

Of devices for the elimination of space there is no end. There can be none, until the people stop progressing. Occasionally a project is proposed of more than usual daring. The particular prize for which the commercial world is now striving is the trade of South America, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

An unusually peculiar damage suit has just been decided in New York by which the widow of a fire chief has been awarded \$25,000 for the loss of his life in a furniture establishment fire.

Since it has been decided to establish municipal baths for the million at Coney Island, other and ever more ambitious plans for its improvement have been formulated.

The barbers of Annapolis have appealed to the secretary of the navy to compel the musicians in the Academy band who have opened barber shops "on the side" to abandon competition with local tonsorial artists.

Alfred Giraudet, professor of operative expression at the Paris Conservatoire, says that he knows there must be good voices somewhere in the United States, but that three-quarters of the Americans who apply for instruction in singing are terribly handicapped by never having studied piano-playing.

A certain minister of the Gospel hailing from New Zealand advocates a plan to tattoo the chins of married women to distinguish them from their unmarried sisters.

A 25-cent piece was recently taken from the foot of an elephant in the New York Zoo, where it had been securely hidden till the creature's discomfort over its ill-gotten wealth became apparent.

Books on poultry raising are said to be among those most frequently called for in the New York Public Library.

The department of agriculture has invented a cheap horse food consisting of cocoon and peanut meals.

TAFT WARNS DIAZ INTERVENTION NEAR

Must Cease Jeopardizing the Lives of Americans.

SITUATION GROWING SERIOUS

Commanders of the American Forces at the Several Places Instructed to See That American Cities Are Not Endangered.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft is determined that battles between Mexican federalists and insurgents shall not be fought on American soil. He is equally determined that the lives of American non-combatants shall not be endangered by the forces of President Diaz and those of General Madero.

The Mexican government, according to the view at the State Department, will be held accountable for the loss of life and injury to Americans in Douglas during the fighting at Agua Prieta.

As soon as official reports upon the fighting and the casualties sustained by Americans shall have been received, representations will be made to the Mexican government, it is said, and in due course the claims of those injured will be presented.

BRITISH FORCE LANDS

Great Britain Takes Initiative in Foreign Intervention.

Washington, D. C.—A force of 30 men and a maxim gun from the British man-of-war Shearwater were landed at San Quintin, Mex., to protect that town against a threatened attack of insurgents.

When all danger to San Quintin from the insurgents had passed the Shearwater sailed for Ensenada, and her commander advised the American consul of the action he had taken at San Quintin for the safety of the town.

POLO GROUNDS BURNED

National League Park in New York Partly Destroyed.

New York.—The great double-deck grandstand and the right field bleachers at the National League Baseball Park were destroyed by fire Thursday morning, causing a loss estimated at \$250,000.

The clubhouse and the center and left field bleachers were saved and the fire, which started at 12:30 A. M., was under control two hours later.

New Trial For Dr. Hyde.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The State Supreme Court reversed the verdict of conviction for murder in the first degree of Dr. B. Clark Hyde, who was convicted of the murder of Col. Thomas Swope, of Independence, Mo. The case was remanded for retrial.

Attends Own Funeral.

Bristol, Tenn.—While a body supposed to be that of James Swoeker, Civil War veteran, was being buried here, Swoeker appeared on the scene and startled the mourners. The resemblance was remarkable.

Referendum Bill Loses.

Nashville, Tenn.—The State Senate rejected two bills proposing amendments to the Constitution. One provided for the initiative and referendum and the other made ministers eligible to seats in the Assembly.

J. P. Morgan For President.

Detroit, Mich.—Joseph C. Clutts, the Wellston (O.) iron magnate, thinks J. Pierpont Morgan would make an ideal president of the United States from a business standpoint.

Bryan Slams Harvard.

Charlottesville, Va.—In an address before the State Y. M. C. A. convention, William J. Bryan quoted Colonel Roosevelt as saying there was hardly a predatory conspiracy against the country that did not have Harvard brains behind it.

Poisoned From Cheese.

Zanesville, O.—Four small children of George Zimmerman, of McConnellsburg, were poisoned by eating cheese.

JUST BUBBLES



FARM MATERIALS ON FREE LIST

Bill to Make Canadian Reciprocity Easier—Both Measures Introduced.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Oscar W. Underwood, the Democratic leader, introduced the Canadian Reciprocity Bill, and another bill in the House authorizing changes in the tariff as a concession to agricultural interests which are bitterly opposed to the Canadian pact.

The Underwood Bill bearing on Canadian trade is in all essentials drawn along precisely the lines of the McCall Bill which failed in the last session. In fact, the same language is used, only a few verbal changes appearing in the measure.

CROSS THE BORDER AMERICAN TROOPS

Killing and Wounding of Americans Causes Invasion.

