



Thirty lives were lost in a mine disaster at Thomas, West Virginia.

The Hammond Packing company and Morris & Company of Chicago, have withdrawn from the state of Arkansas on account of the judgment recently entered against the Hammond Company for \$10,000 for violating the anti-trust law.

Frank O. Briggs was elected by the legislature of New Jersey to succeed Senator Dryden. The democrats gave their votes to James E. Martine.

The Nebraska legislature, republican, has passed anti-slip subsidy resolutions.

Former Governor Preston H. Leslie died at his home in Helena, Montana, aged 88 years.

The South Dakota legislature has passed an anti-pass bill.

John A. Creighton, a well known philanthropist and democrat, died at his home in Omaha. Business in the city was entirely suspended during the hour of his funeral.

An Havana, Cuba, dispatch to the New York World says: Governor Magoon has issued a decree prescribing the organization of the new Cuban army. After quoting the law of last September providing for the increase of the rural guard to 10,000 men and the artillery to 2,000 men, the decree declares that all able bodied male citizens between twenty-one and forty-five years of age shall constitute the national forces, which shall consist of a permanent army and a force of militia. The militia is to be utilized only in cases of emergency. The permanent army is to be designated the "Armed Force of the Republic." Both forces are to be under the sole authority of the executive for the suppression of ladronism, insurrection, illegal gatherings, breaches of the peace and other violations of the law.

The permanent army shall consist of a general staff, a corps of rural guard, a corps of field artillery and a corps of coast artillery, the whole under the command of a major general.

The rural guard corps shall consist of two regiments of infantry, four regiments of cavalry and one machine-gun company; the field artillery of two battalions of four companies each, and the coast artillery of eight companies. All enlistments in the permanent army are to be for four years.

The cost of maintenance for the permanent army is estimated at \$1,761,000 a year.

The Discussion in an editorial article on the decree, says:

"The whole country will be surprised by the order written in the hand of a foreign governor, establishing in Cuba compulsory military service. No one can hope that the plan announced for the increase and reorganization of the rural guard will fail to tend to the militarization of our country. From today all Cubans must be soldiers."

An Havana, Cuba, dispatch to the New York World follows:

It is authentically reported here that Manuel Silveira, the former Havana banker, who was reported to

have been short nearly \$1,000,000, and who fled to Venezuela last October, has cornered all the available shipping cattle of that country—over 60,000 head—representing over \$1,500,000.

Venezuela practically supplies the Cuban market, and Silveira's move will embarrass the local stockmen greatly, probably forcing them to purchase through him. Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez, prominently mentioned for the presidency of Cuba, left a few days ago for Caracas. It is said that he goes to arrange with Silveira details for the control of the Cuban beef trade. Gomez will probably attend to the Cuban end of the business.

A New Orleans dispatch by the Associated Press says: In the orange grove country, sixty miles below here, about thirty feet of the Mississippi river levee broke where crawfish had bored through the embankment. The break was about twelve feet deep. By night state engineers had succeeded in closing the break, having driven a row of piling around the front of the opening. The stage of the river here today was a little over 18.6 feet, a rise of .2 since Saturday. The water is now two inches above the level of the head of Canal street. The temporary levee, however, is two feet above the water and no danger is apprehended.

Mayor Schmitz and the school board of San Francisco arrived in Washington for the purpose of discussing with President Roosevelt the Japanese question. Mayor Schmitz said the Japanese were not barred from the schools but that segregation was found necessary.

The country home of John Wanamaker near Philadelphia was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Havana cablegrams of February 8 say that on orders from Secretary Taft, Governor Magoon has postponed the decree providing for an increase from 6,000 to 12,000 men of the rural guards.

Justice of the Peace Robert Cortese was injured at Paterson, New Jersey by the explosion of an infernal machine sent him by express. He died several hours later. Paterson dispatches claim that the work was the result of Italian law breakers whom the justice prosecuted.

A Penza, Russian, cablegram follows: "S. A. Alexandrovsky, governor of Penza, was shot and killed by a young man as he was leaving the theatre last night. In a desperate attempt to escape the assassin also killed the assistant chief of police and a policeman, and wounded the manager of the theatre. Before the terrorist could be captured he shot himself and during the night died in a hospital. The assassin was not identified. The bullets which he used in his revolver were subsequently discovered to be poisoned."

Dispatches say that Honduras and Nicaragua are spoiling for a fight.

John D. Rockefeller, on February 8, announced the gift of \$32,000,000 to the general education board. This it is said brings his gifts to education up to \$79,000,000.

SCIENCE IN DAIRY METHODS

In Denmark the dairymen have succeeded in making every animal pay profits. This was done by thirty or more owners of dairies employing an

official tester to report upon the results from individual cows. After carefully weighing the milk for a given time the inspector reported on the individuals in each herd. The result was that poor cows went to the meat market and the producing value of dairy cows increased in one year from \$13 to \$60 each. Such results came from a system of working everything for profit. That is the spirit that controls in successful agriculture.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

A CONSCIENTIOUS EXPRESSMAN

Loren Baker, who, in addition to being an agent for the American Express company, is a devout Christian, with the courage of his convictions, resigned his position with the company rather than deliver a package containing tobacco. Baker holds, among other beliefs, that tobacco and whiskey are evils not to be compromised with, and his belief would not permit him to place in the hands of another man the means of becoming a slave to the weed. Consequently he handed in his resignation, which was accepted.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

NO SURPLUS WEALTH

"What are you going to do with your surplus wealth?"

"My friend," answered Mr. Dustin Stax, "surplus wealth is a myth, a superstition. There is no such thing in the personal experience of any individual."—Washington Star.

ONCE UPON A TIME

"All roads," declared Caesar, "lead to Rome. Furthermore, I may say that they are not controlled by Harriman." Then he drew up his knees, urged his horse ahead and crossed the Rubicon.—Chicago Record-Herald.

THE EVERLASTING STORY

Master, tell me of the glory that upon the mountain lies; Tell the great and thrilling story of the stars that gem the skies; Tell me of the wise provisions that the kind Creator makes For each shrub and breathing creature that of earth's rich bounty takes.

Master, tell me of the wonders lying in the coral cave; Tell a story of the thunders of applause won by the brave; Tell me of the world's great heroes and the battles they have fought; Tell me of the birth of science and the knowledge it has brought.

Master, tell me of the nations and the glories they have won, Tell me of the Lord's creations, and when all the rest are done, Tell once more the greatest story of all stories ever penned— Man's consuming love for woman, and his triumph, at "The End." S. E. Kaiser in Chicago Record-Herald.

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