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CANNON STILL LEADER

Although Not a Member, Speaker Controls New Rules Committee.

INSURGENTS GET NOTHING

Four Democrats and Six Republicans Make Up Committee on Rules and the Republicans Are All Political Followers of Cannon.

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NEW KIND OF MEAT.

Jungle Animals May Appear On Menus of United States.

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VOLCANO IS ACTIVE.

Mount Aetna, in Sicily, Is Belching Flood of Red-Hot Lava.

Catania, Sicily.—A red-hot river of...

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THE PRICE OF IGNORANCE

Neglect of the Health Laws Cost 600,000 Lives Annually.

HOOK WORM IN THE SOUTH

Bill Advocating Creation of a National Department of Health Causes Warm Debate in Upper House of Congress.

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ENGLAND SHIPPING COTTON.

Speculators Are Making an Effort to Break the American Market.

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ADVICE TO FARMERS

Spring Agricultural Work for Southern Planters Outlined.

THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

Among Other Important Things Farmers Are Urged to Join Corn Clubs and to Encourage Their Children to Raise Chickens.

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LATE NEWS NOTES.

Another radical move on the part of the suffrage advocates which is receiving much attention in the eastern part of the country is an organization of college women at Wellesley, Smith, Vassar, Bryn Mawr, Radcliffe and other colleges for women, the members of which promise not to get married until she shall have won over to the cause at least 500 men.

Rev. J. Wesley Hill of New York, who has been waging a pulp war against socialism has been authorized by his congregation to call a national antisocialistic convention, for the purpose of inaugurating a nation-wide campaign against socialistic doctrines, through the churches. Dr. Hill will take personal charge of the campaign.

William Ochsler in Maysville, Ky., while feeding cattle at a distillery was surprised to find a fine gold watch in the center of a bale of hay, which he had broken open. The word "Willie" was engraved on the side of the time piece. Where the watch came from he does not know. The hay was part of a shipment sent from Cincinnati.

Walter Dennis of Jackson county, Tennessee, a dead man, was pardoned by Governor Patterson. The object of the pardon was to relieve the family of the deceased of the necessity of buying a \$50 fine which he had been sentenced to pay in July, 1905, for carrying a pistol. It was recommended by both the trial judge and the attorney general.

It is reported in Battle Creek, Mich., that Montgomery L. Weed of Victoria, B. C., before leaving for California, stated that he would be counsel and director with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in the work of the recently announced Rockefeller foundation for philanthropic activities.

Newman Erb and associates of New York, have acquired the Chattanooga Southern railroad, a line now extending from Chattanooga to Gadsden, Ala. It is now in the hands of receivers. The favorite speculation is that the Louisville and Nashville will acquire the line, and the long-prospected line from Chattanooga to Birmingham in competition with interests of the Southern system will materialize.

A marriage in which the bride was twelve years of age and the groom twenty-seven, occurred recently at New York, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Pitts, at the home of the bride, Miss May Cody. The groom is Mr. Tom England. He is a clerk in a store. The wedding was a quiet affair. There was no objection raised by the bride's immediate family.

Washington. The penalty of the weather bureau has been relieved to some extent and the distribution by telegraph of the 8 p. m. observations which were discontinued because of the lack of circuits throughout the country was resumed March 24. The circulation of this data referring to the temperature, rainfall, wind velocity and other services was abolished temporarily by the bureau because of the lack of funds with which to prosecute its usual work for the rest of the fiscal year. The action brought forth protests from many sections of the country.

Action taken in the house disclosed the fact that the secretary of commerce has no labor law jurisdiction relating to the records of Commander Peary bearing upon his discovery of the north pole. Several days ago Mr. Hughes of New Jersey offered a resolution calling upon the secretary for reports of tidal observations made by Mr. Peary on the coast of Alaska. Mr. Hughes suggested that these reports might develop some information bearing on the discovery of the pole. In asking that the resolution be laid on the table, Mr. Mann said the records referred to had been sent to the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. They did not contain data bearing on the discovery.

Lieutenant Goethals as president of the Panama railroad, has informed Samuel Lewis, secretary of foreign relations, that he has received instructions from Secretary of War Dickinson to arrange with the Panama government for the survey of the railroad from Panama to David, near the Costa Rican frontier, which has been projected for some time. This will be the Panama trunk of the proposed American railroad through Central America.

