

### DEATH BY STRYCHNINE.

**Father Pinard, a Priest, Dies From Overdose of Drug.**  
San Antonio, Oct. 25.—Rev. Henry L. Pinard, a Catholic priest, was found in a dying condition in a room in a cheap lodging house here Monday. He obtained thirty grains of strychnine from a druggist, saying he wanted to kill coyotes. After his death the bottle was found, containing seven grains. He left a note asking for certain debts owing to him be collected. His parents live in Houston. He had been subject to heart disease, and was accustomed to taking strychnine for relief.

### COOPER RESIGNS.

**Retires From the Supreme Bench of the Philippines.**  
Fort Worth, Oct. 25.—Hon. J. F. Cooper of this city has resigned as a member of the supreme court of the Philippines and the president has accepted it. This action was on account of his wife's health. Judge Cooper will open a law office at Washington, but retain his citizenship here.

### SCOTTISH RITE.

**Degrees Conferred Upon a Large Class of Candidates.**  
Dallas, Oct. 25.—Scottish Rite Masons began their second annual reunion in this city Monday. Throughout the day degrees up to the thirteenth were conferred upon a large class of candidates. At night the fourteenth degree was conferred.

### PASTORAL LETTER.

**Bishop Garrett of Diocese of Dallas to Prepare It.**

Boston, Oct. 25.—In the Episcopal house of bishops Bishop Garrett of the diocese of Dallas was chosen to prepare the pastoral letter at the triennial convention in 1907, and the bishop of California and the bishop of Vermont were elected to consult with the bishop of Dallas in preparing the letter. The report of a special committee appointed early in the session to consider the subject of lynching, by almost unanimous consent, was laid on the table. The house of deputies concurred in the amendments to the divorce canon as made by the house of bishops with no debate and with hardly a dissenting vote. Leading churches expressed the opinion that the restrictions placed upon remarriage of an innocent party to a divorce are so stringent that the remarriage of divorced persons will be a rare occurrence hereafter. It is said an attempt will be made to have the next convention specifically declare against remarriage under any conditions.

### FOR'S SILL FIRE.

**Five Troop Stables of Eighth Cavalry Destroyed.**  
Oklahoma, Oct. 25.—Fire broke out in the troop stables at Fort Sill and totally destroyed the five large stables belonging to Troops A, B and D of the Eighth Cavalry. Nearly everything stored in the stables was destroyed, consisting of 120,000 pounds of ammunition, many saddles, blankets, feed, grain, tents, etc. One valuable horse was lost. The fire started while the soldiers were at dinner, and was under such headway when discovered that it was impossible for the 300 soldiers to quench it. The loss is roughly estimated at \$30,000.

### NEW RAILWAY LINE.

**Articles Filed For the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Road.**  
Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 25.—Articles of incorporation were filed with Secretary Grimes Monday by the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf railway for the construction of a line from a point in northeastern Indian Territory to Shawnee, Okla. The capital stock was given as \$10,000,000. The incorporators are Wm. Keneff, Kansas City; W. P. Denan, Muskogee, I. T.; W. L. Stuckey, Fayetteville, Ark.; J. C. Duffy, Chicago; Horace Speed, J. W. McNeal and M. L. West, Guthrie.

### COMMITTEE CONFIDENT.

**Hill Thinks Maryland, West Virginia and Indiana Will Go Democratic.**  
New York, Oct. 25.—The Democratic state executive committee met Monday. It was stated that a very satisfactory condition of the state campaign was reported, and confidence of the result was expressed. In an interview David B. Hill confidently expressed the opinion that the Democrats would carry Maryland, West Virginia and Indiana, the states where he has been campaigning for the last two weeks. He also expressed satisfaction with the situation in New York.

### LYNCHING MUST STOP.

**Grand Jury Says Something Must Be Done to Prevent It.**  
Huntsville, Ala., Oct. 25.—The United States grand jury has made a report to Judge Jones covering the lynching of Horace Maples, and expressed the opinion that had Maples not been a negro he would not have been taken from jail and hanged. The grand jury indicted several alleged members of the mob. The report says that something must be done to put a stop to lynching in the south, whether by the state or federal courts.

