

Summer tourists in Europe will doubtless find the Marconigram a great convenience.

Canada has filed a claim to the north pole. She wants all of that sort of climate she can get.

The New York banker who prays for the rich evidently believes that charity begins at home.

Forty pounds of limburger cheese stolen at Buffalo cannot be traced. Then it isn't genuine limburger.

A gentle hint of summer may be detected in the announcement of a reduction in anthracite coal prices.

King Alfonso proposes to establish a free library at Madrid. No matter where he got the idea, it is a good one.

Mr. Carnegie has been requested to extend his beneficent library jurisdiction so as to take in the island of Cuba.

Buffalo Bill expects to become a millionaire and may yet succeed in having his name placed upon Mrs. Astor's list.

Ice cream freezers want to form a union. Young men who buy ice cream will be forming a union next for self-protection.

The rumor that rich cream sold by milkmen is generally mixed with starch probably started at the pump of some envious dairyman.

People who have been on the roof of a high building will wonder how Santos-Dumont can sail over Mount Blanc without getting dizzy.

Dr. Hyde thinks women should be allowed to propose marriage. But the old method of suggesting it would seem to answer every purpose.

Canada is going to build a \$10,000 barbed wire fence along the Montana border. But who in Montana wants to tread on the tail of Canada's raglan?

Mr. Rockefeller's Cleveland pastor says there are anarchists among the rich, but he wisely leaves the shoe to be put on by those who think it may fit them.

Since the Countess of Castellane has taken out a \$1,000,000 life insurance policy for the benefit of her creditors her lightest sneeze has a potential value.

Secretary Shaw is learning how much more difficult it is to settle a dispute over the repacking of a woman's trunk than to settle great financial problems.

John L. Sullivan declares that he would not trade appetites with John D. Rockefeller. The latter must be afflicted with an uncommonly bad form of dyspepsia.

A New York woman has named her little daughter Ping Pong. Evidently the one who wants to have her name copyrighted isn't the only New York woman with a queer streak.

Boer sympathizers in Holland say the war in South Africa will last four years longer. Some of the other Boer sympathizers are unwilling to believe England can hold out that long.

In calling for bids for the construction of 150 locomotives the Belgian government offers to give preference to those of American manufacture. It is cheapest every time to get the best.

So far as the homes of the country are concerned our foreign relations are not one-half as important or troublesome as our domestic servants. —Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

It is announced that the new president of the National Congress of Mothers has children of her own. It is safe to say, therefore, that she has neighbors who don't believe she knows the least thing about the business.

There are about 8,000 self-supporting Pueblo Indians, in twenty-six villages, twenty of which have day schools, costing the United States not less than \$20,000 annually, besides a much larger sum expended upon the boarding schools.

Old settlers are able to recall with a distinctness that is all too vivid many a spring when the roads were blocked with snow in this section as late as the middle of May. It is a noticeable fact that the older the settler is the more discouraging are the stories that he can tell about late springs.

The news that there are 25,000,000 cats in the United States is no indication that there is a corresponding number of old maids. It simply shows that the supply of black marten, imitation sealskin and other fashionable furs is almost equal to the demand.

The movement to change inauguration day to the last Thursday in April will meet with the approbation of all who have contracted pneumonia and spoiled their best clothes at March ceremonies.

## WIND'S WILD FURY

LEAVES DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN ITS WAKE AT JOPLIN, MO.

### THREE KILLED AND SIX WILL DIE

OVER \$300,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY IS COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED.

### IT COMES WITHOUT WARNING

HIGH WINDS AND HEAVY RAINS VISIT OTHER SECTIONS.

Joplin, Mo., April 27.—Joplin was visited yesterday by a destructive storm, during which at least three persons were killed outright, six fatally injured, a score or more seriously hurt, and \$300,000 worth of property destroyed.

The fury of the storm broke loose at 4:35 in the afternoon. There was no premonition of its terrible violence. There was an utter absence of the usual funnel-shaped cloud and the clouds looked no more threatening than those which produce the ordinary spring thunder showers. The wind was a straight gale, but it was of a terrible velocity.

