

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Where Vigilance Is Needed.

Gov. Odell, of New York, has completed a careful personal inspection of more than 40 public institutions, most of them asylums and prisons. It is a good direction in which to exercise official vigilance.

Different Degrees of Robbery.

The enterprising detective who is charged with putting up a train robbery in Iowa recently has been set at large on a \$300 bail. If the man had concocted a scheme to rob a hen roost he probably could not have been haled out for \$1,000.

Should Serve As a Warning.

A Chicago man killed his wife and himself because she wouldn't take a lake trip with him. This should serve as a warning to other women whose husbands want them to give up their household cares for awhile and have a good time.

The Czar a Voracious Reader.

Nicholas II. is a voracious reader. He and the zarina get a great deal of pleasure from discussing new works together. Unlike Alexander III., the present czar is most Catholic in his tastes and is acquainted with the literary stars of all climes.

A Curious Character.

Thomas Johnson, 78 years old and worth \$150,000, who died in Vincennes, Ind., the other day, was a curious character. He did not know how to read or write, never entered a church and was one of the most profane swearers and hardest drinkers in the city.

Charity Gift to Freemasons.

By the will of Miss Emily Phillips, who died recently in Philadelphia, the charity fund of the grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania will eventually receive about \$200,000. Miss Phillips was the sister of the late Henry M. Phillips, who was a grand master.

Tom Johnson a Newsboy.

Mayor Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, started to earn his living by selling newspapers when he was 11 years old. That was at the time of Lee's surrender and news was plenty and in great demand. Johnson made \$80 the first five weeks he was in the business by cornering his small town's newspaper market.

Counting the Minutes.

When the twentieth century dawned on the world the number of minutes which had elapsed since the beginning of the year 1, A. D., was 998,640,000, and we shall celebrate the 1,000,000,000 minute April 30, 1902. Or, if you prefer to have it so, the anno domini clock will tick for the 60,000,000,000th time at 10:40 on the morning of April 20, 1902.

Where Trouble Brews Readily.

The fact that most of the 40,000 British troops to be withdrawn from South Africa are to be sent to India leads some to the conclusion that the government scouts trouble either with the ameer of Afghanistan or with the native population. The situation in South Africa does not warrant the withdrawal of so large a force, even of unmounted men, unless a crisis is threatened south of the Himalayas.

A Favorite Pastime.

An Omaha seer has arranged to have the world come to an end on September 13, and has issued official notice to all whom it may concern that there will be nothing doing on and after that date. The ending of the world has been a favorite pastime for people with a hitch in their brain machinery ever since the world may be said to have begun, but the negotiations have always unaccountably fallen through before the deal could be consummated.

Here Is the Latest.

A celebrated authority on domestic economy has recently stated that a first-class microscope should be a part of the equipment of every well organized kitchen. He would have the cook, before she puts a piece of beefsteak on to broil, examine it in order to see that no "taint or tissue change" exists. He urges that the daily supply of milk be microscopically examined in order to make certain that it is not contaminated by "pathogenic micro-organisms."

Paying a Unique Wage.

Before the last presidential election Farmer Webster, an ardent democrat near Susquehanna, Pa., agreed with a republican neighbor that if McKinley was elected he would drive his prize yoke of oxen overland to Canton, O., and present them to the president. He started on Monday last on his long drive to the president's home in Ohio. If Bryan had won the republican was bound to drive his thoroughbred trotting horse across country to Lincoln, Neb., where it would have been presented to Bryan.

NEWS FROM MANILA.

Scout Ferguson Executes Daring Feat and Captures Deserter.

He Went Fast on One Better and Invaded a Filipino Camp, Disguised, with Only Eight Comrades—Increasing the Patrol at Manila.

Manila, Aug. 27.—Pitchers' first dispatch from Mindoro tells how Lieut. Hazzard, of the Third cavalry, commanding a troop of Macabebe scouts, captured the American deserter, Howard, who, as a leader of the Filipinos, had been annoying the Americans for many months. Ferguson, one of Lieut. Hazzard's civilian scouts, disguised as an insurgent, with eight Macabebes, penetrated into the camp of Col. Atienza, commanding 240 riflemen and 200 bolomen, at night, located Howard, bound and gagged him and led him away without disturbing the camp.

Capt. Harold L. Jackson, of the First infantry, surprised Gen. Lukban at Pambukan, in the mountains of the island of Samar. Three of the general's guard were killed and Lukban was wounded, but escaped. His family were captured. A captain and a lieutenant were also made prisoners.

Do Officers Fear Trouble?

