

Chicago has a highway robber who travels in a cab while engaged in professional duties.

Manifestly, Andrew Carnegie ought to have made that palace of peace donation to Portsmouth, N. H.

The German empress invariably writes with a swan quill, and wherever she goes packets of these quills are among her luggage.

Four hundred and twenty million eggs and 1,780,000 hundredweight of butter were exported from Denmark to the United Kingdom during 1904.

Instead of the country supplying London with farm and dairy produce, it is apparently London that supplies the country with foreign butter and eggs as well as meat.

The vanilla bean crop in Mexico this year promises to be unusually large. The demand in the United States and Europe for the Mexican vanilla bean far exceeds the supply.

Americans, the greatest coffee drinkers in the world, drank 57,000,000 cups of coffee last year and consumed half of the world's product, says a little monograph issued by the department of commerce.

A wealthy lady of Memphis, Tenn., named Adams, possesses a reversible tiara which, by pressing a spring, shows either diamonds and rubies, or emeralds and pearls. The owner borrowed the idea from the stage, and sometimes startles her society friends by changing her adornment in the middle of a dance.

Quite the most remarkable school in New York City, and one which has had no precedent in this country, is the conservatory of music, where children and adults are taught piano, 'cello and violin playing at ten cents a lesson, and are given the privilege of using the instruments for practice without extra charge.

Henceforth the "detrimental" should cease to be a terror to mothers and chaperons. Henceforth should the green-eyed monster lie quelled at the feet of lovers and husbands and henceforth the flitted may take heart and the lovesick be made whole. For a means has been discovered by which love can be measured, reduced, cured and generally treated, like any other malady.

A good many stories are told of the ingenious tricks resorted to by moonshiners in disposing of illicit whisky. Perhaps the most common is one used by the natives. It is to leave a jug and a half dollar on some particular stump or log. The next move is to go away for a short time, and on returning the half dollar will be gone, but the jug will be covered (inside) with "mountain dew."

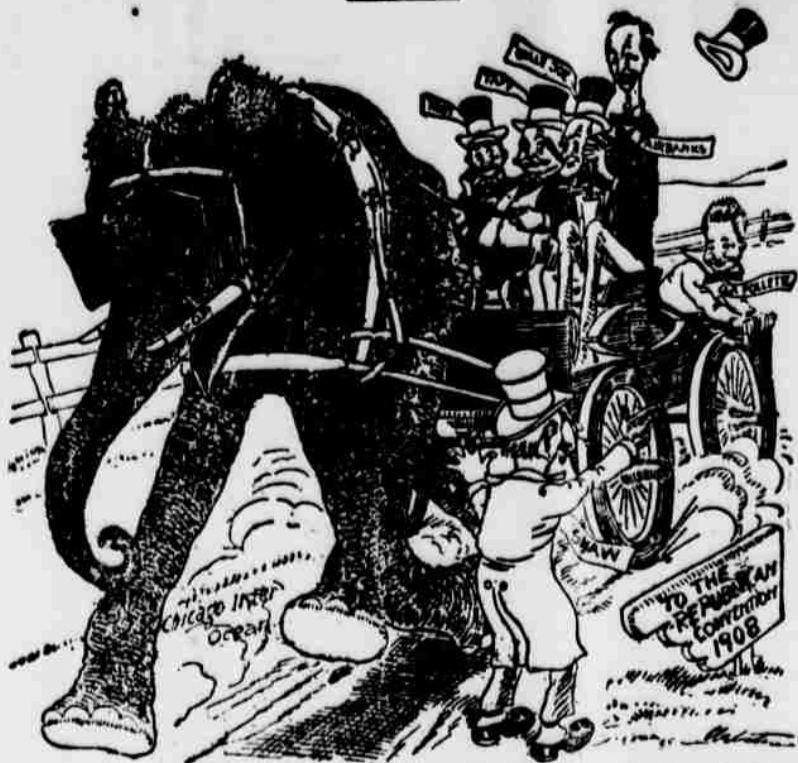
Lightning can only be photographed at night. It is also impossible to use any cap or shutter for this work, inasmuch as the eyes do not observe a flash of lightning till at least a tenth of a second after it has passed. So that, having focussed your camera beforehand, draw the shutter and hold the camera in the direction you think the flash will take, and you must trust to the courtesy of the lightning to be there on time.

To reach Far Hills, a distance of less than a mile, a letter mailed at the post office at Bedminster, Pa., must go to Summit, 20 miles from Far Hills. The mail from the Bedminster post office does not go to the Far Hills post office direct to be distributed, but is taken to the Lackawanna station at Far Hills by a regular carrier and put on the train there. A letter from Far Hills to Bedminster also goes by way of Summit. This takes a day.

