

Of over 5,000,000 children in elementary schools in England only 809,000 pay for their schooling.

According to the Pittsburg Times, one hundred years ago yellow fever was more common in northern cities than it is now in tropical towns.

Black walnut is a scarce wood these days, but old farms about Philadelphia still afford to the cabinet maker noble specimens of the tree. It is said that a black walnut 100 years old will fetch in that region about \$100.

It is a notable fact that in three states of the Union, New York, New Jersey and Illinois bills were before the Legislature to entail the big theatre lot. "More power to the woman who clasps a tiny bunch of violets on her back hair and calls it a bonnet, exclaims the New York Mail and Express."

The Trenton, N. J., American notes that the "Great American Desert" conspicuous on the maps of fifty years ago, and then occupying a considerable part of the region between the Rocky Mountains and the Coast Range, has at last shrunk mainly to three counties of Utah, although there are scraps of it in Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico.

A Minnesota court has given a judgment of \$100,000 damages against a telegraph company for forwarding and delivering an insulting dispatch. The sender's name was not signed, and when the trouble began the company could not identify him. It is a very proper award. The company should have secured the sender's name "not for publication but as evidence of good faith," and its neglect to do so should make it liable for shouldering his wrong-doing.

According to the latest report of the English Society of Psychical Research, 1,684 ghosts and unanny apparitions have been seen by correspondents of the association during the last year. This is the biggest aggregation of spooks yet tabulated. Of these, nearly a thousand seem to have visited their friends when the latter were in bed, but only 112 appear to have deigned to speak, and the majority of these merely uttered the name of the person visited. Nine-tenths of the 1,684 came apparently without aim or purpose, their hosts being to this day unable to surmise why or wherefore they were favored with the supernatural visit.

The technical education board of Great Britain recently communicated with several representative employers on the subject of technical education and have received a number of interesting replies. William Morris is convinced that "it is by some form of apprenticeship only—that is, working in a workshop and gradually learning a craft by doing bits of it—that crafts can be taught." A leading firm of art furnishers lament that the average house painter is lamentably "ignorant of the chemical composition of colors and of the most simple problems in the way of decoration." They also consider that "upholsterers and gliders are the most backward of any English workmen connected with the furniture trades," and advocate teaching in these subjects.

Few realize how much good money the tramps cost this country, exclaims the Philadelphia Ledger. Accurate estimates of the number of these nomads are difficult to obtain. They are a variable quantity, but the number is formidable. In a lecture delivered in Boston recently by Professor J. J. McCook, it was stated that there are about 46,000 male tramps wandering about in different parts of the country, eleven-twelfths of them being in the prime of life, that is, under fifty years of age. These men, the most of whom are able-bodied, half of them having trades and nearly all of them able to read and write, cost the nation according to the conservative opinion, from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 annually. This is nearly half the cost of the navy. While no subject has been more frequently discussed than the tramp and the means of his suppression, there are no anti-tramp laws in existence in twenty-five of the forty-four American States, none west of the States washed by the Mississippi, none in any Southern State excepting North Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi. The penalty under these laws varies from three days to five years in the State prison. The evil is patent, but no very effective remedy has been discovered. Professor McCook declared the labor colony, in the opinion of the authorities of many foreign countries, is one of the most promising projects yet offered for the tramp nuisance.

FATAL RIVER DISASTER.

STEAMBOAT WRECKED.

She Struck a Pier of the Railroad Bridge and Sank.

The steamer Longfellow, of the Cincinnati, Memphis & New Orleans packet line, was sunk by striking a pier of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway bridge at Cincinnati. Six lives are known to have been lost: Vic David Aldridge, an elderly man, of Rome, N. Y.; Captain J. L. Carter, clerk of the boat; Gus Schevart, the barkeeper; James Miller, the colored porter; and an unknown woman. Several others were at first reported missing, and it is possible more are dead. All the records of the steamer were lost with it, and no passenger list is ever left aboard.

The Longfellow was scheduled to leave Thursday for New Orleans, but the fog in the river was so dense that Captain Wise, president of the packet company to which the steamer belonged, ordered her to be held until next morning. He also ordered the Hercules Carroll to be ready to assist the steamer to pass the bridge piers. The Carroll took position at the stern and left off port side of the Longfellow, and assisted in making the turn. The boat hit the pier within a short distance before reaching the piers of the Chesapeake & Ohio bridge, when the treacherous current began to interfere with the boat's movement.

