

The efforts of the London county council to drive out the Cockney speech from the schools of the English metropolis hardly needed the opposition given in a book recently issued in defense of the dialect.

These are the days for sausage. There is no use for a person to stick up his nose at sausage, for sausage is good when it is made right.

"Remove not the ancient landmark." Is a Scriptural injunction to whose value the United States is only beginning to subscribe in earnest.

The announcement that the two ends of a waterway by which it will be possible for vessels to avoid passing outside of Cape Hatteras have been joined, so that completion of the route is a matter of but a short time, is of special interest.

We are glad to have that newspaper clipping giving the information that "flies will not alight on picture frames if you keep them well rubbed with oil," but it would be just like us to lose it before next summer.

Abdul Hamed, former sultan of Turkey, is reported to be happy and growing fat. Certain middle-aged ladies will wonder how anybody who is growing fat can possibly be happy.

A Worcester (Mass.) man, 53 years old, has been sentenced to the house of correction for ten months because he kissed a widow who is 70 years of age.

The new counterfeited \$100 bill is just now giving the treasury agents and the ultra rich considerable trouble.

FLIES OVER MT. WILSON

Arch Hoxsey Soars Above Highest Peak in Range.

UPPER ALTITUDE: FAR BELOW ZERO.

Holder Of World's Altitude Record Crosses Range That Rims California Valley—In the Air One Hour and Twenty-Eight Minutes—Army Officer Says One Thousand Aeroplanes Could Carry 10,000 Troops Across the Alps in a Single Day.

Los Angeles, Cal. (Special).—Arch Hoxsey, of Pasadena, holder of the world's aeroplane altitude record—11,474 feet—Thursday flew over Mount Wilson, the highest peak of the mountain range that rims the valley in which Los Angeles, Pasadena and the towns of the orange belt lie.

Under ideal weather conditions, he soared 10,005 feet into the sky, and cleared the crest of Mount Wilson with 4,200 feet to spare.

Lieut. Vernon Bolter and several other army officers, who are here to see the flights, asserted Hoxsey's performance pointed a new way of transporting armies across mountain ranges.

Lieutenant Bolter, who came here from Fort Whipple, Ariz., said that a thousand biplanes could transport an army of 10,000 men across mountains as high as the Alps in a day.

Runs Into Sleet Storm.

Hoxsey used a Wright biplane, equipped for passenger service, and he made the journey from the field to a point beyond the mountains in 1 hour and 28 minutes.

The distance is estimated at 34 miles. On an air line the distance from the field to the mountain is less than that, but Hoxsey circled over the field until he reached his maximum height, before he pointed the nose of his machine toward the range. He was out of sight before he made the attempt at topping the peak.

News of his success was flashed to the aviation field by telephone from the Carnegie Solar Observatory, on Mount Wilson, directly above which the aviator soared.

"It was fearfully cold," said Hoxsey, "and when I got to a point just above the summit I found that the haze, which obscured the mountains from the aviation field, was a heavy pall of vapor with fine ice particles that stung my face. I am certain that if I had had a recording thermometer with me it would have shown the temperature of the upper altitude to be far below zero. However, hurdling mountains is much easier than climbing 11,000 feet over a valley of the sea. The earth does not seem so far away."

GROWTH OF THE SOUTH.

Has Doubled Output of Entire United States in 1860.

Charlotte, N. C. (Special).—In an address at the annual banquet of the Greater Charlotte Club Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers Record, in discussing matters bearing upon the South and its progress, said:

"Despite all the disadvantages under which we have labored, despite much of the unwise agitation of all kinds of the last 10 or 12 years, agitations which have created false impressions about the South, this section has achieved wonders of which it may well boast. Sometimes we have talked about being too poor to develop our educational facilities, and yet the South is now spending for common-school education largely over \$50,000,000 a year, against \$23,000,000 as the total amount thus expended by the United States in 1860, when the population of the country exceeded by 3,000,000 the population of the South at present.

"In its cotton mills this section has twice as many spindles as the United States had in 1860. It is making three and a half times as much pig iron as the United States then made. Last year it produced almost as much grain as the whole country raised in 1860, and its total farm products exceeded by \$900,000,000 the value of the agricultural output of the United States at that time. We have two and one-half times as much railroad mileage and six times as much money in bank deposits as the whole country had in 1860."

Yes, the Lion Yawned.

San Francisco (Special).—While visiting the winter quarters of a wild animal show here, John Kellert, of Knights Landing, Cal., was told that he could make a lion yawn by tickling his chin. John tried, with the result that he is now in a hospital nursing a hand from which two fingers are missing.

A Model Hospital.

