

County fairs are an infallible indication of cooler weather.

Missouri's peanut crop is short, but the country's crop of peanut products is a wonder.

A paragraphist asks: "Is poker a gambling game?" Not with some dealers we know.

Dr. Anna Shaw, who avers that women will fill men's shoes, presumably refers to Chicago women.

Man went to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law and found her alive. And yet some people are not satisfied with their lot.

A motorcyclist, to be sure, might give the girl behind him some sort of handlebar to cling to, but he usually seems to prefer the hug.

Still, there is nothing to show that a "synthetic" rubber tire will be cheaper or last any longer than the kind you have always bought.

If stimulating the thyroid gland will make men taller, scientists ought to be able to tap something or other to make men wiser, handsomer and better.

"Pie," says an exchange, "is an expression of the soul." Yet most of us have been under the impression that the expressions were due to nightmare.

Philadelphia judge is at a loss to decide whether a lobster suffers when it is boiled, but it is a well known fact that a lobster suffers when he pays for one.

When Eve drolled up in the new spring style fig leaf Adam, no doubt, wrote a letter to the newspaper complaining about the shocking styles of the day.

Since a New York man has established a farm to raise butterflies, it is reasonable to suppose that some other man will soon start to raising butterfly files.

Add to the list of pessimists the man who last spring bought an expensive lawn hose with money that he might have used in pursuit of pleasure.

If you do not believe this is a talkative nation you should note that 68 per cent of the world's telephone calls in 1911 were registered in the United States.

Man is a queer animal. He arises in righteous indignation at the thought of a woman wearing socks, and yet risks an eye when one climbs on a street car.

Woman in New Jersey, whose husband refused to take her to a moving picture show, deftly hit him on the head with an ax. Ax and you shall receive, as it were.

According to one estimate, it costs \$10,000 a year to keep a hydroplane in commission. One could keep a white elephant for that sum, and not have half the trouble.

After a Brooklyn woman had run the house thirty-five weeks on \$55 her husband left her, saying that she was no wife for a poor man. Evidently she overfed the brute!

It has been established that the ancient Egyptians had the hookworm. And despite all their wisdom they apparently lacked thymol and epsom salts.

The South Jersey peach crop is said to be the greatest ever known. A peach of a crop, as it were.

A lobster may suffer when it is being cooked, but think of the agony of the lobster who foots the bill.

A bad—very bad—sign of the times is that convicts are gaining the sympathy of justice by writing bad pathetic ear of justice by writing bad ing public is alarming.

An English physician says that in 300 years the majority of the people on earth will be insane. Judging by the political arguments, a lot of them won't have to wait that long.

An inventor has completed a machine for making cheap cigarettes at the rate of 15 a minute, and now all that is required is a cheap, noncorrosive machine to consume them.

Another actress has obtained a divorce from her husband, but will not, we fear, cause the press agents to cease complaining about the popularity of the moving picture shows.

In the midst of new sensations and startling developments the unloaded pistol is still killing its victims in the good old-fashioned way.

Ohio women have formed an anti-gossip league. Such charity ought to cover even the fashionable sins of the hobbler skirt and the cigarette.

Some women are born beautiful, but statistics show that a great many more have beauty thrust upon them by society reporters who write up their weddings.

Now it is said that the common housefly carries the egg of the parasite that causes the hookworm disease. The fly's terrors are increasing so that we may soon consider it a worse pest than the mosquito.

A New York woman in Reno seeking divorce accused her husband of swearing at her in seven languages. Such conduct in her was most unwise. She should have been proud of a husband whose record in the swearing ligandist line so few men could hope to equal.

NEWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Latest News of General Interest That Has Been Collected From Many Towns and Counties.

Scranton.—During the heavy wind storm which swept this section recently the stables belonging to R. H. Graham were blown down and two valuable horses were killed. Other damages were done.

Chester.—Mr. John R. Alexander, who is already one of the largest landowners in the western part of the county, has bought Mr. John R. Page's 338 acre plantation in the Wilkesburg section.

