# TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Fair to Look Upon.

All the big countries as well as the little ones are recognizing Panama since she fell heir to \$10,000,000.

#### Strennous Life.

In San Domingo they go to sleep un der one administration, awaken under another and have to hurry some if they beat the third to breakfast.

#### Need It in Their Business.

Castro's government in Venezuela has bought 12,000,000 rounds of ammunition. The main business of government in Venezuela is shooting.

#### No Definite Plans for the Future. The Texas convict who was sen-

tenced to 1,000 years in the penitentiary has formed no definite plans yet as to what he shall do when his term expires.

# A Margin for Economy.

Secretary Shaw figures out that Uncle Sam will need \$624,562,146.07 next year. By a little stern economy that seven cents might be clipped from the bill.

#### Ecuador's Predicament.

Having no revolution available for immediate use, Ecuador has had to fall back on the "slight earthquake" to hold place with its neighbors in the news column.

#### Harmless Firing.

In Colorado 100 shots were fired between the deputy sheriffs and the striking miners and not a person hurt. About 10,000,000 words have also been fired with similar results.

#### No Reckless Haste.

President Roosevelt may be somewhat impulsive, but he is not showing any reckless haste to act on the suggestion of the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune that he withdraw.

#### Little Less Than a Graveyard.

Panama is little less than a graveyard. Last year one-tenth of the population died and the death rate in any year is not much better. But they don't boil the water in Panama.

Until the Money Is Gone. There is to be another Santo Dominican revolution. Of course there is. Didn't Wos y Gil get away with \$1,750,000? There will be revolutions until there isn't a cent left in San Domingo.

# Missouri Led All Others.

Missouri led all the states last season in the amount of cotton produced per acre. The Missouri average was 232 pounds. Indian territory stood next, with 231 pounds, and Louisiana and Oklahoma were third, with 223 pounds. Arkansas averaged 196 pounds and Texas 143 pounds.

# Beginning of the Descent.

Col. Albert A. Pope at a banquet in Chicago laid the blame of the failure of the bicycle combine to the fact that it ceased advertising at a critical time. His remarks further pointed the moral that it is not enough to tell all the people some time that one has what they want, nor some of the people all the time if one is aiming at success.

# Unfortunate Condition.

Over \$0,000 cotton mill hands in Massachusetts have had their wages lowered as a result of the increased cost of cotton. But two or three speculators in New Orleans have made millions of dollars, and some speculators elsewhere have profited generally. Possibly this cannot be helped. But it is most unfortunate that 80,000 millworkers should suffer while a few men make millions.

# Uncle Sam's Silver Pile.

Secretary Shaw's report informs the American people that the quantity of silver now stored in the vaults of the treasury department would fill almost 500 freight cars, each carrying a load of 30 tons. Figures so prodigious bewilder the average citizen. Yet, with such mountainous heaps of the white metal in possession of the national government, the supply of silver coins of less denomination than a dollar is insufficient. The secretary suggests that congress should adopt some plan of relief.

# Railway Mail Service.

At the close of the fiscal year of 1903 there were 2,935 railway mail routes in use by the post office department, with an aggregate length of 192,852 miles. The cost of transportation, or "annua! rate of expenditure," was \$36,607,524. Twenty-six years ago the annual rate of expenditure was \$8,463,197, or less than a quarter of the rate last year. Moreover, \$5,279,323 was expended in 1902-03 for railway post office cars, and the aggregate of all transportation costs of 1902-03 was of 40 armed men formed and is pursu-\$65,186,715.

# TRY TO "SAVE"

European Powers Will Persuade Colombia of the Futility of War.

No Sympathy from Any Other Than South American Coungries Should Hostilities Be Declared -Colombian Troops Land 4 Panama Soll.

Washington, Dec. 22.-Diplomatic pressure will be brought to bear upon Colombia by several European powers to prevent war between that country and the United States. The first step in this direction already has been taken by several foreign powers through their representatives here, who have informed Gen. Rafael Reyes of the futility of any attempt by Colombia to retake Panama, declaring that it will result only in precipitating the Bogota government into war with the United States, and have said to him that the result of such a catastrophe Colombia herself must realize. If this is not sufficient the representatives of these countries at Bogota will be instructed to inform President Marroquin that Colombia can expect no sympathy from the European powers in any movement she may make on Panama which would inevitably involve her in war with the United

A Pathway Thorugh the Jungles. Washington, Dec. 22.-Official confirmation has reached Washington of the landing of the Colombian troops on the island of Los Linos which lies close to the coast of Panama. These troops number 80 and they have taken up a position on this high island with the intention of making paths through

#### MUST NOT MOLEST DEAD.

Chicago Chief of Police Declares Striking Union Livery Drivers Have Gone Beyoud Limit of Endurance.