Chicago (Special).—The new Emergency Hospital building erected by the Iroquois Memorial Association at 87 Market street in memory of the 600 persons who lost their lives in the Iroquois Theatre fire December 30, 1901, was presented to the city of Chicago Friday, which was the seventh anniversary of the disaster. The building is said to be the finest and most complete model hospital in existence. It is of fireproof construction, four stories and basement and contains 20 rooms.

Pullman Porters Ask Raise.

Chicago (Special).—About 200 Pullman car porters met in Chicago Tuesday for the purpose, it is said, of forming a union. The meeting was secret and very little of the proceedings became public. The union when it is fully organized will be along the lines of labor unions generally, and will also have a death benefit. The porters have already sent a request to the Pullman company for an increase in wages.

A SELF-SUSTAINING BASIS

But P. O. Department Expenditures Exceed Receipts.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—That Postmaster-General Hitchcock is determined to put the Postoffice Department on a self-sustaining basis is evidenced in the annual report of Third Assistant Postmaster General James G. Britt, just made public. Though the expenditures of the department for the past year still are in excess of the receipts, there is a marked decrease in the expenditures for the past year when compared with those of a year ago.

The total postal receipts for the fiscal year 1910 aggregated \$224,128,567.62. This is an increase of \$20,566,274.55, or 10.10 per cent., when compared with those for the preceding year.

The expenditures for the past year amounted to \$229,977,224.50, an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$5,848,656.88. To this deficit should be added the sum of \$32,915.07 lost by burglary, fire, bad debts, etc., making a total deficit of \$5,881,571.95, a decrease of \$11,598,288.52 when compared with the deficit of the fiscal year 1909.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General discusses in detail the different branches of the postal service which come under the jurisdiction of his office. The financial system, the supervision of the manufacture and issuance of postage stamps, postal cards, etc., the money-order system and registry system and the classification of domestic mail matter are all taken up fully in the report.

GIVES EMPLOYEES \$100,000.

T. G. Plant, Shoe Manufacturer, To Retire From Business.

Boston, Mass. (Special).—Thomas G. Plant, the Jamaica plain shoe manufacturer, is about to retire from the firm bearing his name, and, in pursuance of a policy he inaugurated in the nature of a merit system, he gave to his employees a vast sum of shilling gold fresh from the mint, exceeding \$100,000. This gift will be followed later in the year by a second distribution of \$50,000 to the employees. Although the news of the distribution came through the employees, it was confirmed at the office of the company.

In letters he sent with the gifts of gold to the several hundred employees Plant said: "I believe length of service, to a great extent, expresses the individual's loyalty to his employer. I express my sincere appreciation of your loyal services."

TRAIN HIT BUGGY; WIFE DEAD.

Husband Thrown On Pilot, Rides Six Miles Still Holding Reins.

Lemoyne, Pa. (Special).—Thrown on the pilot of the engine of the southbound fast Hocking Valley passenger train, which struck and demolished the buggy and instantly killed his wife, who was riding with him, John Bartels, a wealthy farmer, was carried to Pemberville, six miles distant, where he alighted, dazed from the shock and exposure to the cold, but otherwise uninjured.

When he alighted from the engine he still held part of the broken lines in one hand, together with the lap robe.

KILLED BY NITROGLYCERIN.

Charge Containing 25 Quarts Put in Hot Water.

Washington, Pa. (Special).—William C. Maloney was about to shoot an oil well in Cross Creek township when he complained that the nitro-glycerin was too thick.

He placed the explosive in a barrel of hot water and was completing preparations for the shot when the charge exploded.

Maloney was blown to pieces, and the derrick at the well wrecked. His horses, although knocked down, were not hurt. The charge contained 25 quarts of fluid. Maloney had been a "shooter" for 10 years.

Lives Saved From Shipwrecks.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—According to the annual report of the general superintendent of the life-saving service, just made public, 6,501 lives were saved and 1,463 disasters to shipping at sea were averted during the course of the year. Fifty-three lives were lost.

More than 10,051,160 was saved to the companies owning vessels. The entire cost of the service was \$2,249,395.

Gem For Mrs. Taft.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Among the earliest presents received at the White House for Mrs. Taft was one which came as a testimonial from her associates, the women of the Cabinet. The gift was a beautiful ring, set with rubies and diamonds.

Baby Smothers To Death.

Trenton, N. J. (Special).—Christmas festivities at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith, Morrisville, were spoiled by the discovery that a 4-months-old daughter had been smothered in the night by the bed clothing. The children were put to bed early and the father and mother spent until far into the night trimming the Christmas tree. When the children awoke in the morning the mother could not move her daughter. She had been smothered in the night.