AMERICAN TOWN UNDER FIRE.

First Time During Revolution Any Person Has Been Slain on American Side as the Results of Border Fighting—Many See Battle.

Agua Prieta, Mexico.—During a battle which lasted five hours and resulted in the capture of this city by the rebels, commanded by "Red" Lopez, American troops crossed the border and stopped the fighting.

The action was taken after two men had been killed and several wounded in Douglas and the continued firing was endangering the lives of Americans on United States territory.

Agua Prieta surrendered to the rebels at night after one of the most spectacular battles of the Mexican insurrection. There are many dead and wounded.

This is the first time during the insurrection that any person has been killed on the American side as the result of the border fighting.

Following are the American dead and injured: ROBERT HARRINGTON, J. C. EDWARDS, The wounded: DIKO, E. E. CROW; probably will die, A. R. DICKSON, shot through the thigh; condition serious, FOREST RUTHERFORD, shot in foot, CARLOS LENNON, shot in leg, GENEVIEVE COLE, shot through arm, W. SINGLETON, flesh wound in arm.

At 3:35 o'clock Capt. J. E. Gaujot, of Troop K, Fifth Cavalry, U. S. A., learned of the attack on Agua Prieta and ordered his command of 40 troopers to the international line.

Between the Customs House and the first monument the Federal bullets and those from the rebel rifles father south pecked and dusted the desert. Into this rode the United States cavalry, deploying along the line.

Peace Overtures Fail.

Chihuahua, Mexico.—Another peace project failed when Frederico Moya and Dr. F. R. Seyferts returned in automobiles from Madero's camp near Bustillos, 60 miles west of here, and reported their mission had been without definite result.

Nations Will Meet.

Paris.—May has been decided as the month for the International Conference on Sanitary Questions, the exact dates to be decided shortly. Already 26 countries have signified their intention of being represented.

Editor Burned to Death.

Claremont, N. H.—Samuel Henry Story, editor of the Narrative, a weekly publication, met a tragic fate today. While apparently asleep on a sofa fire from an over-heated stove communicated to the furniture and burned him to death.

\$2,435 FROM OLD LOUNGE

Boston Teamster Makes Lucky Find in Street.

Boston.—Coins and crumpled bills to the amount of \$2,435 greeted the eyes of Peter J. Pitta, a teamster, when his horse backed a wagon over a discarded lounge, which had been thrown out into an East Boston street.

Legalizes 10-Round Bouts.

Denver, Col.—The House passed the Senate Racing bill, to which was attached an amendment legalizing 10-round boxing bouts by licensed athletic associations. The vote was 29 to 13.

Put Tacks on Slide.

New York.—When notice was posted recently that the 680 employees of the 10-story appraiser's building in Washington street were to test the spiral chute fire-escape, someone sprinkled tacks and screws on the turns of the slide.

TOWNS BLOWN OFF THE MAP

Tornado's Wide Sweep Over Kansas and Oklahoma—Many Persons Are Killed.

Kansas City, Mo.—A heavy wind storm, attaining the velocity of a tornado in some sections, and accompanied by rain, hail and lightning, swept over western Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, killing 13 persons, practically destroying two towns, injuring almost a hundred persons, wrecking scores of buildings and putting almost every telephone and telegraph wire in the territory out of commission.

The tornado leveled its greatest toll of death at Big Heart, Okla., where eight persons were killed, 10 injured and almost every building in the town wrecked. Whiting, Kas., was practically wiped off the map, 60 buildings being blown down, 30 people hurt, and one, Mrs. David Stone, killed. At Powhattan, Kas., a woman and child were killed. A high school building was wrecked at Eskridge, Kas., a number of houses damaged and from 15 to 20 persons injured.

At Hiawatha, Kan., a school was blown down and a boy named Felton killed. Several buildings were struck by lightning. Several persons are known to have been hurt at Netawaka, Kan. A boy was killed at Manville, Kan.

The Kansas end of the tornado started near Whiting and swept in a southeasterly direction for a distance of more than 50 miles. It is thought that many more people were killed and injured than have been reported at this time.

UNCLE SAM TO MIND BABIES

Bill Introduced in House for Bureau to Do All Sorts of Things.

Washington, D. C.—A government "nursery" is proposed in a bill introduced in the House by Representative Barnhart (Democrat, Indiana), to authorize the formation of a "baby bureau" in the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The bill provides for a head of the bureau, who shall be a practical authority on children. The investigation of conditions of child life, child labor, child health, schools, juvenile courts and child desertions are to be undertaken by the bureau.

Reports of these investigations and all the activities of the bureau are to be published and distributed. Representative Barnhart said: "I believe that the government has other and more important missions than the fixing of tariffs and the financial and industrial development of the country."

