

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

SOGGY LONDON.

The year's record for London is 205 rainy days; and 6,000,000 people continue to live there.

California's Resources.

California figures that it will be able to support 20,000,000 people when the year 2,000 rolls around.

Room for Improvement.

Pictures of Seoul make it look like a collection of coal mining hovels in West Virginia. It doesn't matter into whose hands it falls, it can't help but be "improved."

Certain in Any Event.

Physicians now split hairs so that they attribute death to "heart failure due to diphtheria." Likewise, death may result from heart failure, due to decapitation.

Japan's Consuming Desire.

Japan now has a military strength of 200,000 men, every one of whom appears to cherish a secret desire for an opportunity to prove that he can whip any five Russians on earth.

"Home, Sweet Home."

In New York, says a divorce lawyer, there are from 500 to 1,000 homes in which husbands and wives never speak to each other. It seems there ought to be enough hard work in the world without voluntarily adding more.

"He That Doeth the Poor."

A distinguished vendor of various kinds of oil drew a quarterly dividend of \$1,480,000, boosted the price of the article and delivered an eloquent address on "He that doeth the poor giveth to the Lord," illustrated by himself.

Good Thing to Spread.

Matrimony has become such an epidemic among the teachers of Omaha that the schools are suffering. The officials are unable to stem the virulence of the epidemic and find themselves unable to apply a single remedy to the case.

The Great Southwest.

The railway mileage of Texas has reached 11,294, or half that of Great Britain. New construction in Texas this year amounts to 405 miles, and 793 miles are under contract. The railway boom is still centered in the southwest.

Prime Cause of War.

Our minister of Korea complains that his silk hat rubs against the top of the legation roof. But what objection has he to the custom of removing one's hat indoors? It would seem to be a question of removing the hat or removing the roof.

How China Must Feel.

With Great Britain trying to steal Tibet, Japan trying to steal Korea, Russia trying to steal Manchuria and Germany trying to steal anything that is not nailed down, China must feel like a minority stockholder in the United States Shipbuilding company.

Overworked Government Clerks.

There is consternation among government clerks at Washington because they will in future be required to work seven hours a day, with only two months' leave on full pay per annum. As a taskmaster Uncle Sam is getting to be just too horrid for anything.

Isn't He a Bear?

The governor of Massachusetts pleads for woman suffrage, and criticizes a "one-sided" form of government in which "we men deliberately refuse to avail ourselves of the benefits to be derived from the fine intuition, the sensitive conscience and the different but brilliant intellect of woman." After this femininity of the land can do nothing but rise as one woman to remark that the governor of Massachusetts is a perfect gentleman.

The "Yellow Peril" Again.

The war which seems to be imminent in the orient will bring up the possibility of that "yellow peril" which a British writer named Pearson discoursed about very eloquently in a book published a few years ago. Pearson pointed out the danger to Europe which might present itself should the 400,000,000 or 500,000,000 of the population of China gain the intelligence, the public spirit and the patriotism of the people of England, Germany, France or the United States.

Facts About Colombia.

Colombia, not counting Panama, is as large as California and Texas combined, and has over ten times the population of Panama; an estimate made in 1881 puts the figures at 3,600,000, exclusive of the people of Panama. Bogota, its capital, has been called "The Athens of South America." Its population is 125,000; the national university is located there, and the city has an excellent library of 50,000 volumes, a picture gallery, an observatory, and a number of learned institutions.

DIED IN POVERTY.

George Francis Train, Brilliant But Eccentric, Ends His Race.

Organized the Union Pacific Railroad—Went to France and Headed the Commune—Independent Candidate for President.

New York, Jan. 19.—George Francis Train died last night from heart disease at Mill's hotel No. 1, where he has lived for some years. He was born in Boston, March 24, 1829. He was orphaned in 1832, his father, mother and three sisters dying at New Orleans of yellow fever. He organized the firm of Train & Co., shipping agents, with offices here and in Australia, and started the first clipper ships to California in 1843. He promoted several railroads and made an independent race for president in 1872. He was noted as a prolific writer and for his eccentricities.