McCull.—The cotton gin belonging to John Wesley McLaurin, near Clio, was completely destroyed by fire. Fifteen bales of cotton were burned. The loss amounts to \$7,000. There was insurance of \$2,000.

Rock Hill.—Postmaster Poag received a letter from the Postoffice Department at Washington, in which the department declined to play a proportionate share of the Main street paving in front of the postoffice, which would amount to less than \$500.

Hopkins.—The gins in the section are busy cutting the seed from the fleecy staple. The bulk of the cotton will soon be picked. On account of the dry spell during August a rather small crop will be raised.

Columbia.—J. E. Swearingen, state superintendent of education, has been notified of his appointments as chairman for the collection of a fund from the school teachers of South Carolina for the Woodrow Wilson campaign fund.

Summerville.—Edward Howe Forbush, state ornithologist of Massachusetts and a leading authority throughout the civilized world on economic ornithology, has just come to South Carolina on a visit to James Henry Rice, Jr., at Summerville.

Sumter.—The Court of General Sessions convenes in this city on October 7, with Judge T. H. Spain, of Darlington, presiding. This is Judge Spain's first visit to Sumter since his elevation to the Judge's bench last February.

Columbia.—Thomas Dawson, the 17-year-old son of Staton Dawson, a well known farmer of lower Richland county, was drowned when he tried to swim a creek in the Congaree swamp, 12 miles below Columbia. He was accompanied by John Dixon, a farmer, who recovered the body.

Columbia.—Samuel Dibble, Orangeburg; J. R. Earle, Walhalla; James F. Byrnes, Aiken; J. Lyles Glenn, Chester, and Walter H. Hunt, Newberry, have been appointed by D. S. Henderson, president of the South Carolina Bar Association, as a committee to represent the association at the American Road congress, to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., September 30 to October 5, when good roads laws will be discussed.

Florence.—A car loaded with 30 bales of cotton was burned in the transfer yards of the Coast Line near the city. It is supposed that the cotton must have been set on fire by some carelessness when it was packed in the car. It came here in a closely locked car, no ventilators, even. The car, when discovered, was too far from the water system of the yards to be of use, so it was put where it could do no damage to other property.

Chester.—The arrest by the city police of 17 citizens of Chester, including two negroes, came like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, and revealed the startling fact that for the past two months a detective agency of Charlotte, has, at the instance of Mayor J. M. Wise, had a number of men working in Chester to detect such violations of law as liquor selling, gambling and the Sunday sale of soft drinks. Many have been caught in the net.

Columbia.—Judge G. W. Gage heard the returns of Maj. H. W. Richardson and Dr. F. P. W. Butler, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the board of commissioners of the Confederate home, and of A. W. Jones, comptroller general, in the rule to show cause issued against the comptroller general as to why he should not be permanently enjoined from paying the salaries of Maj. Richardson and Dr. Butler as "white help" at the Confederate home. After hearing the returns, Judge Gage reserved his decision.

Sumter.—A new cotton platform is being built next to the weighing platform to facilitate the handling of the staple here, as the large platform in use always becomes congested during the heaviest part of the season. The new platform is to be 50 feet wide and will extend more than 200 feet.

St. Matthews.—While attending a cotton gin at Fort Motte, Ned Carroll, a young man of high standing in the community, had his arm caught in the gin saws and torn off. Medical aid was immediately called and an amputation of the lacerated arm was made above the elbow.

Columbia.—That Detective E. S. Reed, formerly the right-hand man of W. J. Burns, has been at work collecting evidence on the frauds alleged to have been committed in the recent primary election has become public.

Charleston.—Bids were opened at the office of the United States engineer at the custom house building for the dredging of the Ashley river for the accommodation of the vessels with cargoes for the fertilizers up that river and the dredging of Ship Yard creek in providing deep water for the terminal property now being developed on Charleston "Neck."

Union.—In a third primary, held in this county to elect a third member of the county board of commissioners Joseph Sanders defeated J. W. Nance by a vote of 1,454 to 839.

Branchville.—Information was received in Branchville of the burning of the planing mill and box factory of the Santee River Cypress Lumber company at Ferguson on the Eastern edge of Orangeburg county. The loss is estimated at more than \$50,000. By hard work the several hundreds of employes of the company saved the sawmill and the lumber stored in the mills and lumber yards.

