

The busy life of Russia are bombs, bayonets and bullets.

A proposition to reform the spelling of Bjornstjerne Bjornson's name might strike the public favorably.

Mrs. Belle Armstrong Whitney says New York men wear corsets. It's curious that any man stays in New York.

In case we have spelling reform will the people of Boston consent to drop the "r" in Hannah?—Chicago Record-Herald.

An Indiana poddler, who never took a bath, died at the age of 80 years. If he had taken a few he might have been poddling yet—may be.

A school of cookery has been established in Vienna. Some particular person must have been complaining about his Vienna schnitzel.

Andrew Lang says he does not care for American criticism of his writings. Perhaps American criticism of his goit might touch Andrew up a bit.

France is progressive in many ways, but the fight it is having over questions of religious belief does seem a century or so behind the times.

Marie Corelli says that she loathes America because the people are after the dollar. Now that attention is called to it, it seems if we had selected a movement in the dollar's direction.

In 1905 there were 83,376 fewer insurance policies written by the New York companies than in the preceding year. That means that both the companies and the public are taking fewer risks.

The picture of Gladys Vanderbilt milking a cow is creating considerable amusement. The artist put her on the wrong side of the animal. Never mind, she belongs to the creme de la creme of society and can stand it.

It is spelled p-i-o-w on the prairies where it slides through a foot or two of the rich, black mould, but in New England, where it grows on the thin, sand stones per acre, it is more natural to make hard work of it, thus, "p-i-o-u-h."

The evidence before the British army stores commissioners as to graft during the Boer war shows that there was only one regiment the contractors were unable to cheat. That regiment, distinction belongs to the Seventh Hussars. They weighed everything and checked the quality of everything supplied them.

The servant girl problem has attracted the attention of the California promotion committee, which has sent instructions to its eastern bureau at New York to visit Ellis Island and have the incoming women from European countries told of the advantages of California. They will be given an idea of the wages and the class of work and other necessary information.

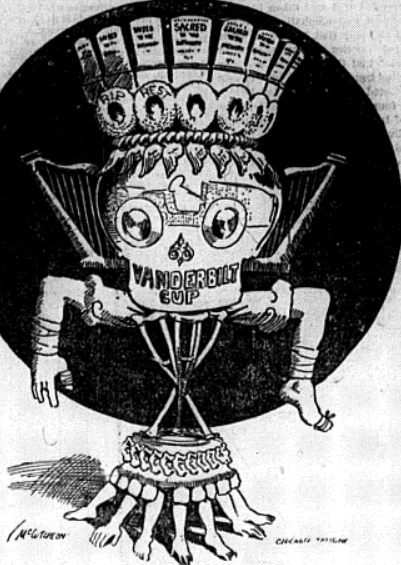
The Scientific American shows that England has lost 550 square miles by sea erosion since the conquest. At this rate England will last only about 50,000 years. A parliamentary commission has been appointed to look into the matter, don't you know. It will probably take up at the same time the alarming reports that the heat of the sun will last but a million years more, and that the coal supply will peter out in 600 years. Governments cannot be too careful about the future.

Tolstoid said recently to Henry Newison, the English writer on Russia: "You are young and I am old, but as you grow older you will find, as I have found, that day follows day, and there does not seem to be any end to it, till suddenly you hear people speaking of you as an old man. It is the same with an age in history; day follows day, and there does not seem to be much change, till suddenly you find that the age is become old. It is finished; it is out of date. The present movement in Russia is not a riot, it is not even a revolution; it is the end of an age."

The number of matriculated students at the German universities during the summer term is given as 44,542, an increase of over 3,000 over last year. Of these 6,569 are in Berlin, 5,734 at Munich, 4,147 at Leipzig, 3,275 at Bonn, 2,569 at Friburg, 2,125 at Galle, 1,925 at Göttingen, 1,592 at Heidelberg and 1,342 at Jena, while the rest are distributed among various universities. There are 12,413 students of law, 10,752 are studying philosophy, philology or history, 6,254 medicine and 6,212 mathematics or natural science. The number of students has nearly trebled during the last 30 years, says the Athenaeum, the returns for 1873 being 15,000, in that year the entries amounted only to 16,812.