There is so much that is interesting in his travels. Everywhere he went he commanded the attention of the great people. In Paris he was the admiration of the Empress Eugenie and Napoleon. He secured millions from Queen Maria Christina, of Spain, to build the Atlantic & Great Western railway, 400 miles long, from Erie to the Ohio and the Mississippi. Everywhere he was courted, feted, admired, accepted as one of the great organizers and financial geniuses.

He built the first street railway in England, and during the civil war made a reputation as an orator and debater in England, where he espoused the union cause.

The Credit Mobilier was organized in his house at No. 156 Madison avenue, which is now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Gullinger. He says it was the original trust. His schemes in connection with the Union Pacific railway, in which he was the prime mover, were chimerical then, but time has proved them.

In 1870, when he went around the world in 80 days, he was already known as a radical. He reached Marseilles and that proved that his coming was awaited. A committee hailed him as liberator and asked him to become head of a commune. He was taken directly to the opera house, where 6,000 people were waiting for him. He wrote:

"From the moment I entered the opera house, packed with people from the stage to the topmost boxes, I was possessed by the French revolutionary spirit. The genius and enthusiasm of the people had swept me off my feet. I was thenceforth a 'communist,' member of their 'Red Republic.'"

The citizen came home to run as an independent candidate for president of the United States. When the Victoria Woodhull affair came up he defended her and published extracts from the Bible that landed him in the Tombs. He was placed in "Murderers' Row," with Richard Croker, John J. Scannell and Sharkey—the Sharkey who escaped in woman's clothing.

His socialistic ideas began asserting themselves more rapidly. He threw his money away and behaved most extravagantly. Then the court declared him a lunatic.

For 14 years he never spoke to a man or woman, but devoted himself to children, because he declared that grown people robbed him of his psychic force. Every day he was in Madison square. He could call 15,000 young people—they were children when he first met them—by name, and they love him to this day.

Mr. Train formerly lived in a villa and spent \$2,000 a week in maintaining it. He died in the Mills hotel, where it cost only \$3 a week to live.

FOR RELIGIOUS EXPENSES.

The Vatican Would Tolerate Slavery in the Italian Colony in Benadir, North-east Africa.

Rome, Jan. 19.—The Vatican is of the opinion that the Italian company which governs Benadir, in northeast Africa, can only prosper by the toleration of slavery, since the suppression of which by the government the company has ceased to send the yearly offering for religious expenses of \$2,000.

DISASTER AT BLOEMFONTEIN

A Reservoir Bursts in the African City and Thirty Persons Are Drowned and Many Others Made Homeless

Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, Jan. 19.—About 30 persons were drowned and three hotels and 170 houses destroyed as the result of a bursting reservoir here Sunday. Hundreds of persons have been rendered homeless and destitute by the disaster.

Death Annuities to Russia.

Moscow, Jan. 19.—The law providing compulsory compensation for factory employes and miners in the case of all accidents has become effective. In the event of death an annuity is payable, not only to widows and legitimate children, but to illegitimate children and the mothers of such children and also adopted children, the annuity to equal the wages of 260 days per annum, whereas the average of working days only numbers 220.

PANAMA TREATY AMENDED.

United States Will Have More Authority Regarding Sanitation, Limitation of Cities and Control of Harbors.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The senate committee of foreign relations has directed Senator Cullom to report the Panama treaty with three amendments. The republican members voted for the treaty but only two democrats, Morgan and Money, were present. The former voted against the treaty and Mr. Money (Miss.) stated that he had not yet had time to consider it, as it was the first meeting of the committee he had been able to attend.

The three amendments relate to sanitation, limitation of cities and control of harbors. The United States, by the amendment relating to sanitation, is granted more direct power in all sanitary regulations. The amendment concerning the limitation of the cities more specifically defines what are the limits of Panama and Colon in relation to the canal zone. The harbor amendment gives the United States control of the harbors for the purpose of improving.

