

Apparently the scientists cannot be prevented from robbing us of all our cherished traditions and privileges. After having upset about everything else in the world they have now discovered a way of taking the pucker out of the persimmon, although why they should have thought this necessary no one seems to know.

In favoring a liberal appropriation by the state to pay the tuition of boys and girls at colleges already established, rather than to found a new state university, Governor Foss advocates a very sensible policy, says the Boston Globe.

From the effete east comes word of the intuitive kiss. The intuitive kiss is one which you are sure you are about to get, but you never get it.

There is a man in Texas who prefers solid home comfort to pedigree and prestige. He is looking for a widow to marry, whose first husband was hanged, so he may be secure from having his predecessor held up to him as model.

Another pretty American heiress is to marry a foreign nobleman. This shows our young American men are too busy making money to think of other things—that the real prizes, both in beauty and millions, are being carried off by the leisure class so despised here.

That German doctor who predicts that American women will have fewer toes a thousand years hence seems bound to scare the life out of us some way. He now tells us that riding up and down in skyscraper elevators is shortening life.

New York aldermen are trying to pass a resolution to prohibit women from smoking in public places as injurious to public morals. The practice aimed at is neither pretty nor elevating, but as picked out for the subject of special legislation in defense of public morals, the proposed ordinance is distinctly, though unconsciously, humorous.

Indianapolis ministers denounce motor racing as being as vicious as bull-fighting. Indianapolis has had more than its share of the tragedies of the game.

A Massachusetts preacher who is under indictment charged with having murdered a young woman has quit his pulpit. It seems a natural thing to do, considering the circumstances.

A California poet allowed his wife one cent a day, thus setting a bad example for poets.

Edison says that he likes America better than Europe. We knew he would.

Remark by the governor of California to the governor of Massachusetts: "We haven't as many women out here as you have in your little old state, but they cut more ice."

Perhaps if everybody would carry an umbrella there might be a brief cessation of the rain.

It is funny that stage art so often pretends to feel insulted when asked to wear clothes.

LIVES LOST IN TENNESSEE MINE

Shafts Extend Two Miles Into the Mountain.

ONE MINER SAVED BY DREAM

Wife Saw Vision Of Scores Of Men With Heads Blown Off and Prevalled Upon Husband To Stay At Home.

Briceville, Tenn.—Between 126 and 151 men were entombed in the great Cross Mountain coal mine of the Knoxville Iron Company, according to the count made by an official of the United Mine Workers of America.

Only three miners came out alive. They had entered a lateral off the main shaft and succeeded in getting into the open before the flames and smoke caught them.

Another body recovered was that of Pearlie Rolen. As in the case of Folston, nearly all the clothing had been burned off and the corpse was badly mangled by the force of the explosion.

Three Theories As To Cause.

There are three theories as to the cause of the disaster. One is that in some manner powder or dust exploded, the second is that an electric wire came in contact with explosives, and the third that the catastrophe was caused by poor tamping of a drill.

The mine also was recently visited by an inspector under George E. Sylvester, State Mine Inspector, and a representative of a casualty company which carries insurance on the employees.

President Stephenson made the following statement:

"I deeply regret the accident in the mine and I am bending every energy to rescue the men who are entombed. I am in hopes that the men will be reached. According to the topography of the mine, the gases go generally into the entry in which the explosion took place.

The three men who escaped were John Lang, Sam Farmer and Bert Haymaker. They observed bad "signs" as they entered the mine.

The rumble of the explosion brought great crowds of towns people to the mine opening. Women and children clamored to be allowed to make their way inside to aid in the rescue.

In the rescue room fathers and brothers of men who were entombed worked feverishly, refusing to leave their posts even though urged by others, and although volunteers for the rescue work were plentiful, until they had worn themselves completely out physically and had to be aided outdoors.

Owes Life To Dream.

Hugh Larue, a miner, probably owes his life to a dream his wife had Friday night. When he arose Saturday morning and got ready to go to his daily task Mrs. Larue refused to prepare his lunch for him.

