

SHOT HIS STEP-MOTHER.

Refused a Demand For Money the Boy Fires at Woman Three Times and Then Kills Himself.—Physicians Say Mother Will Recover.

Oxford, N. C., Special.—The most heart-rending tragedy that ever occurred in the town of Oxford shocked the people Monday afternoon when Otis Brown, in a fury of rage, shot his step-mother and killed himself.

The young man entered the house and demanded a sum of money from his step-mother, which she refused to give him, and he drew his pistol and fired three times. One ball struck and remains in the door. The second ball passed through Mrs. Brown's arm and across her breast near her heart. The third shot was into the head of the young man and he fell gasping his life out, killed by his own hand.

Mr. J. S. Brown died several years ago and left his estate, which was valued at \$40,000, to Mrs. Brown during her life, she having the utmost confidence in her ability to manage and take care of the estate. She has been generous and kind in advancing money to young Otis Brown, who was a little over 21. Having advanced him \$1,000 lately, she was slow to pay over the demand he made and in a fit of irritation the tragedy followed. The ball was extracted from the chest of Mrs. Brown and the physicians report her condition favorable.

Distressing Accident on Southern 37. Gaffney, S. C., Special.—A most distressing accident occurred at Beaver Dam church, three miles south of Gaffney, Monday, when No. 37, the Southern vestibule limited, ran into a team of mules and wagon at the railway crossing near the church. The wagon was occupied by S. W. Wyatt and his two sons, Hamlet and Luther. The elder Wyatt was killed instantly and Luther was fatally injured. The other boy was slightly injured. Both mules were killed and the wagon was reduced to kindling wood. Both of the boys were taken to Spartanburg on the train and an inquest was held over the dead man.

The crossing where the accident occurred is near an abrupt curve, where the engineer could not possibly see any distance in front of his train. Fragments of the mules were carried a distance of five hundred yards. Wyatt was an industrious and hard-working man and leaves a large family.

Some More New Religion. New York, Special.—Twelve clergymen and 12 laymen of the Protestant Episcopal church have just incorporated the Christian Unity Foundation, which hopes that, by "the operation of the spirit of good, the various Christian churches may be knit together in more evident unity in the essentials of faith and practice and in one organic life."

Texas and State-Wide Prohibition. Dallas, Tex., Special.—State-wide prohibition is the leading issue in a campaign now on in the Democratic party of Texas to select nominees for all State offices from governor down to constable. Primaries will be held on July 23.

Prisoners to be Paroled. Washington, Special.—Preliminary steps have been taken at the department of justice for the putting into effect the law enacted at the last session of congress for paroling United States prisoners, thus establishing a practice that had been adopted by probably one-half of the States. The law has the warm approval of Attorney General Wickesham.

Must Look Elsewhere for Help. Beverly, Mass., Special.—President Taft Monday stated with more emphasis than he has heretofore employed, the position he is taking with regard to Republican State platforms and candidates. The president doesn't think he should be called upon to write the party declaration in the different commonwealths or to name men for any of the elective offices. A president, it was intimated, has a big enough job on his hands when he undertakes to fulfill all the pledges in the national platform and to bring congress around to the same way of thinking.

Sixteen Christian Scientists Expelled. Boston, Special.—Sixteen of the practitioners who were identified with and supported Mrs. Stetson in her controversy with the First church, Christian Scientists, in New York City, have been dropped from membership by the board of directors of the mother church in Boston, according to a statement made by Archbishop McClelland, one of the Boston directors.

NOT IN HIS LINE. "What's this Hetch-Hetchy question?" "I don't think it would interest you, dear boy. It hasn't anything to do with a dance of any kind."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

SAME EVERYWHERE

Patriotism and Ideals of People Noted by Traveler.

PRESIDENT TAFT TALKS OF IT.

Chief Magistrate and Family Cruising Along Coast of Maine—First Visit of a President to That Section.

Eastport, Maine, Special.—Beginning his ten days' stay in Maine President Taft reached the northeast corner of the United States Tuesday. It was the first time a chief magistrate of the nation had visited this section of the State and for Mr. Taft it completed travels to the four quarters of the country. He has not been to Key West as President, but he said that his tours of the United States always deeply impressed him with the homogeneity of the people—their aims, ambitions and the ideas of true American citizenship being everywhere the same.