The Department of Agriculture has bureaus at work investigating the breeding of animals, poultry and birds. About the only thing we now neglect is the building up of a race of healthy, sturdy human beings."

SIX KILLED IN STORM

Property Damage of More Than \$3,000,000 in St. Louis.

St. Louis.—A cyclone struck Jefferson county, Missouri, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Six persons are known to be dead and several are missing, and property damage is heavy. Two and one-half to three million dollars' damage was done in St. Louis, the city being swept by the storm. One woman who was in the famous St. Louis cyclone of 1896 dropped dead of fright. A teamster was electrocuted when an electric light wire fell across him. The total known dead in Jefferson county and St. Louis number eight.

GIRLS OFFERED FOR SALE

Pitiful Stories of Suffering in Panic-Stricken China.

Shanghai.—Pitiful stories of suffering in the famine-stricken areas of China reach this city daily. Sixty girls were offered for sale at one small town without a purchaser, because the food the slaves eat was more valuable than their lives. Only death, therefore, awaits them.

Heavy rains have partly reflooded the famine districts for the third time in two years, rendering extremely difficult the importation of grain for the relief of the starving thousands.

Greely Coronation Envoy.

Washington, D. C.—Maj.-Gen. Adolphus W. Greely (retired) has been selected as representative of the United States Army on the American special embassy to the coronation of King George V. This appointment supersedes the original selection of Major-General Frederick Dent Grant, commanding the Department of the East, who, on reconsideration, declined the honor.

Ambassador Hill Resigns.

Washington, D. C.—David Jayne Hill, of Rochester, N. Y., Ambassador of the United States to Germany, has resigned his post. The resignation has been accepted by President Taft. Neither in Mr. Hill's letter of resignation nor in the President's letter of acceptance is any reason given for the Ambassador's action. The President thanks Mr. Hill for his services at Berlin and says that he is glad to know that he will remain there until July 1, when the resignation goes into effect.

Would Abolish Senate

Washington, D. C.—Eleven days' experience as a member of the House has convinced Representative Victor L. Berger, the only Socialist in the House, who comes from Milwaukee, that the Senate is a useless part of the Government. He may conclude to go even further than that. Mr. Berger will for the present content himself with the introduction of a bill which will abolish the Senate.

Toledo Blade Burned Out.

Toledo.—Fire starting in the Toledo Blade newspaper office shortly after 9 P. M. caused the destruction of practically everything in the building and did damage estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

PROPOSED INCOME TAX IS IN DOUBT

Eighteen States Have Not Ratified Income Amendment.

SHORT TIME LEFT FOR ACTION

The Approaching End of Legislative Sessions Indicates Measure Will Fail For the Present.

New York.—Favorable legislative action on the proposed income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution is lacking in 18 of the 46 States. The Legislatures of 28 States have ratified the measure, 7 have rejected it, 2 have adjourned without action and in 9 States the matter is still pending. In five of these favorable action is expected and in four the result is problematical.

The figures are the result of a canvass of the various State capitols to determine the status of the proposed change in the Constitution. As the amendment does not become effective until ratified by three-fourths of the States, or 35, its adoption during the present sessions of the State Legislatures, now nearing adjournment, seems unlikely.

The Proposed Amendment.

The resolution, which was passed by the United States Senate, July 5, 1909, and by the House of Representatives July 12, 1909, provides for this addition to the Constitution: "Article 16.—The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration."

Of the nine Legislatures in which ratification of the proposed amendment is pending, that of Florida has referred the matter to committee without discussion; in Minnesota the House has acted favorably, and similar action by the Senate is predicted; in Albany neither house has acted this year; in Wisconsin the resolution has passed in the Assembly and awaits action in the Senate.

A Game Of See-Saw.

Opposition to the amendment in Connecticut has blocked the resolution in committee. While advices from Hartford indicate that the House may approve, the result in the Senate is uncertain. In Arkansas the House recently adopted a resolution approving the amendment, but the Senate rejected it. The matter will come up in Massachusetts this week, and while favorable action in the House is expected, the prediction is made that the Senate will defeat the measure. In New Jersey and Pennsylvania the matter is still in committee.

Views of His Resignation at German Capital

Berlin.—The retirement from the German capital of Dr. David Jayne Hill, whose resignation as ambassador of the United States to Germany, will become effective July 1, is regretted at the Foreign Office, where the relations between the government officials and Dr. Hill have been of the very best. It is felt here that Dr. Hill's tenure of the embassy has done much to further German-American friendship.

RAILROAD BRIDGE BLOWN UP

Nearby Miners Have Been on Strike a Year.

