

The United Kingdom has colonies and possessions whose area is equal to more than twenty-seven times her own size.

Among the ruins of Pompeii have been found chafing dishes of exquisite workmanship, which give undisputed proof of their use in the city, which contained villas of many wealthy Romans.

Northern Indiana farmers are experimenting in the domestication of quail. During the winter the birds are fed regularly, and on some of the farms they have become so tame that they roost with the barnyard fowls.

The watchfulness of members of congress is not always rewarded in a way anticipated. Two resolutions recently offered in the house requested the president to return to that body two private pension bills. A member of inquiring mind wished to know what was the defect in the bills. "There is no defect," was the reply. "The beneficiaries are dead."

Quite as remarkable as the wrecking of the Pacific Mail line steamship Rio de Janeiro just at the entrance to San Francisco harbor on Feb. 22 is the total disappearance of the wreck. Divers have explored large areas of the bottom of the sea at the point where the wreck is supposed to have occurred, but not the slightest trace of the ill-fated ship has been found.

One of the most prominent Baptist preachers in the vicinity of New York has made it a practice in all his pastorates to write his resignation within a week of his entrance upon a new field, sign, seal and deliver it to the proper official with the remark: "There, now! Never ask me for my resignation. Whenever you want me to go just break open the envelope write in a date to the document and offer it to the congregation."

The recent appointment of General Chaffee as major-general is the first instance of a private attaining that rank in the regular army of the United States. "I should know that Chaffee was not educated at West Point," commented a military visitor at the review of American troops in China last summer. "He is so unused to full-dress uniform that he has his sash over the wrong shoulder." It was true, and all the more honor to him for his success.

A recent importation of forgers against which no one will be likely to take exceptions, except, perhaps, the natives they have come to destroy, has been graciously received and welcomed by the quarantine officer of the California State Board of Agriculture at San Francisco. The newcomers are a consignment of tachina flies from the grasshopper tribe—their wholesale exterminators, in fact, wherever found. They came as cold storage passengers and with them came a large number of ladybugs, for service in clearing the orchards of red scale—the pest of fruit growers. The flies are to be released in May. They will make short work of the grasshoppers, which swarm at that time.

A college professor, reading Lord Rayleigh's "Theory of Sound" a few years ago, became particularly interested in that part which relates to the vibration of cords. He began to study the waves which travel along a cord when one end is shaken, and then to experiment with cords loaded at intervals with weights, and vibrating in air or water. What could he hope to learn from such investigations? What practical results were to be looked for? He could not tell, nor could any one else have told. Yet he studied the subject for five years. The facts he discovered make it probable that telephone communication may take place under three thousand miles of sea, and the professor has sold his invention for half a million dollars.

The German army has furnished another terrible illustration of what dueling means. An infantry captain present at an officer's dinner took offense at the innocent but rough horse-play of an army surgeon, and struck him. He then retired to his quarters. In a little while two officers representing the surgeon appeared with a challenge. Before they could deliver it a brother of the surgeon entered and shot the captain dead. His excuse was that he sacrificed himself to save his brother, the surgeon, who had a wife and children, and could hardly hope to survive a duel with the offended captain, a noted pistol-shot. Such an incident must come home with peculiar force to the emperor, who has frankly commended dueling in the army as the proper way for a soldier to protect his "honor."

The name of Sing Sing, so far as the New York village is concerned, is no more, having been changed to Ossining. Manufacturers brought about this change, the impression having gone abroad that all goods turned out in the village were prison-made. The village showed a decrease in the last census of 1,313 in population, though neighboring places showed uniform increase. Sing Sing was incorporated in 1813 and the prison was erected eleven years later. The prison is still within the village boundary lines.

REPUBLICANS VICTORIOUS

So Far as the State Ticket is Concerned.

PLURALITY IS OVER 67,000.

Indications are That Both Constitutional Amendments Have Been Lost—The Van Buren County Seat Fight Resulted in a Victory for Paw Paw.

