

RAM'S HORN BLASTS.

Conrad III, Emperor of Germany, had six fingers on his right hand. Lord Roberts' title has been gazetted as "Earl of Candahar and Pretoria and Viscount St. Pierre."

Dr. Johnson was extremely fond of orange peel, and used to carry it in his pocket for the sake of its odor.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has held his seat in the British Commons without a break for almost a generation.

Russell Sage has become, rather late in life, a billiard enthusiast, and spends several evenings a week in that form of relaxation, in which he has become quite expert.

President Diaz of Mexico is a most abstemious man. His daily fare is almost Spartan and even when he attends official banquets he departs but little from his regular diet.

The new charter for San Francisco went into effect on the first day of January, 1900. James D. Phelan, the first mayor under the charter, was elected at the November election in 1899.

It is thirty years since the German reichstag began holding sessions. Four members of the first reichstag hold seats in the present one—Graf Hompesch, Eugen Richter, Dr. Lieber and Babel.

The William L. Wilson memorial fund intended for Washington and Lee university has been increased by \$1,000 contributed by "A Friend" through the chairman of the committee, Grover Cleveland.

Mr. Knox, the new attorney general, has fallen an early victim to the Washington real estate man, who lie in wait for him at every corner in the hope of inducing him to buy a home in the national capital.

Henry Floyd, the artist, has just completed a portrait of Lady Pauncefoot, the wife of the British ambassador to this country, which will be hung in the drawing room of the British embassy at Washington.

FORECAST OF FASHIONS.

Platings of every description are being used. When in doubt as to what color is becoming, one is generally safe in buying dark blue.

Walking skirts of gray flannel will be worn this summer as they are both cool and modish.

Fichues are being made up in all kinds of dainty shapes in mousseline de soie and thin materials.

The linen collar will be much in evidence this summer, but is less higher than those seen last summer.

Nothing can be too much ruffled to be in good form for the coming summer, for children as well as their mothers.

Nothing is more in vogue at present for semi-dress occasions, than the new silk grenadines, that come in a variety of weaves.

Most attractive little sunbonnets are made for children which consist mostly of flowers and dainty in delicate colors.

This season the hair will be worn in a pompadour, slightly parted in the center and should be allowed to fall gracefully over the ears.

The new skirt is very wide at the hem, and despite all the efforts to bring about plaits and gathers at the waist, is close fitting around the hips.

A pretty mode for trimming foulard is in lace points extending up into the bodice from the belt and down into the skirt for several inches around the hips, except directly at the back, giving the popular effect of the skirt yoke.

The newest evening wraps are heavily decorated with embroideries in raised designs of silk and velvet roses. The collars of these cloaks are faced with lace and finished with ruffles of chiffon or some soft fabric.

LITERARY NOTES.

A law has been passed by the Kansas legislature forbidding the requirement of study at home for children in certain grades.

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The oft used quotation, "Oh, that mine enemy would write a book," is incorrect. The quotation is from Job xxxi. 35, "Oh, that one would hear me behold, my desire is that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book."

In New York a 12-year-old girl, who was asked to write a composition on "Life," produced the following: "Life is like French verbs. You try hard, and you seem to fail, and you stumble and get discouraged and hate the whole thing, and suddenly, when you don't care any more, you find you know how to do it."

CHILDREN AND MONEY.

Get him a savings bank. Let him spend some of his money. Try to teach him system in finances. Give a child a certain amount or allowance of money.

As soon as he is old enough teach him to keep a little bank account. Advise a child how to spend it, but, if possible, make him feel that he is responsible for the result.

2,999 DEATHS IN APRIL.

Notwithstanding the Large Number of Smallpox Cases

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During the Month—Pneumonia and Influenza Less Prevalent Than in March—Scarlet Fever and Typhoid Fever Also Showed a Slight Decrease.

Not a Death From Smallpox in April. The monthly bulletin of vital statistics, issued by the secretary of state on the 13th, shows that notwithstanding the large number of cases of smallpox in Michigan not one death occurred during the month.

The proposed road is to run between Ann Arbor and Adrian. The wool market opens in Tekonsha at 11 to 15 cents per pound. Farmers are disgusted with the price and inclined to hold the product.

