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FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1908.

PRESS AND LAW-MAKERS—ONCE AND NOW.

A member of the German Reichstag having hurled a very uncompromising expression at the press gallery, the newspaper representatives nearly all withdrew.

It is indeed a far cry, though across but few generations, from the time when newspapers were punished for printing legislative proceedings to the time when legislators consider oratory wasted if newspapers are not present and attentive.

IN CASE OF FIRE.

Naturally enough, the recent fire disaster which turned the public mind for a moment to the danger of such occurrences elsewhere has been productive of advice.

The opening and concluding directions, at least, can be easily obeyed by any one, and general obedience to them would certainly save many lives.

And now here comes the Southern Railway getting a special tax levy on the part of two counties declared unconstitutional by a State court.

The Duke Still Mums. Queenstown, March 24.—On the arrival of the steamship Lusitania here this evening, the Duke of the Abruzzi, who was a passenger aboard, was found in his state room alone.

sentiment could not organize itself very readily upon matters of legislation or anything else. Even could parliamentary news have been transmitted over all Great Britain as readily as over London, the House itself would have forbidden.

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SUBWAY A GOOD THING.

"East Charlotte" Thinks the Public Service Board's Effort to Get Rid of the Grade Crossing a Step in the Right Direction.

IN SESSION AT PITTSBORO.

Fayetteville District Conference Concluded Yesterday—Moving of District Parsonage to Be Discussed.

Pittsboro, March 25.—The Fayetteville District Methodist Conference met here this morning at 9 o'clock and was presided over by Rev. J. T. Gibbs, of Fayetteville.

There are twenty circuits and stations in this district with delegates from almost all of them. The ministers and delegates are being well entertained by the different denominations.

There is always something to be thankful for. The strawberry shortcake season has now arrived.

MINORITY STANDING PAT.

common law," Mr. Williams says: "It is a commentary upon this utterance of his that the Federal courts have held that a boycott in combination in restraint of trade and therefore illegal, they have virtually upheld the employer in his assertion of a right to blacklist; because one Federal court went so far as to say that because the employer had a right to discharge without giving any notice at all, therefore he had a right to discharge because of the union.

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ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION.

The President's utterances concerning the anti-trust law are an indication of his inability to see that which will appear plain to a Democratic mind, to wit: That anything approximating a private monopoly is intolerable and unendurable in any government.

The President's idea of letting the substance part of the anti-trust law remain as it is, but giving to some branch of the executive government authority to determine when a trust is a good one and when it is not.

THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

The American Magazine creates a strong and proper feeling of interest and excitement. There isn't a dull line in it.

THE APRIL MAGAZINES.

Notable reproductions in the April Century will be Frances Houston's portrait of Miss Ethel Barrymore, the beautiful "Triumph of Truth over Error," and Kenyon Cox's "Greek Science," the statue made by the painter-sculptor for the new building of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

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THE APRIL SMART SET.

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The complete novel is a mystery story by Henry Gallup Paine, and is called "The Forging." The scene of the story is laid in New York, the action is brisk and exciting all the way through, and the episodes fit into each other as neatly as in a perfect puzzle.

TREE'S RESTING TIME.

The Evergreen in Winter—Tropical Plants in the Dry Season. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE LOSS HE OCCASIONED.

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THE LAWS AGAINST ANARCHY.

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GASOLINE EXPLOSION WORKS HAVOC.

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NEW BROADWAY MAGAZINE.

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fit and unable to serve the purposes for which it exists. It must learn to fight, the National Guard, says Rupert Hughes in "Our Palastina Army," in the April New Broadway, for a large proportion of the country's defense. The National Guard needs recruits, and finds them almost as hard to obtain and to hold, as does the regular army.

NATIONAL BANK CHANGES.

Recent Report Compared With Its Last Annual Predecessor. New York Journal of Commerce.

Unusual circumstances give a special interest to the last reports of condition of national banks, as of February 14th, the chief items of which are just made public by the Comptroller of the Currency. As the previous call was for the condition on December 31st last the interval covers a period of recovery of equilibrium after the panic.

The amount due from national banks, State banks and bankers and reserve agents increased \$109,713,593. This represents the funds which banks have on deposit with other banks, whether other national banks acting as reserve agents or otherwise, or State banks and trust companies.

The change indicates a shifting of State bank and trust company deposits toward national banks and a diminution of the loans and discounts of the latter as money becomes plentiful and interest rates decline.

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