Whipping down scores of houses in the south part of the city and reducing to kindling wood \$100,000 worth of the finest mining plants in this district. The worst havoc in Joplin city was in a territory four blocks wide commencing at the west limits of the city at Seventeenth street and ending at Seventh street on the west. Within this narrow belt the destruction done is visible on every hand. Passing east from the main portion of the city the storm spent its fury on the suburban districts known as Moonshine Hill and Villa Heights.

**Three People Were Killed** at Moonshine Hill. News of the destruction there did not reach the city until late last night. The Hill is now a tangled mass of debris and not a single house is left standing. It is populated mainly by miners, who live in little shacks. Of the little home of Bidwell Hunter not a timber is left standing and the three inmates of the house are dying, all having had their skulls fractured. It is feared that the mining camps farther west, which seemed to have been in the path of the storm, have suffered great damage, but no reports have been received from there.

**Many Fine Buildings Wrecked.** Many of the finest buildings in the city were wrecked. The tall spire of the Baptist church, one of the most imposing edifices here, toppled over and crashed through the roof, destroying the handsome interior of the building. The Stevens hotel was unroofed and its occupants were driven elsewhere for refuge from the deluge of water which flooded them. The Frisco roundhouse was destroyed and no less than twenty mills are badly damaged. The telegraph, telephone and street car service is paralyzed. The electric light and gas plants are crippled, leaving the city in total darkness.

**Iowa Gets a Taste of It.** Des Moines, Iowa, April 27.—Special dispatches show the presence of high wind, accompanied by heavy rain all over the northwestern quarter of the state. Jefferson, Fond du Lac, Storm Lake and other points report wind with a velocity of sixty-five miles an hour. A cloudburst occurred at Mingo, water running eighteen inches deep in the street. Telegraph wires were prostrated along the Rock Island between Council Bluffs and Atlantic and along the Chicago Great Western in the vicinity of Mingo and Valeria.

**Fatality at Omaha.** Omaha, April 27.—An unusually heavy wind storm which struck this city last evening killed one person and injured a number of others, unroofed a number of buildings and damaged a great number of skylights. There was a heavy downpour of rain. Street cars were stopped for an hour; wires and signs were blown down in all directions.

**Rain and Wind in Illinois.** Chicago, April 27.—Heavy rains, accompanied by a gale of sixty miles an hour, swept across Chicago and Northern Illinois last night. The downpour in Chicago registered nearly two inches. The wind tore many signs from their fastenings and blew pedestrians into the street. In a number of places windows and store fronts were blown in.

### ADOPTS HIS OWN DAUGHTER.

**Change in Chicago Man's Circumstances the Cause.** Chicago, April 27.—Mary Adelaide Snowden, a pretty five-year-old child, with golden curls, formerly bore the name of Mary Adelaide Loomis. This morning she resumed the name by which she was christened, before Judge Carter in the county court, when she was adopted by her own father, Arthur E. Loomis. When the girl's mother died three years ago her father was in poor circumstances. He had been ill and out of work and the future looked black to him. When his fortunes seemed at the lowest ebb, Mrs. Loomis, his wife, died. Loomis went to Texas after he had given away his little daughter. His fortune changed. After a year or two of work in his new home, he made several fortunate investments. In his altered circumstances he longed for the companionship and love of his daughter. He came back to Chicago, explained the changed conditions to his sister-in-law and asked her to give him back his child. She agreed.

### Cummings Critically Ill.

Baltimore, April 27.—It was learned from a reliable source late last night that Congressman Amos J. Cummings of New York is critically ill from pneumonia at the Church home in this city. It is understood that his recovery is extremely doubtful.

### Big Factory Burned.

Findlay, Ohio, April 27.—The Globe Window glass factory burned to the ground yesterday. Loss, \$100,000. About 300 men are thrown out of employment.

### SOME RAPID FIRE MATRIMONY.

Couple Meet on Sunday. Marry on Monday. Part on Tuesday and Now Want a Divorce.

