

The Japanese method of preserving the salmon which are caught in large numbers at Sakhalin is to salt them down and press them into bales.

The statistics of the California insane asylums show that one in every 675 foreign-born residents becomes insane and one in every 3,110 native-born.

A cook, who had been summarily discharged by her employers for smoking cigarettes in the kitchen recently, sued in vain for wages in an English court.

Half of the entire revenues of the eight principal world powers are now being expended on armies, navies and the debts incidental to them. Modern inventiveness, in fact, has made it much more costly to keep the peace than to wage war half a century ago.

Reports have been received at the Japanese foreign office from the Japanese representatives at Peking that the emperor of China, by formal and solemn decree, has ruled the bow and arrow out of the Chinese army, only weapons of modern times hereafter to be carried.

On taking their seats for the first time on the bench at the newly erected courthouse at Delmerhorst, Germany, the judges were much perturbed to find that the architect had ornamented the portico with the sculptured head of a fox on one side and that of a sheep on the other.

Grafting the bone from a dog's leg onto the leg of a man, to replace some five inches of bone that had been removed, and so saving to the man his leg, was the remarkable surgical feat performed by a San Francisco surgeon. It was the first recorded case of grafting upon the human bone the bone of one of the lower animals.

One of the oddest freaks of reptile life ever seen in Danbury, Ct., was killed by William Bigham. It was a snake with two distinct heads, and was sunning itself on a West Street sidewalk when Mr. Bigham discovered it. The reptile was about two feet long and was of the striped adder variety, which is a poisonous one. Each head was on a neck two inches long.

Reports received by the department of commerce and labor, through its bureau of statistics, indicate that the total grain receipts at the ports of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore during August showed a gain of nearly four million bushels, if compared with similar arrivals in 1904. On the other hand, the inbound cereal movement at New Orleans, as well as at San Francisco and Tacoma, presented heavy losses by like comparisons.

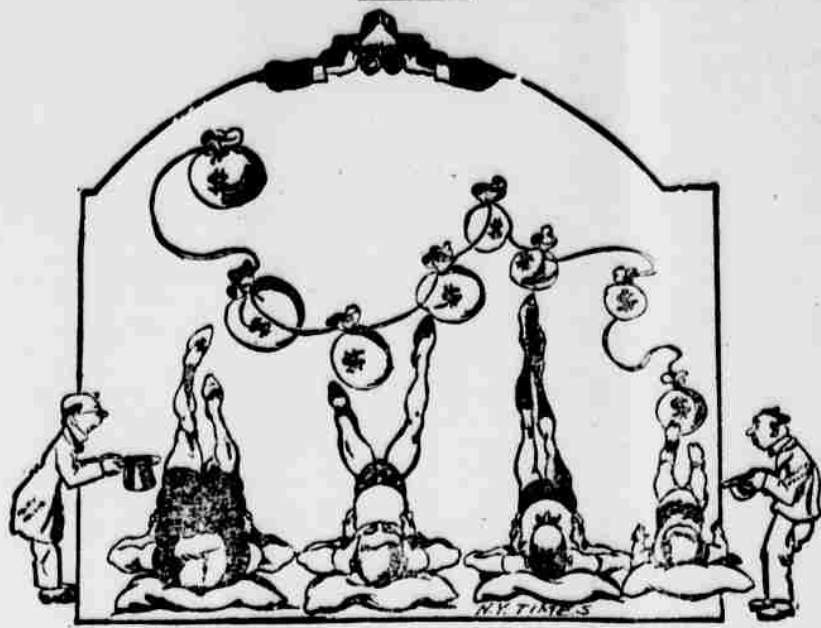
Both "esplanade" and "boulevard" are military terms by origin. The original "boulevard" was a bulwark or horizontal part of the rampart and an "esplanade" was originally the glacis or slope of the counterscarp of a fortified place. A writer 200 years ago noted that the word boulevard was "now chiefly taken for the void space between the glacis of a citadel and the first houses of a town." Hence its extension to other "void spaces" suitable for promenading.

The latest production of the glorious climate of the west is a cat ranch. This old maid's paradise is located on Puget sound, and the ranch occupies the whole island. This was necessary in order that there may be no neighbors to complain, for the nightly concerts of several thousands of cats would naturally bring forth complaints and make the life of a municipal court judge one round of misery. Holbe Torglen is the proprietor and he proposes to raise the cats for their fur.

It is not very often that a man traveling takes, among other pieces of hand baggage, a pony. And yet this is what D. V. Kern, of Kansas City, did when he went to Springfield, Ill. He checked it through in a little crate, and erate, pony and all weighed less than 40 pounds. It is probable that Mr. Kern has the smallest pony living. It is only a colt. The little Shetland is 24 inches high, 24 inches long and weighs just 30 pounds. It is no larger than an ordinary sized dog, and can be lifted and held in one hand.