How thick is the earth's crust? R. J. Strick, son of Lord Rayleigh, after a long series of experiments, estimates it as 45 miles. This deduction coincides in principle, closely, with that of Prof. Miller, the seismologist. Mr. Strick believes that at the depth of 45 miles the internal heat of the earth reaches 1,500 degrees centigrade (2,732 degrees Fahrenheit). The moon is not "dead," according to the same scientist, light continues to possess volcanic energy. He believes, too, that the internal heat of the moon is greater than that of the earth.

DESIGN FOR THE VANDERBILT CUP.



BIG STEAMER WAS DRIVEN ON THE ROCKS FOR LOOT

Trans-Atlantic Liner, Sirio, Wrecked by its Crew Last August, to Cover Stealing of Cash from Sirjone Box—One Hundred and Fifty Lives Sacrificed to Greed of Viljains.

Cartagena, Spain.—Evidence tending to prove conclusively that robbers sacrificed the lives of 150 persons and wrecked the big trans-Atlantic steamer Sirio in order to steal \$500,000 was discovered Monday.

The strong box of the steamer was uncovered in the wreckage and opened. It was found to be empty, although hermetically sealed when discovered.

A tremendous sensation has been caused by the discovery. The secret service agents of the government intimate that members of the steamer's crew are under suspicion and that arrests are likely to follow.

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WISCONSIN ROAD IN NEW HANDS. Formal Transfer of Control Accomplished at Annual Meeting.

Milwaukee.—The Wisconsin Central Railway company was formally transferred into the control of new interests at Tuesday's annual meeting of the stockholders, which was held at the general offices of the corporation in this city.

Mr. Bradford made the following statement: "There is no intention whatever of consolidation or combination between the Wisconsin Central and the other roads; and all reports to the effect that this property is to be 'absorbed,' consolidated with, or in any manner placed in a position by which it loses its identity and individuality, as a separate and distinct railway system, are without the least foundation. The new owners, who are now in control of the property have stated to me that they are not in the least interested in the changes in the Wisconsin Central."

Killed During Quarrel. Charleroi, Pa.—Frank Kelly, aged 25 years, night superintendent at the Macheth-Evans Glass company's plant here, was murdered Tuesday as the result of a quarrel over a gang of billiards.

Town Fire Swept. Maryville, Kan.—The town of Summerfield, near here, has been almost wiped out by fire, and the blizz is yet raging. Five business houses and the office of the Summerfield Sun have burned.

before any passengers from the wrecked steamer reached shore. Their descriptions have been obtained and the authorities are engaged in tracking them. It is believed they were the robbers and that they had the gold in the boat and everything else in readiness for departing from the steamer the moment of the wreck, thus escaping the panic and crush that followed.

The Sirio was wrecked last August on Romigas Island. It was on a voyage from Italy to New York, carrying several hundred Italian emigrants. In its treasure hold was a strong steel box in which \$500,000 was being transported to the United States.

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NEWSPAPER MAN IS SHOT DEAD. Receives Bullet in Brain From Stepfather of His Wife.

Minneapolis, Minn.—William Dowell, a prominent local newspaper man, was shot and killed Sunday afternoon by John Quirk, because of attentions to his step-daughter, Miss Beattie Squires.

The shooting occurred at the Quirk residence, 901 Chicago avenue, just as Dowell and the young woman were entering the house. One bullet was fired which took effect in the man's forehead. Quirk seemed pleased when told that his victim was dead.

WOULD INDICT BANK WRECKERS. Depositors in Spring Valley Concern Want Guilty One Punished.

Spring Valley, Ill.—A largely attended meeting of depositors of the Spring Valley National bank which it is alleged was wrecked by its president, Charles J. Devlin, in July, 1905, was held in this city Sunday. A committee of three business men was appointed to call on L. M. Eckert, state's attorney of Bureau county, and endeavor to secure the indictment of those responsible for the bank's collapse.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis Ill. Colorado Springs, Col.—Mrs. J. A. Hayes left Colorado Springs Monday night for New York, called by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the president of the confederate states.

Kansas Publisher Dies Suddenly. Leavenworth, Kan.—C. F. Smith, a local financier and ten years ago proprietor of the Leavenworth Post, a German paper, was found dead in his bed here Tuesday. He had died of apoplexy.

"A SMALL THING."

Do you believe in progress? Do you believe that all the wonderful achievements of the nineteenth century—the railroad, the telegraph, the telephone, electric light, the automobile, the machine, agricultural machinery, steamships, trolley cars, etc.—have made life easier and better worth living? I believe that a man who lives 40 years under modern conditions has experienced more life and better life than Methuselah, though he had lived 30 centuries of his time.