HITCHCOCK WANTS TO KNOW.

Nebraska Congressman Seeks Information from Government Officers Regarding Horses, Carriages, Automobiles, Etc.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The post office inquiry resolution and the Panama canal question divided the attention of the senate yesterday. The first half of the session was given up to the inquiry, Senators Hale and Gorman being the speakers.

Mr. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, introduced nine resolutions, one addressed to each cabinet officer, requesting him to furnish the house a statement "showing the number of horses, carriages and automobiles maintained at government expense for the officials of his department, together with data showing the cost of said horses, carriages, automobiles and harness, and the amount of wages paid to men acting as coachmen, footmen and chauffeurs, whether carried on the rolls as such or in some other classification. Also the list of officials entitled to the use of said carriages."

HANNA'S WIFE A BIGAMIST.

English Court Refused to Recognize the Divorce Granted in New York to Mrs. Walter Maud.

London, Jan. 19.—Justice Jeune, in the divorce division of the high court of justice has granted Maj. Walter de Saumarez Maud a divorce from his wife on the ground that her marriage to Daniel R. Hanna, of Cleveland, O., was bigamous. The Mauds were married at New York, April 19, 1897. While Maud was fighting in South Africa his wife obtained a divorce from him in America and on February 13, 1900, married Mr. Hanna.

GIRL TRAMPLED TO DEATH.

School Building at North Dayton, O., Caught Fire and the Panic Resulted in One Fatality.

Dayton, O., Jan. 19.—The Allen school building in North Dayton was gutted by flames. The 400 pupils were gotten out in safety with the exception of Edna Baum, a little cripple in the first grade, who was thrown, trampled and fatally injured in the panic. A man at work in the basement is missing and is believed to have burned to death.

The Czar's New Year's Gift.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—The czar's assurance given at the winter palace January 14, on the occasion of the New Year's reception that he desired and intended to do all in his power to maintain peace in the far east, is regarded by the foreign diplomats as a hostage given to the world for the preservation of peace, while the guarantee that Russia will recognize the open ports and other concessions in Manchuria will, it is thought, place the onus of a rupture on Japan.

Methodist Memorial Fund.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19.—The will of William Worth Kendall, who died January 7, 1904, after bequeathing \$50,000 each to his wife and his four children, creates a fund of \$250,000, the income of which is to be devoted to establishing a memorial to be called "The William W. Kendall Fund of the Methodist Episcopal church."

William Martindale Free.

Wyandotte, Kan., Jan. 19.—Judge John F. Phillips, sitting in the federal court here, in place of Judge John S. Pollock, who is sick, gave a decision which frees William Martindale, former vice president of the First national bank of Emporia, Kan. Martindale was indicted by the federal grand jury for misapplication of the bank's funds.

Declare Vaccination a Fraud.

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 19.—The Oklahoma Medical association, composed of physicians who dissented from the regular organization, met here Monday. Drs. Gulley and Brown read papers on smallpox, declaring vaccination to be the greatest fraud ever perpetrated on mankind.

Destructive Fire at Moran.

Moran, Kan., Jan. 19.—This city was visited yesterday by a destructive fire, entailing a loss of \$35,000.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Eighteen People Plunged into Icy River in Mammoth Cave.