Milwaukee, April 27.—Met Sunday, married Monday. Parted Tuesday and applied for a divorce Wednesday is the record made by James R. Minor, a Kenosha county farmer who lives in Ranney. Minor heard through a matrimonial bureau of a Chicago girl who was of a loving nature and wanted a husband. He wrote in reply and when, under her right name of Carrie Hansen, she replied, he went to Chicago last Sunday, saw her and she promised to marry him. The girl is eighteen years old and lived with her parents. On Monday morning she arrived in Kenosha. He met her, bought her wedding finery, and they drove to Waukegan and were married. Then they drove to Ranney. His friends gave them a noisy reception. On Tuesday she said she did not like the farming people, country life of marriage. Minor drove her to the station and his bride gave him back the wedding ring, told him he was free and went back to Chicago. Wednesday Minor drove to Kenosha again and started a suit for divorce on the grounds of desertion and incompatibility.

### GET ALL THAT'S COMING TO THEM.

Northwesterners Succeed in Securing Appropriations.

Washington, April 27.—In the omnibus public building bill to be introduced in the house to-day by Representative Mercer of Nebraska is contained a large appropriation for the construction of federal buildings in the Northwest. The total amount carried by the bill is \$15,800,000. Of this \$12,213,000 is divided among the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota. The latter sum is allotted among the states as follows:

Minnesota—Minneapolis, \$250,000; Stillwater, \$50,000; Fergus Falls, (in excess), \$15,000, making a total of \$115,000; Albert Lea, site, \$3,000; total, \$318,000. Wisconsin—Superior, \$175,000; Green Bay, \$14,000; Wausau, \$50,000; Fond du Lac, \$60,000; Baraboo, \$35,000; Eau Claire, (in excess), \$30,000, making a total of \$140,000; total, \$474,000. South Dakota—Deadwood, \$200,000; Aberdeen, (in excess), \$75,000, making a total of \$175,000; Pierre, \$50,000; total, \$280,000. North Dakota—Grand Forks, \$125,000.

### IT WOULD END LITIGATION.

N. P. May Buy the Washburn, Bayfield and Iron River.

Washburn, April 27.—It is learned from the most reliable sources here to-day that the Northern Pacific directors have made an offer for the property of the Washburn, Bayfield & Iron River railroad and there is every reason to believe that Receiver A. C. Frost will accept the offer. The road has been idle for several weeks. There has been an endless amount of litigation over the road's affairs and the case has been before nearly all the state and federal judges, one phase of the litigation being the sentencing of the district attorney and sheriff to the Dane county jail for sixty days and the filing of a half dozen more prominent citizens for contempt of the federal court's orders. The present deal will likely go through in which event it will be an advantageous thing for this city and will likely terminate the litigation which has been pending.

### Charged With Burglary.

Spirit Lake, Iowa, April 27.—William Parker, William Inman and James Hurd, all from Okoboji, Iowa, were arrested by Sheriff Jones, charged with burglary. They had broken into about eighteen of the summer cottages on Dixon's Beach, West Okoboji, and had taken bedding and silverware, and in some cases wearing apparel.

### Still Unsettled.

Brainerd, Minn., April 27.—There was no change yesterday in the Northern Pacific strike at Brainerd. The committee appointed by the strikers is still working for a settlement which shall carry their point against the employment of "handy" men. Vice President Wilson of the International Machinists' union, is still here.

### Judge Is Heavily Fined.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 27.—Judge Carland, in the United States court, yesterday imposed a fine of \$600 on Edward M. Starcher, county judge of Gregory county, who pleaded guilty to the indictment charging him with transmitting forged final proof papers covering a quarter section of government land.

### Burned Out During Storm.

Aberdeen, S. D., April 27.—During the snow and rain storm of Tuesday a farmer named Root, living two miles from Claremont, was burned out of house and home, and the family took refuge in a barn until the storm was over when they sought shelter at a neighbor's house for the night.

### Dead in His Cell.

Eau Claire, Wis., April 27.—Thomas Costello, aged thirty, locked up at the county jail at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, was found dead in his bunk when the turnkey took in breakfast for the prisoners about 6 o'clock. Congestion of the brain was the cause. He had no relatives here.