With Alaska furs valued at \$25,000 from Nulato, on the lower Yukon, Garrett Busch has arrived in Seattle after eight years spent in trafficking with the Indians in the wilderness which he was the first white man to penetrate as a trader. When Mr. Busch reached Nulato, August 12, 1897, with a miner's outfit as his sole possession, he foresaw in that gloomy solitude a trade in the furs which protect animal life from Arctic winters which would exceed in returns the reasonable possibilities of mining ventures.

THE LATEST IN CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE.



The Insurance Brothers.

A HOT SPRINGS HOLOCAUST

Seven Persons Burned to Death in a Fire At the Pacific Hotel.

It is Feared There May be Other Remains in the Ruins Which Further Search May Reveal.

Hot Springs, Ark., Oct. 27.—Six bodies have been taken from the ruins of the Pacific house, a railroad hotel located at Elm and Olive streets, near the railroad tracks, which was damaged by fire at an early hour. Of these, two unidentified, are charred beyond recognition.

The dead: Harry Bradley, a waiter. Edward Snyder, a porter. Mrs. Mack, a musician, and her infant.

A. L. Mann, railroad conductor; believed to be from Denver.

Two unidentified men. The ruins have not yet been thoroughly searched, and there may be other bodies in them.

The hotel is a two-story frame building, containing 30 rooms, all but one of which was occupied, by from one to four persons.

The hotel was patronized by invalids.

The fire is believed to have been caused by incendiarism.

FOUR DEAD, MANY INJURED

Head-On Collision On the Rock Island Road in the Hills Near Fairfield, Iowa.

Fairfield, Ia., Oct. 27.—In the hills half a mile south of town, a head-on collision took place between numbers 11 and 12 of the Rock Island's Kansas City passenger service, resulting in the death of four and the injury of 25 or 30 persons. The dead, so far as known, are:

Engineer Milkes, of Muscatine. Mall Clerk Canfield, of Murray, Ia. Detective Griffith, of Lucas, Ia. An unknown man.

The injured have been taken to Eldon, while the dead are at this place.

The accident occurred at 3:40 a. m. Both trains had clearing orders, and the accident is believed to have been caused by the mistake of the dispatcher.

Both trains were going at a rapid rate when they met in the hills.

Both locomotives were demolished, four cars of No. 12 derailed and seven damaged. The damage to No. 11 has not been reported, but all the killed were on this train.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION

A Municipality Can Not Lawfully Authorize the Obstruction of a Street for Private Use.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 26.—The supreme court of Illinois held that any ordinance which grants a railroad authority to elevate tracks in a city and thereby close any streets, is invalid. A city, in the words of the opinion, "holds the streets and the alleys in trust for the public, and can not lawfully authorize the vacation or obstruction of any of them for the use or benefit of private individuals or corporations." This decision will prevent cities giving the use of streets for street fairs.

LIVES LOST BY EXPLOSION

Two Men Killed and Three Injured By the Explosion of the Boiler of a Dredgeboat.

St. Louis, Oct. 26.—Edward Erhardt, Jr., engineer, and Robert Bogard, firemen, were killed and James Short, George Finch and Gus Miller injured when the dredgeboat Colorado, belonging to the Colorado Sand & Gravel Co., anchored in the Mississippi river off the foot of North Market street, was destroyed by the boiler exploding about 5:30 o'clock Wednesday evening.

A YEAR'S RAILROAD VICTIMS

There Were 537 Passengers Killed and 10,040 Injured, and 3,261 Employees Killed, 45,426 Injured.

Washington, Oct. 26.—The statement of railroad accidents recently issued by the interstate commerce commission covered only the last quarter of the last fiscal year. The figures for the entire fiscal year are now given as follows:

The total number of passengers killed in train accidents was 537; passengers injured in train accidents, 6,498. The total number of employees killed in train accidents was 798; injured, 7,052. There were 187 passengers killed in other than train accidents, and 3,542 injured; and 2,463 employees killed in other than train accidents and 38,374 injured; a grand total of all classes of 537 passengers killed and 10,040 injured, and 3,261 employees killed and 45,426 injured.

This shows an increase of 117 passengers killed and 1,963 injured; and a decrease of 106 employees killed and an increase of 2,160 employees injured.

There were 6,224 collisions during the year, with a money loss of \$4,849,054, and 5,371 derailments, with a money loss of \$4,862,692; a total of 11,595 collisions and derailments and a total money loss of \$9,711,656, being damage to cars, engines and roadways.

THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION

As President of the United States He Will Not Make a Bluff That He Can't Make Good.

New Orleans, Oct. 28.—The following from the president's banquet speech is worth preserving:

"One thing that, as president of this country, I won't do, is to make a bluff that I can't make good. I don't intend, on behalf of the nation, to take any position until I have carefully thought out whether that position will be advantageous to the nation, but if I take it, I am going to keep it. And I am sure that you gentlemen know it has been an utter mistake to think of me as a man desirous of seeing this nation quarrelsome. I have no respect either for the nation or for the individual that brawls. I want to see this nation do as the individual men in the nation, who would respect themselves should do, scrupulously regardful of the rights of others and honestly endeavoring to avoid all cause of difficulty. But I want, on behalf of this nation, the peace that comes, not to the coward who cringes for it, but the peace of the just man, armed, who asks it as a right."

DIRT VIOLATION OF LAW

Millions of Dollars' Worth of Real Estate Are So Held by Corporations in Chicago.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—The Daily News says:

Millions of dollars' worth of real estate property is held by private corporations in Chicago. It is alleged, in direct violation of the law. The bulk of this property, it has been discovered, is in the name of insurance companies or their officials. The Illinois statutes provide that the companies shall offer for sale at public vendue, at least once a year, the property owned by them, or which has come into their possession through foreclosure. This must be done for four years successively, and if, after five years, the corporations still hold the property, the state's attorney shall proceed against them. So far as known, the state's attorney of Cook county never proceeded against any insurance company or other corporations under the statute.

The Russian Transport Lens.

Washington, Oct. 28.—The navy department has been informed that the Russian transport Lens, which has been interned at Mare Island since last spring, sailed thence for San Francisco. She has been released and will return to a Russian port, sailing Sunday.

BOSTON HARBOR MYSTERY

Identity of the Dismembered Body is Practically Established.

The Rings Found On the Right Hand Identified as Having Belonged to Miss Susan Geary.

Boston, Oct. 30.—That the injured body found in a physics at Winthrop, on September 21, was that of Susan Geary, of Cambridge, can be believed of the girl's family and the chief of the Boston police department. Miss Geary, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Geary, was a chorus girl of the "Shepherd King" company, and was known on the stage as Ethel Durrell. She was 21 years old. Mrs. Geary has identified three rings taken from the right hand found in the second dress suit case picked up near the new Charlestown bridge, on Friday last, as those worn by her daughter when she absented herself from the theatrical company on September 11. Confirmation of Miss Geary's disappearance from the company came from Morris Nathan, secretary to the manager of the company and to whom Miss Geary was engaged. Mr. Nathan is now in Pittsburg, Pa. According to Nathan, Miss Geary parted from him on the best terms the day after the company closed its last engagement in this city, and he supposed, he said, that he should see her at the next performance in Lowell on the following day. Instead, however, a message was received by the company's manager from "P. A. Smith, M. D., Boston," which stated that "Miss Durrell" was suffering from stomach trouble and would be unable to report for several days.

AN ARREST MADE.

Morris Nathan, Susan Geary's Sweetheart, Charged With Murder.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 30.—After a long and searching examination at police headquarters, lasting until after one o'clock this morning, Morris Nathan, secretary to the manager of the "Shepherd King" company, was held on a charge of murdering his sweetheart, Miss Susan Geary, the victim of the Boston harbor suit case mystery, which has been puzzling the Boston authorities for more than a month.

EULOGIES FOR THE DEAD

Admiral Togo Delivered the Eulogy at the Shinto Ceremonies in Memory of the Dead of the Navy.

Tokio, Oct. 30.—The great Shinto rites, in memory of the naval officers and men who were killed during the war, were held at Aoyama cemetery. Besides the admirals, officers and sailors, hundreds of civil dignitaries and thousands of sailors were present. Admiral Togo addressed the departed spirits, eulogizing their noble deeds in battle and their gallant co-operation which resulted in the sacrifice of their lives. He humbly asked repose for the spirits whose exemplary deeds in life had contributed to the victory over a powerful enemy.

FIVE MINE OFFICIALS DEAD

They Undertook to Explore a Burning Mine at Hazelkirk, Pa., and Lost Their Lives.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 30.—Five minor officials of the Pittsburg & Westmoreland Coal Co. lost their lives when they entered the Hazelkirk mine No. 1 of the company at Hazelkirk, Pa., 18 miles east of this city, to ascertain if a portion of the mine was still burning as a result of an explosion two weeks ago. The dead are:

John Horncial, superintendent; Daniel Griffith, foreman; Joseph Hunter, John Lavey and Henry Clayborne, fire bosses. All were married, with large families, and were men of considerable means.