Republicans Win in the State. Voters throughout the state were apathetic on the 1st and their indifference resulted in a light vote being polled. Justice Robert M. Montgomery is re-elected to the supreme court by a plurality of more than 67,000. The Republican candidates for regents of the University of Michigan, Frank W. Fletcher, of Alpena, and Henry W. Carey, of Manistee, will not run far behind the head of the ticket. From meager reports received it is more than probable that the legislative salary and the Bay county court amendments to the constitution were defeated. For the state ticket Wayne county went overwhelmingly Republican. Montgomery, for supreme court justice, and Fletcher and Carey for regents of the university, carried every ward in the city.

Probably the most interesting fight in the state was over the Van Buren county seat. According to returns Paw Paw wins a victory by 500 votes. More votes were cast in this county than at a presidential election.

\$100,000 Fire at Detroit. The Detroit plant of the American Radiator Co., located in the northeastern part of Detroit, was visited by a disastrous fire on the night of the 5th. P. W. Hodges, manager of the plant, says it is difficult at this writing to give any satisfactory estimate of the loss, but he placed the damage at somewhere near \$100,000, and he thought the loss was fully covered by insurance. The fire started in the machine shop and spread to the warehouses, pattern shop, carpenter shop and tool room, which were all in the same building. "This building," with the machinery and stock it contained, was a total wreck, but the foundry, which was separated from it only by a narrow alley at the east end and the power house at the west end, were saved. The plant covers about seven acres of ground and the building that was destroyed extended east and west along the south line of the property. It was a one-story brick structure, erected about 10 years ago, and was 600 feet in length by 116 feet in breadth.

Exciting Election at Jerome. The people of Jerome have voted against the consolidation of their four school districts, and the result of the vote has been sent to Lansing in the hope that the consolidation act will be repealed before the legislature adjourns. The act was slipped through the legislature early in the session, and when its provisions became generally known a howl of indignation arose. A most bitter feeling was engendered, and finally as a compromise a local election was ordered at which the wildest excitement prevailed. Women were taken from sick beds and carried to the polls to vote. Men called each other liars and other harsh names, and several fist fights were prevented with difficulty.

Home for Feeble Minded to Small. Notwithstanding the recent opening at Lapeer of a cottage which accommodates 100 epileptics, the pressure for admission to the state home for the feeble minded and epileptic is very great and it promises to continue for years to come unless the scope of the institution is greatly enlarged. The management expects to be able to admit 150 more patients on July 1, when the population of the institution will be 525. A majority of the patients to be admitted this summer will be children.

Court Held in Jail. Joseph Moran, charged with criminally assaulting Mrs. Mary Kress at her home in Blackham township a few weeks ago, and who was threatened with lynching by a concourse of excited citizens the other day, was not taken through the streets of Jackson to make his final appearance in court. The court went to the jail and held Moran for trial in the circuit court in bail of \$5,000. The accused was serving a 30-year sentence for assaulting an old woman when pardoned by Gov. Piangree.

Tonsorial Artists. U. of M. undergraduates are still playing Samson and Delilah with each other, and shaven pates spring up like mushrooms. It's thusly: A certain student who is duly or unduly prominent in his class is picked out by the opposite faction. A committee of half a dozen, selected or self-appointed, wait upon him at his room and inform him of his fate. Shears are produced and—the victim visits the barber chair at an early hour the following morning.

Prospecting for coal in the neighborhood of Banoroff will begin this week. A gang of burglars went through the stores in Moscow, but secured little booty. No cash at all was gotten by the gang.

Mrs. Christine Grady, of Grand Rapids, aged 40 years, committed suicide by hanging herself while temporarily deranged.

Chas. Quick, editor of the Lowell Journal, has sold his paper to the Rev. Mr. Davidson, pastor of the Baptist church there.

It is reported at Jackson on good authority that the Michigan Central railroad Co. will spend \$250,000 in building new car shops in that city.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Work on the erection of Milan's new \$10,000 hotel has been commenced.

David Moore, a prominent business man and politician of Port Huron, died on the 26th.

There is a smallpox scare at Hart and the schools will be closed to await developments.

The town of Selkirk has nine cases of smallpox, and many people have been exposed.

The quarantine placed on about 50 citizens of Standish on account of black diphtheria has been raised.

The ice companies at Jackson have formed a combine, and as a result the price of that commodity will go up.

On the 26th, at Iron Mountain, Aug. Johnson, a Swede, was attacked and stabbed by five men. He cannot live.