The triumph of the nineteenth century were triumphs of human service—the placing of knowledge and the fruits of knowledge within the reach of the common man. Every man's life is better, happier, more secure because of them. We live more comfortable, more sociable lives in better and more comfortable houses because of them.

A small thing, yet a can of good ready mixed paint, such as one may buy from any reputable dealer, embodies just what makes the work of skilled chemists, the toil of a thousand workmen in mill, laboratory and factory, and the product of a long series of special machinery invented and designed just to make that can of paint and to furnish us an infinite variety of tints, colors and shades.

What He Most Wished For. John Fluke, the American historian, was an ardent lover of music and himself no mean musician.

John Fluke, the American historian, was an ardent lover of music and himself no mean musician. He was extremely corpulent and felt that he was a church where a course of lectures at a summer school in a small city of the middle west. The heat was terrific and adjoining the house where the lecturer stayed was a church where an ill-matched but zealous "quartet" practiced and performed during all hours of the torrid afternoons and evenings.

Condemn Daytime Naps. Prolonged "40 winks" during the day are severely condemned by many doctors and the ground has been laid for regular naps. Scientists have found that in the ordinary course of the human being there is the greatest vitality between ten a. m. and two p. m., and the least between two and six o'clock in the morning.

Loose Teeth. Made Sound by Eating Grape-Nuts. Proper food nourishes every part of the body, because Nature selects the different materials from the food we eat, to build bone, nerve, brain, muscle, teeth, etc.

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GREAT OIL TRUST SUIT BEING HEARD

MAJORITY OF JURORS EARN LIVELIHOOD ON FARMS.

HISTORY OF LITIGATION

County Prosecutor David Submits Documents to Uphold His Contentions That Standard Company is Trust Organization.

Findlay, O.—The suit of the state of Ohio against the Standard Oil company of Ohio, in which the company is charged with conspiracy against trade, began here Tuesday and progressed at a rapid pace.

A jury, composed mostly of farmers, was secured in less than two hours; County Prosecutor W. L. David presented his case, Virgil P. Kline, attorney for the defendants made answer; Attorney G. H. Phelps, of the prosecution, then read documentary evidence until the court adjourned 20 minutes before five o'clock. He promised to continue the reading during the greater part of Wednesday.

In brief, Mr. David stated to the jury that the Standard Oil company became a trust in 1882, and although it had several times changed the form of its organization, had not ceased to commit the offenses of a trust.

Replying, Mr. Kline characterized as mere matters of ancient history the relation of the original formation of the trust. The Standard Oil company, he said, was a corporation controlled entirely by its stockholders; it was in no trust; it could not be said that any restraint of trade was entirely unopposed by the facts.

The documentary evidence which the prosecution began submitting and which is stated constitutes the bulk of the case, is contained in a document authenticated by the supreme court of the state as the history of the Standard Oil litigation before that body. It was all objected to by the defense as irrelevant, but allowed to go in by Judge Baker, presiding. The documents read to the jury Tuesday, which occupied the whole of the afternoon session, following the statement of case by both sides, included the original trust agreement of 1882, the pleadings in the case before the supreme court in 1892, which resulted in the order to dissolve the trust; the pleadings before the same court in 1897, in which the trust was reconstituted; the order of the court that the trust had been dissolved.

TO BUILD CANAL BY CONTROL.

Bids Asked by the Government for Digging the Big Waterway.

Washington.—Invitations for proposals to complete the Panama canal were issued Tuesday by the canal zone board. The form of contract under which the work is to be done was made public by Chairman Shonts, who also gave out a letter written to the secretary of war giving the commission's reasons for contracting the work.

The contract provides that each bidder must undertake the entire work of construction. No bar will be offered to corporations or contractors. All proposals are to be in before noon of December 12, when they will be opened.

BRIDGE OVER FALLS COLLAPSES

One High School Student Killed When Crowded Structure Gives Way.

Menominee, Mich.—While a party of 25 students of Oconto, Wis., high school were standing on a foot-bridge at Oconto Falls, Wis., Friday watching the falls, the structure collapsed, hurling the whole party 40 feet into the stream. William Wood, aged 14 years, was killed and Frank Denzell, 15, was injured. Prof. Newcomb, the instructor, was badly hurt, and several others were slightly injured.

