## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Large Task for the Bear. Russia is now astride of two continents and has call for its armies many thousands of miles apart. The bear that walks like a colossus has a large task on its hands.

#### The Cat "Language."

A St. Paul man has Garnerized the cat language and says there are two dozen words in it. Anybody who has stepped on a cat's tail knows what those words are, too.

#### The Fly in the Cream.

A large fly appears in our Alaskan cream. The island of Kunughunnut was awarded the United States. Let Canada dry its tears and watch us articulating that precious nut.

#### Penalty for Crude Methods.

The Indiana girl, who raised \$1 bills to \$10, in order to pay her expenses at school, naturally and rightly will get a severe sentence, while the men who raise \$1,000,000 industries to \$10,000,000 meet with nothing severer than newspaper condemnation.

#### W. C. T. U. and the Canteen.

The Women's Christian Temperance union shows no disposition to backtrack on the question of the army canteen. If its influence continues potential the inhabitant of the army will the corner to rush the growler.

#### Perils of Getting Gay.

Nine Crow Indians killed and ten captured in a battle with a Wyoming sheriff's posse comes nearer the proportions of an Indian war than anything that has occurred for some time. Like the colored man in race conflicts, the Indian generally gets the worst

### Appalling Increase of Homicides.

In his charge to the grand jury of Montgomery, Ala., Judge William H. Thomas spoke strongly of the increase in the number of homicides, not only in the south but throughout the country. According to the judge there is an average of 10,465 homicides in the United States every year, or twice as many deaths from that cause as from appendicitis or smallpox. Every year homicidal mania claims more victims than scarlet fever.

### India's Beasts and Serpents.

Last year tigers killed 1.046 persons In India, 65 having been killed in one district alone. More than 30,000 cattle were killed by tigers, while panthers and leopards killed at least as many nore. Money was paid out for the destruction of 4,413 leopards and 1,331 tigers. Wild quadrupeds were credited with kiling 3,651 persons. Poisonous snakes killed 26,166.

## Uncle Sam's Farm Area.

The total area used for farming purposes in the United States is 841,000,-000 acres-an area larger than England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Japan and the Transvaal. There are 10,438,000 persons engaged in agricultural pursuits, while all other industries employ but 18,845,000. One-third of the people are, therefore, devoted to farm-

## The World's Ships.

Not counting the navies, the world's ships are 29,943 steam vessels and 12,-182 sailing craft. Boys of 21 can remember when sails outnumbered steamers 100 to 1. England's part in the tonnage is over 16,000,000 and ours is 3,611,956. Germany comes next with 3,283,247. Then Norway (strange to tell), with 1,653,740. It seems incredible that Norway's little fishing boats should show greater tonnage than France's mercantile marine, which is 1,622,016.

## Where Theories Fail.

Some "social scientist" with time to waste has been pondering over marriage, birth and divorce statistics, and reaches the alarming conclusion that the male population of the country is in a fair way to become wifeless and daughterless. Evidently this scientist has failed to reflect on the tendencies indicated by 10,000 women in New York the other day trying to climb over each other in order to get a glimpse of a bride. Did this look like indifference to matrimony?

Long Period of Preponderance. The house of representatives which has just assembled is the fifth in succession that has been controlled by the republicans, a length of party mastery that has not been equaled for more than a quarter of a century. When the republicans went out of power in the house in 1875 they had been in control for 14 years. Since then no party has had more than six years of power, and the republicans never more than two years at a time until the present period of preponderance.

Prosecuting Attorney Unearths Nest of Boodlers at Grand Rapids.

