

the pastorate of a church when he got to be 40. When I got to be 40 I changed my mind, and thought 50 was the proper age for retiring; then I later came to see things differently, and decided that when I was 60 I should drop the work. But I don't give the matter any thought now."

Epidemics of suicide frequently occur, just as epidemics of contagious diseases. All works on criminology, as well as medical treatises, recognize a distinct class of cases, which are called "imitational criminals" and "imitational suicides." It is well known that persons with an innate or hereditary tendency toward crime are easily influenced by suggestion. From the psychologic standpoint every one is more or less suggestible. Criminal tendencies are more common than one would suspect and are likely to break loose in most unexpected quarters states the Sunny South.

Mercantile and industrial co-operation is making rapid strides in California, according to a statement by J. S. Clark, one of the leading organizers of the movement in that state. Between 30 and 40 business houses in the state are operating on the co-operative plan. Each house was started as a grocery, with just capital enough to stock it, but with an assurance also of sufficient patrons to keep it moving. One hundred and fifty families are thought sufficient to make the running of a grocery store profitable, and 100 more families added warrants the broadening of the business.

Mr. Rockefeller gave a hard prescription to the graduating class of Chicago university in saying to them: "If you are to succeed in life it will be because you are masters of yourselves." A wiser than Rockefeller said that "he that ruleth his spirit is more than he that taketh a city." A man of a strong nature is the victor. A man who is master of his temper or by any other means is not master of himself. A man who is the slave of any passion is a cruel master. Mastery is more than self-control—it is self-possession; the ability to govern and direct all the faculties of mind and body. Very few have complete mastery of themselves. It is perhaps why there are so few complete and successful in the highest walks of life.

country is strewn with corpses. The European manager of a large estate had a race for life with the lava. Accompanied by his wife, two children and a nurse he attempted to keep ahead of the flow of liquid fire, but the lava overtook the carriage and the nurse and children perished, the parents escaping by jumping into a clump of bamboo trees by the roadside.

KILLED BY A MANIAC.

Traveler Meets a Tragic Fate While a Passenger on a Train.

Rawlins, Wyo. (Special).—A man named Rogers was shot to death by Ned Hadley Copeland, on the Union Pacific train No. 6. Copeland was traveling from Stockton, Cal., to Council Bluffs, Ia.

When at a point three miles east of Wamsutter he walked into the car where Rogers was sitting and at once began shooting at him, saying: "There, take that." He shot three times, the bullets entering Rogers breast and he died instantly. Copeland was arrested and is now in jail here.

When asked what caused him to kill Rogers, he said: "He had me hypnotized and I had to do it."

Copeland is undoubtedly out of his mind. As the killing took place in Sweet Water county, Copeland will be taken to Green River and turned over to the authorities there.

Boers Capture a Gun.

London (By Cable).—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated at Pretoria, says the Boers attacked a constabulary at Houtkop, in the Transvaal, July 11, capturing a 7-pound gun. He also says the Boers were eventually driven off. The British loss is given as three men killed and seven wounded. A noisy scene in the House of Commons arose from a question as to whether the British wounded were left in the hands of the Boers at Vlakfontein. Lord Stanley, financial secretary of the war office, declared the war office had no information on the subject.

The First on Record.

Boston (Special).—A petition in bankruptcy was filed by Stephen M. Marshall, secretary of the Tenth Congressional Republican District Committee of 1898. The debts of the committee are shown to amount to about \$300. This is the first time since the establishment of the new bankruptcy law that a campaign committee's debts have found their way into a bankruptcy court.

Porto Rican Postmaster Arrested.

Washington (Special).—A cablegram received at the Postoffice Department from San Juan announces the arrest on July 10 of Ricardo Navarez Rivera, assistant postmaster at Mameyes, Porto Rico, for embezzling letters containing valuable inclosures.

Desperate Struggle in Courtroom.

Upper Sandusky, Ohio (Special).—During the progress of the Johnson murder trial here Willis Miller, the defendant, attacked Guard Grundtisch, of the county jail, who had just given testimony which Miller characterized as perjurious. A brother and sister of Miller joined in the attack on Grundtisch and a desperate struggle ensued. A general disturbance followed and the courtroom was thrown into a bedlam. A number of the spectators and others screamed in protest when they tried to leave the courtroom. They were trampled on by the ex-

company agreeing to pay the same scale of wages as was paid in August 1899, which was the "boom" period of iron prices.

A resolution was introduced in the Virginia Constitutional Convention protesting against the grandfather clause restricting suffrage as tending to create a voting aristocracy.

Peter Gruber, of Rochester, N. Y., was bitten and nearly killed by his pet rattlesnake.

The attorneys for Mrs. Botkin are preparing to take her case to the Supreme Court.

Emigration from Germany during the first six months of this year aggregated 112,968.

Wm. J. Scott died at his home on the Potomac, near Shepherdstown, W. Va. The annual meeting of the Universal Peace Union began in Buffalo.

Foreign.

Ambassador White has informed a Berlin editor that he will return to the United States in September, but whether he will return to Germany as ambassador depends upon various considerations.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie Educational Fund in Edinburgh a letter was read announcing that he had signed the deed placing \$10,000,000 at the disposal of the trustees.

It was announced in the British House of Commons that landing sites for the new Pacific cable had been selected at Queensland, New Zealand, Norfolk Island and Vancouver.

The British captured Commandant Scheeper's laager at Camdeboo, securing a quantity of ammunition and stores, but Scheeper and the majority of his men escaped.

Reports from Carthage, Colombia, tell of a mutiny among the soldiers, in which the mutineers attacked the guard and seven were killed and several wounded.