CIVIL WAR COMING OVER HOME RULE

BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS ORDERING TROOPS TO BELFAST, IRELAND.

DISPLAY OF ARMED FORCE

Anti-Home Rulers Are Arming and Bloody Clash May Come—Home Rule Will Be Fought.

Belfast, Ireland.—Regiments of the Highland light infantry and Scottish borderers will be drafted into Belfast in anticipation of Ulster day, when the covenant in defiance of home rule is to be signed by Ulsterites. The Royal Irish Rifles, already stationed here, are confined to barracks in readiness for emergencies.

More than a thousand members of "young citizen volunteers of Ireland" were enrolled. The new organization is to assist when called upon by the civil authorities to maintain peace.

The demonstration at Portadown was one of the most remarkable of the campaign, owing to the display of armed force and the enormous number of Orangemen and Unionists who assembled to greet Sir Edward Carson and other Unionist leaders. Sir Edward declared that they were performing the obsequies of home rule.

Frederick E. Smith, M. P., for Liverpool, expressed the opinion that the battle was already won. He added: "The government, even if it has the wickedness, wholly lacks the nerve to order the British army to use coercion in Ulster."

The streets of Belfast are being gaily decorated. There has been an enormous sale of Union Jacks.

Portadown, Ireland.—Determination not to submit to home rule was expressed by 20,000 Orangemen and Unionists, residents of the county of Armagh, Ulster. They had assembled in the birthplace of Orangism to welcome Sir Edward Carson and other Unionist leaders.

Rifles were carried by some of the battalions, into which the members of the Unionist clubs were formed, when they took part in a great procession.

Two large cannons, also, were dragged along on gun carriages, while an ambulance in charge of sisters moved with the procession and carried a large supply of splints and bandages.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK

Southern Passenger From Chicago to Jacksonville Derailed.

Plainville, Ga.—Three persons were killed, three are seriously injured, one is missing and six others were slightly hurt, when Southern passenger train No. 14, bound from Chicago to Jacksonville, Fla., was derailed two miles north of here. Two day coaches, one Pullman and the baggage and express car were thrown from the track.

The wreck was caused, it is reported, by a truck breaking while the train was traveling at a high rate of speed. The engine, the mail car and the diner did not leave the rails, but the rest of the train turned over into an embankment.

Relief parties were rushed to the scene in automobiles from Rome. All of the injured were placed on a relief train, rushed to the scene from Rome, and sent to Atlanta.

IT COSTS TO KEEP EATING

U. S. Bureau of Labor Shows How Food Prices Have Spared.

Washington.—The most marked upward trend of the cost of living is disclosed in the Federal bureau of labor's report of an investigation of prices for the past ten years conducted in the important industrial centers of thirty-two states. Fifteen most important articles of food, as well as coal, comprising two-thirds of a workingman's needs, were investigated.

On June 5, 1912, the report shows, fourteen of the fifteen articles of food were higher than a year before, and ten had advanced in the past ten years more than fifty per cent. Over the average retail price for the ten-year period 1890-1899.

Dies in Electric Chair

Boston.—Chester S. Jordan, sentenced to death for the murder four years ago at Somerville of his wife, Honorah, whose body he cut up and packed in a trunk, was executed in the electric chair at the Charlestown state prison. Jordan went to his death calmly and without making any statement. A suspicious cabman was responsible for the discovery of the murder of Mrs. Chester S. Jordan, for which Jordan was executed. The murder was committed at their apartment in Somerville.

Used Apron to Save Train

Bluefield, W. Va.—Miss Beulah Chandler, aged 18, prevented the wrecking of Norfolk and Western passenger train No. 1 when she discovered tons of rock on the track at a curve near here. She was walking beneath the spot when she discovered the debris and heard the train approaching. She took off her apron, ran down the track and flagged the train, which ran up to and touched the slide of rocks. Passengers cheered her and took up a large collection for her.