### Son of Noble Sire Is Dead.

Morgan, Minn., April 27.—Unkto-minsha, otherwise White Spider, half-brother of Great Chief Little Brown, is dead at the old Redwood county agency. He was seventy-five years old and a son of the chief of the Rapoja band, Wakingatanka (Big Thunder).

### State Warrants Sold.

Pierre, S. D., April 27.—Treasurer Schamber awarded the \$150,000 issue of state revenue warrants in equal amounts to the First National Bank of Deadwood and the First National Bank of Lead, each of which offered to take the warrants at 4 per cent.

### Probably Frozen to Death.

Baldwin, Wis., April 27.—Two tramps found the dead body of a man in an old unused barn between here and Woodville. They notified the authorities at Woodville. The man has been dead two months, probably freezing to death.

### Cribbed Corn Burned.

Roife, Iowa, April 27.—A corn crib of J. A. Whitaker, containing over one thousand bushels of corn, was completely destroyed by fire last evening. A large barn adjoining was also destroyed.

## SMITH ADMITS IT

ATTORNEY SAYS THE GENERAL ORDERED THE KILLINGS AS CHARGED.

### COURT-MARTIAL ON AT MANILA

DEFENSE MAKES ADMISSIONS TO SIMPLIFY THE PROCEEDINGS.

### ATTORNEY GENERAL IN A RAGE

CAUSES A SENSATION AND ASTOUNDS THE JUDGE AND LAWYERS.

Manila, April 27.—The trial by court-martial of Gen. Jacob H. Smith, on the charge of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, began yesterday. Gen. Lloyd Wheaton presided. Col. Charles A. Woodruff, counsel for the defense, said he desired to simplify the proceedings.

He was willing to admit Gen. Smith gave instructions to Maj. Waller to kill and burn and make Samar a wilderness, that he wanted everybody killed capable of bearing arms, and that he did specify all over ten-year-olds, as the Samar boys of that age were equal to as dangerous as their elders. Capt. David Porter, marine corps, and Lieut. John H. A. Day, marine corps, were the only witnesses examined. Their testimony developed nothing new.

### Waller Will Testify.

Maj. Littleton W. T. Waller, Marine corps, will be the only other witness for the prosecution. He was unable to be present yesterday on account of illness, but it is expected will be in attendance to-day.

At the trial yesterday of the editor of Freedom, who is charged with sedition in publishing an article from an American periodical, to which the editor of Freedom agreed and added remarks of his own censuring the United States commission's rule, the attorney general, L. R. Wilfey, created a sensation and astounded the judge, lawyers and spectators. He lost his temper with Judge Odlin and said:

"The civil government wants to know where it stands under the law passed. It wants to know whether it will be enforced, or whether such

**Unwarranted Statements** will be allowed. The court knows the wishes of the government and it is to be presumed that it knows its own affairs."

Judge Odlin replied: "The court will determine the case according to law. The court wants you to understand that it believes individuals have rights as well as governments."

The defense then asked for a delay of a week, owing to counsel having been disqualified on account of not passing the Filipino standard of law. The hearing of the demurrers in the case was postponed until May 3.

### BOERS DESTROY MANY FARMS.

Parliamentary Paper Published by the English.

London, April 27.—A parliamentary paper was issued by the government to-day, dealing with operations in South Africa. It states that since June of last year the Boers destroyed farms in twenty-one districts of the Cape Colony and Natal.

The official London Gazette publishes a dispatch from Lord Kitchener, mailed from Pretoria in March, reviewing the operations since Feb. 15. It is little to what has already been published. The full details of Lord Methuen's reverse and capture had not been received at the time the dispatch was written. It describes the sweeping movements in the Wilge river and Klip river districts, culminating in Gen. Dewet's partial success break through on Feb. 23, when Col. Garratt's new Zealand corps had fifty-eight casualties.

