

PREMIER MONIS.

Head of French Cabinet Seriously Injured in Airship Accident.



Panama Canal Three-Fourths Done.
"Uncle Sam" has taken stock of what has been accomplished at Panama after seven years of hard work. May 4 ended the seventh year of canal construction by Americans.

Only one-fourth of the great task of excavation remains to be done, for the "ground hogs" have removed 138,000,000 cubic yards from the line of the canal. That leaves only 44,000,000 yards to be cut away.

The placing of the concrete in the locks is more than 52 per cent completed, the installing of the lock gates has begun and 70 per cent of the filling for the Gatun dam, which will feed the canal with water, has been done.

The lock gates are staggering in their vast proportions compared with the timber gates of the canals in this country. Each leaf, of which there are two in a gate, is 7 feet thick, 65 feet long and from 47 to 82 feet in height, there being no fewer than 92 of these leaves. Special hoisting machinery has been installed to place these masses of steel.

One of the unexpected obstacles in the construction was the development of twenty-two slides in the Culebra cut within a distance of nine miles, but it is stated that these will not delay the completion of the canal, as the earth can easily be removed by dredges after the water is turned on.

Persuades Son to Shoot Him.

A tragedy that shocked the vicinity of Greenwich, Conn., took place on the farm of Frederick Husted, a well-to-do farmer, forty-six years old. During the absence of his wife and two of his children he persuaded his twelve-year-old son Lester to pull the trigger of his shotgun, killing him instantly.

Husted is believed to have become crazed after years of toil, during which he had paid off the farm mortgage and for the first time in years saw prospects of a life of ease.

Husted owned a farm of eighty acres at North Greenwich, and it is said had lately refused an offer of \$80,000 for the place. He was prosperous and devoted his whole time to his farm. He awoke from a nap and told his wife that he felt queer, having just had a bad dream.

Murdered and Robbed.

In a little fringe of woods on the edge of Paradise creek, near Norfolk, Va., a murder was revealed when a party of searchers out scouring the country in quest of J. L. Benton, a merchant, who had been missing from his home on Deep Creek shell road since last Friday, found him with a gaping wound in his face.

Robbery was undoubtedly the ruling motive of the crime and a shotgun was the weapon.

Industrious and possessed of a large family to care for, Mr. Benton had accumulated considerable money, which he carried about with him wherever he went. He had in his pockets when he left his home on Friday morning nearly \$900. When his pockets were searched the money was gone.

Michigan For Taft in 1912.

Governor Osborn, of Michigan, a visitor at the White House, told President Taft he could expect the support of Michigan in the 1912 presidential campaign.

The governor told the newspaper men later that he is a progressive Republican, "the same sort of progressive Republican as Mr. Taft is." Governor Osborn said he believed Mr. Taft to be the one man to unite the factions in the party.

More Postal Savings Banks.

The postoffice department has designated fifty additional postal savings banks, making the total banks to date 226. The offices just named are to be ready to receive deposits on June 19. Among the newly designated offices in the east are: Glastonbury, Conn.; West Hoboken, N. J.; Dunkirk, N. Y.; Minersville, Pa.; Irwin, Pa.; East Greenwich, R. I.; St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Infant's Body Found in Mill Race.

The body of a young child was found floating in the mill race at the York Haven Water and Power company, near York, Pa. The infant had been badly bruised by coming in contact with the rocks as it floated down the river. The body had been wrapped in a piece of blanket.

AIRSHIP KILLS WAR MINISTER

Dashes Into Group of French Cabinet Officers.

PREMIER BADLY INJURED

Aeroplane Becomes Unmanageable and Crashes to the Ground — Premier Monis Probably Fatally Hurt.

Henri Maurice Berteaux, minister of war, was killed, and Antoine Ernest Monis, premier and minister of the interior, was probably mortally injured as the result of an accident at the start of the Paris to Madrid aviation race at the drill ground at Issy les Moulineaux, near Paris.

Fifty thousand French people, with the holiday spirit and in holiday attire, awaited the start. The first away was Naval Lieutenant Conneau. He was followed by Roland G. Garos, who in turn was followed by Gilbert. All were using Bleriot machines. The crowd was cheering the men who had got away, when Train, the new aviator, was to be seen approaching the drill ground with a passenger, Bonnier, in his machine. He was flying a steel monoplane, built and patented by himself, and as he circled to try his motor it was to be seen that something was wrong.

As Train arose, the premier, the minister of war and other notables, not being able to see from the stand of honor, moved nearer to the starting line. The crowd followed. The crash was tremendous, and it was necessary to call for another squadron of cuirassiers to ride upon and keep back the throng.