Opals may be no more popular now than they have ever been, but according to the jewelers the demand for these stones is annually increasing in Mexico City. That opals are no longer believed unlucky is the reason assigned by the men who deal in precious stones. It was not many years ago, however, that the opal was a little favored stone in any market. In Mexico the superstitious dread of the fire-bearing gem was probably greater than in the United States.

The one chance in 400,000, which physicians say is the average percentage of quadruplets, fell to the lot of Mrs. David Johnson, of Kingston, N. J., a farmer's wife. All are boys and are expected to live. President Roosevelt will be asked to name them. Quadruplet births are very rare, and a particularly strange feature is that they are hardly ever females. In July, 1895, quadruplets were born to the 16-year-old wife of James Platt, of Union Mills, Ind. At the time there were only five cases in the country.

SECRETARY SHAW: "HI, THERE, WHIP BEHIND!"



Gov. La Follette Has Intimated That He Would Make a Bid for the Nomination for the Presidency.—Washington Dispatch.

MAY REACH HALF A MILLION A COSTLY CONFLAGRATION

Peoria, Ill., Startled By a Heavy Shortage in Its School Funds.

Newton C. Dougherty, For Many Years Superintendent of Schools, is Charged With Forgery.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 6.—Newton C. Dougherty, for many years city superintendent of schools, and one of the most prominent educators in the country, is under arrest following an indictment by the grand jury, charging forgery.

The arrest of Dougherty follows the most astounding revelations by the grand jury now in session and which has been examining the books of the Peoria school board.

Within a comparatively brief space of time a shortage of \$75,000 was discovered, but the further discovery was made that the peculations have been extending over a long term of years. The shortage will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Mr. Dougherty has been city superintendent of schools for 25 years. He is immensely wealthy, and is president of the Peoria national bank, is a heavy stockholder in the Dime Savings & Trust Co., the Title & Trust Co., the Peoria Livery Co. and other concerns. He is a trustee of the fund of \$175,000 held by the National Educational association and is a past president of the association.

The amount Dougherty is said to be short is estimated all the way up to \$500,000.

Following his arrest on the charge of forgery, Prof. Dougherty sent in his resignation as president and director of the Peoria national bank.

NEW YORK LIFE IN MISSOURI

The Example of Nevada in Revoking the Company's License May be Followed Later by Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 5.—Superintendent W. D. Vandiver of the Missouri insurance department in all probability will take action to revoke the license of the New York Life Insurance Co. to do business in this state, along the same lines followed in Nevada and Colorado.

Unless certain money improperly diverted from the New York Life's trust funds are replaced and President McCull resigns his office, Mr. Vandiver says he will undoubtedly take action within a few days.

ROOSEVELT ORDERS ACTION

Instructs Attorney General to Proceed Against Bridge and Ferry at St. Louis.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Upon leaving the White House after the session of the cabinet, Attorney-General Moody made the following announcement:

"It was determined by the president that upon complaint pending in the department of justice against the monopolization of the bridges and the ferry across the Mississippi into St. Louis, appropriate action should be begun by the attorney-general."

FOURTEEN MEN KILLED

Frightful Quarry Accident Near Granville, N. Y.—Company President Among Dead.

Troy, N. Y., Oct. 7.—Fourteen men were killed by a cave-in at the Vermont Slate Co.'s quarry, about two and one-half miles from Granville, N. Y. Among the dead is J. B. Williams, president of the company. The others were Hungarian laborers.

Rhineland, Wis., Suffers a Loss of \$600,000 by Fire—Four Hundred People Homeless.

Rhineland, Wis., Oct. 5.—Fire in the lumber district of this town destroyed property valued at \$600,000 and rendered 400 people homeless. The fire started in the lumber yard of the Brown Brothers Lumber Co., and after sweeping that yard clean, it spread to the Robbins lumber yards, which were entirely destroyed. A high wind was blowing, which carried the fire into the residence district adjoining the lumber yards, destroying about 75 small dwelling houses. About 40,000,000 feet of lumber was destroyed. After burning over the greater portion of eight blocks the fire was got under control. The homeless people are being cared for in the city hall and other public buildings. The total insurance is about \$400,000.

The principal losers are Brown Bros. Lumber Co. lumber, \$250,000; insurance, \$175,000. Robbins Lumber Co., \$225,000; insurance, \$165,000. Two school houses and engine house, \$25,000. The loss on dwelling houses is about \$75,000.