Jas. A. Moore, member of the city council of Traverse City, committed suicide by shooting himself on the 1st. He was despondent.

Thos. Flaven, a contractor of Port Huron, has mysteriously disappeared, and his friends are at a loss to account for his whereabouts.

The village council of Centreville on the 2nd passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in this village after May 1.

Out of a class of 58 who were examined at Coldwater last week for teachers' positions, only 15 passed and School Commissioner Wimer is discouraged.

The F. & P. M. Ry. Co. on the 6th filed a \$50,000,000 mortgage in the circuit court at St. Joseph in favor of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., of New York.

It is said that the Pere Marquette railroad is planning to reduce fares to a flat two-cent per mile rate, and cut out mileage and all privileged transportation.

Cornelius DeBryam, of Kalamazoo, is dead as the result of the cat bite received a week ago. DeBryam was one of the pioneer celery growers, and was over 80 years of age.

Notwithstanding the presence of the legislature and its blighting influence on the surplus, Michigan started business on the 1st with a balance of \$2,789,739 25 in its strong box.

Samuel B. Collins, member of the state house of representatives from Jackson in 1899-1900, died in that city on the 1st. For years he had been one of Jackson's foremost citizens.

The members of the Carpenters and Joiners' union at Port Huron, 150 in all, are on a strike. They want 25 cents an hour, with nine hours' work and pay day on Saturday night.

Ora Passage and M. A. Patterson were seriously injured by the explosion of a 15-horse power gas engine at the Hamilton rifle factory at Plymouth on the 1st. It is thought both men will recover.

Reliable information comes from Grand Rapids that Cashier Chas. A. Johnson stated that if he went to prison for stealing from the First National bank, he would drag a number of others with him.

Bank Examiner Selden says that the first dividend to be declared in the case of the First National bank of Niles, will exceed 10 per cent. He intimates it will be 25 per cent, and that it may be paid in a couple of weeks.

Ex-Senator R. D. Graham, who owns large fruit farms near Grand Rapids, says that fruit prospects are very flattering at the present time. Peach trees are especially promising, the buds coming through the winter uninjured.

Two rural mail routes have been established at Holland, one along the south side of Black Lake and south to Laketown and Elmora in Allegan county; the second running east and north through townships Holland and Olive.

John Vosberg, aged 13, of Grand was sent home from school with a note from his teacher, reprimanding him. His mother insisted on showing the note to his father, and while she was absent the lad shot himself, dying on the 2nd.

The National bank of Ionia, in process of formation to succeed the private bank of Webber Bros., will be in operation by May 1st. The capital stock will be \$50,000, and a strong feature is the fact that the stock will be limited to \$3,000 to any one man.

James Harrison, who for the past two months has been employed at the charcoal kiln at Sloeum's Grove, several miles east of Muskegon, was arrested on the 3d, charged with murder, alleged to have been committed by him in Wexford county over a year ago.

The Port Huron canal commission and the board of estimates held a joint meeting on the 3d to discuss the canal project. The board of estimates agreed to provide for the \$100,000 bonds necessary for the construction of the canal. The contract will, in all probability, be awarded to the Standard Construction Co., of Cleveland.

David Henning, the millionaire who died at Battle Creek on the 1st, was known one time as the "Chicago Apple King." Henning learned the cooper trade in Detroit and started a shop in Ann Arbor. Finding himself overstocked with unsalable barrels he filled them with apples and the sale of these started him on the road to wealth.

The case against ex-Atty.-Gen. Fred A. Maynard came on in abrupt ending in the circuit court at Lansing on the 3d. Assistant Prosecutor Humphrey occupied more than an hour in opposing the contention of the defense that the indictment was fatally defective in that it failed to cover the offense charged. Judge West sustained the objection of the defense, however, and quashed the indictment and discharged the defendant.

M. A. Jennings, proprietor of the Highland fruit farm, near Benton Harbor, will destroy 600 plum trees affected with San Jose scale.

DOINGS OF THE 41ST SESSION.