A Boat Sank and Only the Coolness of the Guide and Heroism of One of the Party Prevented All Drowning.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 18.—Eighteen delegates to the conventional League of Commission Merchants were thrown into the icy water of Echo river, which winds a tortuous course through Mammoth cave, and were saved only by the coolness of the guide, John Nelson, and the heroic work of Charles A. Muehlbronner, of Pittsburg, Pa. The roof of the cave over Echo river is arched and the space in the center, owing to an unaccountable rise in the river, was only 2 1/2 feet above the water. In order to insure the passage of the boat the men and women were forced to stoop over. At one place the boat swerved to one side, raking the heads of the persons in the boat next to the bank. These leaned farther forward to escape striking their heads. This lowered one end of the boat and the water began to flow in rapidly. The guide saw the danger and called to Mr. Muehlbronner to jump and take the chain. This he did, landing on a steep bank which offered only a slight foothold. Lying down on his face he held to the chain and pulled the boat toward the bank. The boat sank in eight feet of water, but further back, where there was no landing, the water is 18 feet deep. By the light of a single lantern the party escaped by climbing over Mr. Muehlbronner's prostrate form and after waiting several hours for a boat were brought in safety to daylight.

OFFICE HOLDERS NOT WANTED

Private Instructions Sent to Republicans in Texas Concerning the Delegates to the National Convention.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 18.—Private instructions have just been given to the leaders of the republican party in Texas that no federal office holders are to be permitted to go as delegates to the national republican convention. These instructions are said to come from the national committee to all state leaders and are given out as the express wish of the president, who desires that if he be renominated it be not by a convention dominated by federal office holders. The instructions were made known at a conference just held in this city by State Chairman Cecil Lyon and the leaders of the party in this state.

WANT ONLY TWO MEALS A DAY.

Students in the Missouri State University Petition the Faculty to Eliminate the Noon Meal.

Columbia, Mo., Jan. 18.—At a mass meeting here Saturday night the students of the University of Missouri petitioned the faculty to be allowed to eat only two meals a day instead of three. The petition stated that experiments recently conducted by six of the dormitory students had proved that by eating only two meals daily a student is in better health and spirits and better prepared for hard mental work.

HANNA ISSUES THE CALL.

The Republican National Convention to Meet at Chicago-June 21 to Select the National Ticket.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Senator Hanna has issued the call for the republican national convention to meet at Chicago at noon June 21, 1904, to select candidates for president and vice president. There is the usual provision for the number of delegates, four at large from each state and two from each congressional district. Delegates must be elected at least 30 days before the national convention meets.

Missouri Republican Editors for Roosevelt.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 18.—The republican editors of Missouri in convention here adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the president of this association be instructed to telegraph President Roosevelt its congratulations upon his patriotic, consistent attitude with regard to the recognition of the republic of Panama and to inform him that the republican press of Missouri is a unit for his renomination at Chicago next June."

A Place for Ex-Senator Harris.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 18.—W. A. Harris, former United States senator from Kansas, has become connected with the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad, which is building a short line from Kansas City to Port Stillwell, on the Pacific coast of Mexico. Senator Harris will be a member of the executive committee and will have charge of the land and townsite interests of the road.

Hawes a Candidate for Governor.

St. Louis, Jan. 18.—Harry B. Hawes, former president of the St. Louis board of police commissioners, has made the formal announcement of his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor of Missouri.

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A good intention clothes itself with power.—Emerson.

Putnam Fadeless Dyes color more goods, brighter colors, with less work than others.

A bad memory is the liar's nightmare.—Chicago Daily News.

ALL DONE OUT.

Veteran Joshua Heller, 706 South Walnut street, Urbana, Ill., says:

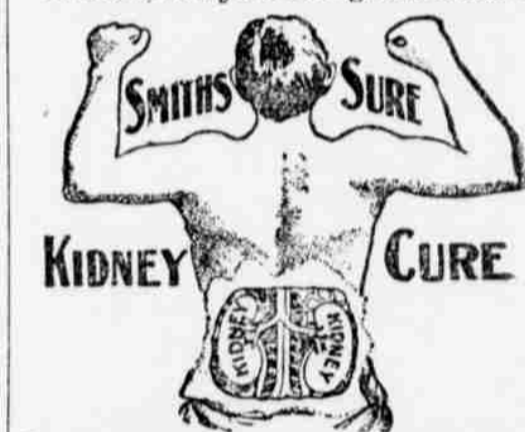
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