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MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

A free rural mail delivery route has been established at Corey. The proposition to bond Owosso for the purpose of paving a street has been defeated.

The village of Erie, Monroe, county, was scorched to the extent of \$10,000 on the 15th. The Pontiac-Lapeer electric railroad promoters have been granted a franchise at Lapeer.

Hon. Edwin F. Uhl, of Grand Rapids, a former U. S. ambassador, died at his suburban home just outside of that city on the 17th.

A block of buildings in the business section of Weidman was destroyed by fire on the 15th. Loss, \$11,500; only partially insured.

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DOINGS OF THE 41ST SESSION.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 14th: Appropriating \$40,000 for an additional state normal school; appropriating 5,000 acres of state tax lands in the township of Whitney, Arenac county, and in the township of Sherman, Isosco county, for the purpose of clearing out the channel of the Au Gres river; providing that in cases before the state crossing boards the expenses and per diem compensation of the clerk shall be paid by the railroad applying for said hearing; providing for the registration of grange libraries; providing for the licensing and regulation of itinerant peddlers; to organize the township of Hesperia; providing that teachers must deposit their certificates in the county where they teach; making it a misdemeanor for messenger boys to divulge information entrusted to them; providing for the acceptance and collection of bequests to the state of Michigan; exempting salt manufactured by the Williams & Alberger process from inspection; compelling township treasurers to have their stub tax receipts compared with those of the county treasurer; to prevent the employment of women or children on emery wheels or buffers, and placing such establishments under the control of the labor commission; amending act incorporating Ancient Order of United Workmen, so as to provide that dependents as well as blood relative can share in the beneficiary fund; amending law relative to fraternal beneficiary fund; amending law relative to fraternal beneficiary societies so as to define specifically that such organizations must have a lodge system and a representative form of government; senatorial re-appointment bill; representative re-appointment bill; congressional re-appointment bill.

The senate finally disposed of the garnishee bill on the 14th by passing it, 24 to 2. In committee of the whole Senator Cannon tried to have the \$4 exemption granted single persons stricken out, but this failed, and the bill was agreed to. When it came up on third reading Senator High rose to a question of personal privilege, and in a long statement execrated Fred Cozens, of Detroit, from having pocketed any money in connection with the measure last session. He also stated that he was satisfied that Cozens had not made the remark attributed to him to the effect that money had to be raised to grease the legislature. High read a statement showing what money Cozens had raised, and what he had done with it, and he concluded by urging the passage of the bill. It will now have to go back to the house for concurrence in the \$4 exemption.

The senate passed the following bills on the 14th: To amend Pottery's charter; to enable Alpena to build and operate an electric lighting system; to rearrange school districts in Marathon township, Alpena county; to validate special assessments for sewer purposes in Highland Park, Wayne county; to protect fish in Saginaw river and tributaries; to revise Jackson's charter; to amend Alpena's charter; to regulate fishing in Oakland county; to secure greater comfort and safety for persons traveling on suburban street railways; to allow life insurance companies to deposit in Michigan the bonds of Michigan corporations; to exempt mortgages from taxation.

The conference committee on the railroad valuation measure reached an agreement on the night of the 14th. The bill agreed upon provides for the taxation of railroads, union station and depot companies, express companies, car loaning, refrigerator and fast line companies. The corporations excluded from the bill are telephone, telegraph and sleeping car companies, and if the agreement arrived at is upheld by both houses they will continue to pay a specific tax.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 15th: Amending charter of Alpena; allowing use of bobs and tip-ups for fishing in waters of Oakland county; increasing salary of state librarian from \$1,200 to \$1,500 a year; authorizing state auditors to investigate claim of Ben Stresen Reuter, of Kalamazoo, who was injured by the explosion of a rifle at Island Lake; agricultural mill tax, \$100,000 a year; authorizing state auditors to investigate claim of Fred L. Wait, of Mason, who was injured while drilling at Island Lake; providing an additional salary of \$1,800 a year each for the three members of the state board of auditors, together with necessary traveling and hotel expenses.