The senate passed the following bills on the 3d: To establish the Decker-ville high school district in Sanilac county; to permit the catching of German carp, suckers and mullet in Flint river, Genesee county; changing the name of the Ionia reformatory; authorizing the fire commission of Detroit to pension Carolina J. McNamara; to provide for pensioning members of the Saginaw police and fire department; authorizing the state land commissioner to deed certain sinken lands in Alpena county, to an improvement company; authorizing the state board of auditors to reimburse David Waldron, of St. Johns for damages for the death of his son while acting as conductor of the capitol elevator; for giving compensation to the board of state auditors; allowing county election canvassers to reopen ballot boxes in certain cases; for paying the expenses of circuit judges; relative to the service of processes on railway corporations; for allowance of alimony to husbands in certain cases; to exempt fire insurance companies from taxation on business they reinsure; relative to suits against defunct corporations; for a board of county auditors in Kent county; appropriation for the college of mines; providing that the Wayne county auditors shall publish the lists of claims in at least three country papers—instead of all in the city; providing that the state land commissioner may withhold lands from homesteading; to restore school district No. 2, Waterford township, Oakland county; relative to societies for the study of literature; for the formation of limited partnership associations.

The following bills were passed by the senate on the 5th: To provide for the incorporation of grand council and subordinate councils of the Alliance, Marquette; for the appointment of a state apary; relative to the service of processes against corporations; amending the law relative to the revival of commissions on claims against estates of deceased persons; amending the law relative to the judges of probate requiring new bonds of executors; empowering common carriers to sell perishable freight when the charges are not paid; providing for partition fences on agricultural lands in Eaton Rapids; amending the law relative to the care of highways.

Gov. Bliss has held up the bill which legalizes the formation of a new school district at the Agricultural college, which was passed by both houses of the legislature recently. The school is for the benefit of the members of the faculty and those residing near the college who have children of school age, and the members of the college faculty pay three-fifths of the taxes as assessed in the district. A hearing will be given on the bill. The persons opposing the formation of the district have commenced legal proceedings to dissolve the district, and a warm fight is expected.

The house committee on state affairs reported out the most important, if not the only, measure so far positively recommended by Gov. Bliss, Rep. McKay's anti-cigarette bill. It is hinted that Gov. Bliss is using his influence to have Rep. Burns' pardon board bill pigeonholed. It provides that the governor shall not make pardons without the recommendation of the pardon board.

The house passed the following bills on the 2nd: To prevent the adulteration of ground corn and cobs and other ground grains; amending the law relative to the use of firearms in hunting deer; compelling the officers of each prison whence a convict is paroled to report his conduct and whereabouts to the governor the 10th of every month.

The senate evidently tried to redeem itself on the 3rd for many hours of "soldiering" by doing an extraordinarily large amount of work. The session occupied over three hours, and 21 bills were passed. But whether the quality of the work is commendable as the quantity is an open question.

The house on the 3d passed the following bills: Establishing the Decker-ville high school district in Sanilac county; for the relief of retired Saginaw policemen; to authorize the Detroit fire commission to pension Carolina J. McNamara.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 5th: To legalize what is known as "The Supervisors' Plat of the Village of Ithaca." Gov. Bliss on the 3d signed the Baumann bill, raising the salary of the mayor of Detroit from \$1,200 to \$3,000 a year.

ADDITIONAL MICHIGAN ITEMS

A total of 130,000 trout fry has been planted in Muskegon county streams this spring.

The north dam at St. Louis, weakened by the recent flood and by frost, went out on the 1st, and nearly took the Mill street bridge with it.

The Champion Contract Co. at Houghton has let the contract for 52 seven-room houses; 49 at the mine and 12 at the mills site to Parker & Hamill, Hancock.

The Mercy, better known as the Emergency Hospital at Iron Mountain, will close its doors. This is the result of the ecclesiastical scandal affecting this institution, which occurred last January.

Frank Cole, fireman on the Pere Marquette Railway, fell 12 feet from a coal tender at St. Joseph, on the 2nd, striking his head on the rail below, crushing his skull.

The general congress of the Seventh Day Adventists is now in full swing at Battle Creek. Delegates are present from Australia, New Zealand, British Columbia, Sweden, and several other European countries; South Africa and most of the states of the union. President G. A. Irvin's report shows that the world's membership is now 75,763, an increase of 12,500 for the last two years.

