

cablegram says: "The decree recites that after King Carlos and Crown Prince Luiz had been shot dead, the queen, with noble courage and maternal instinct, flung herself in front of her son, and endeavored to thrust aside the weapon of Costa, leveled at him. Her escape was remarkable. The bullet struck her corsage, was deflected and grazed the forearm of the prince. The cabinet has given its unanimous approval to these decorations, never before conferred upon a woman. His majesty has decorated also the policeman who shot Buissa, the man who killed the king, with the order of the tower and the sword. This decoration gives the recipient the rank of an officer and entitles him to a royal pension."

The Cuban congress has passed a bill providing for a national lottery. It is estimated that this will bring to the government a revenue amounting to more than two million dollars a year.

A St. Petersburg cablegram says: "Lieutenant General Anatole M. Stoessel and Rear Admiral Nebogatoff have been released from confinement in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul by order of Emperor Nicholas. The health of both men has been gravely affected by their confinement. General Stoessel was found guilty by court-martial of surrendering the fortress of Port Arthur to the Japanese and was serving a sentence of ten years' imprisonment. Admiral Nebogatoff was sentenced to be interned in a fortress for the same length of time for surrendering to the enemy at the battle of the Sea of Japan. Stoessel began his sentence March 20, 1908, while Nebogatoff took up his quarters in the fortress April 15, 1907. Rear Admiral Gregorieff and Lieutenant Smrnof, subordinate officers under Nebogatoff in the Russo-Japanese war, were pardoned and released from the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul a month ago. These officers had been sentenced to death for having surrendered their commands, but in view of extenuating circumstances their sentences were commuted."

In a speech delivered in the senate, Senator Beveridge of Indiana charged the American Tobacco company with selling short weight packages. He declared in eight years this trust had robbed the consumers of \$184,000,000.

The Missouri supreme court has rendered a decision showing the importance of one word. A special to the Post-Dispatch from Jefferson City, Mo., says: "The two-year penitentiary sentence of Ferd Warner, a former member of the St. Louis house of delegates, fixed by the jury which convicted him of bribery, was reversed and remanded by the Missouri supreme court today. Warner and Fred Priesmeyer, also a member of the city council, were arrested in the house of delegates chamber October 18, 1907, after a transaction with marked bills furnished by Henry Ascher, who was seeking the passage of a garage-regulating bill." The dispatch adds that Justice Gantt, who wrote the decision, declared the indictment defective because it alleged that Warner's offense was "against the dignity of state." The phrase, the court holds, should have been "the dignity of the state."

Here is an interesting report of one day's proceedings in the house: "Washington, D. C.—'An ass of the first magnitude.' 'Perhaps one of Sherman's bums who robbed defenseless men and women.' 'Contemptible little whelp.' 'A political nonentity from Ohio.' 'A pale-faced luminary.' 'A pusillanimous pigmy from Ohio.'

These were some of the characterizations of Mr. Hollingsworth of Ohio, in editorials, which he had read in the house today affecting his resolution recently offered protesting against the portrait of Jefferson Davis on the silver service to be presented to the battleship Mississippi. These editorials accused him of 'waving the bloody shirt,' and appeared in the Daily Clarion-Ledger of Jackson, Miss., April 30; the Southern Sentinel, Ripley, Miss., May 6; the Shreveport Caucasian, Shreveport, La., May 4, and one other paper, name not given. The reading of the editorials caused a great commotion and at times moved the members to great laughter. Finally Messrs. Bartlett of Georgia, and Fitzgerald of New York, objected to further 'lumbering up the records' and demanded that the speaker rule on the question of privilege. In an elaborate opinion Speaker Cannon held that Mr. Hollingsworth had not been attacked in his representative capacity and he was not permitted to proceed further. Later Mr. Hollingsworth sought unanimous consent, first to print a speech on the subject, or else to address the house for thirty minutes. Mr. Harrison of New York, objected, whereupon Mr. Hollingsworth wanted the speaker to tell him why the objection was made. 'The chair can not tell,' said the speaker suavely, 'what moved the gentleman to object, because he is not a mind reader.' This sally convulsed the house with laughter."