Held for Ransom by Rebels

Salt Lake City, Utah.—The seizure of a young man for ransom by Mexican rebels is announced in a telegram received by the first presidency of the Mormon church from Junius Romney, its representative at El Paso, Texas. The dispatch says: "Rojas rebels looted Bowman's camp in Sonora day before yesterday. Took Denver Bowman for ransom, \$1,000. Rebels, about 500 in all, marched south from Colonia Pacheco."

JOHN D. ARCHBOLD



Standard Oil magnate who has been telling a lot about his company's relation with national politics.

ADD 36,038 MORE WARDS

PRESTIDENT TAFT TO SHELTER ALL THE FOURTH CLASS POSTMASTERS.

Order Placing Fourth Class Postmasters in Classified Service Will Be Issued.

Washington.—It has been practically decided that President Taft will soon issue an executive order placing all fourth class postmaster in the classified service. This order, relieving 36,038 postmasters from the uncertainty of political appointment, will be one of the most comprehensive and far-reaching, as affecting the civil service ever issued.

That the president would take this step, his first act toward putting into practice his often expressed belief that all government officers below the grade of cabinet members should be removed from the influence of politics and placed under the civil service, became practically certain, after a delegation of postmasters returning from the annual convention of their association at Richmond, Va., had been received at the white house, and by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The visitors submitted a monster petition signed by about 20,000 postmasters, asking that they be placed in the classified service.

After discussing the matter briefly with the delegation, President Taft referred the executive committee of the association to Mr. Hitchcock for further consideration of the matter. Later the committee called upon the postmaster general to discuss the subject with him.

Mr. Hitchcock will submit to President Taft a formal recommendation that the petition be granted and the president is expected to act promptly and favorably upon the recommendation.

In the entire country there were 49,672 fourth class postmasters at the end of the last fiscal year. By executive order issued July, 1904, President Roosevelt placed all the postmasters of the New England states and of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin in the civil service, a total of 13,634. Those still without the service number 36,038.

LEVEE ASSOCIATION MEETS

They Favor Levees to Curb the Mississippi River.

Memphis, Tenn.—The construction and maintenance of an adequate system of levees along the Mississippi river as the only means of holding the waterway within bounds is primarily a national problem, was agreed by speakers at the first sessions of the annual convention of the Interstate Levee association. Complete Federal control was urged by several, and this suggestion found favor with probably the greater number of the delegates.

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Shots Fired at the State Troops

Charleston, W. Va.—Events are moving rapidly in the big mine strike of West Virginia. Conferences were started by Governor Glasscock, and military commanders looking to a reduction of the number of state soldiers now on duty in the martial law district of Kanawha county. A company of state militia was attacked at an isolated point near Dry Branch. Over fifty shots were fired.

Bank Robber Indicted

New Orleans.—Howard E. Edwards, the highwayman who held up and robbed the New York limited train of the Louisville and Nashville railroad near the city on the night of September 4, was indicted by the grand jury. He is charged with assaulting mail clerks on the train and with the theft of mail matter. Edwards, who has been in the hospital here with a fractured skull as the result of blows struck by Engineer Baer, was removed to the parish prison to await trial.

Governor Foss Renominated

Boston.—Gov. Eugene T. Foss was renominated by the Democrats in the primary election. Returns from one-half of the state, including the city of Boston, gave him a lead of nearly 11,000 votes over his opponent, Joseph C. Pelletier, district attorney of Suffolk county. In the same cities and towns Joseph Walker, formerly speaker of the Massachusetts house of representatives, has a lead of about 3,000 over Everett C. Benton, a former member of the governor's council.

Bank Clerk Confesses Robbery

Pensacola, Fla.—William H. Bell, a 20-year-old bank clerk, confessed that he robbed the local First National bank of a package containing \$55,000 of the Louisville and Nashville payroll and substituted a bogus package in its place. Fear that the officers would suspect his brother caused Bell to confess. The young bank clerk has been in the employ of the local bank for two years. In his confession he declared that he had planned to secure the money a week before the payroll was made up.

MARINES ORDERED TO SAN DOMINGO

FORCE OF 750 MEN TO BE DISPATCHED TO SAN DOMINGO IMMEDIATELY.