Chicago, Dec. 22. - Picketing of start, whether peaceful or violent, by O'Nelll.

"This picketing of homes from which funerals are being held is beyond the toleration of a civilized community," said Chief O'Neill. "Your zeal has carried you beyond the pale of endurance and such an unheard-of thing as carrying labor troubles to the houses of the dead will not be allowed by the permit picketing of any kind around a house where a funeral is to proceed. And I must say that it ought not to be necessary for me to take this step. Law or no law, picketing of every kind around these houses will have to stop. I shall take my chances with the courts on the question if my conduct is questioned in any court.'

# Catholies Want Aid for Schools.

Washington, Dec. 22.- The fight for a revival of the policy of government aid to sectarian schools will be renewed when congress assembles. The board of Catholic Indian missions has been conducting a quiet campaign in this connection for several months, and its plans are now perfected. The matter will be brought up in the house when the Indian appropriation bill is under consideration, but it is not expected that that body will act in the affirmative.

# Killed and Robbed a Cripple.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 22.-S. C. Barnes was, according to the theory of the police, murdered here Saturday night and then robbed. Barnes has been missing for several days and evidences of his murder were found yesterday evening. Barnes had \$1,300 with him. He was a cripple and walked with crutches. Both crutches have been found and have been identified by a brother of the missing man.

Working for a Tariff for Revenue Only. Boston, Dec. 22.—Congressman John S. Williams, of Mississippi, the democratic leader of the national house of representatives, was the principal return in three hours. speaker at the annual dinner of the Massachusetts Free Trade league here last night. According to Congressman Williams, the goal in the tariff reform race is not free trade, but a tariff for revenue only.

# A Vice Syndicate.

St. Louis, Dec. 22.-The lastest syndicate is of the vice variety and formed here with some of the town boodlers as main supporters, to import 60,000 girls from Europe next year-world's fair year. Church societies and the Salvation army are joining forces to prevent and prosecute the members of the vice syndicate.

# Iola Mob After a Negro.

Iola, Kan., Dec. 22.-An unknown negro shot Len Wilson in the hip after holding him up in a hollow near town and then escaped. Soon after Wilson was brought to town a posse ing the negro, who is a stranger.

#### DEAD IN A TRAIN WRECK.

At Godfrey, Kan., a Brakeman Did Not Fing the "Meteor" and It Ran into an Open Switch.

Fort Scott, Kan., Dec. 22.-The northbound Frisco Meteor, the Oklahoma express, was wrecked at 4:55 o'clock yesterday morning five miles south of here by running into an open switch. As a result eight people are dead and about 20 are injured, three probably fatally. The train was late and was running at a high speed. The Meteor was to pass a freight at Godfrey. The engine of the freight was, through lack of water, out of steam upon the siding. A man was sent back to flag the Meteor, so that it would slow up and pass the freight, the passenger taking the siding. By some accident the train was not signaled and the wreck was the result. J. A. Bartley, the flagman, has not been seen nor heard from since he was sent back to warn the Meteor. Every car was turned over except the two sleepers. The smoking car was reduced to kindling wood.

The killed are: George Hoyt, of Sapulpa, I. T.; conductor; Charles Deweese, engineer, of Fort Scott; Theodore Bishard, fireman, of Fort Scott; James H. Twyman (colored), of Fleming, Kan.; Asa Moreland, of Lenexa, Kan.; Lon Corbin, of Bessie, Ok.; Joe Corbin, brother of Lon, of Bessie, Ok .: James Kirkpatrick, of Mosley, Clay county, Mo. The probably fatally injured: Sheridan Kanable, of Coopertown, Ok., face, hands and limbs burned and cut; John Blubaker, news agent, of Kansas City, burned all over: B. F. Garraway, of Jonesboro, Ark., back sprained, face and body burned all over.