In his speech here the President, after stating that the proper way to understand the country is to go to the four corners and the places between, said:

"Now I have been at Seattle, San Diego, to the Southern-most point of Florida and now at Eastport, and I have found the same people, the same patriotic spirit, the same progressive civilization at each of these four points and also between them. When a man has had that privilege he may be said to understand the American nation. It is true that they talk a little more through their noses in this part of the country than they do farther South, but the style of woman's bonnet is just the same here as it was way down in San Diego.

"I hope that in this audience I am addressing there are some Canadians. You are close enough to them to know them and to value them as neighbors. Canada is a great country and we are just learning how great a country it is. Speaking for the administration we are convinced that a closer commercial relation with Canada will be well for both countries and if in the next year we can come to any agreements by which our commercial relations will be closer we shall think ourselves fortunate. We have reached a time when neither ought to be envious of the other, but each ought to be convinced that the more prosperous the one the more likely the other is to be prosperous and that the growth of the trade of one means the growth of the trade of the other. It is pleasant to see that all the controversies between Great Britain and the United States which in the past have been many are now settled or are in course of settlement by arbitration. That is the first time in the history of the two countries when that could be said."

President Appoints Colored Man. Washington, Special.—Whitfield McKinley, a negro real estate agent of this city, has been appointed collector of customs here, the technical designation of the office being the port of Georgetown, D. C.

News of McKinley's selection by President Taft was received here Tuesday from Secretary Norton at Beverly. It is stated that the appointment signifies the recognition of negroes in important Federal positions. McKinley came to Washington from Charleston, S. C., in 1884, and has taken an active part in politics.

1,800 Michigan Men Join Strike. Detroit, Special.—Tuesday night it was estimated that at least 1,800 employes of the Grand Trunk in Michigan have struck or are out of work as the result of the strike inaugurated on that road Monday. Approximately 800 miles of railroad are idle as far as freight traffic is concerned and the passenger traffic is said to be considerably delayed at several points.

To Make Insecticide Rules. Washington, Special.—A board of Government officials has been appointed to carry out the law of the last session of Congress to prevent the adulteration and misbranding of insecticides and fungicides. A series of regulations governing the manufacture of articles covered by the act will be prepared. Incidentally the Treasury Department is interested in the matter for the reason that tobacco, which is subject to an internal revenue tax, is one of the ingredients of many of the preparations of the character coming within the scope of the law.

Break Up Officers' Foolishness. Washington, Special.—As a consequence of the report of a court of inquiry that unsatisfactory conditions existed in the marine corps largely as the result of many officers having been in Washington too long, the headquarters staff with only a few exceptions was Tuesday ordered to new posts in different parts of the world.

EVENTS TOLD TERSELY.

News From Everywhere Printed in Short Paragraphs.

James J. Corbett has an "un known" under cover, who he hopes will show himself fit to win the title that Jim Jeffries lost to Jack Johnson at Reno.

A stampede of 46 head of cattle waiting to be loaded on a river boat resulted in the drowning of all but ten of the number at Columbus, Ga.

President Taft has been invited to head, as honorary president, a movement to appropriately celebrate in 1914 the one hundredth anniversary of peace among English-speaking people.

Taking a leaf out of the book of the Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee, the Boston Central Labor Union is to start a fight there for the establishment of public laundries.

At South Bend, Ind., Edward Heston, a 3-year-old boy, is in a critical condition from poisoning. He ate several ice-cream cones the day he was taken sick.

Despite the unexpected bestowal upon her of a fortune of \$50,000 Mrs. J. S. Hollins, a trained nurse of Atlanta, announces that she has no intention of giving up her work among the sick.

The annual Novena of St. Ann, a nine days' exhibition of a relic of the saint, brought to New York in 1892 from the Church of Ste-Marie de Baupre, in Canada, begun Sunday at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Jean Baptiste. Hundreds of sick or crippled pilgrims and others bearing sick children came from all parts of the country for the Novena. The shrine of St. Ann is flanked on either side by cases of crutches cast aside by those who walked after touching the relic.

Twelve well known Washington residents from 17 to 49 years old were arrested for playing poker in the middle of the road. The men spread a newspaper on the road and forced automobiles and buggies to go around them by way of a ditch until complaint was made. Two hundred dollars in the pot was taken by the police for evidence.

John D. Rockefeller prefers procelain to gold as fillings for his teeth because porcelain costs less than gold. The secret came out when Mr. Rockefeller had the toothache again. A. G. Spaulding, the sporting goods man, has filed his application as a candidate with the Secretary of State of California for United States Senator.