The dispatch says that their conduct reflected the highest credit and nothing could be finer than their behavior. Lord Kitchener mentions ninety officers and 153 non-commissioned officers and men for conspicuous gallantry. Many of the latter are dead.

### BUTTER FALLS SEVEN CENTS.

Trust Unloads Some of Its Immense Store of Product.

New York, April 27.—Butter fell 7 cents in price yesterday, the beef trust being caught in its own trap and forced to give the lie to its claim of a shortage by rushing its heavy stores from hiding. It was the utter collapse of the butter corner engineered by the packers' "big six." The trust unloaded its huge stores of butter, which it could not sell as its fabulous prices, and drove the market down from 33 to 26 cents, at which it closed. The crash in butter was regarded by the retailers as the most hopeful event since the advance in beef prices began. Much lower prices are predicted for next week. The price of beef was a little stiffer, but there was no general advance.

### Asks Heavy Damages.

Denver, April 27.—Stratton's Independence Mining Company of Cripple Creek yesterday filed suit in the district court against the Strong Mining company, charging the latter with extracting gold and other valuable ores from the Maggee lode mining claim, which adjoins the Strong property, and asking damages to the amount of \$1,750,000.

### Gardner Gets Decision.

San Francisco, April 27.—George Gardner was given the decision last night over Joe Walcott at the end of a twenty-round bout before the Yosemite Athletic club.

### Both Are Acquitted.

Manila, April 27.—Maj. Waller and Lieut. Day, of the marine corps, who were tried by court martial here on the charge of executing natives of the Island of Samar without trial, have been acquitted.

### Morgan, of Course.

Edinburgh, April 27.—The Evening News says that negotiations in which J. P. Morgan & Co. are interested are on foot to combine the Scottish coal companies, with a capital of £3,000,000.

### CONGRESS.

Two Speeches Occupy the Attention of the Senate.

Washington, April 26.—Two speeches occupied the entire attention of the senate yesterday. Mr. McCumber of North Dakota discussed the bill to prevent the misbranding and misrepresentation of food products which enter into interstate commerce. Mr. Carmack of Tennessee, one of the minority members of the Philippines committee, spoke in opposition to the Philippine government bill now pending. His address attracted to the chamber not only many senators, but a considerable number of his former colleagues in the house. He sharply criticized the president not only for the policy he is pursuing in the Philippines, but for utterances which, the senator declared, tended to fan the flame of insurrection.

### In the House.

The house yesterday passed 145 private pension bills, including bills to pension the widow of the late Gen. William Ludlow at \$50 a month and the widow of the late "Parson" Brownlow of Tennessee at \$30 per month. The remainder of the day was devoted to general debate on the agricultural appropriation bill.

### REDUCE DUTY ON SUGAR.

Request From the Philippines Transmitted to the Senate.

Washington, April 27.—The secretary of war yesterday transmitted to the senate a cablegram from the president of the assembly of the presidents of Occidental Negros, P. I., asking a reduction of 75 per cent on the duty on sugar imported into the United States from the Philippines. The cablegram represents that "the agricultural situation is very critical owing to grasshoppers, epiphytic, epidemics, torrential rains, scarcity of labor, expensive transportation, the low price of sugar and the high price of other articles of prime necessity." He adds that unless there is a reduction of at least 75 per cent the province will be completely ruined.

### WRECK ON A VIADUCT.

Locomotive Axel Breaks and Train Is Wrecked.

London, April 27.—A serious wreck occurred on the Great Eastern railway at the Hackney Downs junction station at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. What is known as "the last three-penny train" from Walthamstow was crossing a bridge when an axle on the locomotive broke and the train was brought to a sudden standstill. Several of the carriages were wrecked and some of them tilted dangerously over the viaduct. Two persons were killed outright and sixteen seriously and 100 slightly injured. A boy had both legs cut off and one man lost a foot. The injured were removed later to the German hospital.

### TESTS OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

New Government System Is a Success.

Norfolk, Va., April 27.—Tests of the new government system of wireless telegraphy were made yesterday at Roanoke Island, Pamlico sound, before a number of naval experts. The tests were in charge of Prof. Reginald Fessenden of Allegheny, Pa., who is now attached to the weather bureau service and who is the inventor of the system. From what could be learned late last night they were entirely successful. The experiments were conducted over a distance of sixty miles.