To Catch Dynamiters.

Los Angeles, Cal. (Special).—Though it was officially announced Monday that the damage sustained by the plant of the Llewellyn Iron Works as the result of Sunday's dynamiting will not exceed \$5,000, the members of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association held a special meeting to devise plans for investigating the explosion. The plan is to have made no arrests and an effort that they have no suspects under surveillance.

BOILER EXPLODES SIXTEEN KILLED

At Least Two Other Men Expected to Die.

BODIES OF VICTIMS BLOWN TO PIECES.

Men Had Gathered in the Boiler Building Of the Morewood Lake Ice Company, At Morewood Lake, Preparatory To Harvesting Crop—Senator W. Murray Crane Heads Relief Fund.

Pittsfield, Mass. (Special).—The lives of 16 workmen were obliterated Thursday, by the explosion of a boiler at the plant of the Morewood Lake Ice Company, at Morewood Lake, two miles south of this city. Twelve men were killed instantly, one died shortly after the accident and three others died in the hospital. In addition 12 men were injured, and it was stated at the House of Mercy, the hospital to which they were removed, that it was feared that two of the patients would die.

State Officer A. H. McNeill was assigned by the Massachusetts District Police officials to make a thorough investigation of the cause of the explosion.

At a special meeting of the City Council resolutions were adopted calling for immediate action to supply the wants of the fatherless and injured. Upon the suggestion of Mayor William B. MacLanis, a subscription paper was started and in a short time nearly \$3,000 had been subscribed. United States Senator Winthrop Murray Crane, whose home is in Dalton, near here, headed the list with \$500.

Gathered this forenoon in and about the little boiler building, which was some distance from the ice-houses, were about 125 men, mostly Poles and Italians, awaiting the chance to earn a few dollars by cutting ice. With a crash, heard for miles around, the boiler burst. Bodies of men and fragments of iron and timber were hurled through the air. Those of the workmen who were not killed outright were either seriously injured or dazed by the shock.

SUGAR TRUST OFFERS \$700,000.

Wants To Compromise After Discovery Of Drawback Frauds.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Recent disclosures in the "drawback" frauds against the government have put the Treasury Department in a position practically to dictate the terms of compromise with the sugar refining companies. The American Sugar Refining Company's recent offer of \$700,000 may not be accepted. In view of the fact that the government is said to have evidence to compel the return of not less than \$1,000,000.

It has just become known that at a recent conference with Attorney General Wickersham, attorneys for the sugar company offered \$500,000 in settlement and declared that "was the last cent." The offer was declined and the \$700,000 one came soon after.

WED 60 YEARS; NEVER FUSSED.

Aged Hubby Says Only Way Is to Marry Young.

Cleveland, Ohio (Special).—Marriage is a success, say Mr. and Mrs. Max Dubinsky, respectively 80 and 77 years old, who celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Tuesday.

The Dubinskys were married in Riga, Russia, when he was a lad of 20 and she a lass of 17. Dubinsky says the only way is to marry young. Both say that they never quarreled. They are hale and hearty and hope to live to celebrate their seventieth wedding anniversary.

9 TONS OF BAD EGGS SEIZED.

Board of Health Will Be Asked to Destroy Them.

New York (Special).—Nine tons of "liquid eggs" were seized Tuesday by federal officers in the cold storage plant of the Merchants' Refrigerator Company, Jersey City.

The warrant of seizure, which was issued by the United States Commissioner, described the eggs as "filthy, decomposed and putrid animal matter." The Jersey City Board of Health will be asked to destroy them.

Murderer Stabs Keeper.

Trenton, N. J. (Special).—William D. Turner, deputy keeper at the state prison, was fatally stabbed by Dominic Menango, a convicted murderer, of Passaic county. It is believed Menango bore Turner a grudge and waited for his opportunity. The convict called Turner to him and stabbed him twice. Menango was overpowered and placed in a dungeon.

Overcoat As Life Net.

Chicago (Special).—A life net, improvised from a man's overcoat, at a tenement fire here, saved the life of a baby. Mrs. A. Dekanavsky, the mother of the child, jumped to the sidewalk from an upper story and was severely injured. Two neighbors, who also jumped, were hurt. Mrs. Dekanavsky was about to jump when her baby when Fred Hoffman, manager of a nearby apron factory, jerked off his overcoat, spread it out in the hands of by-standers, and shouted to the mother to drop the baby.

Gas Wrecks Home.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—An explosion of gas, followed by fire, Monday, caused the death of two persons, injured another, and wrecked the little home of Mrs. Laura Bryan, a widow, at Coropolis. Six other members of the family had narrow escapes. A rubber hose, it is supposed, became detached from a pipe, allowing the gas to escape until ignited by fire burning in an adjoining room.