TICKINGS OF THE TELEGRAPH

From all Over the U. S. Stewed Down for Ready Reading.

COUNT TOLSTOI IS BANISHED.

Escorted to the Frontier by Gendarmes—The Attempted Assassination of Privy Councillor the Cause—What the War in the Philippines Cost the U. S.

Earthquake in Turkey. An earthquake was felt in the palace at Constantinople on Mar. 31, at the moment of the Bairan ceremony when the high officials were passing before the sultan's throne. A panic resulted, particularly among the diplomats in the gallery many of whom immediately left the palace. The band ceased playing and the musicians rushed to the doors. Pieces of plaster fell from the ceiling and portions of the chandeliers were broken, adding to the general alarm. The sultan arose from his throne and took a few steps apparently intending to leave the chamber, but he preserved great calmness and presence of mind which had a good effect. After a moment's hesitation his majesty reseated himself upon the throne and ordered the ceremony to proceed. A reception followed, without further incident.

Tolstoi Has Been Banished. It was rumored several days ago, but generally disbelieved, that Count Leo Tolstoi had been banished from Russia because of the attempted assassination of Privy Councillor Pobiedonostzeff, chief procurator of the Holy Synod, who was shot at early in the morning of March 22 while sitting in his study, the attempt being attributed to a desire for revenge growing out of the excommunication of Count Tolstoi. Owing to the indefiniteness of the rumor it was disregarded at St. Petersburg. A private letter from a trustworthy source in Vilna, capital of the government of that name, says Count Tolstoi was reported to have passed through Vilna, March 26, being escorted to the frontier by two gendarmes.

Aguinaldo Becomes a Citizen. The war department received information from Gen. MacArthur on the 2nd that Aguinaldo has taken the oath of allegiance to the U. S. under the terms of amnesty offered by Gen. MacArthur by direction of the president. The dispatch conveying this information contained much more than was given to the public. The portion withheld related to the future disposition of Aguinaldo, and made suggestions as to what the late chief of the insurrection might accomplish. No official statement could be obtained as to what finally would be done with the prisoner. Gen. MacArthur has hopes that a great deal may be accomplished through Aguinaldo.

Will Sue the State. The U. S. attorney-general is about to commence suit against the state of Michigan for the amount of tolls collected by the state officials on the Sault canal for the period between the time when the canal was accepted by the general government and the time when control actually passed to the U. S. The amount claimed is about \$90,000 and suit would have begun before but for the plea of Attorney-General Oren for time to make his reply to the demand. That reply has not been made, and the suit is likely to be commenced as soon as the papers can be prepared.

Prime Minister Balfour. Lord Salisbury's improvement is marked. Contradictions of the report of his failing health and impending retirement are emphasized, but those closest in touch with public affairs are not misled. The prime minister's intense eagerness to be relieved from official cares is known, and his retirement from public life is much nearer than is generally believed. One forecast may be repeated with confidence, as it is obtained from high authority. This is the speedy appointment of Mr. Balfour as prime minister, with elevation to the peerage.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes 'Here's the cost to the United States of the war in the Philippines, in lives and money' and 'Total cost in money'.

Lively Time in Denver. J. T. Diber was instantly killed and A. T. Rice fatally wounded by Max Rogers in a fight at Overland Park, Denver, on the 2nd, said to have started in a dispute over politics. Rogers used a Winchester rifle. The men were all horsemen connected with the Overland Park track.

"Wet" or "dry" was the issue in the municipal elections of the third class cities of Minnesota. The "wets" were successful in every instance.

The supreme court convened on the 2nd at Lansing for the April term. All the justices being present, Chief Justice Montgomery presiding. Opinions were handed down in the following cases: Affirmed—McGrath vs. Myers; Brown vs. Snider; Peerless Manufacturing Co. vs. Bagley estate. Reversed—Village of Red Jacket vs. Pinton, Carpenter, Wright vs. Hubbard, County of Wayne vs. Reynolds.

CUBA AND PHILIPPINE NEWS.