Greensburg, Pa.—Unknown persons dynamited a bridge, wrecking one of the abutments, at Harrison City, on the Manor Valley branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, for the alleged purpose of preventing coal shipments from mines in this vicinity. There has been a miners' strike on in this section for more than a year.

FIVE DIE IN MOLTEN METAL

Metal Splashed Upon Workmen Out of Container.

Philadelphia.—Five workmen were killed, 2 were fatally injured and 12 seriously hurt at the Midvale Steel Works, at Wayne Junction, when a huge container, filled with molten steel, gave way, the fiery liquid pouring or splashing over more than a score of the employees.

Allenstown.—The final account of the estate of the late Dr. Martin H. Boye, of Coopersburg, filed in court here, shows there is a balance for distribution of \$182,591.55. Dr. Boye, who was a native of Denmark, was the inventor of dynamite and a noted geologist. The University of Pennsylvania will receive \$24,000—\$12,000 for its ophthalmic department and a like amount for its dental department. St. Luke's Hospital, at Bethlehem, and the Allenstown Hospital will also receive \$12,000 each.

Sisters Fly in Aeroplans.

Brussels, Belgium.—Aviator Lanser flew in an aeroplane from the aviation field at Kiewit to the Belgian capital, carrying his three sisters as passengers. The distance flown was 87 kilometers (about 54 miles), which is a new record for a 'cross-country' aeroplane flight with four persons.

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ALL OVER THE STATE TOLD IN SHORT ORDER

Harrisburg.—Charles Stone, aged 7 years, was burned to death near his Mechanicsburg home while playing Indian. With companions, he was dancing about the fire when he fell into it and was fatally burned.

Mauch Chunk.—Raymond Kistler, a school teacher at Hazard, was acquitted by a jury on the charge of corporal punishment, preferred by one of his pupils, and the prosecutor directed to pay the costs.

Reading.—Peter Murdick, aged 24 years, of Excelsior, Northumberland county, fell from a train on the Reading Railway at Mohrsville and fractured his skull. He died an hour after being admitted to a hospital here.

Lancaster.—Congressman W. W. Grist has appointed Lloyd E. Schrack, of Columbia, to take the examination for admission to West Point. Schrack is a son of D. Irving Schrack, 19 years of age, a member of the graduating class of the Columbia High School.

Beaver.—Charles Hickman, under death sentence for murder, made a second escape from jail here some time during the night. He was recaptured on a country road, near Shippingport, nine miles from here. He offered no resistance and was brought back to jail.

Bloomsburg.—Running to greet his father as he entered the house at noon, the sixteen-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Rosenthal, of Bloomsburg, who had been suffering with bronchitis, choked as he grasped his father about the neck, and died in his father's arms.

Bloomsburg.—In an effort to remove freckles from an otherwise beautiful face, Miss Helen Casey used a lotion advertised to remove freckles after a few applications. The freckles have partly disappeared, but she is suffering from a serious case of blood-poison.

Mountville.—At the last meeting of Post 84, G. A. R., Lancaster, A. E. Schenck, Esq., presented the post with a bugle that he carried in Sherman's march to the sea. Mr. Schenck was a member of Company F, Ninth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served four years. The presentation was made through W. D. Stauffer.

Marcus Hook.—Hazlett Williams, aged 35 years, a well known resident of Marcus Hook, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. About an hour before he ended his life Williams returned to the borough from a day's trip to Wilmington and seemed to be in the best of spirits.

York.—Yorktown Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will erect a tablet to the memory of James Smith, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, in a short time. The tablet will be placed on the Dale building, at 16 South George street, the homestead of Smith.

Royersford.—Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Emery are receiving congratulations from all sections, on the observance of their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. Emery is past 80 years, and was born and raised in Philadelphia, and has been an Odd Fellow for 42 years. His wife is 79 years, and at the home of their nephew, William Kerr, she danced an old-fashioned jig for the entertainment of the guests.

Pittsburg.—E. H. Steinman, twice found guilty on charges growing out of the failure of Farmers & Merchants' National Bank at Mount Pleasant, was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal to serve his original term of five years in the United States prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, by Judge Orr, in the United States District Court.

Franklin.—The Oil City signers of the petition asking for an investigation of former Congressman Joseph C. Sibley's \$42,500 election expenses, incurred during the June primaries, 1910, in the Twenty-eighth Congressional District, refused to drop the investigation, although the Franklin signers offered to withdraw their names from the petition. Consequently Judge Griswell set June 15 as the date for the audit.

Kennett Square.—The farm house of James McGiney, a few miles south of here, has been burglarized four times within the past two months, always on Sunday morning while the family was at church. Last Sunday one of the family remained secluded in the house, and at about the usual time the place was broken into and Thomas Trusty, colored, was captured. He confessed the other robberies and was sent to jail to await trial.

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