President Taft has permitted to expire immediately the sentence of one year and one day's confinement in the Atlanta penitentiary imposed on George W. England of Huntsville, Ala., for violation of the liquor law. The sentence was suspended because the prisoner was given the option of a term of six months in the local jail at Huntsville, but preferred the sentence to Atlanta for the longer term because of the filthy condition said to exist at the former institution. England's term would have expired April 3.

Past Assistant Surgeon C. H. Laviger of the public health and managing hospital service was designated to go to Milan and other places in Italy for the purpose of making an investigation into the origin and prevalence of pellagra and into the measures being taken to combat the disease. Surgeon Laviger also will inspect establishments in Germany which manufacture viruses and analogous products for sale in America.

If the house adopts the recommendation of its military committee the confederate cemetery at Springfield, Mo., will be taken over by the United States government and will be established. This is expected to cement closer than ever the north and south. The bill has the approval of Secretary of War Dickinson.

A silver baptismal basin, which was sent from Holland in 1694 to the first Dutch church on Manhattan island, has been deposited in the United States national museum through the courtesy of the Colonial Dames of New York state. The basin measures nearly eleven inches in diameter and is about three inches deep. It is said that among those baptized from this basin, were Nicholas Roosevelt, Abraham DePyster, Gelyn Verplanck, Robert Livingston, and others celebrated in the colonial history of New York.

AFTER THE GRAFTERS

Grand Jury Lays Bare Bad Conduct of Officers

THE SYMPATHETIC STRIKE OFF

Union Laborers of Other Organizations, who Quit Work in Sympathy With the Carmen, Have Been Ordered to Return to Work—Some Have Difficulty in Getting Back Positions.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—The grand jury have ordered indictments against thirty-one present and past councilmen, and made a demand upon the directors of the city depositors to investigate their own boards and ascertain the bribe-givers in connection with the ordinance designating their institutions as city depositories.

A further result of the presentments of the jury was the order of City Comptroller Morrow for the withdrawal of all city funds from the six banks, and the practical nullification of the ordinance designating them as custodians of city funds.

There is about \$3,640,320 in these banks now, and this would be increased many millions during next week by taxes that are being paid. According to the comptroller the withdrawal of funds will be gradual, however so that the institutions may not be embarrassed, or any undue alarm caused depositors.

The presentments give the full details of the plot on the part of the councilmen to obtain bribes from the six banks, the means adopted for paying the bribes are related, and the story of the transfer of \$45,000 by an unnamed man to former councilman Charles Stewart in the Hotel New York is told.

It is recited that John F. Klein and Joseph C. Wasson, by reason of their confession and statements, making possible the exposure of the facts, are entitled to great consideration and a reduction of Klein's sentence is urged.

Friday's finding of the grand jury puts a new phase on the case of Max G. Leslie, who is now at Hot Springs. Leslie was acquitted on the charge of perjury recently in connection with the Columbia National Bank matter. He had denied to a grand jury that he had ever received any money in the deal, and convinced a jury when placed on trial that on the day he was alleged to have received the money he was in New York. The present grand jury finds that he paid \$17,500 to Brand and paid Leslie \$25,000 in June, 1908.

Sympathetic Strike Called Off. Philadelphia, Special.—The Central Labor Union at its meeting on Sunday officially called off the sympathetic strike, which has been in effect here for three weeks, union workers in most of the trades still affected by the general strike order resumed work on Monday.

At the office of the Philadelphia National League Baseball Club, it was stated that the iron workers resumed operations on the grand stand and bleachers, and it is hoped to have the work completed before the opening of the season.

Five hundred horseshoers, who have remained idle since the strike was declared, have also returned to work.

The committee of ten, which has had charge of the general strike, met the executive committee of the striking carmen and discussed plans for the continuation of the carmen's strike. It made a full report to the Central Labor Union on Sunday, when all the sympathetic strikers were ordered back to work and required to render financial assistance to the carmen.

Night Work by Children Prohibited. Providence, Mass., Special.—Should Gov. Pothier approve the child labor bill, which has passed the senate and the house, as it is expected he will the department stores of Rhode Island will have to readjust their working forces. The new law provides particularly that no child under 16 years of age shall work after 8 p. m. Nearly 1,000 children in the State are affected.

Never Ratified the Amendment. Annapolis, Md., Special.—In a caucus of the Democratic members of the legislature looking to the disfranchisement of the negroes of this State, it was decided to adopt the Disage plan. This is based on the fact that the State of Maryland has never ratified the 15th amendment to the federal constitution giving negroes the right to vote. It provides that as the constitution of the States gives the ballot to white men only, negroes may be refused registration. It is not supposed under this plan to attempt to prevent negroes voting at congressional or presidential elections.

