

While Germany continues her ambitious program of naval construction the admiralty authorities of the Empire continue to discuss the practical value of the submarine torpedo boat in time of war.

A tremendous task, that of counting the stars up to the nineteenth magnitude, has been undertaken by the Dutch astronomer, Professor Kapteyn.

But these country-wide conditions of wind and weather are, after all, only a part of the gamble by the farmer.

The declaration has been made by a Chicago police judge that society women who play bridge whist for money stakes are gamblers.

It's an ill wind, etc. A Chicagoan was pushed off a moving trolley car and found \$50 in the street.

The weather men are telling the people to reject wild geese and even the goosebore as weather forecasters.

A New York woman wants a divorce because her husband has not spoken to her in six years.

The Kansas City citizen who prayed so loudly that he disturbed the neighborhood must have been praying for trouble.

The swat the fly days having fled, it behoves householders to swat the window screen.

The theory that the dead do not arise again does not hold good with dead leaves—especially when a heavy wind is blowing.

An exchange tells us that tattooed men are no longer popular. The public is interested in another kind of moving pictures.

Argentina bought itself the biggest battleship in the world, and all it needs now is somebody to fight with.

MURDERED AND HIS CAR LOOTED

Express Messenger Dead in Pool of Blood.

ALL DONE IN FOUR MINUTES

Robbery On the D., L. & W. Just As the Train Was Entering Scranton, Pa.—The Robbers Got Away With Between Fifteen Thousand and Twenty Thousand Dollars, Leaving No Clue—Dead Man Was Shot and Then Beaten.

Scranton, Pa.—Between 8:26 and 8:30 o'clock Friday night Express Messenger Irving G. Barger, of this city, was killed and the safe in his car looted as it sped between Taylor and this city on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Road.

The train left Northumberland at 5 o'clock. It made its regular stop at Taylor, just to the south of the Scranton city line, at 8:25. Barger was seen by train hands at work in the car during the minute that the train was stopped at Taylor.

When the train arrived at the Scranton station at 8:30, four minutes later, Barger was lying dead in a pool of blood on the floor of the car, with his head battered in. Doctors later found a bullet in his brain. It entered at the base of the skull. His revolver, usually worn in a holster at his side, was found in the express safe and the safe was looted.

It is said that between \$15,000 and \$20,000 is missing, the United States Express Company officials stating that several packages containing money are missing.

The robber or robbers, it is supposed, got into the car at Taylor, committed the deed and dropped off the train as it slowed up on entering the Scranton yards.

Barger was 45 years old and lived in South Scranton.

UP TO HARVESTER TRUST.

It Must Make Next Move in Disolution Proceedings.

Washington.—The next move looking to the voluntary disintegration of the International Harvester Company rests with that corporation. The negotiations between the Department of Justice and the company have been temporarily suspended, pending action by officials of the so-called Harvester Trust upon the department's objections to the plan of disolution submitted by the representatives of the company.

E. A. Haneroff and John P. Wilson, counsel for the company, after having laid before Attorney General Wickersham and Assistant to the Attorney General Powler a method of disintegration to which the concern was willing to submit, have gone to Chicago fully informed as to the conditions which the government will insist upon as the basis of a decree to make the harvester company square with the anti-trust law.

No conclusion in the matter, it was learned, had been reached. The conferences of the past few days have resulted in a complete understanding by the government and the corporation as to the position and contentions of each, but it cannot be prophesied at this time whether the negotiations will succeed or fail.

Army Cannot Use Funds.

Washington.—The Army cannot maintain a pack of hounds to be followed in hunts so that officers may improve in horsemanship. The Controller of the Treasury has so decided. The commandant of the mounted service school at Fort Riley, Kan., asked authority to expend not more than \$25 monthly for this purpose. It was indorsed by the Secretary of War with the statement that European armies engage in this training and that no better way of promoting equitation could be found that following the hounds. The controller maintained that there was no authority of law for the expenditure.

Handy With His Gun.

St. Joseph, Mo.—William Hamilton, a cowboy from the Texas Panhandle, saved his life with a revolver when he fell into a corral of wild steers and the frightened animals threatened to trample him to death.

Race Stopped By Fatal Shot.