The date of final adjournment of the legislature is the all-absorbing question just now. The speaker says the house is in a fortunate position because of having all important measures out of the way, and that that body could adjourn at any time now and the state would lose nothing in the way of legislation. May 31 is probably about the date for final adjournment.

The house on the afternoon of the 15th concurred in the senate amendment to the garnishee bill. As it will go to the governor the bill allows an exemption on the wages of married persons of 80 per cent up to \$30 and a minimum exemption of \$8.

SMALLPOX IS EPIDEMIC

Among Indians of the Western Reservation

ACCORDING TO SIOUX AGENCY.

22 Persons are Quarantined Near Pierre, S. D.—Non-Union Men Mobbed by Aliens, the Outcome of a Street Railway Strike—Other Items.

Non-Union Men Mobbed. Under the escort of a platoon of mounted police and surrounded by a mob of 2,000 Albanians, 200 non-union men were taken at midnight to the Quail street car barns of the United Traction company, which is the main station of the Albany lines of the company. Stones were hurled at the non-union men as they were taken to the barns. This is the company's first step toward operating its lines with non-union men. It is reported that the non-union men hailed from Philadelphia.

Soldiers and Strikers Join in Combat. So serious was the situation in Albany, N. Y., on the 15th, on account of the street car strike, that Gov. Odell postponed a continuance of his tour to the state institutions. Notwithstanding the fact that plenty of soldiers were on hand to guard the company's property, not a car was in commission. Several clashes between the non-union men and soldiers against the union men occurred during the day. The following day, however, the United Traction company began preparations early in the morning to move its cars. One entire regiment of soldiers were stationed at the company's barn and several companies were stationed along the route. At a curve in the road a big crowd had gathered and the troops experienced considerable trouble in dispersing them. At first the troops were forced back, but were immediately ordered to "charge bayonets" and they started for the crowd. Just as they reached them there was a quick reverse of the guns and the butts smashed against the mob. With a howl the crowd started back, some with bloody faces and some with broken bones. The mob was not allowed to stop until it had been driven three blocks. This accomplished details began the work of closing up the saloons. Cars were run at irregular intervals during the day, but were not patronized very liberally.

The strikers win out. The strike at Albany was settled on the 18th, the men winning. All the seats were sent back home and the regular men were given their old positions back. The 19th was the first day of active operations of all the railway lines, but owing to the heavy rainfall, the demonstration at the starting of the first car was not attended by as many people as had been anticipated. However, pistols were fired, flags waved, torpedoes were placed on the track and exploded, the motemen and conductors wore flags on their coats and fully 200 men and women fought for the privilege of the first ride. The funeral of the two victims shot by the national guardsmen was held on the afternoon of the 19th.

Explosion in a Mine Killed Six Men. Six miners lost their lives, five were fatally injured, and three were seriously burned in an explosion at the shaft of the George's Creek Coal & Iron Co., at Farmington, seven miles west of Fairmount, W. Va., on the 15th. The miners work at a level of 253 feet below the surface. Fifteen of them were assigned to a portion of the mine that has been worked for some time, and the remainder were put to work on headings quite a distance away. One of the men in the rooms, it is alleged, had smuggled a torch into the mines as it gives a much better light than the safety lamps prescribed by the company. This is the most serious explosion that ever occurred in the Fairmount coal region.

Smallpox Epidemic Among Indians. Reports reaching the interior department show that smallpox is widespread among the Indians of the western reservations. A report on the 13th from the Cheyenne river Sioux agency in South Dakota says smallpox is prevalent throughout that reservation and that many deaths have occurred. Out of 22 persons quarantined near Pierre, S. D., there has been 1 death and 16 persons are affected. Smallpox is raging in the vicinity of the Yankeet agency, S. D., among the white population. At some of the up-river agencies numerous deaths have occurred. At Yankeet 10 extra policemen have been sworn in as an emergency measure.

35 Lives Lost in Accident. A telegram received at St. Louis, Mo., on the 13th, from Towar, Ill., announces the sinking near that place of the steamer City of Paducah, of the St. Louis & Tennessee River Packet Co. It is reported that 35 lives were lost. An excursion party was aboard the boat at the time of the accident.