Larue had not missed a day from work for many months, but he was prevailed upon Saturday to remain home. Only a short time afterward the explosion occurred.

Briceville, as a mining town, has had a stormy history. It was the scene in the early nineties of rioting, when miners rebelled against working with convicts leased by the State.

Effect Of The Hobbies On Trade.

Paris.—French dressmakers assert that they lost \$4,000,000 this year. It is stated that 20,000 girls are out of employment because of the wearing of hobble skirts and kimono blouses, which require only half the usual amount of material.

Sought Taft's Life, Is Report.

Washington.—United States District Attorney McCormick, of Los Angeles, held an extended conference with President Taft Saturday and is said to have made a detailed report on the dynamite plot probe.

INDIAN BAND MOST WIPED OUT.

Of 150, Few Escape In Attack On Reyista Force.

Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.—Of a force of about 150 State guards, mostly Yaqui Indians, who engaged a band of Reyistas estimated at between 400 and 600, near here, less than a dozen escaped, according to meagre information brought here by fugitives.

An Italian university professor claims to have found radium in ordinary dew.

OUTSIDE FORCE BLEW UP MAINE

Vreeland Board Reports Result of Investigation.

MINE EXPLODED MAGAZINE

Verdict Of The Naval Experts Unanimous—Findings Of The Sampson Board Confirmed In General—A Low Form Of Explosive Used.

Washington.—That the primary cause of the destruction of the United States battleship Maine in Havana harbor was the explosion of a submarine mine or some similar contrivance is the verdict of the Vreeland board of United States naval experts, who have examined the exposed wreck.

The board is unanimously of the opinion that an explosion external to the ship caused the explosion of the vessel's magazines. This conclusion was reached after two weeks spent in Havana examining the wreck.

Findings Of Board.

For the present Secretary Meyer limited official statements regarding the Vreeland report to the following brief summary:

"The board finds that the injuries to the bottom of the Maine were caused by the explosion of a charge of a low form of explosive exterior to the ship between frames 28 and 31, strake B, port side. This resulted in igniting and exploding the contents of the six-inch reserve magazine, the contents including a large quantity of black powder.

The most striking difference between the finding of the Vreeland board and that of the Sampson board, as far as comparison of the two is possible, with only the brief summary made public, is in regard to the supposed position of the mine.

The board fixed the position of the mine at about frame 18. The Vreeland board puts it between frames 28 and 31, a position very considerably forward of that estimated by the Sampson board. Both boards agreed in the opinion that the mine exploded on the port side.

What Models Show.

The board brought back with them models showing the Maine as constructed and her present condition.

The models disclose the surprising accuracy of the findings of the Sampson Board regarding the displaced portions of the Maine. These findings were based on the reports of divers whose statements were interpreted by officers familiar with the construction of the Maine.

A curious feature of the uncovering of the Maine is the fact that no trace of the forward turret has been found. It is generally supposed that, detached by the force of the explosion, the turret has buried itself in the soft mud of the harbor.

Famous French Painter Dead.

Paris.—Tony Robert Fleury, the painter, died Friday. He was once president of the Society of French Artists.

Tobacco Census Bill Passed.

Washington.—The Cantrell bill, authorizing the taking of a semi-annual tobacco census under the direction of the Census Bureau, passed the House without opposition.

The Red Eagle For Morgan.

Berlin.—The bestowal of the decoration of the first-class of the Order of the Red Eagle on J. Pierpont Morgan was officially announced in the Imperial Gazette. At the same time the notification is made that the Red Eagle of the Third Class has been given to Richard August Schnabel, of New York. The insignia of the order was presented to Mr. Morgan during the Kiel yachting week.

Plunged Into River.

St. Petersburg.—Between 150 and 200 workmen were plunged into the Volga River through the collapse of a railroad bridge near Kazan. The bridge, which was in course of construction, was carried away by the pressure of ice. Only four corpses thus far have been recovered.

Riches In Old Bag.