Etna Continues to Belch. Catania Sicily, By Cable.—Etna still is angry. From the top of the old crater volumes of white smoke are issuing, while from the new craters that have formed lava is erupting and large incandescent masses are exploding with loud detonations and emissions of black smoke.

KING MENELIK DYING.

Report is Guardian of Heir to Abyssinian Throne.

Addis Abeba, Abyssinia.—King Menelik is said to be dying. Ras Tesama, the agent, with the approval of the principal chiefs, took over the reins of government.

The report is the guardian of Prince Iddj Jemssu, grandson of the king and heir to the throne of Abyssinia.

The capital is tranquil and the safety of foreigners is assured.

12 DEAD IN FIRE.

Six Story Building in Chicago Proved Death Trap.

Chicago, Ill.—Twelve persons were burned to death in a fire which attacked the L. Fish Furniture Company building here. Forty employees escaped. A girl who jumped from a third story window died at a hospital.

The dead were trapped on the fourth, fifth and sixth floors when an explosion of benzine on the fourth floor wrapped the building in flames. Ladders were raised to the sixth floor, the topmost one, in a desperate effort to rescue any person who might be alive there. The fire started from an explosion of benzine.

\$500,000 Fund Raised.

New York City.—The \$500,000 fund which the American Bible Society has for more than a year past been seeking to raise to get an equal amount, the gift of Mrs. Russell Sage, has been completed.

There are many thousands of persons on all parts of the world contributed amounts ranging from 10 cents up to \$25,000. There were two subscriptions of the latter amount and upward of ten thousand of \$1 to \$2 each.

WETS WIN CHICAGO.

There Will Be No Election on Saloon Question in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill.—Chicago has lost its chance to vote on the saloon question at the election of April 5, according to a decision reached by the election commissioners.

The commissioners decided that the petitioners of the "drys" to have the question "shall this city become anti-saloon territory" put on the ballots, lacked sufficient signatures. The "wets" had filed a complaint asserting that out of the 74,000 names, 26,112 were those of the saloon keepers. The commissioners sustained this charge after an investigation. The prohibitionists admit defeat.

Subonic Plague in Hawaii.

Honolulu, Hawaii.—Bubonic plague has reappeared in Hawaii, and two white girls, daughters of A. B. Lindsay, postmaster at Honolulu, and niece of Territorial Attorney General Alexander Lindsay, have died of the disease. Measures have been taken by the authorities to stop its spread, and the campaign against plague-infected rats is being pressed vigorously.

Mark Scene of Johnson's Surrender.

Durham, N. C.—Local Woodmen of the World decided to erect a monument as a marker of the surrender of General Joseph E. Johnston to General W. T. Sherman, four miles from Durham. The spot of surrender is owned by Brodie L. Duke and is unmarked, except for a negro cabin of a type which is fast disappearing.

The monument is to be erected in April on the forty-fifth anniversary of the last surrender.

Shoots Three and Kills Self.

New Orleans, La.—A man was killed because his wife had gone to the theater with her brother, taking the children of the family with her, Alfred Mitchell, a carpenter, shot and probably fatally wounded her, seriously wounding their 12-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter, and then shot himself in the head, dying instantly.

Forced by Baldness to Quit Ministry.

New York City.—The Rev. R. A. Hafer of St. Trinity's Evangelical Church, Jersey City, has written his congregation that baldness forces him to retire from the ministry. He cannot wear his hat in the pulpit, and he cannot preach bareheaded, he says, without catching cold.

\$150,000 for Coker College.

Hartsville, S. C.—On the occasion of the dedication of the new administration building of Coker College for Women, Major J. L. Coker authorized the announcement that he had donated \$150,000 for a permanent endowment fund. During Major Coker's life the interest on the fund at 6 per cent is to go to the college. After his death the college is to receive the whole sum.

Hail Storm at Tampa.

Tampa, Fla.—An unprecedented hail storm for this season fell near here. Fences were broken down and serious damage done to truck in some instances. This is the first hail storm here in many years.

Anti-Vaccination Society.

Washington, D. C.—Local opponents of vaccination have organized themselves into a body to be known as the Washington Anti-Vaccination Society, with Harry B. Bradford, resident naturalist of the British Museum, as president of the association. An effort will be made to have a hearing before the senate and house district of Columbia committees, urging the repeal of the law requiring that all school children in the district be vaccinated. A general agitation against vaccination will be started.