Hanover, Pa.—As the outcome of a wager, Charles Sponseller, 25 years old, of Hanover, was fatally shot by Bert Hamm, of McSherrystown. The two men decided on a horse race to Littlestown, the winner to take both teams.

Raise All the Rice We Need.

Washington.—Cultivation of rice in the United States has increased so rapidly in recent years that this country now is growing practically all the rice it consumes, according to the Department of Agriculture.

WINTER SUNSHINE



FAR BEHIND IN AERONAUTICS

France, Germany and England Are Ahead, Although the United States Was the First Nation To Recognize the Aeroplane.

Washington.—With an underlying note of bitterness General James Allen, chief signal officer of the Army, declares in his annual report that although the United States was the first nation to recognize the aeroplane for military purposes and carried out the first official test of that invention at Fort Myer, in 1908, such phenomenal progress in this science and art has been made abroad that this country "has been left far behind in securing practical equipment and organization for the use of this indispensable adjunct to war."

General Allen says the most notable progress in military aeronautics has been accomplished by France, Germany and England. The French have perfected a particularly effective aeronautic corps, which was thoroughly tried out with 20 aeroplanes in recent army maneuvers.

Attention is directed in the report to the failure of the Senate to confirm the adherence of the United States to the Berlin Wireless Telegraph Convention, and points out the fact that it is only through courtesy or by some private arrangement ships can now communicate with wireless stations located in foreign countries.

As a precautionary measure orders for the departure of American troops from the border have been revoked, so the soldiers will be on hand for the prompt dissipation of any considerable gatherings on American soil of would-be revolutionists.

Instructions have been issued to Brigadier General Joseph W. Duncan, commanding the Department of Texas, to keep a close watch for any violations of the neutrality laws and report immediately to the War Department anything approximating revolutionary tactics.

Altogether, the Army now has about 5,000 men in the vicinity of the Mexican border. At San Antonio there is the Third Cavalry, Twenty-second Infantry and a battalion of field artillery. The Twenty-third Infantry is along the Rio Grande, the Fourth Cavalry is at El Paso and two troops of the Twelfth Cavalry are at Fort Huachuca.

Austin, Tex.—Two companies of Texas Rangers were ordered to the border, with instructions to prevent any activity in Texas toward starting a revolution in Mexico.

These movements were made after a conference between Governor Colquitt and Ranger Captain Hughes, who claims to have evidence that part of the preparations for a Mexican revolution are under way in Texas.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF MINES.

Proposition To Senate Committee By West Virginia Operator.

Washington.—Control of the coal mining industry by a national commission with power to authorize trade agreements was proposed before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce by Taylor Vincent, a West Virginia coal operator and attorney.

Mr. Vincent said the enforcement of the Sherman law with its demand for competition between large and small operators is rapidly driving the small coal producers into bankruptcy.

"Do you think similar commissions should be established for other lines of industries?" asked Senator Cummins. "I do," replied Mr. Vincent. "Each industry should be under control of a commission that could determine how far agreements could be made without violation of the law."

Wanamaker On Trusts.

New York.—A plea for peace in the business world was made by John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, former postmaster general, at a luncheon given him here by a number of prominent merchants from various parts of the country. He advocated an organization of the merchants of the United States to work for this end.

ORDER 17,400 FREIGHT CARS.

New York.—President Brown, of the New York Central lines, announced that orders have been placed for 120 locomotives and 17,400 freight cars for all lines. It is thought probable that an issue of something like \$15,000,000 in equipment trust certificates will be made to finance the purchase of this equipment, a portion of the expense being charged to equipment renewal funds.

Four Men Scalded To Death.

Auburn, N. Y.—Four men, an engineer, an oiler and two Swedish deckhands, employed on contraction work on the Seneca river section of the Barge Canal were scalded to death, when a 700-horsepower boiler exploded and covered them with steam.

ROOSEVELT ASKS MORE TRUST LAW

Colonel Gives His Idea of a Square Deal.

PRESENT STATE IS CHAOS

Calls Supreme Court Decisions Miscarriage Of Justice—Denies Being Misled in Steel Merger.

New York.—Recent litigation and legislation to regulate the trusts is discussed and a remedy to meet the present situation suggested by Theodore Roosevelt in an editorial entitled, "The Trusts, the People and the Square Deal," published in the Outlook.