Manila, Aug. 27.—In the city of Manila there are now less than 1,000 effective soldiers and it has been decided to increase this number by four companies of infantry. There is a feeling that, although there is no apparent prospect of trouble, nevertheless in the event of an uprising in the future such as is always possible among the Malays, it would be better to have a sufficient body of troops available. Many army officers say they are gratified at the increase in the military force. They think that, with the military guard withdrawn from the prison, another uprising there might result in the release of about 1,800 prisoners. This possibility is regarded as a menace to the city by those who take that view of the case, as they regard the white guard as insufficient.

MacArthur Praises Natives.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Gen. Arthur MacArthur, late commander in the Philippines, returns home strong in his faith in the power of American institutions to solve every problem in the islands. He is optimistic also concerning the native gifts of the Filipinos, and their possibilities of development. He believes, moreover, that there is no army like the army of the United States, volunteers and regulars combined. Of that delicate problem, the church question, the matter of the friars, he said this: "I am persuaded that the application of American institutions, the spirit of the constitution and the fundamental law of the separation of church and state, will solve every problem growing out of the ecclesiastical situation, and I hope that application will be no whit abated."

Asked if the Philippines would afford a theater for American expansion, he said: "No white man can do physical labor in the Philippines. Nor will the Filipinos come to the United States. They are used to a climate with a variation of only four or five degrees—how would they get along in one with a variation of 100? The islands are marvelously rich, and when developed will demand a population much greater than they now have. White leadership and capital will be a blessing to the natives who in the midst of great resources are underfed and undersupplied."

MORE WAR ON NEGROES.

Mob Organized at Stroud, Ok., to Drive All Persons from the Town Whose Skin Is Black.

Stroud, Ok., Aug. 27.—A mob of about 25 Stroud citizens was organized Sunday night for the purpose of ridding the town of its colored population. The mob visited the various tents and houses occupied by the negroes and drove the 20 terror-stricken blacks from town. Several shots were fired for the purpose of terrifying the exiles, but no attempt was made to injure them. To discourage the negroes' return, their tents and personal effects were destroyed and the houses overturned.

A Mob Howling for a Negro.

Fort Smith, Ark., Aug. 27.—Last night a mob of 1,000 men surrounded the county jail here, bent upon lynching Lewis Smith, a negro who has been arrested for attempted assault upon Lucy Watson, the 17-year-old daughter of a Frisco employe. The sheriff with a strong posse is holding the jail against all entreaties. It is believed the prisoner will be burned if he is taken.

Will Try New Tack to Stop Prize Fights.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 27.—Gov. Durbin will impeach sheriffs who neglect to stop prize fights. Gov. Durbin's new tack is not to talk militia, but to exercise his executive power through sheriffs. If he finds they fail to do their duty willfully, it is understood to be his scheme to have the attorney general bring impeachment proceedings to remove them from office.

LOYAL TO MR. BRYAN.

Ex-Gov. Stone Says the Nebraskan Is the "Most Powerful Man in the Democratic Party."

St. Louis, Aug. 27.—Ex-Gov. William J. Stone, who has been seriously ill, appeared at his office Monday for the first time in five weeks. In an interview the governor declared himself a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Hon. G. G. Vest and said he still believed that silver should be coined into standard money. "Bimetallism," he said, "is still an issue, but the United States is better off than other countries with the gold standard." Speaking of the proposed reorganization of the democratic party, the governor said none was necessary. He declared W. J. Bryan to be the most powerful man in the democratic party to-day.

"FOR WAYS THAT ARE DARK"

Prince Chun, En Route to Apologize to Germany for Von Kettler's Murder, Is Pretending Sickness in Switzerland.

Rome, Aug. 27.—The illness of Prince Chun, brother of the emperor of China, who, with a Chinese mission, has arrived at Basle, Switzerland, on his way to Berlin to apologize for the assassination of Baron von Kettler, the German minister at Peking, is, according to a dispatch received here from Basle, a pretext for delay, Prince Chun having received orders from Peking not to proceed, as fresh complications have arisen with reference to the settlement of the protocol.

AWFUL FALL TO DEATH.

Four Men at Bloomington, Ill., Hurled Down 247-Foot Shaft and Their Necks Were Broken.

Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 27.—Four miners lost their lives in an accident at the Chenoa coal mine at noon. Several miners were about to descend with the car when one man and a boy took fright and stepped. They were just in time for the cable holding the car broke, precipitating the four others to the bottom of the shaft, 247 feet below. All were instantly killed, their necks being broken.

IN FINANCIAL STRAITS.

Colombian Government Printing Paper Money Indiscriminately, and Commerce Is Suffering Greatly.

Colon, Colombia, Aug. 27.—Colombia is in straits financially. At present 40 Colombian paper dollars are equivalent in value to one gold dollar. The government is printing paper money indiscriminately, lately established heavy export duties, payable in gold, and has sold monopolies and privileges of all kinds, all of which has greatly injured commerce.

Completed 125 Miles of Track.