Train was shutting off his motor and preparing to alight directly over the horsemen as they rode upon the field. In order to avoid striking them, Train shot into the air again. He was unable to see the group of notables just on the other side of the horsemen.

Having cleared the cuirassiers, Train slanted toward the earth again and dashed headlong into the crowd beyond. Minister of War Berteaux was dead ahead of the machine. The propeller caught his right arm, which he had raised to ward off the blow, and in a second had torn the member from the body. M. Berteaux was killed instantly.

Premier Monis was buried beneath the machine and was unconscious when lifted from the ground. Both bones of his right leg and all of the bones of his nose were broken, his scalp was frightfully torn, and upon examination it was found that he was suffering from internal injuries in the abdominal region. He was carried at once to his home.

The body of the dead war minister was taken to the ministry. The torn arm was sewed on and the body was embalmed.

Premier Monis is reported to be bearing up bravely, and though suffering intensely he nevertheless insisted on signing several urgent state papers and, although the race was ordered discontinued, M. Monis commanded that it go on.

Suit to End Lumber Trust.

Sweeping charges of a gigantic conspiracy to maintain high prices, to blacklist concerns not regarded as "proper" trade, and to violate generally the Sherman anti-trust law, are made in a government suit filed by Attorney General Wickersham in the United States court in New York against the so-called lumber trust.

Ten trade organizations and more than 150 individuals are named as defendants in this suit, which may be the first of several planned by the department of justice against combinations of retailers in staple commodities and the necessities of life to prevent the ultimate consumer from buying anywhere except from local retailers.

Government officials consider the suit one of the most important ever brought under the Sherman anti-trust law, inasmuch as its great object is to put an end to agreements which prevent the ultimate consumer buying commodities directly from the producer.

If the courts uphold the government's contention and rule that such agreements come under the inhibition of the Sherman law, it is believed that many suits will follow with the object of removing one of the greatest causes of the high cost of living.

The suit filed is against the Eastern States Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, which is the central body of nine local organizations covering five states, the District of Columbia and the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Attorney General Wickersham and his special assistant, Clark McKercher, have devoted more than a year to collecting the evidence on which the suit is based. This evidence includes copies of the alleged agreements, blacklists and reports of the various organizations, branding wholesalers and retailers, who have dared to violate the rules of the associations as "poachers," "mavericks," "scrapers" and "illegitimate dealers" to whom "short shrift" must be applied.

This is the government's first anti-trust suit conforming to the supreme court's Standard Oil decision, in that it alleges "undue" and "unreasonable"



GENERAL SHERIDAN'S MONUMENT IN ARLINGTON.

restraint of the trade of the consumer and the manufacturer.

The government charges in brief that by an elaborate system of blacklisting not only individual consumers but some of the largest industrial corporations have been prevented from dealing directly with wholesalers.

Aged Negro Minister Lynched.

Rev. Benjamin Smith, the aged leader of the negro race near Swainsboro, Ga., was hanged to the limb of a tree and his body riddled with bullets by a mob of white men because he had wounded Deputy Marshal Canady.

Smith had trouble with his young wife, and the latter had complained to the authorities. Canady went to the Smith house to arrest the preacher. The latter resisted and shot the officer, inflicting a serious wound.

Smith fled, but was pursued with bloodhounds and was captured in a swamp near the town, brought back and hanged to a tree in sight of his home.

Smith was very old, being white headed and toothless, but for years his word had been law to the negro population. He was noted for his oratory.

While the mob was chasing Smith unknown parties dynamited the negro Odd Fellows hall, entirely destroying the building.

The lynching and the use of dynamite have terrorized the negroes and any are fleeing. A general exodus is threatened, which will work great damage to the planters.

Two Perish in Burning Auto.

Slowly burned to death as they were pinned under an automobile that had turned turtle as they were rounding a curve at Chester, N. J., was the fate of Edward D. Middlekauff, a broker, of Plainfield, and his companion, Miss Elsie Walpole, of Scotch Plains, N. J. Middlekauff and Miss Walpole had been on an automobile trip through eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey when the accident occurred. As they were nearing the Chester crossroad Middlekauff turned out to avoid some obstructions and the wheels of his car struck a boulder, causing Middlekauff to lose control of his car, which turned turtle.

Miss Walpole was evidently rendered unconscious, but Middlekauff was conscious when the gasoline tank exploded and slowly roasted him to death. His cries could be heard for blocks.