"The suit against the Steel Trust by the Government, Mr. Roosevelt begins, 'has brought vividly before our people the need of reducing to order our chaotic Government policy as regards business.' He concludes with the following recommendation: 'The national Government exercises control over inter-State commerce railroads, and it can in similar fashion, through an appropriate governmental body, exercise control over all industrial organizations engaged in inter-State commerce. This control should be exercised not by the courts but by an administrative bureau or board, such as the Bureau of Corporations or the Inter-State Commerce Commission, for the courts cannot with advantage permanently perform executive and administrative functions.'"

Denies Steel Trust Misled Him. "I believed at the time that the facts in the case were as represented to me on behalf of the Steel Corporation, and my further knowledge has convinced me that that was true. I believed at that time that the representatives of the Steel Corporation told me the truth as to the change that would be worked in the percentage of the business which the proposed acquisition would give the Steel Corporation, and further inquiry has convinced me that they did so. I was not misled."

Says Lawsuits Do Not Regulate. Returning to the main subject, Mr. Roosevelt continued: "To attempt to meet the whole problem not by administrative governmental action but by a succession of lawsuits is hopeless from the standpoint of working out a permanently satisfactory solution. Moreover, the results sought to be achieved are achieved only in extremely insufficient and fragmentary measure by breaking up all big corporations, whether they have behaved well or ill, into a number of little corporations, which it is perfectly certain will be largely, and perhaps altogether, under the same control. Such action is harsh and mischievous if the corporation is guilty of nothing except its size, and where, as in the case of the Standard Oil, and especially the Tobacco trusts, the corporation has been guilty of immoral and anti-social practices, there is need for far more drastic and thoroughgoing action than any that has been taken under the recent decree of the Supreme Court."

Calls It Miscarriage Of Justice. "Surely, miscarriage of justice is not too strong a term to apply to such a result when considered in connection with what the Supreme Court said of this trust."

"The effort to prohibit all combinations, good or bad, is bound to fail, and ought to fail. When made, it merely means that some of the worst combinations are not checked, and that honest business is checked. Our purpose should be, not to strangle business as an incident of strangling combinations, but to regulate big corporations in thoroughgoing and effective fashion, so as to help legitimate business as an incident to thoroughly and completely safeguarding the interests of the people as a whole."

NEW MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

Movement Launched To Overthrow Madero, It Is Reported.

Austin, Tex.—J. R. Hughes, senior captain of the Texas rangers, in charge of the Rio Grande border patrol, reported to Governor Colquitt he had evidence that a Mexican revolution will be launched within two weeks and that some of the plans are being perfected in Texas. Governor Colquitt has ordered a more stringent investigation to determine what steps he shall take. Captain Hughes believes the plan is to overthrow Madero. State rangers are patrolling the border from El Paso to Brownsville to protect American interests. Both Governor Colquitt and Captain Hughes refuse to discuss the matter, merely contenting themselves with the statement that every effort is being made to preserve the integrity of Texas.

8,000,000 RUSSIANS GO HUNGRY.

St. Petersburg.—Eight million people are in need of immediate relief, owing to the failure of the crops in 20 Russian provinces. This startling announcement was made in the Douma, by Premier Kokovzoff, in reply to interpellations concerning reports that famine threatened a wide area. The Premier explained that the crops had failed completely in 12 provinces and partially in eight others. Of the 12,500,000 inhabitants of the affected territory 8,000,000 were in immediate need of relief.

Slator Governor Of Georgia.

Atlanta.—Taking office as Governor of the State of Georgia, John M. Slator, president of the State Senate, became temporary heir of Hoke Smith, who resigned Thursday evening to become United States Senator. One of the first acts of the new Executive will be to call an election to name a permanent successor to Senator Smith.

In some parts of Australia the telephone is regarded as an amusement rather than a necessity.

LIVE NEWS OF THE STATE

Punxsutawney.—Three are dead and two badly wounded as the result of hunting accidents in this vicinity.

Brookville.—Paul Hughes, aged seventeen, was accidentally shot and killed by his father while he was hunting in the woods near New Maysville. The farmer is prostrated.

Neffs.—Willie Kern, the champion trapper, has already a record for the season that will be hard to beat, having caught 114 skunks, 178 muskrats, 44 minks, 33 opossums, 6 red foxes and 1 edelman.