Liberal, Kan., Aug. 27.—The Rock Island's new extension from Liberal to El Paso, Tex., is making excellent progress. The grading has been finished and only about 125 miles of track remain to be laid. At El Paso connection is made with the Southern Pacific and Mexican Central railroads. It will give the Rock Island a line from Chicago to southern California and the City of Mexico.

Cyclone Strikes Centralia, Ill.

Centralia, Ill., Aug. 27.—A cyclonic windstorm and cloudburst did thousands of dollars of damage in Centralia last night. The colored Baptist church was wrecked, peach orchards were destroyed and 15,000 bushels of peaches are lying on the ground near town. The streets are blocked by hundreds of fallen trees. Many residences were damaged by falling trees.

Into the Heart of Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Ok., Aug. 27.—The Rock Island railway will have completed important extensions and branch lines into the heart of Oklahoma in about three months. That of immediate interest is the line into Lawton and 25 miles southwest of it into the center of the new homestead country recently taken up in the big land lottery.

Pastor Faithful to His Work.

Sturgeon, Mo., Aug. 27.—Rev. W. B. N. Simms, pastor of the Sturgeon Baptist church, declined an offer to become superintendent of the boys' reform school in Havana, Cuba, at a salary of \$2,500 per year, and a residence to live in. He prefers to live in Missouri and preach the gospel.

Masons Get a Big Farm.

Decatur, Ill., Aug. 27.—By the death of Mrs. Anna Miller at Sullivan, a farm of 264 acres, worth \$30,000, is at the disposal of the masonic grand lodge of Illinois on condition that it erect on the farm a home for widows and orphans of masons.

The Population of China.

Frankfort, Aug. 27.—German papers state that the total population of China, according to a Chinese journal, is at present 383,253,000.

To Marry a Senator's Daughter.

New York, Aug. 27.—Senator and Mrs. Nelson W. Aldrich announced the engagement of their daughter, Abby, to John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

GIRLS ARE SLIGHTED

In the Philippines Their Education Has Been Neglected.

They Will Be Given an Equal Chance with Boys at American Schools—Superintendent Atkinson Says There Is No Lack of Teachers.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The division of insular affairs, war department, has received a copy of the annual report of Prof. Atkinson, the general superintendent of public instruction for the Philippines, which covers the time from the enactment of the Philippine school law to the close of the last fiscal year, June 30, 1901. The school law mentioned authorized the appointment from the United States of 1,000 school-teachers, of whom Prof. Atkinson says 781 had been appointed, either absolutely or provisionally. That there was no scarcity of material from which to make the selection of those appointed direct from Manila is shown by his testimonials appended, showing that more than 8,000 personal written applications had been filed. Four hundred and eighty-seven soldier applicants for positions as teachers have entered the examinations prescribed, of which 79 passed satisfactorily and were assigned to schools.

Prof. Atkinson says the great present need is that of adequate and suitable school buildings. The education of girls has not been thought as important as that of boys. Wherever a school for boys is established it will be the policy to establish one for girls, either in a building near the boys' school, but separate, with its own entries and play-ground.

WILL CUT BOTH WAYS.

A Struggle Between Classes in Germany as Result of Tariff to Cripple American Exports.

London, Aug. 26.—Commenting on the fantastic idea of a commercial bond of the European nations against the United States, the Outlook says: "One might as well try to hang a venetian blind over the sun as to try to exclude the influence of American industries from the world. For one thing, Great Britain would be no party to the bond. For another, the power of American reprisals would be terrible. Even now Germany is on the verge of a struggle between classes, caused by the proposed tariff. Under the German tariff Austria would suffer grievously. It is not easy to see how countries which are at issue with themselves and each other, and whose fiscal arrangements excite class against class, could agree on a policy against a commerce competitor."

SULTAN HAD TO YIELD.

Quit His Bluffing Tactics When Convinced That the French Government Was in Earnest in Its Demands.

Paris, Aug. 26.—Turkey has yielded to French pressure, as was inevitable, and a full rupture of the relations between the two countries has been averted. The official communique announcing the granting of the French demands issued is as follows: "In consequence of the declaration made to the porte by the French ambassador that he acts under instructions from the minister of foreign affairs an imperial irade has been issued declaring that no obstacle shall be opposed to the free exercise of the quay company of the rights resulting from their concession."

CLAIM PRIOR RIGHTS.

Millers of Kansas and Nebraska Seek to Prevent Irrigation Companies from Tapping Streams.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 25.—The millers along the Republican river in northern Kansas have joined the Nebraska millers in a fight against the various irrigation companies taking their water supply from that river. The millers claim that the irrigation companies are taking almost all the water out of the river and that it is almost impossible now to operate mills. The millers claim they have a prior right to the water and are trying to protect their rights through legal proceedings.

RIOT CAUSED BY TOUGHS.