COL. MOSES IN COMMAND

Situation Has Grown Worse—Revolutions Are Very Active on Border of Hayti.

Washington.—A force of 750 American marines under Col. E. J. Moses will sail from Philadelphia on the transport Prairie for San Domingo, to compel the reopening of Dominican custom houses along the border of Hayti closed by revolutionists.

Authority for this step was given by President Taft after a conference with Acting Secretary of the Navy Beekman Winthrop between Washington and New York, in the private car on which the president was returning to Beverly. Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson and William T. S. Doyle, chief of the Latin-American division of the state department, had advised the president of the necessity for immediate action in Santo Domingo.

With the marines will go Brig. Gen. Frank McIntyre, chief of the army in island bureau, and Mr. Doyle, as special commissioners, to make an investigation of conditions in San Domingo, particularly on the border between that country and Hayti, where the revolutionists have been most active. The Prairie will arrive at the island about October 3, and the plans for the disposition of the marines will depend entirely upon conditions existing at that time.

Under the Dawson treaty of 1907 between the United States and the Dominican republic, the United States is responsible for the collection and distribution of San Domingo's customs dues. Heretofore this had been accomplished peacefully, but rebels operating from Hayti, have now closed all four of the border customs posts.

Whatever force that may be necessary will be used by the marines to reopen the posts and continue their orderly operation. Officials here believe, however, that when made aware of the determination of the United States government, the rebels will offer no resistance, and that it may even be found unnecessary to disembark the marines.

But if there should be any sign of resistance the force will be landed on the north and south coasts and marched directly inland over the wagon roads and trails, for there are no railroads in that section to the customs houses.

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OSCAR S. STRAUS



Oscar S. Straus, secretary of commerce and labor in President Roosevelt's cabinet and before that minister to Turkey, was nominated for governor of New York by the Progressives of that state.

CREDIT BANKS FOR FARMERS

FAVORED IN A REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

Report Based on Study of Credit System to Farmers in Europe.

Paris, France.—Sweeping recommendations for legislation designed to help development of agriculture in the United States are contained in an elaborate report forwarded to Washington by the American ambassador, Myron T. Herrick, who has completed an exhaustive investigation of the systems of agricultural credit facilities in operation in Europe. The ambassador wrote the document after receiving reports from other American diplomatic representatives in Europe and conferring with others.

The work of gathering and compiling material for the formulation of the plans of efficient land and agricultural system has been carried on under instructions from President Taft and Ambassador Herrick has been assisted by a commission which reached here from the United States in July.

The ambassador's report recommends the adoption by the United States of the reifenless system of agricultural co-operative credit societies. This system has been particularly successful in Germany, where its operations represent half the business of the commercial banks. It includes organizations composed of small co-operative societies where farmers are able to borrow money for a short time on their collective guarantee. These societies have become the nucleus of a series of central co-operative banks.

The report also recommends that persons interested in the welfare of the farmer should form a general committee to direct a movement for the loaning of money to farmers for a long period of lower rates than they now obtain.

Preparing for Canal Opening

Washington.—In a report on the Panama canal and pan-American trade John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American union, who recently made a trip through Europe to study what European governments and commercial interests are doing to get ready for the opening of the canal, declares that every important port of Great Britain, France and Germany, Spain, Italy, Austria, Holland and Belgium is "being improved to the highest degree of efficiency for overseas commerce." Every European shipbuilding yard of recognized standing is busy to its capacity constructing ocean-going merchant vessels, the report adds. European governments are instructing their agents to report upon every phase of trade opportunity expected to result from the canal. Agents and trade scouts are being sent to Latin America and to all parts of the world affected by the canal to investigate trade possibilities.

Sailors and Negroes Clash

Norfolk, Va.—A serious race riot between a hundred United States sailors and negroes of South Norfolk, a suburb, was averted by the prompt arrival of a provost guard, 25 strong, from the local naval training station. The sailors went to South Norfolk to secure revenge for having one of their comrades struck by a stone, thrown by a negro when a column of blue jackets were returning from a baseball game. The sailors first invaded a negro tenement, doused the lights and then threw the occupants out.