The sensational frauds of the commissary department which were developed on the 30th by the arrest of Capt. Frederick J. Barrows, of the Thirtieth volunteer infantry, quartermaster of the southern department of Luzon, together with seven commissary sergeants, several civilian clerks, a prominent government contractor, and a number of storekeepers and other persons, will be probed to the bottom. Orders have been issued that no guilty man escape. The number of men implicated in the frauds is undetermined and high rank will not suffice to shield the delinquents. Col. Woodruff, the chief commissary at Manila, said to the representative of the Associated Press that the irregularities were exaggerated and that the troops were always well supplied with stores. Colonels of the returning volunteer regiments praise the commissary service.

Edward M. Brodie and James F. Coffey, troop C, 3d cavalry, were recently convicted by court-martial at Manila of murder, and sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for life. It appeared from the record that the accused murdered a harmless native boy aged 10, whom they met on the highway. Maj.-Gen. Wheaton, commanding the department of northern Luzon approved the sentence, which will be duly executed at Bilibid, Manila, P. I.

The following surrenders have occurred: The insurgent Gen. Arejola, with 30 officers and 800 men, at the town of Nueva Caeceres, in the province of South Camarines, southern Luzon. The remainder of the command of Maj. Pablo Teeson, at the town of San Miguel de Mayumo, Bulacan province, central Luzon, and 16 officers and 70 men in Bulacan province and at other points.

Senator Proctor, who has just returned from Cuba, where he has been making observations concerning conditions in the island, says he found a disposition among many leading Cubans to accept the terms of the Platt amendment as the most satisfactory solution of the relations between the United States and Cuba.

The capture of Aguinaldo has caused much interest at Madrid. The press is divided on the subject. Some of the newspapers are delighted with his capture and describe him as a black traitor to Spain. Others consider him a traitor to his own race, and declare he was bought with American dollars.

Lieut. Warren Dean, with 30 men of Troop C, of the Sixth cavalry, was almost surrounded at Sunga Mountains, in Cavite province. During the ensuing action 18 insurgents were killed and two Americans were wounded. The insurgents then retired.

A special dispatch says that important proposals relative to the surrender of all the insurgents in the Philippines have been made by Aguinaldo, though Gen. MacArthur, to the United States.

The wholesale grocery dealers of Manila report doubled sales of groceries since the investigation into the alleged commissary scandals was commenced.

At San Fernando on the 5th, 19 officers and 173 men, with 133 rifles and nine revolvers, of Pablo Teeson's command, surrendered and took the oath. No new announcements have been made concerning Aguinaldo.

CHINA WAR NEWS.

Sir Robt. Hart's scheme to enable China to raise sufficient money to pay off the allies' indemnity claims, seems to be meeting with favor among the foreign ministers. This plan provides for the banking of the salt and like taxes over to the maritime customs administration and the levying of an annual house tax equal to one-half a month's rent, which it is calculated will provide 20,000,000 taels yearly, sufficient to pay 5 per cent interest on 250,000,000 taels, and clear the whole of the principal in less than 40 years.

The correspondent of the Associated Press learns on the highest authority that Prince Tuan's fate has been finally decided. His death sentence will be commuted to banishment to Turkistan. The list of guilty Chinese provincial authorities includes only four to be beheaded and several degradations. The Chinese commissioners are surprised that the guilty officials should escape with such light punishments.

Although no official notification has reached the President of the departure of Prince Li Hung Chang from Peking for Shanghai, the officials are inclined to believe that he has done so, and that Li Hung Chang is really leaving Peking for good and because the emperor is displeased with his conduct of the negotiations. Li favored the signing of the Manchurian treaty which China has turned down.

The Chinese government has formally notified Russia that China, owing to the attitude of the powers, is not able to sign the Manchurian convention.

Wheat in Branch county is in excellent condition, having safely passed through the winter frosts. The heavy covering of snow during February and the first half of March completely protected it, and if the Hessian fly does not injure it this spring it will yield well. Farmers report most wheat fields in good condition.

A general suspension of work took place on the 2nd in the coal fields of Indiana, and 5,000 men are idle as the result of the operators' and miners' convention failing to agree on the wage scale for the year. The miners stand by their original demand to buy powder in the open market.

Without the slightest quaver in his well-modulated voice, and displaying no outward sign of regret or remorse, Chas. F. Jones, secretary and valet to the late Wm. M. Rice, of New York, on the 3d confessed under oath that he had ended the life of his old employer and benefactor with chloroform.