An excellent crop of fruit of all kinds is promised in the vicinity of Muir. Tekonsha has a prohibitory ordinance closing the town against saloons. A beer wagon from Coldwater relieves the situation by making weekly trips to the place. The wagon has a surprisingly large patronage and is more popular than a circus.

A fine bed of marl has been discovered on the farm of Edward Creque, in Genesee township, and a report is now in order that the "biggest cement factory in the world" will be built there at once. That—the report, not the factory—is what usually follows the discovery of a marl deposit, big or little, of late.

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War news has almost entirely disappeared from the London press. Lord Kitchener contents himself with the briefest possible bulletins summing up the captures from day to day, and the meager press dispatches contain no details of any interest. Lord Kitchener's memoranda have proved that bands of guerrillas were coming into the British lines and surrendering, and that Gen. Botha and Delarey had met with heavy losses in horses and cattle. The evidence is not yet conclusive that the end of the war is near. British reinforcements are still going to the Cape from Southampton, and the war office is not suspending its active preparations for a continuance of the war.

The following was received from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, May 12: Grenfell has occupied Louisastricht, capturing 50 Boers, with rifles, Louisastricht was previously held by six British with 40 surrendered Boers. Other columns report 8 Boers killed, 20 wounded, 133 prisoners, 24 surrendered and a machine gun, 6,400 rounds of ammunition, 150 wagons and 870 horses captured.

The report that a force of Boers is concentrating under Delarey at Hartbeestfontein is regarded with a feeling of satisfaction. The British force should far outnumber the Boers, and as the latter must by this time have lost practically all their guns, Delarey cannot have any artillery with him. This fact alone should place him at a great disadvantage.

A dispatch from London, dated the 7th, says that the health of Mrs. Botha, wife of Commandant-General Botha, has broken down owing to worry, and her constant journey between her husband and Lord Kitchener, and that she is about to sail from Delagoa Bay to visit Mr. Kruger, and to appeal to him to persuade the Boers to surrender.

Mrs. Louis Botha, who has obtained consent to interview Mr. Kruger and urge him to advocate peace, sailed from Durban for Europe on the steamer Dunvegan Castle on the 13th.

CHINA WAR NEWS. Russia's efforts to facilitate the negotiations respecting China, and to hasten the withdrawal of foreign troops from the Celestial empire, is the subject of an official note, a copy of which has just been received in Washington. It contains the first complete official statement of the course of the Russian government that has been made. The statement of Russia's policy was made simultaneously with her official declaration that while maintaining the present temporary situation in Manchuria in order to preserve peace, the imperial government is content calmly to await events. It declares virtually that Russia has kept steadily in view the fact that in sending her troops into China no hostile intent was entertained toward China; on the contrary, their presence was for the purpose of rendering effective aid to the government of China in its struggle against the insurgents.

The answer of China to the statement of the ministers of the foreign powers as to the losses sustained by nations and individuals in China has been received. The answer commences with an appeal for mercy, saying that the country is impoverished. The answer explains that the utmost China can offer is 15,000,000 taels annually for the next 30 years. This amount will be derived as follows: From salt, 10,000,000 taels; from the likin tax, 2,000,000, and from native customs, 3,000,000. The communication further asserts that were this done it would leave the country unable to meet the expenses of government without assistance. It is therefore requested that the foreign governments increase their aid to the government of China to one-third and the receipts therefrom to be given to China for the purpose of government. The ministers refuse to discuss this answer until it has been considered by them in meeting.

At midnight on the 18th Gen. Chaffee issued his farewell order ending the American relief expedition in China. The troops will go direct to Manila.

CUBA AND PHILIPPINE NEWS. The U. S. Philippine commission finds that the internal revenue collections in most of the provinces are not sufficient to support the provincial governments until the beginning of the collections of land taxes, a year hence, and appropriations of \$2,000 to \$3,000 will be made from the insular treasury in favor of several of the provinces. These appropriations will be considered to be loans. In addition, the provincial laws will be amended so as to require a sequela of one peso from all males over 18, half of which will go to the province and half to the municipality.

The treasury at Washington has begun the payment of sundry army expenses in the Philippines, including rents and rewards for surrendered arms, formerly borne by the insular treasury.