F. C. Searles, who witnessed the accident, summoned aid and attempted to raise the overturned car from the victims, but in vain. It was not until a team with block and tackle could be procured that the car was raised. By that time both victims had been burned to a crisp.

Corral Resigns; Diaz to Follow.

Word was received at the provisional government capital at Juarez that Vice President Corral has presented his resignation, to take effect at once.

The telegram was received by Francisco I. Madero, Jr., from Alfred R. Dominguez, special peace envoy in Mexico City.

The news was taken to mean that the vice president's resignation was requested to precede that of President Diaz, which is expected hourly.

When President Diaz resigns Senator Madero and his party immediately will leave for Mexico City to advise with Senator de la Barra in the political reorganization of Mexico. Madero will resign immediately after Diaz. Madero will take an insurrecto body-guard with him most likely.

Every word of the peace pact was read before the soldiers of Madero's army, which congregated in the principal streets of Juarez.

REBELS KILL 225 CHINAMEN

Pekin Government Promptly Demands Protection.

RANCHES ARE LOOTED

Desperate Fight Between Orientals and Insurrectos at Torreon Results in Wholesale Slaughter.

In a desperate fight between Mexican insurgents and Chinamen at Torreon, 225 Chinamen were killed. This information was received in Eagle Pass, Texas, by Sam Wah, owner of the International hotel at Ciudad Porifiro Diaz, across the river from Eagle Pass.

Details of the reported slaughter have not been received here except that of the number of Chinamen killed were fifty of Wah's ranchmen. Wah has telegraphed the Chinese minister at Washington, asking for protection, and it is expected that Pekin will demand reparation of some sort.

Mexico is Expected to Act Promptly.

As soon as the depredations against Chinese subjects at Torreon, Mex., are officially reported to the Chinese minister at Washington, who is also accredited to the Mexican government, he will take steps to protest to Mexico.

The minister already has instructed his charge d'affaires at Mexico City to make vigorous representations to the Mexican government in regard to the reported murdering by bands, of eight Chinese and the wounding of three others at Imures, Sonora. The gardens and stores of the Chinese there were looted.

The matter was called to the attention of the minister by Chinese residents of Nogales, Ariz., who were in communication with the refugees from the scene of the butchery. They pleaded for protection for their countrymen. It is expected here that Mexico will take prompt measures to investigate the situation with respect to the Chinese and offer them all protection possible in the present disturbed condition of the country.

No word has yet been received by the Chinese legation in regard to the reported massacre at Torreon. The state department likewise was without advices on the subject.

In Central America the diplomats and consuls of the United States frequently look after Chinese interests at places where China is not represented. As China has a diplomatic representative at Mexico City, however, the present difficulty is in his hands and the state department has not been asked to take any action.

THE LATEST SWINDLE

Postmaster Says Office Is Postal Bank and Gets \$100 From Italian.

Charged with representing his post-office as a United States postal bank and securing \$100 from an Italian, Postmaster M. E. Straub, of Palmerston postoffice, near Allentown, Pa., has fled.

It is charged that after Straub had convinced the Italian that the post-office was a postal bank he got \$50 from him on one occasion and \$50 on another. An investigation is now under way to ascertain if he secured money from others.

The Way of a Woman.

The suffragette was practicing her address for the Woman's Rights Club at her own little home. Her words were defiant. "Women are marionettes. Since the beginning of time woman has been the real power behind the throne; now she fearlessly demands her place on the throne. She is triumphant; she defies the world; she—"

The doorbell rang. The man with the bookagent manners bowed. "May I see the head of the house a moment?"

"He is not at home," said the suffragette, slamming the door and resuming her oratory. "Let me see, where was I?"—Lippincott's.

Where Pa Came In.

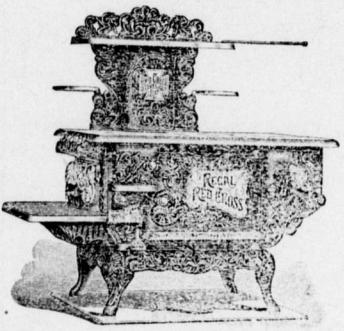
The young couple were out with the new baby when they met the man who had formerly been the husband's rival.

"So this is the new baby," said the former rival enthusiastically. "What a beautiful child he is! He looks just like his mother. He has eyes of blue just like hers, and his nose is just the same. He has her chin and mouth, and did you ever see such a resemblance in their ears? What a beautiful child!"

The wife beamed, while the husband stood by glumly.

"Hey!" he blurted out. "The kid hasn't grown his teeth yet. Do you think I've got a chance there?"—New York Sun.

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