Peru, Ind.—A fortune of \$47,000 has been found in an old leather bag in the home of Mrs. Salome Koerner, who died last Saturday and who was supposed to be penniless. The money was found by Mrs. Magdalena Kleinhaus, a sister of Mrs. Koerner. There was scarcely any furniture in the Koerner home and neighbors were of the opinion that the woman died in want. The treasure consisted of \$7,000 in gold and \$40,000 in government bonds.

Starvation Or Prison.

Toledo, O.—Facing the alternative of starving or returning to a life of crime, Charles Harrison, aged 58, of Baltimore, gave himself up to the police here with the statement that he was a fugitive from justice and was wanted by the Clinton, N. Y., penitentiary authorities for violating his parole. He says he was sent to the penitentiary 23 years ago for killing his wife and was paroled 20 years ago.

BAD FOR THE BARNSTORMERS



News Reports Say That 5,000 Actors Are Out of Employment.

THE McNAMARAS ARE CONDEMNED

Federation of Labor Disposed to Blame Conditions.

AWFUL COMMENTARY IT SAYS

Ways and Means Committee Issues Statement Disclaiming Responsibility For the "Kidnapping."

Washington.—Branding James R. and John J. McNamara as "recrants to the good names and high ideals of labor" and expressing the satisfaction of organized labor that the "culprits have been commensurately punished for their crime," the McNamara ways and means committee of the American Federation of Labor, after a two days' conference here, issued a statement which vigorously condemns the McNamaras for their "inhumanity" and declares that it would be "cruelly unjust to hold organized labor, either legally or morally responsible for the crimes of an individual member."

The labor leaders assert that they will welcome any investigation which either Federal or State courts may undertake. The statement is signed by every member of the McNamara committee, except F. M. Ryan, president of the International Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' Union, with which J. J. McNamara was prominently connected officially.

Gompers Says Ryan Approves.

"Had he remained, however," said President Gompers, "I am sure that Mr. Ryan would have added his name. He was called back to Indianapolis by pressure of business. He did not see the statement, but I am sure he is in hearty accord with its sentiments."

As to the knowledge of the crimes which the McNamaras confessed the committee in its statement asserts: "We here and now, individually and collectively, declare that the first knowledge or intimation of their guilt was conveyed by the press in their confessions of guilt."

"From the outset we assure all contributors and the public generally that we would publish an accounting of the moneys received, from whom received and to whom paid. A report in full will be made first to the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor at its meeting to be held at Washington January 8, 1912."

Crime Partly Excused.

Partly excusing the crime of the McNamaras, the statement says: "And yet it is an awful commentary upon existing conditions when any one man among all the millions of workers can bring himself to the frame of mind that the only means to secure justice for labor is in violence, outrage and murder."

GAVE HIS WIFE A SPANKING.

She Wouldn't Sit Still While Connecticut Man Whipped Baby.

Derby, Conn.—In pleading guilty in the Police Court here to the charge of beating his wife Leo Dermody said he spanked her also because she did not obey him when he ordered her to sit still while he spanked their year-old baby for crying. After driving his wife from the house, with the child in her arms, Dermody broke up the furniture.

NOTED BANKER DEAD.

Leopold Seligman, One Of Eight Brothers.

New York.—Leopold Seligman, one of the eight Seligman brothers, whose names have figured prominently in the banking history of the world for several decades, died in London. He was 80 years old.

\$10,000 In Wooden Leg.

Oklahoma City.—Alexander P. Hamilton, who was supposed to be a pauper and died in the county poorhouse of Canadian county Sunday, had \$10,000 hidden in the stock of his wooden leg. The money was found Wednesday by another pauper, to whom the wooden leg had been given. Hamilton was picked up on the street at El Reno and sent to the county farm. If he has any relatives they are unknown.

BATTLE FOUGHT ON OASIS

Several Hundred Turks Killed and About 100 Italians—A Long Line Of Camels Carry Off the Turkish Wounded.

Tripoli, Tripoli.—A force of 20,000 Italians Tuesday attacked and occupied the Turkish military camp on the oasis of Ain-Zara, in the vicinity of the town of Tripoli, after a severe battle, in which both sides are reported to have lost heavily.