Reading.—Benjamin Kaufman, aged twenty-two years, succeeded Wilson Sell, as postmaster at Blandon. His sister, Miss Nora Kaufman, will be the assistant.

Lewistown.—A beautiful specimen of the female deer, dressing 120 pounds, shot through the center of the forehead, was delivered to the Lewistown Hospital. The doe was killed on State lands in Licking Creek Valley by Pittsburgh people who surrendered to a game warden.

Chester.—Two of the longest sentences ever imposed by a local magistrate were made by Police Magistrate Stockman, in the cases of Frank Melon, of this city, and John Deviney, of Wilmington, who were arraigned on the charge of panhandling. Each was sentenced to one year in jail.

Chester.—While visiting Dominic Rosetti, Francis Sabatini, aged sixty years, was stricken with heart disease and fell lifeless to the floor. He was lighting a pipe and the lighted match was clutched between his fingers when he picked up.

Lancaster.—Joseph Ehlert, a structural ironworker, was killed by a fall at the linoleum plant of the Armstrong Cork Company. He was drilling iron close to a hole in the floor used for running linoleum through and fell from the sixth floor to the first. His neck was broken. He was forty-five years old.

Pittsburgh.—M. Ethel Kirk, aged thirty-five, a well-known woman physician, was found dead in her apartments in the Geyer Building, from the effects of chloroform. The doctor had committed suicide by placing cotton saturated with the drug in her mouth and nostrils. Financial troubles were the cause.

Uniontown.—Miss Lucy Beech Johns, who since January 1 last has had the distinction of being the only woman deputy sheriff in the United States, is going to resign her job. Not that she doesn't like it, for she does. She has enjoyed every minute of the eleven months she has put in serving writs and subpoenas. But she will quit her position on December 4 to become the wife of John C. Grier, a Pittsburgh manufacturer.

Sayre.—Four of the former officers of the Keystone Guard, a fraternal insurance company with headquarters at Athens, were arrested on the charge of having conspired to defraud policyholders out of money they had paid into the order. Justice Carron, of Cayre, held them under \$2,500 bail each. Assets of \$300,000 are involved. Warrants are also out for five other officers of the Guards and also two men who are alleged to have assisted in the conspiracy.

Pottsville.—Justice W. F. Leopold, Tamaqua, was indicted by the Grand Jury for misdemeanor in office. Leopold is charged with sending bogus nomination papers of George Koenig, of Tamaqua, for the office of prothonotary, to the County Commissioners. Witnesses, who were alleged to have sworn to the genuineness of the signatures on Koenig's papers, testified that Leopold did not put them under oath, although he so attested to court. Koenig's name was stricken from the ballot.

Williamsport.—Albert Diehl, one of the oldest and best known hunters in this section, had a thrilling encounter with a bear near here. Mr. Diehl and two younger companions were tramping over White Deer Mountain in search of small game and carried shotguns with small shot shells. A shot fired at a bird roused an old bear and when she saw the hunters she started back for the woods. One of the men fired and the birdshot enraged her so that she started back after the men. Several other shots were fired, but none of them took effect, and as she got close to the hunters Mrs. Bruin reared upon her hind feet and made a nasty swipe at one of the frightened Nimrods. The two younger men crawled up a tree, but Mr. Diehl, who is eighty years old, could not follow. He waited, however, until the bear was but ten feet away and then left go both barrels. The bear, which was taken to Watsonstown, is said to be the biggest specimen ever killed in this section.

Pittsburgh.—May Stimson, aged eighteen, colored, who stabbed and killed her father, a well-known banjo player, on September 29, was exonerated by the Grand Jury. The tragedy occurred when Stimson abused his wife.

Mauch Chunk.—P. F. Murray, a Mauch Chunk cobbler, who retired from the retail shoe business several years ago, was much surprised to have a man hand him a check for \$24 for a bill, including interest, contracted many years ago. He had no record, and it had passed from his memory.

Reading.—Adam L. Latschaw, of this city, was the first man to drive to the hotel at Temple in a sleigh this season and secured the bottle of champagne offered annually to the first sleigher.