### CRUISER COLORADO.

**Made Eighty-Eight Nautical Miles in Less Than Four Hours.**  
er Colorado, built for the United States Navy by William Cramp & Sons of Philadelphia, on her official trip, covered eighty-eight nautical miles in 3 hours, 57 minutes and 30 seconds, maintaining an hourly average speed of 22.26 knots throughout the run, exceeding the speed of twenty-two knots, called for in the builders' contract.

### CONGRESS AT WORK.

**Session Begins With Eight Hundred Delegates on Hand.**  
St. Louis, Oct. 25.—Eight hundred delegates to the Transmississippi Commercial congress assembled Tuesday in Congress hall at the World's fair grounds. During the sessions of the congress matters of importance to residents of the transmississippi region



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will be discussed, such as "Irrigation," "Good Roads," "River Navigation" and "Interstate Commerce Laws." The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the executive committee, Hon. Thomas Richardson of Portland, Ore. In a short introductory address Mr. Richardson presented the president of the congress, R. S. Kerens of St. Louis, who spoke at some length.

### MORRIS EXPIRES.

**His Sister at McGregor, Tex., Does Not Wish His Body.**

St. Louis, Oct. 25.—The fifth fatality as the result of the battle of last Friday between detectives and suspects occurred Tuesday when William Morris, alias C. C. Blair, the confessed train robber, died at the city hospital. The other victims of the shooting were John J. Shea, Thomas Dwyer and James McCluskey, city detectives, and Al Rosenauer, whom the officers were trying to arrest.

In answer to a telegram sent to O. P. Lawson of McGregor, Tex., the husband of Morris' sister, the following was received by Policeman Lally of the St. Louis department: "Send no more telegrams. Have read papers. Want nothing to do with party. Make your own disposition of everything."

### STILL MISSING.

**Nothing Has Yet Been Heard From the Massachusetts.**

New York, Oct. 25.—No further news of the steamer Massachusetts, which was reported as having been lost north of Old Bahama channel on Oct. 20 have been received at the offices of the Atlantic Transport company. The steamer was reported lost by Captain Nachetso, of the Spanish steamer Otaneda from Cardiff, on his arrival at Port Tampa. He had received news of the disaster from a small boat which came alongside the Otaneda Oct. 20 while she was bound for the Florida port. The Atlantic Transport company officials here communicated with their agent in New Orleans, whether the Massachusetts was bound from Cardiff, to follow up the rumor and endeavor to learn of her whereabouts or whether she has been wrecked.

### MRS. TONEY DEAD.

**Only Daughter of Mrs. Mary H. Surratt Departs This Life.**  
Baltimore, Oct. 25.—Mrs. William E. Toney, the only daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Surratt, who was put to death for being involved in the Lincoln conspiracy, is dead here after several years' illness, resulting from her efforts to save her mother. She was sixty-five years old.

### Drops Another Point.

Pearis, Ill., Oct. 25.—Basing the price of finished goods in the whisky market dropped another point and was posted Tuesday morning at \$1.24. Within two months the price dropped from \$1.28 to \$1.24. Competition is again assigned as the cause, the strong fight being between individual independents for business. In addition to the fight waged on the trust by all independents being given as the result for continued reduction.

### Again in Indiana.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 25.—W. J. Bryan arrived from Hamilton, O., Tuesday and for the second time toured the state, having left Indiana last week to make a number of addresses elsewhere. It was arranged to have him speak in eight towns, as follows: Kendallville, Goshen, Warsaw, North Manchester, Bolivar, Rochester, Plymouth and also at South Bend in the evening.

### DEADLY DUEL.

**Due to Alleged Theft of Gold by One Participant.**  
Butte, Mont., Oct. 25.—Henry J. Galagher, bullfinch of the federal court and a well known citizen of Butte, is dead as the result of a thrilling revolver duel with Miles Fuller now under arrest. Trouble of long standing originating in an alleged over the alleged theft of gold by Fuller from the suitcase boxes of Galagher. Galagher, it is said, caught Fuller in the act and gave him a beating. Fuller threatened the life of Galagher. The prisoner denies all knowledge of the shooting.

### Navigation Closed.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 25.—A special from Dawson says that steam navigation on the fall length of the Yukon is practically closed. The river is full of ice. The output for the Klondike this season is \$9,500,000.