The Bryant and May shareholders in special meeting in London adopted the plan of consolidation with the Diamond Match Company.

The military commanders at Tientsin have directed the provisional government to destroy the Taku forts.

M. Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, failed to win the prize offered by Henry Deutsch for a manageable balloon. He navigated the airship to the Eiffel Tower in Paris, making extraordinary speed, but on the return trip the motor did not work properly and the balloon descended into a tree.

Disagreements between Lord Milner and Lord Kitchener and increasing public dissatisfaction in England over the conduct of the war in South Africa, will, it is reported, lead to Kitchener being succeeded in the command of the British forces in South Africa by Gen. Sir Buller.

Financial.

The output of gold from the Rand district in South Africa was 19,779 ounces as compared with 7,478 ounces in May.

England imported goods from the United States to the value of \$740,000,000 last year and is by far our best customer.

The Suez Canal in May, 1900, yielded a transit revenue of \$1,824,000 as compared with \$1,582,000 in May, 1899. In last May 343 ships passed through the canal. For the first five months of the year the canal yielded a transit revenue of \$1,824,000.

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A Pet Frog Explodes.

Albany, Mo. (Special).—An accident, in which three children, a pet frog and some dynamite figured, resulted in one death and the serious injury of two persons. The three children of George McCurry, a contractor, found some dynamite in the cellar of their home, and thinking it was putty, fed it to their pet frog. A large toadstool afterward fell on the frog and exploded the dynamite. A chisel, driven by the explosion, pierced the temple of the younger child and killed it. Another child and Mrs. McCurry, who was in the kitchen above, were seriously hurt.

Pat Crowe in Africa.

St. Joseph, Mo. (Special).—State Senator A. W. Brewster received a draft for \$250, sent to him by "Pat" Crowe from Johannesburg, South Africa, to pay an attorney fee Crowe had been owing a number of years. Crowe's name has been connected by allegation with the kidnapping in Omaha of a young son of Edward Cudahy, the packer, who paid a ransom of \$25,000 in gold to recover his boy. Several years ago Crowe was under arrest in St. Joseph on the charge of train robbery. The charge was finally dismissed, as the case was not a strong one.

Loose Engine and Express Collide.

Parkersburg, W. Va. (Special).—Two persons were killed outright, one fatally injured, several others were less seriously injured in a head-on collision on the Ohio River Railroad at Padens at 6.30 p. m. The Ohio Valley express, on the way from Cincinnati to Pittsburg, was run into at full speed by a loose engine southbound, and both engines were almost demolished. The baggage car of the Ohio Valley express was smashed up considerably, but none of the coaches were damaged, and none of the train left the track except the engines.

Mail Carrier's Record.

Tamaqua, (Special).—Jacob Hartman, aged 62 years, celebrated the 31st anniversary of his service as mail carrier for the Reading Company between the railway station and the postoffice. During his service he has been off duty but eleven days, four days of the time being due to sickness. Mr. Hartman makes 17 trips daily, and in the 31 years has traveled 46,000 miles in the discharge of his duty.

Explosion on an Excursion Boat.

Sunbury, Pa. (Special).—An excursion boat anchored in the Susquehanna River at the foot of Market street, this city, blew up with terrific force, killing two boys and injuring a dozen other persons, two fatally. One man is missing and may have been killed also. All of the boys killed and injured were fishing on a nearby wharf when the explosion occurred. The engineer was absent at the time, leaving the boat in the hands of the crew. When he left there were several pounds in the boiler and the fire door

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Among those robbed are Dr. J. Wilson, wife and daughter, and Mrs. R. Horrington, of Dover, Del. Dr. Wilson's wallet, containing tickets for party, drafts on San Francisco bank and baggage checks, being stolen in crush at the depot in Colorado Springs. Major S. K. Hooper, general passenger agent of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, authorized the Glenwood Springs agent to furnish passes to Oge to stranded passengers who desired to continue their journey west.

Masked Man Shot and Killed.

Pottsville, Pa. (Special).—Four masked men entered the hotel of Peter Hoedt at Yorkville, near here, and encountered the proprietor and two guests, Michael Ritzel and George A. Wachter. During the fight that followed one of the robbers was shot and killed, and Mr. Hoedt was wounded in the leg. The three remaining burglars made their escape. The dead man has not been identified.

Exonerates Admiral Mello.

Rio Janeiro (By Cable).—The Brazilian Chamber of Deputies received the report of a special committee appointed to consider the case of Rear Admiral Mello, who was arrested last April on a charge of monarchical plotting and who then appealed to the Chamber. The report declares that the accusations against the officer are without foundation. It is considered certain that the Chamber will unanimously confirm the committee's conclusion.

New Device for Torpedo Boats.

Washington (Special).—Orders were forwarded from the Naval Bureau of Ordnance directing that all the torpedo boats in the Navy, built or building, shall be equipped with a new electrical device for sending the torpedoes on their journey through the water. By the new equipment an officer in the pilot-house can send the tubes overboard by the touch of a button.

Two Men Blown to Pieces.

Denver, Col. (Special).—A dynamite magazine near the Grant smelter exploded. Two Italians were killed and several hurt. Fragments of the victims were strewn over the prairie for hundreds of yards. Windows in the Union Stock Yards Bank, a quarter of a mile away, were shattered. The damage estimated at \$5000.

His Life Was a Failure.

Crawfordsville, Ind. (Special).—Judge James H. Sellars, former member of the legislature, and once candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, killed himself in his law office with morphine. He left a letter saying that his life was a failure, and that his

United States Consul.

burg (By Cable).