President Taft is to open the Yukon-Alaska exposition at Seattle June 1 with the splendid gold telegraphic key presented to him today by Secretary Ballinger and the congressional delegation from Washington. The key is mounted on Alaska marble and is ornamented with twenty-two handsome gold nuggets from Alaska. The key will be connected with the White house telegraph wires and the president will touch it on the day of the opening, thereby setting in motion the machinery of the exposition.

Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., who was convicted for the killing of William E. Annis, was sentenced to the New York state prison for an indeterminate sentence of not less than eight years nor more than sixteen years.

Broughton Brandenburg, the magazine writer, who gave to the New York Times the bogus Cleveland letter which the republican national committee used to good effect in the 1908 campaign, is now a prisoner in New York.

Five men were hanged at Constantinople under orders from the new sultan. A cablegram from Constantinople says: "They had been found guilty by court martial of complicity in the murder of their officers in the revolutionary outbreak of April 13. Among them was one non-commissioned officer—the others were junior officers. The men sang hymns while they were being conveyed from the war office, where they had been confined, to the place of execution. They continued their songs while the final preparations for the hanging were being completed and up to the very moment that the stools on which they were standing with the ropes around their necks were knocked out from under their feet. All through the condemned men were as calm as if saying their prayers in a mosque."

An Associated Press cablegram from Zacatecas, Mexico, says: "Rendered insane by the appearance of the twin brother of his victim, whom he believed was the ghost of the man he had murdered, Antonio

Aguillan fell to his knees pleading for mercy and babbled the story of his crime. Until that moment the murder of Eustacia Aguillan had been veiled in mystery. Eustacia's twin brother, Juan, who had been absent from home for years, returned to the city yesterday, and accidentally met his uncle, Antonio. The latter did not know of the return of Juan and when he saw him on the street his resemblance to the murdered brother was so striking that he thought the spirit of the nephew he had killed had returned to haunt him. Prostrating himself, he begged to be killed. He was taken into custody and is believed to be hopelessly insane."

Republican politicians of Kansas continue to make generous contributions to the gaiety of the nation. A Topeka dispatch to the New York World says: "President Taft has announced in heated terms to Governor W. R. Stubbs of Kansas, that the White House, so long as he occupies it, is not to be used to promote factional strife in any state of the union. In the same mail Attorney General Wickersham received instructions to fire Robert Stone, who had been appointed a few days before an assistant in the department of justice. Governor Stubbs is a product of the recent upheaval that put Chester I. Long out of the senate and Joseph L. Bristow in. Governor Stubbs has red hair and a disposition to match, with energy to carry the combination. When Mr. Taft was on his campaign tour Mr. Stubbs boarded the special train at the frontier of his state and made speeches from the rear platform until the state capital was reached. Mr. Taft stood for one of the speeches and then retired to his stateroom. When other towns were reached and the insistent call for the presidential candidate would not be denied, the train crew and other Taft friends aboard elbowed Mr. Stubbs (who was then only running for governor) into a corner while the presidential candidate showed himself. Governor Stubbs is an avowed candidate for the seat in the senate occupied by Mr. Curtis and is especially attacking Representative Anthony of Topeka, who is a friend of Senator Curtis. Recently the governor was in Washington and asked the appointment of a friend to a place in the department of justice. Mr. Taft consented, expecting to talk to the Kansas delegation in congress about it. The governor, however, rushed home and caused to be printed in newspapers favoring him large gloats over the fact that Mr. Stubbs had pulled off an appointment in Washington without the knowledge or consent of the Kansas senators or representatives. When these articles were shown to Mr. Taft he revoked the appointment of the young man from Topeka and told Governor Stubbs what he thought about his tactics."

George Meredith, the English novelist, died at London aged 81 years. A cablegram to the Denver News says: "The immediate cause of death was heart disease, following grave symptoms that developed early in the evening. Meredith's illness began on May 14, and he had steadily declined since that time. So serious was his condition last night that the attending physician remained constantly at his bedside. George Meredith was born in Hampshire, February 12, 1828. On the occasion of his 80th birthday he was showered with congratulations from all parts of the world, and was visited by a deputation headed by Anthony Hope, and presented with an address signed by Algernon Charles Swinburne, Thomas Hardy, John Morley and more than a hundred leaders in art, letters and scholar-

ship. Meredith's first poems appeared in 1851, and were followed in rapid succession by various novels and additional poems and ballads. (Continued on Page 14).

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