### GALLOWAY'S DENIAL.

**Did Not State Guatemalan Ant Was a Failure as Weevil Enemy.**  
Houston, Oct. 25.—Dr. B. T. Galloway has received a telegram from the agricultural department asking if it were true that he had given out an interview stating that the Guatemalan ants were a failure as boll weevil enemies. Dr. Galloway promptly answered that the interview was not true; that Collins and Goll should go to Guatemala, as originally intended, and further study the ants in their native habitat. Dr. Galloway has just returned from Victoria, where he looked after the ants, and expressed himself as satisfied with the work that is being done with them by Dr. Weber and Dr. Hunter.

### STORM AT STOCKDALE.

**Raged Five Minutes and Demolished Methodist Church.**  
Stockdale, Tex., Oct. 25.—From 12:30 to 12:35 o'clock Monday afternoon this place was in the throes of a storm. Houses swayed and several came near going. After the wind died down a torrential rain set in. The Methodist church was completely demolished. The Alamo Brick company plant and W. L. Lawrence & Co.'s cotton gin sustained damage. Nobody was injured.

### SYNOD MEETS.

**Fifty-Five Presbyterian Churches Represented at Dallas.**

Dallas, Oct. 25.—The opening sermon of the Texas synod of the Presbyterian church of the United States was preached by Rev. W. H. Claggett of McKinney. After the sermon there was a celebration of the Lord's supper. Owing to being detained at a funeral, the retiring moderator, Rev. J. C. Oehler of Tyler, was not present at the first session. The Texas synod is composed of fifty-five churches.

### FIRST TEXAS SNOW.

**Three Inches Reported as Having Fallen at Alpine.**

Houston, Oct. 25.—The general offices of the Southern Pacific railway received advice that three inches of snow fell Tuesday morning at Alpine, Tex., 600 miles west of Houston. This is the first snow of the year in Texas.

### Shot Proves Fatal.

Waxahatchie, Tex., Oct. 25.—While Rod Skinner, a young man of this city, was hunting Monday with two companions, the gun that Joe Minnick, one of the party, was carrying, was accidentally discharged. The load entered young Skinner's side, causing a wound which resulted in his death Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock.

### TIBBLES' PREDICTION.

**Says Populism Will Prevent a Mighty Financial Clash.**

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 25.—T. H. Tibbles of Lincoln, Neb., Populist candidate for vice president, speaking here to a small audience, predicted a mighty financial crash within two years, and said the Populist party had the only principles which would then relieve the situation.

### METHODIST BISHOPS.

**Twenty-Two Assemble at New Haven For Semi-Annual Conference.**

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 25.—Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church to the number of twenty-two are in session at this city in semi-annual conference. All deliberations are private. Assignments of bishops to preside over the various conferences will be made and much consideration given to the spiritual and financial welfare of the denomination in all parts of the world. Missionary work in the Philippines and Porto Rico will be discussed also.

### Blew Off Top of Head.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 25.—Dr. Van Tolburn Hoffman, surgeon of the Atlantic Coast Line railway at Sumter, blew off the top of his head with a shotgun. The dead man was very prominent professionally and socially in this part of the state.

### Cotton Ginned.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The census bureau has issued a bulletin showing the quantity of cotton ginned up to Oct. 18 to be 428,853 running bales, against 292,659 running bales for same period in 1903.

### For Reconvening.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Acting Secretary of State Ades has dispatched a note looking to reconvening of The Hague conference.

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

The camping outfit of Walter, Okla., parties burned on a prairie.  
T. B. Beavers, a well known locomotive engineer, died at Taylor, Tex.  
J. W. Parrent of Lynn, I. T., was robbed of \$30 by pickpockets at Denton.  
While hunting near Waurika, Okla., A. Wilson was accidentally shot and killed.  
While attending the circus at Dallas Joe Schatz of Temple, Tex., was robbed of \$299.  
Pete Green was killed at Commerce, Tex. Louis Bass, another negro was arrested.  
The S. E. Boggses department store at Curtis, Okla., burned. Loss, \$28,000; insurance, \$5000.  
At Sherman, Tex., William Kemp charged with killing his father, was granted bail in \$2500.  
Body of an unknown white man, clad only in an undershirt, was found in Trinity river at Dallas.  
J. F. Alfson, roadmaster of the Texas, Sabine Valley and Northwestern railway, died at Longview.  
At Houston H. V. Jones was convicted in three embezzlement cases and one of perjury and got eight years.

