
as a candidate for Mayor, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

For City Judge.

We are authorized to announce
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as a candidate for City Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

For Chief of Police.

We are authorized to announce
WOODSON M'CORD,
as a candidate for Chief of Police, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

CIRCUIT COURT

Jury in Case of Haggard Against Gravitt Find For Defendant.

The last week of the January term of circuit court begun Tuesday morning, and by the close of the term Saturday, practically all of the lengthy docket that was begun at the opening of the term will be disposed of.

P. A. Haggard vs. L. D. Gravitt.

The case of P. A. Haggard against L. D. Gravitt was the first called Tuesday morning.

Mr. Haggard was suing to recover the price of a horse that he traded for from Mr. Gravitt that died shortly after he got him. The jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

One Year in Penitentiary.

Dave Kimball, charged with grand larcency, entered a plea of guilty, and was given one year in the penitentiary.

The case of E. L. Lamarre, charged with stealing a horse and buggy from Clyde Gaines was in progress as The News went to press.

REFUSES EXTRADITION.

Special to The News.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Secretary Root refused to extradite Christian Rudowitz, wanted in Russia on murder charges. Rudowitz alleges that the offense was political.

GAINS SEVEN VOTES.

Special to The News.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 26.—On the thirteenth ballot in joint session today, Senator Hopkins gained seven votes, making a total of 90.

The Jealousy of Friends.

Our very best friends have a tincture of jealousy even in their friendship; and when they hear us praised by others, will ascribe it to sinister and interested motives if they can.—C. C. Colton.

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SOLD RESIDENCE.

Mr. Roger Bryan sold Saturday to Mr. Geo. Fry his recidence on East Broadway at a private price.

Meanwhile it is not likely that the African lions and tigers are preparing to lie down and be shot at when the mighty hunter comes along.

If Taft should be put in the Ananias club, too, it will be necessary to enact a limited membership bylaw for that overswollen fraternity.

The Steerage and the Census.

It is pertinent to ask whether the aliens do not go out of this country as rapidly as they come. The next census is expected to show to what extent the steerage crowds we have been welcoming the past few years really added to our permanent population and incidentally whether there is not an element of national wealth involved here which is worth looking after. Recently published figures reveal the fact that while three-quarters of a million aliens were admitted here last year the net increase of our alien population was only a few thousand souls It is estimated that those who returned to their native lands during that period carried back nearly three quarters of a billion dollars of American coin.

Since the issue of the last census several million immigrants have come here. How many returned to their own countries is not a matter of record up to last year. The census to be taken in 1910 will throw light upon this question. If aliens come here by the million to skim the cream of the wage market and carry it off to Europe and Asia, the investment of wealth in alien labor may be a bad speculation after all. If we have the labor here it would be economy to set it on the job and keep the wages at home.

The final accounting of the San Francisco earthquake relief committee shows that approximately $10,000,000 were distributed. The generosity of the American people never fails to rise to a great occasion.

Automobile drummers are scouring the country trying to persuade farmers that the surest means of uplift for them is a machine guaranteed to pass everything on the road.

DAYTON IS AROUSED

Attack on Woman Follows Closely Murder of Girl.

Dayton, O., Jan. 26.—Sam Morris and Charles Snyder, held as suspects in the murder of Mary Forschner, 15, were released from custody. Both men have shown that they are innocent and the police are now without a clew to the identityof the assailant.

Additional indignation was caused when another attack upon a woman became known. Mrs. James Powers, living in West Third street, was rescued from the clutches of an unknown man by her husband, after her clothing had been torn and her throat bruised. The man escaped.

The coroner established the fact that the murderer of Miss Forschner possesses enormous hands, as the imprints of his fingers on the throat of his victim extend far around her neck. It has been further determined that the girl was attacked in the shed in which her body was found. The ground at the scene of the assault presents unmistakable evidence that the victim made a desperate struggle in defense of her life, as the sod and sand were torn and covered with tracks.

American Artist Decorated.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—Emperor William has conferred the decoration of the order Peur Le Merite on J. S. Sargent, the American artist, in recognition of his pre-eminence as a portrait painter.

BOMB COULD NOT POSSIBLY EXPLODE

Newark Judge Made Victim of Harmless Hoax.

Newark, O., Jan. 26.—The bubble has burst, and the supposed infernal machine found on the steps of Judge C. W. Seward has been found to be only a hoax.

When Judge Seward, who has been prominent in the temperance campaign in this county and who has given a large number of criminals long terms in the penitentiary, found what closely resembled a bomb, he was thoroughly frightened.

He called in the police. Cautiously they removed it to police headquarters. No one there cared to examine it and several Italians were called in. They all pronounced it the worst kind of a machine and not one would do more than take a cautious peek at it.

All day long the machine remained at headquarters with everyone walking on tiptoe for fear of waking the slumbering demon. At last the suspense became unbearable. The police decided that to live under such conditions was worse even than death from a bomb, and they proceeded to open it. It was absolutely harmless. Only a joke.

REFUGEES ALARMED

White Smoke From Mount Etna Considered Bad Omen.

Monteleone, Jan. 26. — The earth shocks here average a dozen daily, and apparently they are increasing in number and intensity. The refugees are in a constant state of alarm and the vast majority of them have decided to emigrate to America as soon as they can secure transportation. On the distant horizon Mount Etna can be seen emitting an immense column of smoke, which, being white, the people consider a bad omen.

Kills Wife and Self.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 26.—R. L. Hilburn, a well-to-do farmer living near Willoughby, 14 miles from this city, killed his wife and himself, using a revolver. The following note was left by the dead man to his sons: "All is lost. Thirty-nine thousand four hundred dollars is gone. You older boys have had a better chance than Earl. My will is clear. Leave the farm to Earl. That will keep him steady. Your Loving Father." Hilburn had received a letter informing him of the loss of certain real estate in which he is said to have put all his property outside of his farm.

Russian Desperado Identified.

London, Jan. 26.—One of the Russian desperadoes who was killed in the desperate attempt at highway robbery in a suburb of London has been identified as Jacob Lapidus, a brother of the Leiser Lapidus who was blown to pieces in the mysterious bomb explosion in the forest of Vincennes, near Paris, in the spring of 1906.

THE MEAT OF IT.

All newspapers in Paris are being set by hand, owing to a strike of linotype operators.

St. Louis police are trying to unravel the mystery surrounding the finding of the body of an unknown girl on the porch of Rev. Cook's residence.

There are 20,640,000 horses in the United States, their average value being $95.64 a head, according to the agricultural department's report.

Walter Zeller, the 18-year-old Vineland (N. J.) murderer, has been sentenced to die in the electric chair during the week of March 8.

David W. Peeples, prosprous Athens (O.) merchant, disappeared while on a visit to Washington, D. C., and friends fear foul play.

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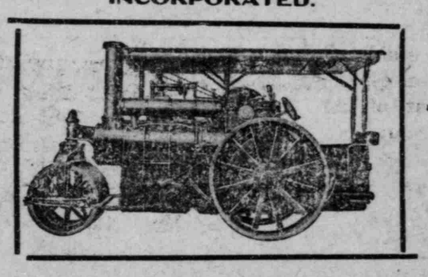

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