The fighting lasted from daylight to dusk. When darkness began to fall 8,000 Turks and Arabs disappeared rapidly to the southeast. A long line of camels were with them, bearing their wounded.

The Turks lost several hundred killed, while the Italian casualties are estimated at 100.

The regular Turkish troops, assisted by Arabs, defended the settlement bravely, but were forced to retreat to the interior, abandoning eight cannon, many tents and a quantity of provisions.

The battle opened in the morning with a heavy bombardment by the fleet, under cover of which the Italians advanced to the attack.

The headquarters' staff of the Italian army assert that the battle was a decisive one for the possession of the country, as it almost entirely clears the oasis around the town of Tripoli and forces the Turks from the coast and away from their base of supplies.

A COSTLY JOY RIDE.

One Youth Dead and Two Sentenced To Prison.

Hartford, Conn.—A term of from three to five years in state prison for Robert R. Taft, a sentence of 10 months in jail for Raymond Mansom and a grave in a lonely country cemetery seven miles from Buchanan, Va., for Richard Clark is the termination of an escapade of three Springfield (Mass.) youths, which began on September 20 last with the theft of a \$4,000 automobile belonging to George L. Bidwell, of this city.

The boys drove the machine to Virginia, and when near Buchanan met with an accident in which the car was overturned and Clark killed. He was buried in a small cemetery near the scene of the accident. The other two were subsequently arrested, and in the Superior Court here the sentences were imposed. Taft is 19 years old and Mansom 17.

TO OPEN OFFICES TO WOMEN.

UFFRAGETTE MAY RULE CALIFORNIA IF BILL BECOMES LAW.

Sacramento, Cal.—"Her Excellency the Governor of California" may soon become a familiar title if a bill swept through the lower house of the Legislature by unanimous vote finds its way to the statute books. The measure would open every elective office of the State to its feminine citizens.

Saved Son; Lost \$65.

Newark, N. J.—Half suffocated, Mrs. John Wensinger carried her 7-year-old son to safety from a brick fire which gutted the interior of their home. In saving her son \$65 in cash, all her savings, some of which was meant for Christmas, slipped from her hand and was left behind in the fire that destroyed the building which she and her husband possessed.

Ten Years For 20 Cents.

New York.—For stealing 20 cents Maurice McGrath, who, the police say, is an old offender, was sentenced to 10 years in Sing Sing Prison. McGrath was arraigned before Judge O'Sullivan, in Part 3 of General Sessions. It was charged that he robbed Anthony Darrett.

More Pay For Many Men.

Washington.—"Believing the high cost of living and continued increase thereof makes it impossible for men to devote their best energies because of nagging anxiety," Admiral T. J. Cowie, paymaster general of the Navy, in his annual report asks salary increases for all of his employees. Admiral Cowie urges Congress to open the Alaskan coal fields to procure coal for the Navy at lower cost. To support the Navy establishment, Admiral Cowie says \$118,000,000 was drawn from the Treasury last year.

Plumbers' Trust Next.

Washington.—Assistant Attorney General Fowler announced that proceedings would be filed in Los Angeles against the Western Wholesale Plumbers' Association within the next week, alleging a monopoly in restraint of trade. Federal District Attorney McCormick left Washington and within a few days after reaching Los Angeles he will file this latest trust-busting suit. It is thought Mr. McCormick will stop at Indianapolis to become better acquainted with the developments in the dynamiting cases.

COLD STORAGE HIGH PRICES

Secretary Wilson Offers a Solution.

SENDS IN ANNUAL REPORT

Head Of Agricultural Department Recommends That Warehousemen Make Public the Amount Of Food In Storage.

Washington.—"The consumer pays a dollar for food; the farmer gets less than 50 cents of it. Who gets the rest?"

That is a question which Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, asked in his annual report. The Secretary does not attempt to answer it. He does explain in some detail the results of an investigation his department has just concluded into the effect of cold storage on the wholesomeness and cost of food. His investigation leads him to recommend publicity for the amount of food in cold storage, just as the department now gives publicity to the condition of crops from month to month.