A Gang of Whites Cause Considerable Trouble by Trying to Drive All Negroes Out of a Park.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 26.—A riot broke out yesterday evening in a crowd of 50,000 people at Fairview park, in which four negroes were badly injured and one named Harris had his right arm broken. The trouble was caused by a gang of white toughs known as the "Bugnaloos." Members of this gang, to the number of 150, congregated at the park and began a determined effort to drive all negroes out.

Booming Dockery for President.

Denver, Col., Aug. 26.—A. M. Dockery, governor of Missouri, is an avowed candidate for the presidency, according to R. W. Mason, of Clinton, Mo. Mason is here sounding the people of Colorado and he shows large pocketfuls of letters and certificates empowering him to act for Gov. Dockery.

WILL NEVER EAT AGAIN.

Colony of Invalids Who Subsist on Milk Alone, Drinking Ten Quarts a Day at Intervals.

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 26.—There is a colony of invalids on Thimble islands off Branford, Conn., who have quit eating and are partaking of a new cure, plain milk. It is said to have effected two remarkable cures on a case which scientists were unable to cope with. There are nine in the colony and each invalid declares himself greatly benefited by the remedy. As far as can be learned Phillip H. Robinson, registrar of the Catholic university at Washington, is the discoverer of the medical properties of milk. Mr. Robinson has suffered a great many years with a nervous disease which specialists have been unable to benefit. Because, as he says, he was tired of everything, including eating, he determined a little more than a month ago to forego solid food and live on milk. The success of his experiment has more than surprised him. In the month that he has lived without solid food of any kind he has gained eight pounds in weight and his nervous disease has disappeared. He drinks ten quarts of milk a day, a glass at a time, at intervals of half an hour. He declares that he will never eat again.

A LONG SWIM.

Mr. Holbein Tries to Imitate Capt. Webb's Feat of Swimming from Calais to Dover but Fails.

Dover, Eng., Aug. 26.—Mr. Holbein, who Saturday, the anniversary of Capt. Webb's swim from Dover to Calais, started from Cape Gris-Nez (between Boulogne-sur-Mer and Calais) in an attempt to swim to Dover, narrowly escaped drowning. He covered the course to a point within six miles of Dover and then collapsed, after having been in the water 12 hours and 46 minutes. The tug which accompanied him took him from the water and brought him to Dover yesterday morning. He was carried to a hotel in a semi-conscious condition. It was found that his eyesight had been badly affected by the salt water. Last night, however, he had recovered and he announced his intention to renew the attempt. His exploit was very remarkable, considering the roughness of the sea, and has established a record.

CONSPIRATORS ARRESTED.

Federal Official and Others at Nogales, Ariz., Charged with Smuggling Chinese into the United States.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The treasury officials have unearthed what they allege is a wide conspiracy in Nogales, Ariz., to admit Chinese. Thus far the collector at Nogales, William H. Hoey, and Chinese Inspector B. F. Jossey, Frank How and another Chinaman who lives at Clifton, Ariz., have been arrested. Other arrests will follow. It is charged that the Chinese in large numbers have been permitted to cross the border upon the payment to the collector of anywhere from \$50 to \$200 apiece. Hoey was appointed about a year and a half ago from Indiana.

To Swim from Boston to New York.

Boston, Aug. 26.—To swim from Boston to New York is the feat that Peter S. McNally will attempt, making the start next Sunday, the entire distance to be covered within 30 days. Mr. McNally hopes to arrive at the Battery in New York before noon on Monday, September 30. The actual distance is 232 3/4 nautical miles, but the swimming course will be very little less than 400 miles.

More Filipino Insurgents Surrender.

Manila, Aug. 26.—Word was received yesterday that the insurgent, Col. Loree, with 17 officers and 13 men, surrendered Saturday to Capt. Brown, of the Fourth infantry, at Talisa. The surrender of numerous other smaller contingents last week brings the total to more than 100. Gov. Taft is expected to return to Manila Tuesday after having appointed civil officials throughout all northern Luzon.

Most Beautiful Woman in America Dead.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 26.—A private telegram from Charlottesville, Va., announces the death of Miss Maude Coleman Woods in that city. Miss Woods was pronounced the most beautiful woman in America by a committee from the Pan-American exposition and her profile adorns all of the medals issued by the board of awards.

Negroes Ordered to Leave Sapulpa.

Sapulpa, I. T., Aug. 26.—Following the circulars posted ordering all negroes not Creek citizens to leave town, Mayor Miller issued a proclamation ordering all negroes not property holders to leave under penalty of being tried as vagrants. Quite a number of negroes have left.

Declare Boers Will Continue the Struggle.

London, Aug. 26.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated at Pretoria, yesterday: "DeLarey has issued a counter proclamation, warning all Boers against my latest proclamation and declaring that they will continue the struggle."