### CORRIGAN DOING WELL.

Archbishop's Condition Favorable as Could Be Expected.

New York, April 27.—The following bulletin was issued at 10:15 o'clock last night by Dr. Keyes: "The archbishop has had an excellent day; no unusual or irregular symptoms of any sort. He has fully held his own and his condition is satisfactory." There was a consultation at 9:30 between Dr. Keyes and Dr. Janeway and Dr. Delafield. They found the patient's condition as favorable as could be expected.

### Paine Is Not Guilty.

Washington, April 27.—The navy department yesterday received the findings of the court-martial headed by Rear Admiral Cooper which tried Jas. A. Paine, a blacksmith aboard the U. S. S. Cincinnati, for killing Angus Williams, a water tender on the same vessel, while the Cincinnati was lying off Charleston a few weeks ago. The court found Paine not guilty of the charge of manslaughter and he was acquitted.

### Big Strike Threatened.

Detroit, Mich., April 27.—The Free Press says: It was announced here yesterday that the lumber handlers at the Lake Superior ports will go out on a strike next week. They demand 60 cent an hour, which the lumber carriers have refused to grant. A meeting of the board of managers of the lumber carriers' association will be held in Chicago early in the week.

### Settles Down to Hard Fight.

Paterson, N. J., April 27.—The strike of the silk dyers' helpers which began on Wednesday and immediately developed violence, has now apparently settled down to a waiting fight between the men and their employers. Four of the minor silk dyeing firms yesterday acceded to the demands of the men, but the big firms are still a unit in refusing to sign.

### Assist Home Sugar Industry.

Vienna, April 27.—During the debate on the budget in the lower house of parliament yesterday the minister of finance announced the government's intention to assist the home sugar industry over the transition period involved by the inauguration of the decisions reached by the international sugar conference at Brussels.

### Telephones Out of Commission.

Cedar Falls, Iowa, April 27.—Fire in the Iowa Telephone company's office destroyed part of the cables, disabling every telephone in the city. Contact with a trolley wire was the cause. The loss cannot be estimated.

### Peterson Nominated.

Washington, April 27.—The president yesterday sent to the senate the nomination of John Peterson as collector of customs for the district of Minnesota at St. Paul. This is Mr. Peterson's second term.

## ON THE DIAMOND

ST. PAUL GATHERS IN ANOTHER AND MINNEAPOLIS DROPS ANOTHER.

### WATKINS AND TEBEAU WINNERS

WEATHER MAN KNOCKS OUT TWO GAMES IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE.

### SCORES IN ALL THE LEAGUES

ST. LOUIS, BROOKLYN, BOSTON AND CHICAGO ARE NATIONAL WINNERS.

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Standing of the Clubs.

W. L. P. C.	W. L. P. C.	W. L. P. C.	W. L. P. C.
Columbus . . . 3 0 1 000	Milwaukee . . . 1 2 333	St. Paul . . . 2 1 067	Toledo . . . 1 2 333
Indianapolis . . . 2 1 067	Kan. City . . . 1 2 333	Louisville . . . 2 1 067	Minneapolis . . . 0 3 000

### At Toledo.

H. P. A. E.	H. P. A. E.	H. P. A. E.	H. P. A. E.
Shieber . . . 1 5 0	Gier . . . 3 1 1	Miller . . . 1 0 0	Dillard . . . 1 2 0
Smith . . . 3 0 1	McFarland . . . 1 1 1	Turner . . . 3 1 0	Kelly . . . 2 1 0
Giles . . . 1 1 0	Shannon . . . 1 2 0	Meyer . . . 2 0 0	Quigley . . . 2 0 0
Burns . . . 1 1 0	Hudson . . . 2 1 0	McGraw . . . 0 0 0	Hurley . . . 0 0 0
Connelley . . . 1 0 0	Cribbins . . . 3 0 0		
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### At St. Paul.

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