A dispatch from Constantinople announces the wholesale shooting of revolutionary Macedonians including women. Twenty-four persons were executed at Monastir, 14 at Beria, 18 at Iating, 18 at Serez and 29 at Uskub.

State Oil Inspector Judson, in his quarterly report to the board of state auditors for the first three months of the present year, reports total fees collected of \$11,510.00 and total expenses of \$7,964.46, leaving a balance of \$3,545.50 to be turned into the state treasury.

The British steamer Para, Capt. Stranger, which arrived at Kingston, Ja., on the 19th, from Colon, reports the suspension of hostilities on the part of the Colombian rebels, and that the Colombian government is believed to be negotiating to end the revolution.

UNLICKABLE TRAGEDY.

An Indiana Man Murders Three and Then Commits Suicide. Ernest Conway, aged 27, married, of Evansville, Ind., shot and killed C. W. Garrison and wife, fatally wounded a patrolman, and driven to desperation by the police, killed himself, on the 19th. After killing Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, his neighbors, he shot their cows and later set fire to the barn. He then barricaded himself in his own house and when a patrolman attempted to arrest him, he shot him. At this point a riot alarm was sounded and the entire police department turned out. They surrounded the house and were about ready to break in when they heard a shot. Later it was learned that Conway had killed his wife good-bye, ran upstairs and shot himself in the heart.

Murder at Conneville, Pa. Conneville, Pa., was the scene of a murder on the night of the 18th, when a mob broke into the jail with the intent purpose of lynching Wm. Fairfax, the negro murderer, and murdered Assistant Yardmaster Moore instead. To add to the night's excitement another shooting occurred which will result in murder. The victim was John Human and his assailant was Frank Jett, both colored. The latter two men, together with a woman, got into a quarrel during a drinking bout, and Human was shot in the abdomen. He cannot live.

The crisis in Mrs. McKinley's condition was passed on the 19th, and the patient was able to sit up for a short time during the afternoon. Her physicians believe she will now continue to improve.

King Edward (who was born Nov. 9, 1841) has decided that his birthday shall be celebrated May 24, each year, thus perpetuating the holiday hitherto observed by all the public departments—Queen Victoria's birthday—and giving an impetus to the colonial movement to observe the date as Empire day.

The revolutionary movement among the laboring classes of Russia is spreading. There have been 400 arrests of operators during the last few days and a number of editors as well as women have been arrested. Two professors, who were placed under arrest, have been transferred to positions in the interior.

A Flint woman, who was afraid of burglars, placed \$33 in bills in an old cigar box for safe keeping over night. It was housecleaning time and with so many other things on her mind she forgot all about the money in the morning, and seeing the old box lying around she tossed it into the stove to get it out of the way. When she remembered, there wasn't enough of the bills left to wad a gun; not even a small gun.

BASE BALL.

Below we publish the standing of the American and National league clubs up to and including the games played on Sunday, May 19:

Table with columns: AMERICAN LEAGUE, Club, Won, Lost, Per cent. Detroit, 16, 7, .696; Chicago, 16, 7, .696; Baltimore, 11, 7, .617; Washington, 11, 6, .611; Boston, 8, 10, .444; Milwaukee, 8, 15, .348; Philadelphia, 6, 13, .316; Cleveland, 6, 17, .261.

Table with columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE, Club, Won, Lost, Per cent. Cincinnati, 13, 8, .619; New York, 10, 7, .588; Pittsburgh, 12, 9, .571; Boston, 11, 10, .524; Philadelphia, 10, 11, .476; Brooklyn, 9, 11, .456; Chicago, 10, 14, .417; St. Louis, 9, 13, .409.

LIVE STOCK.

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Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats. No. 2 red, No. 2 mix, No. 2 white. New York, 79 7/8, 50 5/8, 34 3/4; Chicago, 71 1/2, 44 1/2, 28 3/4; Detroit, 75 7/8, 49 1/2, 33 3/4; Toledo, 75 7/8, 49 1/2, 33 3/4; Cincinnati, 76 1/2, 49 1/2, 34 3/4; Pittsburgh, 77 1/2, 47 1/2, 34 3/4; Buffalo, 76 1/2, 48 1/2, 33 3/4.

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