

PRIMARY EDUCATION.

Reform Declared Necessary by President Taft in an Address.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Reform in primary education in the United States was declared to be necessary by President Taft in an address to-night at a banquet of the University Club at Washington.

INVADDED AMERICAN HOME

Act of Government Officer in Managua, Makes a Protest.

Managua, Feb. 28.—Frank Sweetzer, an American resident of Matagalpa, has visited Rear Admiral Kimball and protested against the forcible entry of his house by a Nicaraguan officer, who attempted to recruit his servant.

The Nicaraguan government has expressed regret at the incident, and the officer has been disciplined.

San Juan del Sur, Nica., Feb. 28.—General Vasquez has been appointed commander-in-chief of the government's force which will attempt re-occupation of the Atlantic seaboard.

Louis Valle, at the head of a group of unionists, has started from the estate of Francisco Solorzano, situated on the river Frio, in Costa Rica, in an attempt to get into Nicaraguan territory.

COL. GUFFEY SUED.

English Bond Buyers Allege a Breach of Contract.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 28.—Colonel James M. Guffey, National Democratic Committeeman from this State, is the defendant in a suit to recover the sum of \$2,189,000 brought by J. Montefiore Myers, formerly of London, on an alleged breach of contract.

Myers alleges that Col. Guffey represented himself to be the owner of 135,000 acres of coal land in West Virginia against which there was an incumbrance whereas it is claimed that bonds amounting to \$850,000 incumbered the property.

Plans for the wreck, according to the police, had been laid for last Saturday and would probably have gone through had it not been for the watchfulness of a switchman, who saw one of the boys using a stolen key to open a switch near the Eastport Chester freight yards.

PITTSBURG FEARS FLOOD.

Water is Rising Rapidly and Will Reach 25 Feet Today.

Pittsburg, Feb. 28.—Eighteen and a half feet was the river stage at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers at midnight with the waters rising half a foot an hour.

With indications, the weather bureau expected a stage of 25 feet by noon tomorrow, when the crest would be reached.

VICTORY FOR SOUTHERN.

Refused to Grant Injunction of Tennessee Central Railroad.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 28.—In the case of the demurrage brought by the Southern Railway Company to the injunction prayed for by the Tennessee Central, enjoining the Southern road from refusing to allow traffic from the Tennessee Central to use its tracks at a certain rate of tariff, Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., sitting in the United States District Court here today sustained the demurrer and dismissed the bill, refusing to grant the injunction asked for by the Tennessee road.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 28.—Clifford B. Harmon, of New York, and George B. Harrison, of Los Angeles, started tonight at 9:15 o'clock in the balloon "New York" for a long distance record.

FLOODS IN NEW YORK STATE

Serious Situation at Herkimer—Rapid Rise is Threatened.

Little Falls, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The village of Herkimer is cowering in terror tonight, shrouded in darkness and rain. The electric lighting plant has been flooded and all the lights are out; the fires under the boilers of the pumping stations have been quenched and there is only 24 hours of drinking water in sight for eight thousand people.

One hundred and fifty houses have been vacated. The village is menaced on the west by the Mohawk river and on the north and east by west Canada Creek, a tributary. On one side only is there escape. The creek has thus far risen more rapidly than the river, because of an ice jam at the point where the two join.

Fort Plain, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The outlook tonight indicates that this portion of Mohawk Valley is to experience almost unprecedented high water. Ice jams west of here have caused the streets in Ilion, Frankfort, and Herkimer to be inundated and dynamite is being used to break them up.

BETHLEHEM STEEL STRIKE.

Attempt to Re-Open Yesterday a Failure—Trooper is Held.

Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 28.—The attempt of the Bethlehem Steel Company to re-open its plant today was a failure. Reports received tonight are that not more than 300 or 400 of the nearly 10,000 men were at work today and not many men went out on the night shift.

FLOOD IN MOHAWK VALLEY

Business Practically at Standstill Around Utica, N. Y.

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The Mohawk Valley, both east and west of Utica, is tonight in the grasp of serious floods. Much trouble is being experienced in the villages surrounding Utica. The water is rushing through the streets and business is practically at a standstill.

GOTCH HAS IT EASY.

Disposed of Jimmy Esson at Chicago Last Night.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Frank Gotch tonight had an easy time in disposing of Jimmy Esson, who calls himself the champion of Scotland, in a wrestling bout at the Coliseum.

BOYS WOULD WRECK TRAIN.

Plan to Wreck Fast New York Express—Are Foreigners.

Greenwich, Conn., Feb. 28.—Five boys of foreign parentage, the oldest only 19 and the youngest ten, confessed today after arrest here a plan to wreck a fast New York, New Haven and Hartford passenger train which leaves New York shortly after noon and then plunders the bodies of the dead.

KILLED HIS FATHER.

Sheriff and Armed Posse Searching for Murderer at Uniontown, Pa.

Uniontown, Pa., Feb. 28.—Roaming about the country armed with a repeating rifle, Frank Smith, who last night shot and killed his father, D. B. Smith, and brother-in-law, Evans Moser, is sought tonight by the sheriff and armed posse with the aid of blood hounds.