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT

One of the Owners of the Alamosa (Col.) Bank in Jail in Default of \$10,000 Bonds.

Denver, Col., Oct. 6.—A special to the Republican from Alamosa, Col., says: I. W. Schiffer, one of the owners of the Alamosa bank, which went into the hands of a receiver a day or so ago, has been arrested on the charge of embezzlement of a sum in excess of \$5,000 belonging to the San Luis Building and Loan Association, of which he is treasurer. A preliminary examination was held and bonds were placed at \$10,000. Six other warrants were sworn out against Schiffer, charging him with receiving deposits when he knew the Alamosa bank was insolvent. Bonds in these cases totalled \$6,000. Failing to supply the entire bond of \$16,000, Schiffer was placed in jail.

GOMEZ' MISSION IN AMERICA

It is Said to Be to Raise Funds to Finance a Revolution in the Cuban Republic.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez, former liberal candidate for president of Cuba, is in the United States to raise funds with which to finance a revolution in Cuba, according to the best information obtainable here. Gen. Gomez' coming at this time is thought to be a direct outgrowth of present political conditions in Cuba. Like men of his type when defeated through the arbitrament of the polls, they turn to revolution as their best means of securing their personal ambitions.

TO PROMOTE GEN. WESTON

With the Retirement of Gen. Randall the President Will Make Gen. Weston a Major-General.

Washington, Oct. 5.—The president has decided to promote Brig.-Gen. John F. Weston, now commissary general of subsistence of the army, to be a major general, to succeed Maj.-Gen. George M. Randall, who will be retired on the 9th inst. Gen. Weston will take his place in the line of the army and will be assigned to the command, probably, of a division or a department when a vacancy occurs.

KRONDRATENKO'S FUNERAL

Honors Paid to "the Soul of the Defense" of Port Arthur.

The Most Impressive Military and Civil Spectacle Witnessed Since the Early Days of the War.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 9.—The arrival of the body of Maj.-Gen. Krondratenko, commander of the Seventh East Siberian rifles, who was killed last December at Port Arthur, and its interment in the venerable Alexander Nevsky monastery, were marked by the most impressive military and civil spectacle witnessed here since the early days of the war.

Thousands of spectators, standing uncovered in a drizzling rain, wailed the broad Nevsky Prospect from the Moscow station to the gates of the monastery, while grand dukes, ministers of state, courtiers and the highest officers of the army and navy, many of whom had won distinction at Port Arthur and in Manchuria, followed the coffin on foot through the muddy streets, as common mourners with the widow and son of the dead general.

In the procession could be seen the uniforms of every Russian military organization. Each regiment of the St. Petersburg garrison sent a detachment of veterans, many bearing the 30-year service medals, to form the military escort.

The emperor had been expected to attend, but as he was unable to do so he was represented by Grand Duke Vladimir.

Metropolitan Antonius, assisted by the imperial chorists, celebrated the "Panicheda" for requiem, and eulogized Gen. Krondratenko as "the soul of the defense, for when he died the fortress fell."

TAFT IS GOING TO PANAMA

Secretary of War Planning a Trip to the Canal Site During the Month of November.

Washington, Oct. 9.—Following the announcement that it had been decided to make no change regarding the department of the government which should control the affairs of the Panama canal, Secretary Taft announced that he would go to the isthmus, unless something unforeseen prevents. He will leave Washington about the first week in November, although conditions may be such that he will be delayed until the 15th. The decision to keep the control of the canal in the war department, instead of transferring it to the state department, was definitely reached in a discussion that followed a cabinet meeting. When Secretary Taft returns from New York, in a few days, he will take up the question of the finances of the isthmian canal commission with President Roosevelt. The great problem to be decided is whether the work on the isthmus shall be carried on by money obtained by appropriations from congress, or whether congress shall be asked to authorize the issue of Panama bonds, the proceeds of which will be applied to the construction of the canal.

RESULTS OF A COLLISION

Three Men Killed, One Injured and a Car Load of Race Horses Destroyed Near Millersburg, Pa.

Millersburg, Pa., Oct. 9.—Three men were killed, one man was injured and a carload of race horses were either killed or so badly hurt that they had to be shot, as the result of a collision at the junction of the Lykens Valley branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, a quarter of a mile south of this place. The dead are:

Theodore Scott, Northumberland, fireman.

Ralph Hendershott, Sunbury, freight brakeman.

Charles E. Berry, Sunbury, freight conductor.

The injured man is Julius Desh, of Sunbury, engineer, whose leg was crushed and body bruised. All the victims were married.