There was no fog, but as the bow of the boat pointed to the Kentucky shore the wind blew the smoke in such a way as to blind the pilot. "I cannot see anything," he shouted to Captain John Kiker. The captain called back to run her south of the pier. The pilot signaled the engineer to stop. But the current was rentless, and the big vessel with its powerful consort, with the pilot's vision obscured, was absolutely helpless. The danger was apparent, and warning was given to the boat's crew. In a moment the Longfellow crashed against the pier and was crushed like an egg.

Some of the crew manned two life-boats of the Longfellow and saved themselves and the family of Captain John Miller, of Missouri, landing them in Covington, Ky. The destruction of the steamer was almost instantaneous. She hung to the pier, while the current striking her bow and stern, broke her to two, and in less than five minutes she went down.

PRICES DO NOT IMPROVE.

And Strikes Further Lessen the Purchasing Power.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Prices do not improve and there is, on the whole, no gain, but some loss in wages. Between 15,000 coal miners near Pittsburg and several thousand building workers here, besides strikes in 10 or 12 textile and iron establishments, further lessen purchasing power for the time. But there is anticipation of an improved demand for goods in general and many or manufacturing and buying beyond present needs on the strength of it.

Three causes help the iron industry for the time. Expectations of another great strike at the coke works, reports that Bessemer lake ore will advance and a moderate increase in demand for products. Sales of Bessemer iron to three great Pittsburg companies, said to aggregate 125,000 tons, protect the market against the chance in ore, and the cut-out of coke, over 150,000 tons and shipments larger than ever seem to prepare for a strike.

American makers of tin plate are putting prices sometimes lower than those of similar imported plates.

Failures for the week have been 234 in the United States, against 248 last year, and 58 in Canada, against 60 last year.

Bradstreet's financial review says: The stock market all this week has been very irregular. It was for the most part awaiting speculation, and the chief influence may be attributed to the advance of exchange rates, and consequent fears that gold shipments might occur. The action of the leading company, through the threatening of a rate war with the Jersey Central and Lehigh Valley, has had considerable influence on the shares of coal-carrying roads, and severe liquidation has also made its appearance in Baltimore & Ohio and New York Central.

BATTLE IN COLUMBIA.

The Rebels Defeated and One of Their Leaders Killed.

The rebel forces, under the command of Ruiz Garza, made an attack on Boreas del Toro, about 100 miles north of Colon, on Friday last, but were repulsed by the government troops. An attempt was made to set fire to the town but this was also defeated. Eleven of the rebels, including Garza, were killed. The government loss was 5 killed and 20 wounded. The United States cruiser Atlanta was at Boreas del Toro, and landed a force of sailors and marines to protect American interests. Though the rebel attack was unsuccessful it is believed that another attempt will be made to capture the town.

VICTORIOUS JAPS.

After a Battle of Four Hours They Defeat The Chinese.

On Thursday last the Japanese captured the coast forts near Yinkow, the port for New Chungking. The forts held out after the capture of Yinkow. On Saturday the first division of the Japanese army attacked a force of 10,000 Chinese under General Sung, at Thien Chwang Tai. For four hours a fierce battle waged, but the Chinese were defeated after losing 2,000 killed or wounded. The Japanese loss was only 90 killed or wounded.

General Nodzu, who succeeded Field Marshal Yamagata in command of the first Japanese army has been promoted.

FOREIGN FLASHES.

President Faure of France is sick with the grip.

The Queen of Spain has recovered from the measles.

Twenty-one miners lost their lives in a mine fire at Cornada, Spain.

Seven miners were killed in the shaft of a lead mine in Shropshire, England.

There was a heated debate in the German Reichstag on a motion to restrict Jewish immigration. It was defeated 167 to 51.

Killed by Indians.

A courier arrived at Mexico bringing the news of another outbreak among the Yaqui Indians. A band of about 50 hostile braves left their rendezvous in the mountains and struck the Yaqui river valley. They attacked a number of ranches and killed seven persons, among the victims being two women. Large quantities of grain were also burned.

Legation Accountant Arrested.

Manuel Almar, accountant and interpreter to the Argentine legation in Washington, D. C., was arrested at the request of Minister Zetzelow, on a charge of embezzling \$2,500 of the funds of the legation. Almar confesses his guilt. He says he lost a large sum belonging to the legation on the streets last November, and tried to make it up by gambling.

Ismael Pasha, ex-khediye of Egypt is dead.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

Yaqui Indians in Mexico are on the war-path again.

The Egyptian Railroad will be extended to Assouan.

The British Government threatens another investigation of Chicago meat.

Senator Elkins is in the City of Mexico, receiving attentions from President Diaz.

The English Government hopes to withdraw a battalion of troops from Egypt within a year.

The bodies have been found at Zinacantan, Mexico of five woodchoppers who froze to death recently.