Theodore Douglas Robinson, nephew of former President Roosevelt, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for member of Congress from the Twenty-seventh District, New York. He is the son of Douglas Robinson, who married Mr. Roosevelt's sister. The Robinson residence is in the town of Warren Herkimer county.

Prospects of another battle for power in Zion City, Ill., is seen with the arrival in Chicago of "King" Dowie, professed brother of the late John Alexander, "Elijah II," and claimant to the throne of a South Sea Island. It is said to be the intention of "King" Dowie to overthrow Overseer Wilbur Glenn Wilva. By a most peculiar accident Miss Lena Phillips, of Harlem, N. Y., was almost instantly killed when a pane of glass fell from a fifth-story window in the apartment of Mrs. Tillie Goldstein, striking Miss Phillips in the neck. The young woman fell on the sidewalk and died before assistance could reach her.

The application of the supposedly final ruling of President Taft on what constitutes whiskey may be suspended for some time as the result of the restraining order issued by Louisiana courts, acting on a petition of representatives of the so-called whisky trust.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder and head of the Christian Science Church, recently celebrated her 89th birthday at her home in Brookline, Mass. Her daily routine is practically the same now as a year ago. She attends to the work of the Church as its head, and all matter deserving her attention are placed before her for action. Hundreds of messages congratulating her on her birthday were received. She is in good health.

Miss Mary McDowell, of the University of Chicago Settlement, is the first Chicago woman to enter practical organization politics. She has accepted the post of member from the Fourth Senatorial District of the Advisory Council of the Legislative Voters' League. This is known as the stock yards district.

George Noble, an undertaker, of Martin's Ferry, O., may die in hysterics because his friends, in a joke, tied him in a coffin box with two blacksnakes. Noble has always been afraid of snakes. When released he was unable to recognize his friends. Physicians say his condition is serious.

Capt. Caspar H. Conrad, U. S. A., has suggested a new method of branding army horses. He proposes to tattoo figures or letters on the inside of each horse's upper lip.

The Eighteenth National Irrigation congress will meet at Pueblo, Colo., on September 26, under auspicious circumstances for its work to "save the forests, store the floods, reclaim the deserts, and make homes on the land."

CAPITAL FACTS.

Interesting News Gathered in the District of Columbia.

THE AMERICAN CONGRESS.

Personal Incidents and Important Happenings of National Import Published for the Pleasure and Information of Newspaper Readers.

Must Inspect Bugs. Chief bug inspector of the United States is the latest title acquired by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

It is up to the Secretary now, according to the new bug law, to see that all insecticides and fungicides and other brands of death-dealing concoctions are up to the standard.

Just how the inspection of sundry insect powders on the market will be made is puzzling the Secretary.

A commission is now investigating the manner of enforcing the new law which went into effect recently.

Over 1,000,000 Immigrants Admitted

Nearly 25,000 of the immigrants who arrived at United States ports during the fiscal year ended June 30 last were denied admission by immigration officials and were compelled to return to the countries from which they came. Various reasons were assigned for refusing to allow them to remain here, including those of physical defects and the probability of their becoming public charges.

The fiscal year 1910 was a "million immigrant year," the first for several years, the total number admitted being 1,041,570.

To Fight Open-Shop Policy.

Organized labor in the District of Columbia has begun to lay plans for a systematized fight against the open-shop policy.

At a meeting of the presidents of the 80 local trade unions and of the executive committee of the Central Labor Union, \$10,000 was pledged as the nucleus of a defense fund to carry on the contest against the employers' and various other associations which have been seeking to establish on a firm footing the open-shop system.

The money will be given by the various unions, and more will be raised, as needed, by assessment.

Texas City Holds Record.

Among cities of its size, San Antonio, Tex., holds the record of undelivered mail matter.

Letters and packages found to be non-deliverable by the post-office during the last fiscal year reached the tremendous total of 42,495 pieces. Of these 26,525 had no return address and for this reason had to be sent to the dead letter office. Most of the pieces were letters, though there were also many packages and several postal money orders.

Printing 3,000,000 Cards a Day.

The Government Printing Office has reported to the Postoffice Department that since the new postcard presses have been installed the daily output is now approximately 3,000,000.

Young Men Needed for Soldiers.

The United States needs an army of young, aggressive men, is the opinion of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood who is in Washington getting in touch with affairs before assuming his new duties as chief of staff of the army.