LIQUOR BILL HEARING.

Mayor and Senator Have Heated Debate in New Jersey Legislature.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 28.—The Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Municipal Corporation Committee give a joint hearing today on the various liquor bills and the Gebhardt local option bill.

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TAFT PAYS TRIBUTE TO JEWS

Those in This Country With a True Spirit of Patriotism.

Washington, Feb. 28.—In replying to a delegation from the American Association of Foreign Language Newspapers, who called at the White House to protest against certain immigration bills pending in Congress, President Taft today paid a high tribute to the Jews, who had come to America with a true spirit of patriotism.

"The question of limiting immigration," said the President, "in such a way as to shut out the undesirable part of the population of Europe, which comes here rather by the artificial stimulation of those whose interest it is to have as many come as possible, is a question which has addressed itself to Congress in the past. They rejected—for I was present in Congress when it was done—the educational limitation, on the ground that the limitation was one which did not shut out those whom we most desired to shut out, and that the anarchist—a man who comes here with no loyalty to the new government—is the man who could easily pass a mental examination."

"Now all I say about this, because I cannot commit myself to any particular form of legislation, is that insofar as I am concerned, I shall sign no bill without giving you gentlemen a full opportunity to be heard. It is possible that I shall differ with you, but I think that where hearing is given, a safer conclusion is likely to be reached."

"In going about this country 13,000 miles as I did last year, the thing which impressed me more than anything else was the fact that the process through which we had gone, of welcoming immigrants from everywhere and mixing them and amalgamating them with our population, had produced a distinctive type of American, as distinguished from any of the people of which that type was made up, and that therefore, were we to impose unjust burdens and stop immigration, we should go back on that which up to this time had enabled us to be a great people."

FEARFUL LOSS BY FLOOD

Two Dead and Hundreds Homeless in State of Ohio.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 28.—At least two dead, many hundreds homeless, scores of factories preparing to close down and property losses reaching into hundreds of thousands of dollars; these are the main results of the flood which has devastated the State of Ohio during the last two days and which has not yet reached its full volume.

The first death occurred here this afternoon when four-year-old Catherine Cannon was swept off her feet by a block of ice swarming down the flood-riven creek.

FIVE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Recorded at St. Louis University—Distance Unknown.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 28.—Five long earthquake shocks were recorded by the seismograph at St. Louis University today commencing at 3:30:45 and continuing until 3:48:10 o'clock. The shocks were from east to west according to Father Goesse, and portended severe shocks in the extreme southwestern portion of the globe.

PRUDENCE

It seems that after all, Mr. Seawell has landed a job—the district attorneyship that has been held by Colonel Harry Skinner.

It was by that virtue that Skinner got it and it is well known that a reward has been due Seawell for many years. We would not be surprised to see a fight made on the confirmation of Seawell's appointment.—Charlotte Chronicle.

PROBE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Aldrich Bill For Commission Passed by Senate Yesterday.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Aldrich bill providing for a commission of Senators, Representatives and civil appointees to supervise the business methods of the Executive Departments was passed by the Senate today.

The postoffice appropriation bill was under consideration in the House during the entire session which lasted over six hours.

By a majority of two the House committee on Inter-State Commerce today voted to create the Inter-State commerce court, which is one of the principal features of the Townsend administration railroad bill.

At Elkton, the Beaver Creek has completely flooded the town, and there are several feet of water in the main street. Elkton is in almost as bad a plight and the majority of the population is marooned in the upper stories of their houses.

From an industrial point of view the most ominous intelligence comes from East Liverpool where the potteries which supports hundreds of workmen are stated to be preparing to close down. Similar news is sent by Youngstown in respect to its great steel plants.

At Zanesville 500 houses are reported under water. All service on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern between Zanesville and Newark has been suspended.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., FEB. 28.—In a fit of jealousy, Samuel Cochran shot and killed his wife at Tom's Creek last Saturday night. On returning home, it is said, he found Mrs. Cochran in company with Thomas Turner. Cochran drew his revolver and shot his wife three times. She died almost instantly. Turning the weapon on Turner, Cochran snapped it, but the gun did not discharge its contents.

"Roosevelt," says Andrew Carnegie, "is one of the greatest men in the world. I admire him immensely. I am going to London to meet him on May 15. Roosevelt is not only a statesman of rare wisdom, but he is absolutely without guile." The which but confirms our opinion that the Laird of Skibo would do well to confine his public utterances to iron and steel and golf balls. When he wanders away from those subjects, he seldom misses talking through his hat.—Norfolk Landmark.

AN ERA IN MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION

began yesterday when the new Edison storage battery electric cars took the place of the old horse cars on one of the cross town lines in New York. Tests of the new cars have been perfectly satisfactory. If in daily service they meet all the demands made on them, it is quite certain that the smaller towns, which have been unable to support overhead trolley lines, will have hereafter adequate street car service.—Charleston News and Courier.

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