Carlisle.—Thieves in the vicinity of Carlisle value food higher than gems. As one of a series of robberies the home of former Judge M. C. Herman was entered, where jewelry was left untouched and only provisions stolen. The marauders carried away all the eggs, butter, potatoes and other provisions that could be found.

FOURTEEN MEN ARE ENTOMBED

Caught By Explosion in Coal Mine at Vivian.

FOUR TAKEN OUT ALIVE

State Department Of Mines Says Little Damage Was Done Property—Mine Was Thought Safe.

Vivian, W. Va.—Fifteen men, eight of them Americans and the others foreigners of different nationalities, lost their lives Saturday in an explosion in the mine of the Bottom Creek Coal and Coke Company, near here. All the bodies have been recovered.

Four others who were in the mine at the time of the disaster were taken out alive.

It was at first believed that the explosion was one of coal dust, but the State Department of Mines announced that examination shows it to have been a gas explosion and local in its effects.

Persons in other parts of the mine were not affected. About 300 men were employed in and about the workings.

Near the point where the disaster occurred there were at the time 15 men. Five of them were engineers connected with the Crozier Land Association, which leases the coal to the Bottom Creek Company.

Immediately after the explosion rescue parties went to work and succeeded in rescuing alive Alexander Williams, an engineer, and three other men.

State District Mine Inspector Nicholson hurried here and took charge of the attempts at rescue.

Deputy inspectors thoroughly explored the mine and declared that there was no further danger and that little damage had been done to the mine, which can be worked without delay. An order for a Government rescue car was afterward cancelled.

The Bottom Creek mine was considered safe, as it was equipped with a steam jet system for dampening the workings. A 16-foot fan was used for ventilation and clay tamping utilized for shooting. Notwithstanding these precautions the explosion occurred.

MILLIONS IN FRAUD CHARGE.

Radio Telephone Head Surrenders To Postal Department.

New York.—James Dunlop Smith, former president of the Radio Telephone Company, surrendered to post-office inspectors here, on a charge of using the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of the company's stock.

Assistant District Attorney Stevenson, who pressed the charge, told the commissioner that the alleged fraud would run into the millions.

3 Killed, 2 Hurt in Cold Explosion. Chicago.—Three men were killed and two injured in an explosion of a refrigerating pipe in the lard house of Swift & Co.

Castro At It Again.

London.—The Venezuelan Consul here received cable advices from Caracas informing him that Ex-President Castro at the head of a considerable body of revolutionists has met with disastrous defeat near San Cristobal.

Kills Man and Self.

Denton, Tex.—Unable to effect a reconciliation with her husband, to whom she had been married only six months, Mrs. Alma Pugh, 20 years old, shot and killed him, then sent a bullet through her own brain. They separated in July and he had brought suit for divorce.

Editor Pardoned—Arrested Again.

Fort Scott, Kans.—Fred D. Warren, the Socialist editor of Girard, Kans., who was pardoned by President Taft after Warren's conviction for using the mails improperly, has been indicted again by a Federal grand jury. The charge is circulating improper matter in his paper. He gave bond and was released.

Storm Wrecks Circus Tent.

Lake Providence, La.—While about 3,000 persons were witnessing the performance of a circus here, a violent wind storm demolished the main tent, severely injuring three spectators and three circus employees. The performance of several lions and tigers in an iron-barrel arena had just been completed and the animals returned to their cages when the collapse wrecked the arena. A stampede of 13 elephants was narrowly averted.

Tobacco Pool In Prospect.

Lexington, Ky.—At the conclusion here of a two days' conference between the independent tobacco manufacturers and the Burley Tobacco Company Society, a statement was issued to the effect that both parties had decided to abide by any agreement drawn up by attorneys representing both sides. It is said that this will mean the end of suits against the Burley tobacco people and will remove the last obstacle that stood in the way of the 10-year pooling plan.

Demands Shuster's Removal.

St. Petersburg.—According to the St. Petersburg newspapers, the Russian demands contained in the ultimatum to Persia include the dismissal of H. Morgan Shuster, the American Treasurer-General of Persia, and the payment of \$1,500,000 to cover the claims of Russian subjects. The Novoe Vremya, commenting on the situation, says that mere words will not stay the advance of Russian troops.

More than 40 varieties of mosquitoes make their homes in New Jersey.