Jury Awards Girl \$4,000. Minneapolis, Minn.—A jury says Cora E. Kasson, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., who sought a breach of promise suit against Henry Klausner, proprietor of the Litchfield woolen mills, for \$10,000, is entitled to \$4,000.

School Girl Commits Suicide. Owsosso, Mich.—Beattie Gerady, aged 12, a school girl, committed suicide by taking poison Monday in the presence of four of her little schoolmates at the pump house of the country school in Venice township.

A PARDON FOR ALL CUBANS

TAFT GIVES WIDE SCOPE TO PROCLAMATION OF AMNESTY.

Persons Implicated in Murder of Congressman a Year Prior to Insurrection Included.

Havana.—Charles E. Magoon, the newly appointed provisional governor of Cuba, arrived here Tuesday afternoon. Coincident with his coming Gov. Taft gave orders not only to the rebels, but to all persons charged with political offenses or crimes in any way connected with the revolution. He also issued orders covering the attitude of the American marines and soldiers toward the people of Cuba.

The appearance of yellow fever at Cienfuegos caused the immediate issuance of orders to Col. Barnett, directing that the American marines be removed from that city.

Havana.—The first landing of American soldiers in the present occupation of Cuba was accomplished Sunday with marvelous promptness, and 500 men of the Fifth United States infantry and 250 men of the Second battalion of engineers are settled under canvas in Cienfuegos. The cruiser Brooklyn arrived here late afternoon with 400 men on board, who were sent out to the camp early Monday morning.

Gen. Frederick Funston established his headquarters at Marianao, convenient to his command. Col. L. W. T. Waller, commanding the marines, has been ordered to report to Gen. Funston in Cienfuegos. The marines and marines will be under Funston's command until the arrival here of Gen. J. Franklin Bell, who will direct the distribution of the forces throughout the island.

WOULD CURB BIG FORTUNES.

President to Urge Reform in His Message to Congress.

Washington.—President Roosevelt has inserted in the preliminary draft of his forthcoming annual message to congress a recommendation that a law be passed imposing a national tax upon inheritances. The president first called public attention to this idea in his celebrated "muck rake" speech which he delivered at the laying of the corner stone of the office building of the house of representatives April 14 last.

Therein he expressed the view that ultimately the United States would have to consider the adoption of some such scheme. That of a progressive tax on all fortunes beyond a certain amount either given in life or devised or bequeathed upon death to any individual—a tax so framed as to put it on the inheritance or estate of those of these enormous fortunes to hand over more than a certain amount to any one individual. Such taxation should be aimed merely at the inheritance or transmission of their estates of these fortunes swollen beyond all healthy limits.

ROOSEVELT MAY BE SENATOR.

It Is Rumored He Wants to Succeed Platt.

Washington.—Reports that President Roosevelt wants to be senator from New York, to succeed Senator Thomas C. Platt, are revived here. The present, on the authority of men intimate with him, not only desires to be senator from New York after he ends his present term, but frankly admits that ambition. Moreover, he is constantly making it known in New York politics at this time distinctly favorable to his ambition and so do his friends. He is being looked to more and more as the leader of New York politics and the matter is being consulted by State Chairman Woodruff and other leaders almost daily.

NEW STORMS IN THE SOUTH.

Three Tornadoes Visit New Orleans and Vicinity.

New Orleans.—Three separate tornadoes struck New Orleans and vicinity Friday, causing loss of life and great property damage. In sections which a week before were more or less devastated by the gulf hurricane, the first tornado was at Pontcharoula, La., about 50 miles north of here, the second in New Orleans, and the third over the city. Much of the half way between here and Mobile, on the gulf coast.

Seven persons were killed in the cyclonic disturbances, according to reports here from the country about New Orleans. Deaths are reported by both St. James and West Baton Rouge parishes.

Coming Cabinet Changes.

Washington.—Two retirements from the president's cabinet are slated for the coming winter. They are those of Attorney General Moody, whose resignation will become effective about the 1st of December, and that of Secretary Shaw, who, according to present intentions, will retire in February.

Relief Lies in Legislature.

Madison, Wis.—The Wisconsin supreme court rendered a decision that cities must call on the legislature to get a remedy against high prices for gas. The city of Madison sued for inspection of the company's books.

Lawyer a Suicide.

Stamford, Conn.—Nathaniel R. Hart, a prominent lawyer, was found dead in his office Tuesday, having shot himself. Mr. Hart formerly was assistant United States district attorney, and was about 55 years old.