Counterfeit of \$2 Bill.

The appearance of a very poor counterfeit of a \$2 silver certificate has been reported to the Treasury Secret Service. It is of the series of 1899, with a portrait of Washington. The note apparently is printed from crudely made wood cut plates.

\$170,000 For Electric Light Bulbs.

Contracts have been let by the Treasury Department for electric light bulbs, of which the Government uses approximately 1,000,000 a year. The contracts aggregated about \$170,000. Four types of bulbs have been ordered. They are the carbon filament, which will cost 12.92 cents each; metalized filament, 14.85 cents; tungsten filament, 29.70 cents, and tungsten filament, 40.68 cents.

Pension Divisions Merged.

Commissioner Davenport, of the Pension Bureau, has consolidated three divisions of his bureau into one branch, to be known as the Civil War Division. The consolidated office will handle all pension claims growing out of the war. The division grouped under one head were the Eastern and Southern divisions. The commissioner also has created the Removal Division which will be charged with the removal from the files of all the superfluous papers contained in the great mass of pension records.

To Name Peace Commission Soon.

The personnel of the universal peace commission, provided for in the closing days of the last session of congress, will be named in the near future. Friends of the project still are hopeful that former President Roosevelt will accept the chairmanship. Five members will constitute the commission, all to be appointed by the president. It must report within two years.

DATES AND PLACES FAIRS

Announcement Made For the Holding of Fairs in the Great Virginia-Carolinas-Georgia Circuit—Handsome Prizes Offered For Races.

Richmond, Special.—The following are the places and dates of fairs in the great Virginia-Carolinas-Georgia associations: Galax, Va., August 30, 31, September 1, 2; Radford, Va., September 6, 7, 8, 9; Tazewell, Va., September 13, 14, 15; Roanoke, Va., September 20, 21, 22, 23; Lynchburg, Va., September 27, 28, 29, 30; Winston-Salem, N. C., October 4, 5, 6, 7; Greensboro, N. C., October 11, 12, 13, 14; Raleigh, N. C., October 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22; Charlotte, N. C., October 25, 26, 27, 28; Columbia, S. C., October 21, November 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Augusta, Ga., November 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Eatonton, Ga., November 15, 16, 17, 18. The total purses offered by these combined Fair Associations on horse races, amounts to \$20,000 or over. The entry books were closed on June 1st.

AMERICAN VICTORY IN GERMANY.

Prosecutor Finds Oil Company Has Committed No Wrong.

Berlin, By Cable.—The long and venomous campaign waged by German newspapers and rival industrial interests against one of the German branches of the Standard Oil Company—the Deutsche Vacuum Oil Company—has just been brought to a victorious end for the Americans involved.

A well known Hamburg newspaper for months printed such a series of attacks on the "American graft methods" alleged to have been practiced by the vacuum company in the conduct of its German business that the public prosecutor of Hamburg felt constrained to make an official investigation with a view to eventual indictments. The prosecutor has now concluded his investigation, especially of the work of E. L. Quarles, American manager of the German company's sales department, and announces that no necessity exists for pursuing the inquiry further.

No evidence of anything warranting prosecution was found against Mr. Quarles, and the costs of the entire inquiry will be borne by the State.

The result of the investigation constitutes a notable triumph for American interests in Germany.

It is not the first time that Germans finding themselves unable to compete with Americans on ordinary terms have resorted to slander.

Uncle Sam, "Leave It Alone."

Pensacola, Fla., Special.—Judge W. B. Sheppard of the Federal court Friday denied the application of the Southern Express Company for a permanent injunction restraining the State Railroad Commission from enforcing an order reducing interstate rates about 17 per cent. In rendering his decision Judge Sheppard stated that only in extreme cases should a Federal court interfere with State officers who are endeavoring to enforce laws passed by the Legislature.

Capt. Lyon Not Guilty.

New York, Special.—Captain Samuel K. Lyon, of the 25th infantry, U. S. A., recently tried at Fort Myer, Va., for irregularities growing out of the Brownsville, Texas, matter, was found not guilty and honorably acquitted by the court. General Walter Howe, commander of the department of the east, however, acting as reviewing authority, passed upon the case and disapproved the finding of the court.

Big Tobacco Loss in Kentucky.

Henderson, Ky., Special.—Reports reaching here Saturday from Henderson, Union and Webster counties indicate that damage approximating \$2,900,000 was done by a cloudburst Friday night. It is estimated that 40,000 acres of pooled tobacco in Henderson county alone have been destroyed and one tobacco plantation of 200 acres is a total loss.