JAPS LOCATE NEARER HOME

Japanese Residents of Southern California Returning to Settle in Manchuria and Korea.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 30.—It is stated upon the authority of the leaders of the local Japanese colony that the Japanese residents of southern California are leaving daily for home, to proceed thence to the newly-opened commercial fields in Manchuria and Korea. It is declared that within a year a majority of the present local Japanese population will have migrated.

A PROMISE FROM JEROME

What He Purposes Doing in the Event of His Re-Election as District Attorney of New York.

New York, Oct. 30.—In a statement issued by District Attorney Jerome he announces that if re-elected he will apply to the board of estimate of New York city for money to retain Charles E. Hughes as special counsel to prosecute the insurance men if any were proceeded against criminally.

STIMULUS TO RETAIL TRADE

Cooler Weather Has Imparted Fresh Activity to Retail Business—Farm Products Higher.

New York, Oct. 28.—Bradstreet's weekly review says:

Activity, in fact buoyancy, still characterizes practically all lines of trade and industry. Cooler weather is a stimulus to retail trade in all but a few small and relatively unimportant sections of the country. Reorder business reflects this in a steady call from jobbers for dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats—in fact, all lines of wearing apparel. Holiday trade in many lines also shows the effects of early buying. The practical lifting of the last southern quarantines is helping southern trade, as is also the higher price of cotton which is loosening up the movement of that staple. The long awaited materializing of European demand for breadstuffs is apparently now at hand. Business in this line, it is claimed, is now limited only by vessel room capacity. Higher prices for nearly all farm products have helped demand in agricultural districts, and to a certain extent improved collections.

COLLIDED WITH FRUIT BOAT

The Lighthouse Tender Magnolia, With the President Board, Collided With the Esparta.

New Orleans, Oct. 27.—The lighthouse tender Magnolia, with President Roosevelt on board, was in collision with the fruit steamer Esparta, near Nairn, La., shortly after 2 a. m. The news reached New Orleans through a long-distance telephone message from Capt. W. M. Rose of the Esparta, who asked that assistance be sent him.

Capt. Rose reported both vessels aground at the river bank, and that no one was seriously injured in the collision.

Nairn is about 60 miles below New Orleans, on the west bank of the Mississippi river.

The revenue cutter Ivy arrived at Nairn and conveyed the president through the passes into the gulf of Mexico. Neither the president nor any of his party was injured.

The Esparta belongs to the fleet of the United Fruit Co., and was on her way to New Orleans with a cargo of bananas and coconuts.

SIX MILLION DOLLAR PLANT

United States Independent Telephone Co. to Establish an Enormous Plant in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Oct. 28.—Preparations of a definite character were made last night in St. Louis for inaugurating the operative plans of the United States Independent Telephone Co., the national corporation with a capital stock of \$50,000,000 which was recently organized to conduct a general telephone business throughout the United States.

The arrangements, as now decided upon, contemplate the immediate building of a \$6,000,000 telephone equipment plant in St. Louis and the enlargement of the present apparatus manufacturing establishment in Rochester, N. Y.

SEVENTEEN GIRLS POISONED

Three Are Dead and Others Ill At the St. Joseph Orphan Asylum, Burlington, Vt.

Burlington, Vt., Oct. 28.—It became known today that 17 girls whose ages range from two to six years, at the St. Joseph Orphan Asylum in this city were taken suddenly ill and three of them died within three hours.

At an autopsy held under the auspices of the state board of health, it was determined that the death of the three girls was due to poisoning, but that the cause had not appeared.

WILLING TO SQUARE THINGS

An Alleged Milwaukee Murderer Would Make Amends by Marrying Victim's Widow.

Milwaukee, Oct. 28.—Fred W. Borchert, who shot and killed Otto Wislow and is now on trial for murder, has tried to make amends as best he can.

He is said to have offered to marry the murdered man's widow and provide for her. This was the sensation sprung by District Attorney McGovern in asking for the reopening of the case on the ground of new testimony.

Independent Tobacco Manufacturers.

New York, Oct. 28.—The Independent Tobacco Manufacturers' association of the United States was in session at the Hotel Astor. The association is composed of manufacturers who are opposed to the so-called tobacco trust.

St. Louis Divine Dead.

St. Louis, Oct. 28.—Rev. Dr. William Short, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, and one of the most widely-known St. Louis clergymen, is dead of lung trouble.

Mice Damage Potatoes.

Alto Pass, Ill., Oct. 28.—Jackson county farmers report great damage to potatoes by field mice.