Two Killed by Powder Flash.

Butler, Pa. (Special).—An explosion of 150 pounds of blasting powder at a quarry near here killed Tony Rossi and Peter Guanni, two of the blasters, and fatally injured Andrew Russina, an assistant. The latter was blown 25 feet. Both feet were torn off his body and his head and body were lacerated. The explosion is thought to have been caused by a drill striking a cap in an unexploded charge.

10-Year-Old Boy Hangs Self.

Cleveland (Special).—Ralph Shannon, 10 years old, died at his home here in convulsions from an attempt to hang himself because his mother would not allow him to go to a motion-picture show. When his mother told him he must stay at home he went to a woodshed in the rear of the house and tried to hang himself with a skate strap. His mother rescued him, but the boy went from one convulsion into another.

Two Killed in Pistol Fight.

Cypress, Fla. (Special).—"Jim" Whit, of Altha, Fla., shot and fatally wounded Stephen Johnson, a neighbor, in a quarrel over a trivial matter Sunday. Whit was in turn shot and instantly killed by the mother of Johnson.

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SEVEN KILLED; SCORE HURT

Over a Ton of Powder Explodes at El Paso, Texas.

El Paso, Tex. (Special).—Attempting to blast away a slag pile at the El Paso smelter, workmen accidentally exploded 2,400 pounds of blasting powder and came near wrecking the plant of the American Smelting and Refining Company, second largest in the world, damaged it considerably, caused a loss of probably seven lives and the injury to over a score.

Property was damaged severely in the immediate vicinity of the explosion, and windows were broken three miles away. Many small houses of Mexicans in the vicinity of the smelter were badly damaged, and in these most of the injured were located.

About 20 men were tunneling beneath the slag pile when the explosion occurred, and the tunnels saved those who escaped with their lives, as the slag merely poured down around them and they survived until dug out.

At dark Guillermo Dominguez and Florentino Naitarro had been taken out dead and as nothing could be heard from five men unaccounted for and believed to be in the tunnel No. 3, nearest the explosion, they are all supposed to be dead. Those in other tunnels had talked from their prisons to their rescuers. All are Mexicans.

Marcetti Hermanos, a Mexican woman living in a small house near the smelter, was sick in bed when the explosion occurred, and its force wrecked her house, and the wreckage fell on her. She was taken to the smelter hospital, where she died later. Porfirio Vorak, Maturu Marquez, Louis Marquez and Domingo Minjares and their families suffered.

Most of all the children were more or less hurt in these small homes and Mrs. Maturu Marquez, who was sweeping her house at the time, was thrown to the floor and hurt.

The operations of the smelter were not interfered with, although all windows were broken and holes were torn in the roof by the falling slag.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLS HIS SON.

Shotgun Discharged When Knocked Against Hollow Tree.

Greensboro, N. C. (Special).—Fred Ward, a lad of 15, was instantly killed when a shotgun in the hands of his father, Richard Ward, was accidentally discharged.

The father and son were squirrel hunting in Orange county, and while the father was knocking against the butt of a hollow tree with the gunstock the weapon was discharged, the entire load going through the heart of the boy.

3 CHILDREN PERISH IN FIRE.

Mother Away. They Are Trapped By Locked Doors.

Glasgow, Ky. (Special).—On returning home from an errand Sunday Mrs. Robert Boles, of Wisdom, Ky., found her home in ashes and in one corner of the ruins the charred bodies of her three young children.

When Mrs. Boles left home she covered the fire and locked the doors. The children had apparently tried to escape, but were trapped.

Ice Breaks; Judge Drowned.

Springfield, Ill. (Special).—Prelated into Shoal creek when the ice broke under the weight of his horse and buggy, Judge Milton M. Creighton, of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, of Litchfield, drowned Thursday. Another jurist riding with him escaped. Judge Creighton was a brother of Circuit Judge James A. Creighton, of this city, and Circuit Judge John Creighton, of Fairfield, Ill.

Earthquake In Greece.

Athens, Greece (Special).—Immense damage to property, with probable loss of life, has been occasioned in the province of Elis by continuous earthquake shocks. The movements of the earth have been unusually severe, hundreds of houses and stores having been thrown to the ground. There is great panic in the province, and much suffering. Troops will be dispatched to the aid of the people.

Poisoned At Communion.

St. Petersburg (Special).—By accident a priest in the Lutheran Church in the Peterhof district filled the communion cup with a chemical compound instead of wine. As a result, three of the communicants died Thursday and more than a score are in a serious condition.