Gasolene King at Elks' Reunion.

Detroit, Mich., Special.—Five million dollars' worth of autos rolled through the city in an unbroken line of twenty-five miles Friday afternoon. There were 2,500 cars in this monster procession, which took two and a half hours to pass. Truly gasolene was king at the Elks' reunion. While this tremendous automobile pageant was wending its way through the streets the Wright brothers' airship was soaring and wheeling above the earth at the State Fair Grounds in successful speed flights, and on the river speed launches were cutting the river at express train speed.

Spectacular Fire in New York.

New York, Special.—Four hundred thousand spectators witnessed Saturday afternoon the most spectacular pier fire since the Hoboken disaster ten years ago in which 150 lives were lost. As far as can be ascertained, two men perished during the conflagration. The monetary loss will run between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000.

WHOSE ITS FATHER?

Distinguished Men Disagree as to Originator Conservation.

UNCLE JOE ADMITS MISTAKES.

Speaker Cannon and Gifford Pinchot Wide Apart on the Question of the Chief Promoter of the Conservation Movement—Pinchot's Party.

Kansas City, Special.—Gifford Pinchot and Speaker Jos. G. Cannon engaged in an extemporaneous debate upon the subject of conservation before the Knife and Fork Club in this city Friday night, and while each man gave expression to the highest personal regard for the other and both agreed that conservation of the nation's natural resources should be encouraged, they differed on the whole as to who was the father of conservation.

Mr. Cannon said that J. W. Powell, at one time directly of the government geological survey, deserved the honor, but Mr. Pinchot asserted that Theodore Roosevelt was the father of conservation.

Turning to Mr. Pinchot, Mr. Cannon said:

"I have the greatest personal regard for you, but I understand that you are now engaged in conservation work for the organization of a new party. 'I tell you, sir, that a party cannot stand on a single issue, although our party did stand on a single issue once in that great conflict between servile and free labor.'"

Speaking of his record as a public official, Mr. Cannon said: "I admit I have made mistakes. Great God, I have been mistaken a score of times in the last 35 years. There are other fellows in Congress who have been wrong just as often, but they are not honest enough to admit it."

"Theodore Roosevelt was the father of conservation in this country," Mr. Pinchot said, "the national conservation association is continuing the work he started. The last session of Congress did great work and our association was largely responsible for it. The withdrawal bill as it passed was due largely to the efforts of the association."

"We now intend that the people must be compensated for what the private interests get. The old practice of giving perpetual grants to private interests now is impossible and the future is now safe against the oppression of monopoly."

"I believe a new school of politics is coming in the United States. This new school will decide whether the country shall be governed by money for profit or by men for human welfare."

Warm Times in Tennessee.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—In every town and village and county in Tennessee, the State's serious political situation has aroused the most intense feeling. Regular Democrats and insurgent Democrats and Republicans are lining up their forces for the struggle which comes in August, when the State judiciary and county elections are held. No candidate to oppose Governor M. R. Patterson has been announced.

Adjust Rates on Hardwood Lumber.

Washington, Special.—That Louisville, Ky., be made a reconnoitring point for hard wood lumber shipped from the Southern States to points in the North and West, and that rates be adjusted accordingly is a request contained in a petition received by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Monorail Accident First Trip.

New York, Special.—Twenty persons were injured and one seriously hurt, in the first commercial trip Saturday of the new monorail service between City Island and Bartow, in the suburbs of the Bronx. Howard Tunis, the inventor, who was motor-man, broke a rib, and one passenger broke a leg.

Trainmen and Colored Man Fight.

Albany, Ga., Special.—Coot Taylor, a negro man, was shot to death and Baggage-master Edgar Furmen was slightly injured in a battle between the crew of a special train on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and the negro late Friday night. The negro was trying to kill Furmen and had shot at him three times. Conductor W. D. Bullard then took a hand in the fight, shooting the negro three times, killing him instantly. The shooting occurred between Thomasville and this place.

Married in Masonic Hall.

New Orleans, Special.—With the grand lodge room of the Masons here furnishing the unique setting of the ceremony, A. P. Dennison and Mrs. Roma K. Stiles, partners in business, Friday night entered into the closer partnership of marriage. Their home is in English, Tex. It was the first time in the history of Masonry in the city that a wedding ceremony took place in a lodge room of the order.