Killed His Foe and Hanged Self

Boldenville, Okla.—David Swihart was stabbed to death at Wewoka, Okla., during a political debate, and Berry Schrimpacher, under arrest in connection with the killing, hanged himself in the jail at Wewoka, avowing, in a note, found in his cell, that he died happily in the knowledge that Swihart, whom he described as his political opponent, was dead. The trouble arose when Swihart announced his approval of arguments advanced by a political speaker.

Clansmen Carried to Scene of Tragedy

Hillsville, Va.—Sidna Allen and his nephew, Wesley Edwards, arrested in Des Moines, Iowa, after having eluded detectives for many months, found a great crowd, many from distant parts of the country, waiting to get a glimpse of them, when they arrived here from Roanoke under detective guard. They will be arraigned before Judge Staples, in the Carroll court, the scene of the shooting in which they are implicated.

LAWRENCE SCENE OF TEXTILE STRIKE

FULLY 12,000 WALK OUT AS PROTEST TO TRIAL OF TWO OF THEIR LEADERS.

SOME DESTRUCTIVE WORK

The Strikers Appear to Be Only Waiting For the Leadership of Secretary William D. Haywood—Mild to Last Winter's Strike.

Lawrence, Mass.—Practically 12,000 textile operatives here has been affected by the great strike inaugurated by Industrial Workers of the World to show their sympathy for Joseph J. Ettor and Arturo Giovannitti, leaders of that organization and as a protest against their trial in connection with the killing of Anna Lopizzo, during the strike last winter, which is to begin in the near future in Salem. It is feared there will be an extension of the strike. Mill owners were said to be ready to close down the plants in event of further walkouts, or if disorders develop.

Mayor Scanlon announced that the mill owners probably would shut down if the situation became worse. "But," he added, "I do not think it will."

In a comparatively mild degree Lawrence experienced a repetition of the scenes enacted last winter. Only mild disorders resulted however.

Some of the more eager strikers in attempting to get workers to leave their machines caused slight disturbances in several mills. Reports of a number of injuries were received by the police but none of the injured was seriously hurt. Clubs and in one case a revolver were flourished to intimidate working operatives, and mill machinery at several plants was damaged. A few windows also were broken. The police made only three arrests. These were on charges of assault or destruction of mill property.

Of the 12,000 operatives who quit work probably one-half did so as a protest against the trial of Ettor and Giovannitti. The others were forced out, either because of intimidation of a result of the closing of their departments.

Uprising in Vera Cruz

Washington.—Ambassador Wilson reported to the state department from Mexico City that General Aguilar, a former officer in the Mexican army, was at the head of an uprising in the state of Vera Cruz. The cruiser Des Moines has arrived at Vera Cruz from Tampico and will remain until the situation becomes more quiet. The ambassador also reports the Federals getting control of the situation in Oaxaca.

Ran a "Fagin" School

Rochester, N. Y.—By the arrest of Charles Kurmonos, 16 years old; Jacob Lombardo, 15, and Louis Sterling, 19 years old, the police believe they have discovered a school for instructing boys in thievery. The Fagin of the outfit, they declare, is Sterling. Fifty-six skeleton keys were found on the boys at the time of arrest on a burglary charge. Sterling is said to be from Brooklyn.

Shot Wife and Children and Himself

New York.—Anthony Debs, the policeman who arrested Harry K. Thaw, after the latter killed Stanford White, on the Madison Square roof garden, shot and probably mortally wounded his wife, sent bullets into the thighs of two small girls and then committed suicide. The shooting took place in front of the Debs home.

Hedges Nominated For Governor

Saratoga, N. Y.—Job E. Hedges of New York was nominated as republican candidate for governor of New York. Three ballots were taken. A motion to make the nomination unanimous was carried with enthusiasm. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., was nominated for lieutenant-governor without opposition.

Man Shoots Four Persons

London.—A man who gave his name as Titus and claimed to be an American citizen, shot and seriously wounded four persons with a revolver and for a time caused a semi-panic. Titus, who speaks English poorly, had a dispute with a barmaid of the hotel where he was staying in the Tottenham court road. He drew his revolver