Instead of food remaining in storage for longer than a year or two years, as a rule, the Secretary declares that his investigation showed that "receipts into cold storage are entirely or very nearly exhausted by the deliveries out of cold storage within 10 months."

Long Storage the Exception.

Long storage is the exception, the Secretary asserts. Warehousemen explained to the department that excessively long storage was due to lawsuits and other circumstances of an uncommercial nature. The cost of storage including storage charge, interest and insurance, is considered a barrier to very long storage. Cold storage, the Secretary reports, has raised the cost of living by increasing the annual price level for butter and eggs.

The Secretary says that an examination of the record of prices gives a "suspicion" that there has been much speculation in some years by the men who keep commodities in cold storage.

He referred to "an apparent mistake" of the storage men in overestimating the consumption of eggs by the public at exorbitant prices last winter, with the result that in the spring the storage men had to sell eggs at remarkably low prices and send abroad the largest amount of eggs ever exported, in order to get rid of the supply. The Secretary declares that the warehousemen ought to be required to send to Washington each month the amount of commodities placed in storage, so that the public may be able to judge of the future trend of prices.

Many Subjects Taken Up.

A great variety of subjects are dealt with by the Secretary in his report. He says that the day is not far distant when the United States will cease to import potash. Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee and Idaho are mentioned as depositaries.

Recommendation is made that all government agencies that conserve health should be grouped together in one bureau. The success of the department in the Southern States, through object lessons in the fields, is pronounced to have been such as to justify the extension of the work to all States.

The department announces that the corn crop is moving northward by seed selection. The American systems of renting land are declared to be faulty and result in soil robbing. It is suggested that domestic animals be kept on farms, even if the land owner must furnish them, and that there be a rotation of crops.

SPEAKER CLARK IGNORES IT.

Will Take No Action On Petition To Impeach Littleton.

Washington.—Speaker Clark, of the House of Representatives, announced that he would take no action on the petition for the impeachment and expulsion from the House of Representative Martin W. Littleton, of New York. The petition was filed by Henry B. Martin, of the Anti-Trust League. The Speaker's decision was based upon the ground that the petition contained nothing of a pertinent matter of business for the House.

A New Altitude Record.

Paris.—The military dirigible balloon Adjutant Reau beat the world's altitude record for dirigibles Thursday by ascending to a height of just over 7,053 feet.

The altitude record for dirigibles has hitherto been held by the French balloon Clement-Bayard, which, on August 23, 1909, attained a height of 5,955 feet.

Mayor Refuses \$500 Raise.

Toledo, O.—Mayor Brand Whitlock refused to accept an increase of \$500 in his salary as chief executive of the city. He so informed the chairman of the finance committee that was to have made the recommendation.

Two Aviators Killed.

London.—A double aviation fatality occurred at Fley, near Scarborough, Yorkshire, Hubert Oxley, an aviator, was killed instantly and his passenger, Robert Weiss, sustained injuries from which he died soon afterwards.

Gave Life To Save Horses.

Boston.—James Cooney was killed and 15 horses perished in a \$6,000 fire which destroyed the stables of James E. Noble, in Roxbury. Cooney lost his life trying to save the horses.

Moros Still Fighting.

Manila.—Running battles continue between the troops, scouts and constabulary and the Moros in the vicinity of Jolo, the chief town of the archipelago of Sulu. Twenty hostile Moros have been killed, and addition 31 troops have been sent into the field.

THE NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Doylestown.—Opening an oyster at his home Edward Kramer found two pearls, both of large size, perfect in color and marketable at a high figure.

York.—Griere, little son of Henry J. Gipe, mistaking match heads for candy, ate a quantity of them and died a short time afterwards.

Weatherly.—Weatherly will have a special election on January 8, to decide whether its citizens approve of a proposed fourteen-thousand dollar loan to be used in the installation of a power plant in connection with the electric light plant for the furnishing of power, as well as light, to the town's industries.