### FRANZ JOSEF MIRAGE.

**Remarkable View Explorer Got of Unreachable Land.**

William S. Champ, of the Ziegler relief expedition, who recently returned after failing to reach Franz Josef Land in the ship Frithjof, tells a remarkable story of the mirage in that region, says the New York Tribune. The object of the voyage could be seen clearly in the sky, but it was impossible to reach it, although the land seemed to be within a few miles of the ship. He said:

"We skirted the ice pack from 40 degrees east longitude all the way around to 70 degrees 10 minutes, looking for an opening in the ice. For a distance of from thirty to forty miles out from the shore of Franz Josef Land it was one limitless bed of screwing, grinding ice. One night about midnight the captain called me on deck and pointed to a low, dark line near the horizon. 'Do you see that line?' he asked. 'That is the coast of Franz Josef Land, reflected in the clouds.'"

"It was the most wonderful thing of the kind I ever saw. We could see the outline of the coast there in the sky so clearly that we could easily recognize different ponds and bays. The outline was just the same as if we were at a considerable height in a balloon off the coast and were looking down at it. Of course we were too far away to see the land clearly, but the coast line and the sky line of the elevations could be seen very distinctly."

"I shall go back next summer, prepared to reach Franz Josef Land at all hazards. If the ice conditions which prevail there now continue another year, I shall freeze the Frithjof into the ice pack and when the winter sets in and freezes things up shall go on over the ice. There will be no turning back."

### JAPAN'S WAR FUND.

**Baron Kaneko Says His Country Can Finance a Long War.**

Baron Kentaro Kaneko of Japan, who arrived in the United States on a special diplomatic mission early in the year, was recently interviewed in New York by a reporter of the New York Tribune. Baron Kaneko declared that Japan could surely finance a long war if it should prove necessary. He said:

"Our financial condition at this time is vastly better than was expected. The deposits in the postal savings banks have been greater for the year ending with July than in the twelve months preceding, the clearances have also increased and the foreign trade has been greater. Besides the rice crop, our principal staple, is the largest in ten years, and the yield is 20 per cent greater than normal. This increase alone has a value of over 100,000,000 yen, or \$50,000,000.

"The loan of 80,000,000 yen floated in Japan a week ago was the balance of 280,000,000 authorized by parliament to be floated at home at the same time that the foreign loan of 100,000,000 yen was placed in England and the United States. Parliament will meet again in November and will then take up the new budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1. Large sums will undoubtedly be derived from new sources of internal taxation and so minimize the loan requirements. It is, of course, possible that a new foreign loan may be offered, but that will doubtless be decided when it shall appear whether our requirements can be met more favorably at home or abroad. Of one thing I am thoroughly convinced, as the result of careful consideration of the subject, and it is that we are able to finance a long war if that be necessary."

**Safety Device For Naval Gunners.**

Under the supervision of Commander Karl Rohrer the ordnance department in the New York navy yard is installing a smoke ejecting device on the big guns of the battleship Kentucky to prevent what are known as "blow-backs" when the guns are fired, says the New York Herald. When the breech of a big gun is opened after a shot has been fired it happens sometimes that gas and smoke which have accumulated in the bore become ignited and flash back into the turret. If powder is exposed to the turret an explosion is almost sure to follow. The new device consists of an accumulator and connections that force a current of air through the gun from the breech, expelling the dangerous gases from the muzzle.

### The Autumn Fires.

There's a misty strand of color where the skies and mountains meet;  
The goldenrod is growing by the river's hurrying feet;  
The glancing scythes are swathing through the billowy fields of wheat,  
And the autumn fires are burning on the hill.  
The orchard's fruited boughs fulfill the promise of the spring;  
The ripened rowan berries in their beauteous clusters cling;  
The birds upon the lowland fields prepare for journeying,  
And the autumn fires are burning on the hill.  
The maple glows in crimson and the birch in forest gold,  
And a blaze of amber beauty wraps the beeches in its fold,  
Still the mystic torches touch them in the evenings calm and cold,  
And the autumn fires are burning on the hill.  
There's a drowsy stillness dwelling within the air at noon;  
There's a haze along the valley beneath the midnight moon;  
Strange voices swell the chorus of the rindlet's soft croon,  
And the autumn fires are burning on the hill.  
All golden are the daytime hours, and silver is the night;  
The harvest hills are teeming, and the harvest stars are bright,  
And a pledge of peace and plenty breathes through the phantom light,  
And the autumn fires are burning on the hill.  
—Herbert L. Brewster in Boston Transcript.

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