Father Of 31 Dies.

Grafton, Mass. (Special).—Frank King, father of 31 children, died here Thursday at the age of 104 years and 24 days. He was born in Quebec, and until two days ago, when he suffered a shock, had never been sick a day.

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Robin collapsed before he could be taken into court, with the exclamation: "I'm a dead man; I've taken poison tablets."

The case was postponed amid the greatest excitement, a stomach pump was hurriedly brought into play, and the sick man was carried first to the prison hospital adjacent and later to Bellevue, where he lies tonight in the prison ward.

No charge of attempted suicide is entered against him, and it is thought he will recover, although the action of hyoscine is slow and much will depend on his vitality.

Reading. — Charles Borecky, aged 31 years, was so badly injured six hours after he attended the funeral of his grandfather, Joseph Borecky, that his death resulted in a Phoenixville hospital. Borecky fell under his train at Perkiomen Junction and his left leg was severed.

Scranton. — Benjamin H. Troop, having just attained his majority, has fallen heir to a fortune of \$5,000,000. By the will of his grandfather, the late Dr. B. H. Troop, he was not to get the money until he was 21.

Altoona. — Frederick Durr, aged 30, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was thrown from a car by the snapping of his brake stick and cut in two.

Tamaqua. — Andrew Carnegie \$500 toward his willingness to donate \$100 toward the payment of a pipe organ for St. John's Reformed Church.

Beaver. — Just after laughingly telling his companions that he had had enough skating for one day, and starting for home, Avery Power, 14 years old, of Rochester, broke through the ice on the Beaver River at Bridgewater and was drowned.

Shamokin. — After having been entombed in the Cameron colliery mine for seventeen hours by a fall of coal, Willis Faust was saved by a rescuing party penetrating the immense barrier. Faust was not seriously injured.

TO CONTROL ALL RAILROAD RATES

An International Commission is Assured.

THE NEGOTIATIONS COME TO END.

Chairman Knapp, Of the Interstate Commission, and Hon. J. P. Mable, Of Canada, Present Report To the State Department—Question To Be Settled By Treaty—Some Of the Things the Commissioners Recommended.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—An international railway commission, with supervisory authority over the railroads operating between the United States and Canada, practically is assured. After many months of negotiations between the governments of the United States and the Dominion of Canada, a conclusion was reached Friday which means that, in the course probably of a few months, regulatory authority will be extended over railway operation between the two countries.

For several days chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the Hon. J. P. Mable, chief commissioner of the railway commission of Canada, have been in conference, as the representatives of their respective governments, on the subject of the creation of an international railway commission. The commissioners reached an agreement last Wednesday. Since that time they have been working out the details of the report.

Chairman Knapp and Judge Mable called at the Department of State and presented their joint report. As it is a diplomatic matter, the commissioners were directed by the State Department not to make public at present the result of their negotiations. The text of the report, therefore, is not available.

Commission Recommended.

It is known, however, that the commissioners have agreed as to the advisability of the creation of an international railway commission, which shall have supervisory authority over the railway lines doing an international business between the two countries. This authority is to extend to the regulation of international rates, both freight and passenger, and by the exercise of the powers conferred upon it, the international commission may prescribe through routes and joint rates and through bills of lading between points in one country to points in the other. The commission will have the authority over all international transportation and may be appealed to by shippers or carriers in either country for relief from what they may deem oppressive methods or regulations, or excessive or unreasonable rates.

The principal subject under consideration by the designated representatives of the two governments was the method by which the commission should be created. It finally was decided to recommend that the arrangement between the two countries should be concluded by treaty, rather than by joint legislation. In the nature of things, it will be necessary to have whatever treaty may be negotiated submitted to the Senate of the United States. No serious difficulty in that regard is anticipated.

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LIVE NEWS OF THE STATE

Uniontown. — Washington Heights died Wednesday from a gunshot wound, said to have been inflicted by Daisy Meade, whom he followed to her home at Republic. The girl was at the home of William Taylor, when Height entered, and it is stated, renewed his suit, so often rejected. The girl became angry and Height attempted to walk home with her. When in front of her brother's house, she says, he pulled a knife from his pocket and attacked her. She did not hesitate, but shot him.

Uniontown. — Miss Lucy Jones, a University woman, and one of the leaders of Uniontown society, has been appointed a deputy sheriff by her father at her own request, and will be expected to do her part in looking after the outlaws of Fayette county, although her particular duty will be work in Uniontown. Announcement of Miss Jones' new position came when the force of deputies presented her with a revolver, badge and a pair of handcuffs. She succeeds a deputy who will study law.

Pottsville