Altoona.—Investigation by officers of the State Pure Food Department confirm the belief that John W. Hudson, aged fifty-seven, who died suddenly Thanksgiving Day, was a victim of ptomaine poisoning resulting from eating chicken. Portions of the fowl were sent to the State's chemists for analysis.

Waynesboro.—Probably due to a guilty conscience, thieves who recently broken into and robbed Morris Harbaugh's tobacco store here, returned most of the loot, leaving it on the rear porch of Harbaugh's home. Among the articles returned were a shotgun, a revolver, a number of watches and several rings.

Hazleton.—The United Mine Workers' headquarters here received notification that the strike assessment of fifty cents a member in force the past eighteen months had been taken off. All the strikes in progress when it was imposed have been adjusted save the one in Colorado, where the men have been out nearly two years.

Pottsville.—Surgeons and physicians from all parts of Schuylkill county, were in attendance here, at a convention, conducted under the auspices of the Schuylkill County Medical Society. Dr. G. H. Boyer, of Pottsville; Dr. David Taggart, of Frankville, and Dr. J. Pierce Roberts, of Shamandoah, read papers.

Hazleton.—Albert Ostrander, of this city, and Miss Carrie Gilbert, of Fulton, N. Y., were married October 23, at Niagara Falls, after a courtship of twenty-six years. Announcement of this effect was received here from the couple, who are now on their honeymoon. The bridegroom is sixty years old, and the bride forty-eight. Ostrander worked here for years as a watchman, but recently retired upon inheriting a fortune from relatives.

Allentown.—Breaking ropes caused two fatal accidents in slate quarries at Slatington. In the Hazel Dell, Paul Sinkuleck was instantly killed, when a heavy stone fell on him, the rope holding it having broken. Lewis Hughes was instantly killed in the Cambridge quarry, falling eighty feet. John Dougherty also fell with him and had his head cut, an arm broken and was injured internally. He was removed to a hospital in a serious condition.

Allentown.—Harvey Rohr, a young farmer of North Whitehall township, filed his bill of particulars in the remarkable alienation suit which he has brought against Edwin Layton, a rich farmer of the same township. About a year ago, after a stormy courtship, in which young Rohr was strenuously opposed as a son-in-law, he married Miss Gertrude Reeser, the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Layton. Immediately after the ceremony, according to the assertion of Rohr and other witnesses, the Laytons declared that although he had married the young woman, he could never have her as a wife. Their refusal to give her up has continued to this day, in face of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Rohr are now the parents of a baby daughter several months old. Rohr has furnished a home ready for the occupancy of himself and his family and has been going to the Layton home almost daily endeavoring to get his wife and baby. He declared that the Laytons have never let him see his wife alone. Last fall the young husband had the Laytons brought before Justice Henry D. Gross, who tried to get them to surrender the young wife to her husband, but they refused. At various times the young husband says he got her brothers and other friends to go along with him for the purpose of securing his wife, but the bride, he alleges, was always intimidated by the Laytons. The attorneys for the plaintiff include in the statement an assertion that recently young Rohr's wife expressed a willingness to return to her husband, but that the Laytons, among other things, offered her a large sum of money if she would remain with them and not join her spouse. Rohr claims \$10,000 damages. The Laytons have never told why they refuse to give up the young wife.

Hegins.—George Foelt was found dead hanging over a pole in a shed at a hotel here. Death was due to an intentional strangulation.

Pottsville.—Thomas Finley, of New Philadelphia, was held up by Joseph Armour, who bungled in an attempt to play highwayman. Though he used a "billy," several times, his victim grappled with him and yelled for help. Miners responded, and Armour was taken into custody. Justice Martin held Armour for court under \$600 bail.

Pottsville.—The local police are on the track of "firebugs," who are operating again in this vicinity, several incipient blazes, started by them, having been discovered in time.

Chester.—The Delaware County Prohibition Committee at its annual meeting re-organized by the selection of these officers: County chairman, Daniel G. Hendrick, of this city; secretary, Charles Palmer; assistant secretary, Miss Clara Hendricks; treasurer, Charles W. Conklin, of Prospect Park.