OVER HIS MOTHER'S CORPSE

The Culmination of an Italian Family Quarrel Reached in the Chamber of Death.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 9.—A special to the Times from Hastings, Neb., says: Over the dead body of his mother, John Budenek shot his sister, his brother and his brother-in-law. Miss Francis Budenek, aged 22, was shot in the right hand; Jacob Budenek, aged 52, shot above the right eye; Peter Smeall, shot through the left leg, through the abdomen, in the left thigh and through the left shoulder. The latter two are in the left shoulder. The latter two are in a death chamber at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smeall, 1356 West Second street, where Mrs. M. Budenek died Saturday night, and was the culmination of a family quarrel that had existed for years.

THE WRECK OF THE ST. PAUL

All Hands Saved, But the Passengers Suffered Considerably From the Unusual Exposure.

Eureka, Cal., Oct. 7.—Fast upon the rocks, one and one-half miles south of Point Gorda, the San Francisco & Portland Co.'s steamer, St. Paul, Capt. Randall, lies a total wreck. Its 93 passengers and crew of 65 men are safe.

Some are on board of the steamer Pomona, en route to San Francisco, but the greater number are in Eureka, having arrived on the tug Ranger and the steamer Vanguard. The captain and most of the crew are in Eureka.

The steamer passengers suffered much from exposure, and a number of them fainted when they realized their peril.

J. F. Wickman, of San Francisco, who arrived here on the Vanguard, gave the following account of the wreck.

"The first bump was as though we were rushing over stones. There was a short interval of quiet, then a severe rumbling, throwing the boat from side to side. I jumped from my berth and opened the door. It was raining, and the deck was apparently deserted. I thought we had been struck by some heavy sea. Just then I heard some bells ringing and loud talk and knew that we were in for it.

"I saw officers and members of the crew awakening the passengers. Some women were in a state of excitement. After making a poor attempt at dressing, they appeared to gain control of themselves, when assured by the officers that they had plenty of time.

"I left the ship in the second boat. We stood by the steamer according to instructions from the captain, when a heavy fog shut down and we put out to sea. Two hours later we sighted the St. Paul and shortly after the Ranger hove in sight."

Capt. Randall says the disaster was due to the thick fog and attaches blame to no one.

The vessel will prove a total wreck. The cargo, 1,100 tons of miscellaneous freight, will also be a total loss.

EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

The Volume of Early Fall Trade, While Not Quite So Active, Still Larger Than Expected.

New York, Oct. 7.—Bradstreet's weekly review says: While not so active as in recently preceding weeks, the volume of trade still exceeds expectations. Contributing to this are better reports from retail lines, necessitating reorders of reasonable goods, fall festivals, enlarging crop movement and a continued immense turnover in industrial lines. Complaints as to car shortages increase, the grain, coal, coke, iron and lumber trades all reporting congestion from this cause. Undiminished activity is witnessed in the iron trade, demand for crude and finished products surpassing previous years at this period. Higher levels of future cost, particularly as to coke and ore, confront these trades. Collections for the country as a whole are good. Money is still moving to the country and while in liberal supply for ordinary trade purposes, higher quotations at home and abroad seem certain. Bank clearings testify to new heights being reached for this season of the year.

DECIDED NOT TO OPEN

The Peoria National Bank, of Which N. C. Dougherty Was President, to Go Into Liquidation.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 7.—As a direct result of the indictment of N. C. Dougherty for forgery, the directors of the Peoria national bank, of which he was president, announced shortly after midnight that they decided to discontinue business and would call in the comptroller of the currency to wind up the affairs of the institution. The meeting of directors lasted all evening behind closed doors. It was admitted that a disastrous run would be inevitable, and the only recourse was to liquidate at once. The loan of \$100,000 by the Peoria clearinghouse was tied up in such wise that it could not be accepted. It was learned that quiet withdrawals from the bank had been going on all day, most of the calls coming from banks in neighboring towns. The bank was capitalized at \$200,000.

MINE TOP WORKS BURNED

Thirty-Five Miners Entombed—Ten Rescued and the Rest in No Immediate Danger.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 7.—A defective electrical generator started a destructive fire at the Fremont coal mine near Florence, Col. All the buildings, including the shaft house, were destroyed. Thirty-five men were working in the mine at the time the fire started. Ten of them were rescued with difficulty and 25 were still in the mine at 4 p. m. By some good fortune the air compressor was not damaged by the flames, and it is confidently stated that the entombed men are in no immediate danger. The loss will be about \$90,000.