#### Fire Chief Perished.

New York, Dec. 22.-The famous "two nines" fire alarm, summoning more fire apparatus than any other alarm provided for by New York's fire department, was sounded last night for a terrific fire which destroyed the houses from which funerals are to six-story factory building of the Herrmann furniture and plumbing cabinet union livery drivers, who went on works in Mott street and the fourstrike four days ago and which has story varnish factory of the firm, run seriously interfered with the burial of under the name of the Herrmann Lumthe dead in Chicago, is to be prevented ber company. A quarter of a million by the police under direct orders is- dollars damage was done. Battalion sued last night by Chief of Police Chief Martin Coleman perished in the fall of two great walls of the factory.

#### Restitution Will Not Count.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.—The restitution by former Adjt. Gen. Colby, of the Nebraska national guard, of \$2,200 in state funds, which he has held since he retired from office a year ago, will scarcely save him from criminal prosepolice. Under no circumstances will I cution. Colby paid the money over to Gov. Mickey, but the executive announces that the former adjutant general must expect to pay the penalty of whatever transgression of the laws of the state his acts have involved.

# Money to Fight Saloons.

Enid, Ok., Dec. 22.-An organization of 1,200 members, backed by a fund of \$5,000, raised by popular subscription, to which one man, D. W. Eastman, gave \$1,000, has started a fight on illegal liquor selling here. Sixteen saloon-keepers are under arrest and two have skipped town to avoid prosecu-

# Relustates Expelled Members.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 22.-The Jacksonian club of Nebraska, one of the first clubs in the west to support William Jennings Bryan, has unanimously voted to reinstate 40 former members of the club who were expelled seven years ago for failing to support Bryan and the national democratic platform.

# Howell Favors Panama Treaty.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22.-Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution and democratic national committeeman from Georgia, defends President Roosevelt's Panama policy, and condemns the opposition being manifested by the democratic senators.

# Lost in Floating Ice Fields.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Search has been abandoned for the three hunters who are supposed to have been lost in the floating ice fields out in Lake Michigan. The men have been missing 36 hours. When they left shore they expected to

# Resigns to Become Mayor.

Washington, Dec. 22.-Speaker Cannon has received a letter from Representative George B. McCiellan (mayorelect of Greater New York) saying he forwarded his resignation as a member of the house to Gov. Odell.

Alfonso to Wed His Consin? Madrid, Dec. 22.-According to the Spanish newspapers, a project is on foot for the marriage of King Alfonso to his cousin, Princess Maria del Pilar of Bavaria. She is 13 years of age.

#### Keekuk Starch Factory Burned. Keokuk, Ia., Dec. 22.-Fire destroyed the main buildings of Hubinger Bros. starch factory, the largest independent

factory in the country. The loss is \$250,000, insurance \$100,000. "Conscience" Contribution from Iowa. Washington, Dec. 22.-The secretary of the treasury has received in an en-

velope postmarked Dubuque, Ia.,

conscience contribution of \$30.

#### The Sale of Lands to the United States Eliminated Also the Former Owners for They Have No Money to Reinvest.

FRIARS WILL LEAVE

Religious Order No Longer Has

Foothold in Philippines.

Rome, Dec. 20 .- The settlement of the friars lands question in the Philippines also practically settles, it is considered here, the question of the friars themselves. The Franciscans, it and it was impossible to put the train is believed, will abandon the islands altogether since they have no money to purchase lands and have no other means of support. A few of the recollects will remain, as they have still some property there. The Dominicans will be looked after by their university and the Augustinians will re-occupy the building erected at Iloilo, which is now used by the Americans as a barracks, and will claim an indemnity from the government. The Augustinians will use the building as a school.

It is believed that the number of friars remaining in the Philippines with the consent of the new American bishops will not exceed 150, but no more will be sent to the archipelago, owing to the lack of funds. Under the old regime Spain paid for the transportation of friars to the Philippines.

#### ANOTHER GREAT BRIDGE.

Structure Which Spans the East River Cost \$21,000,000 and Was Seven Years in Building.

New York, Dec. 20.-The new Williamsburg bridge, the second and greater bridge across the East river, connecting the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, was turned over to the city and formally opened Saturday. The new bridge, construction of which was begun October 28, 1896, is about a mile above the Brooklyn bridge, which it greatly resembles in type and appearance, though much larger. Its length between terminals is 7,200 feet and its width 118 feet, the Brooklyn bridge being 85 feet wide. The bridge proper cost about \$11,000,000 and the condemning of land for approaches brought the total cost to about \$21,-000,000.