Two small boys at Los Angeles, Cal., were poisoned with strychnine in cakes given them by a neighbor. Police are puzzled.

The issuance of a bi-monthly bulletin of the Department of Labor will be commenced at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

A delegation of converts to Mormonism departed from Hanover county, Va., for Utah.

Apostle John Henry Smith was elected president of the Utah constitutional convention.

The seventh annual congress of Scotch-Irish of America will be held at Lexington, Va., from June 20 to 23, inclusive.

There are 45 survivors of the war of 1812 on the roll of the pension office of whom 15 are 100 or more years old.

A dispatch from Huelva, Spain, says that a fire occurred in the Sobel mine at Coronado causing the death of 20 miners.

Six hundred employes of S. K. Felton's woolen mill at Tezaca went on a strike because of a difference of opinion regarding wages.

Erie county, O., grand jury indicted ex-Auditors W. J. Benn and L. N. Werner, charging them with misappropriation of county funds.

The Meeklenberg Credit Bank (Germany) has failed, pulling down with it several other financial houses. Many depositors are financially ruined.

The Comptroller of the Currency has issued a call for reports of the condition of national banks at the close of business on Tuesday, March 5, 1905.

The officials of the Milan Exposition have awarded a diploma of honor to Colonel Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, for his industrial researches.

Civil Service Commissioner Roosevelt announced that Postmaster Zumstein, of Cincinnati, who is about to retire, has given a most satisfactory observance of the civil service laws.

At Tooting, England, an unemployed plasterer named Taylor, having become despondent from long illness, murdered his wife and five children and then killed himself.

Irregularities amounting to \$23,000 have been found in the books of the American Church Missionary society, in New York, and Rev. Dr. Kinsolving, of Brooklyn, has been appointed secretary in place of Rev. Dr. Newbold.

BRITONS AROUSED.

Words of an American Author Stir All from Royalty Down.

A Pittsburg author is causing a great deal of trouble just at this time for the different factions of the English parliament, judging from the number of letters he has received from that country and the debates that are daily occurring among the members themselves. The English papers have taken the discussion up, and while some support the side favorable to the author, the Tory writers lose no opportunity to give his book a slap in the face.

The author is Col. Samuel Hardin Church of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who by his first publication has won for himself a name with the sanction of the government, because a monument to Cromwell would be an official acknowledgment of successful rebellion. But the great deliverer needs no marble shaft while mankind cherishes the remembrance of his words.

The book made its first appearance in June last, and in August this passage was read in parliament, and at once caused a debate, since which time Col. Church has been in constant receipt of letters from the leading literary lights of the old world, while a good many have come from the members of the English nobility and at least one from the royal family, the latter being from the Prince of Wales himself.

The debate is about the propriety of erecting the monument in the first place and in the second, as to its location. The admirers of Cromwell and the supporters of Col. Church think it should be placed in Westminster abbey, along with the other rulers of England, but the opponents think that even if a monument is erected at all, it should be stuck away in a corner of some obscure park.

PATRIOT VICTORIES.

Spanish Regulars Routed in a Battle in Southeast Cuba.

An engagement has occurred between 300 insurgents and a battalion of Spanish regulars near Manillio, in the southeastern part of Cuba. The Spaniards were routed.

Gen. Maximo Gomez is with Hank Brooks and 8,000 insurgents near Guantanamo on the southeast coast of Cuba. An American engineer of note is with them. He has been in the pay of the revolutionary committee for many months. He has traveled over every part of Cuba, studying topography and positions of strategic importance, has prepared plans of attack for the revolutionary commanders, and has designed in the mountains part of Eastern Cuba, 350 miles from Havana, a central supply station, general hospital and headquarters. Since February 24, when the revolution was declared, all the available insurgent volunteers have been engaged in fortifying the camp under the direction of the engineer.

The reported defeated and wounding of Gen. La Chambre, governor of the eastern department of Cuba, has been confirmed. A letter from Havana received Tuesday by a prominent Cuban states that La Chambre has died from wounds received at the encounter with the forces of Henry Brooks near Guantanamo. This is a serious loss to the government, and will greatly encourage the revolutionists. The same letter brings news that the revolution is working westward and towards the province of Puerto Principe.

The attempt to impeach Governor Clough and Bank Examiner Kenyon, of Minnesota, has been dropped.

OUR INDUSTRIAL REVIEW.

WAGES BROUGHT DOWN.

U. S. Glass Company Employees Get a Ten Per Cent Reduction.

There is dissatisfaction among the employes of the United States Glass Company over a reduction of wages. A movement is on foot among those affected to form an organization and join the American flint glass workers' union, an organization that has been waging war against the company for 20 months.

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