#### HELD HIM LIKE A VICE.

William Becker Stepped into a Treacherous Piece of Mud and Could Not Free Himself.

Unionport, N. Y., Dec. 20.-William Becker, 80 years old, an inmate of the Odd Fellows' home here, has met his death in an unusual manner. Although extremely feeble. Becker was fond of walking and while on one of his rambles near the edge of Westchester creek he got into a treacherous piece of mud. Like the dreaded quicksand, it sucked him down and he was unable to move. The tide was rising and in a short time was up to his waist. He cried for help and struggled vainly for release, but the water rose slowly above his head and when the tide went out the old man was found dead.

# CANNOT BORROW IN LONDON.

The Rothschilds Declare a Deaf Ear Would Be Turned to Russia's Appeal for a Loan of \$125,000,000.

London, Dec. 20.—The Rothschilds bave heard nothing of any suggestions that Russia will attempt to raise a loan of \$125,000,000 or any other amount in Great Eritain and they declare that the report is probably unfounded. Russia, they say, could not raise a loan here and judging from their latest advices from Paris it would probably be equally difficult for Russia to raise more money in France.

# Chased Him 3.000 Miles.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 21.—After a chase of 3,000 miles, extending from San Diego, Cal., to Norfolk and lasting from June 15 until Saturday, Thomas J. Blake, alias Ed Hall, was arrested here accused of being a deserter from the navy and a murderer.

A Well-Known New York Lawyer Dead. Washington, Dec. 21.-Frederick R. Coudert, the well-known lawyer of New York city, died here yesterday from an affection of the heart with which he had suffered for several Read the Booklet; send for years. He was 71 years old.

Died of Consumption on the Train. Modesto, Cal., Dec. 21.-Miss Ellen Culver, of Wichita, Kan., died suddenly yesterday on the Southern Pacific train while en route from Portland, Ore., to Wichita. Consumption was the cause of death.

# Mrs. Wood Sails for Manila.

New York, Dec. 20.-By special permission of the war department, Mrs. Wood, the wife of Cen. Wood, and her three-year-old son sailed on the transport Kilpatrick for Manila on Satur-

Peru Defies South American States. Lima, Peru, Dec. 20 .- By a decree dated December 18 the Peruvian government has recognized the republic of Panama.

#### COURT KNEW ENGLISH.

The Expression Was in the Negative, But Not Commonly Understood That Way.

"Ten dollars," said the judge.
"But, your honor," said the prisoner, "I protest against this fine. I have the right to make a defense against the charge,

"But you have pleaded guilty," said the judge, according to the New York Times.
"I beg your honor's pardon. I denied the charge in the plantate terms." "I beg your nonor's parterns."
the charge in the plainest terms."
"Young man," said the judge sternly. "Young man," said the judge sternly. want to call your attention to the

that the court understands the English language. You have pleaded guilty in unmistakable words. The plaintiff charges you with assault and battery. It is clearly evident that he has been assaulted and battered. According to your own state-ment, he approached you on the street and used abusive language toward you. Then you say that you 'didn't do a thing to him.' If the court understands the language spoken by millions of people you immediately wiped up the earth with him, The fine stands, and any further reflection upon the court's knowledge of English will cost you \$10 more."

#### A Western Woolgrower.

Newcastle, Wyo., Dec. 21.—There is a man in this place who claims that no one need suffer with backache, as he has proven in his own case that it can be completely and permanently cured. His name is S. C. Holst, and he is a

stock raiser a woolgrower. "I was shearing sheep at the time the first pain came on," says Mr. Holst. "I was so bad for two years afterwards that could hardly sit down, and when once down, it was almost impossible for me to get up again.
"I tried all the medicine I could hear

of and several doctors without help, not even for a moment. I used Dodd's Kidney Pills and they made a new man out of me. I felt as if there was new blood in my veins. I am as stout in the back as a mule and can lift and work as hard as I please without an ache or pain in any part of my body.

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#### Gentus,

Wiggles-Dawson is a versatile sort of a

chap, isn't he? Waggle—I should say he was. He can make just as good a speech at a ward caucus as he can at the anniversary of a Sunday school.-Somerville Journal.

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