Seventeen Officials and Ex-Officials Said to Have Betrayed the City for Money to Fill Their Own Pockets-Ringleader Makes Confession.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 22.-Warrants were issued for 17 former city officials, charging them with accepting a bribe in connection with the famous Garman-Cameron scheme for supplying the city with water from Lake Michigan. All of the warrants are the result of the confession made by Former City Attorney Lant K. Salsbury on his return last week from serving a two-years' term in the Detroit house of correction for breaking the federal banking law in connection with the scheme. While in prison Salsbury's conviction on a bribery charge in the state courts in connection with the same matter was affirmed by the supreme court, and with the prospect of being returned to prison, Salsbury went to the prosecutor's office and made a lengthy confession which resulted in the issuance of warrants.

The amounts the respondents are charged with having received out of the alleged boodle fund range from \$200 to \$3,333. Revelations of the morning in the service of the warrants show that the common council was controlled during the attempt to put through the water scheme with the 14 votes, which included both democrats and republicans. The aldermen are charged with having received \$300 to \$500 each. Mayor Perry's share, It have to keep right on dodging around is charged in the warrant, was \$3,333 and Corey F. Bissell is charged with reeciving \$500, while State Senator Burns is alleged to have received \$200 for his support.

#### LUCKY DAY FOR CUBA.

Senate Committee Passes Favorably on Reciprocity Treaty and Ceding of the Isle of Pines.

Washington, Nov. 22.-The senate committee on foreign relations has authorized a favorable report on the bill giving effect to the Cuban reciprocity treaty.

The treaty for the cession of the Isle of Pines to Cuba was also favorably acted upon by the senate committee on foreign relations and it will be favorably reported to the senate at the next executive session.

Malicious Attempt to Wreck Mine. conditions in the sixth level of the Vindicator mine, where Superintendent Charles McCormick and Shift Boss Melvin Beck were killed Saturday by an explosion, coincided with the statement of the officials of the Vindicator | country know all the facts." company that a deliberate attempt had dynamite.

## Oklahoma Statistics.

Washington, Nov. 23 .- Gov. Ferguson, of Oklahoma, in his annual report to the secretary of the interior estimates the present population of the territory at 650,000 and the actual value of taxable property at practically \$400 .-000,000, although only \$84,134,472 is returned by the assessors for 1903. The City. He signalized his departure by

Mexican War Veterans to Get a Raise. Washington, Nov. 23. - Eugen Ware, commissioner of pensions, has decided that the Mexican war veterans who are on the rolls at \$8 a month are entitled to an increase to \$12 a month despite a conflict of declarations as to what constitutes the 60 days' service required of these veterans.

Husband and Wife Fatally Burned. Logansport, Ind., Nov. 23.-D. M. Flanagan and wife were fatally burned and their six-months-old child Ruth was burned so she will be disfigured for life in a gasoline stove explosion yesterday at their home.

## Frisco Section Men Strike. Pittsburg, Kan., Nov. 22.—Several

hundred Frisco section men in this district struck because of a recent reduction of their pay from \$1.40 to \$1.30 a day. The strike affects the section men on the entire division.

Nebraska Revenue Law Invalid. Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 22.-The Nebraska supreme court, at a special meeting Satudray, gave an opinion declaring unconstitutional the revenue law passed by the recent legislature.

Socialist Candidate Defeated. Boston, Nov. 22.-Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor by a large plurality. Ernest Kreft, the socialist candidate, received only 1,134 votes to 12,524 for Gompers.

Arrest Woman and Her Daughter. Elvins, Mo., Nov. 22.-A Mrs. Windle and her daughter were arrested here on a charge of killing a child of which the girl is said to be the mother.

Five Firemen Injured. Elizabeth, N. J., Nov. 23.—Five firemen were dangerously injured in a building. The loss was \$175,000.

#### A BOY MURDERER.

Fred Coleman, Eleven Years Old, Kills Bud Hall, a Boy of Eight, at Rockbridge, Mo.

Columbia, Mo., Nov. 24,-Fred Coleman, of Rockbridge, five miles west of Columbia, shot and instantly killed Bud Hall yesterday. Coleman is 11 years old: Hall was eight. Four children were left playing together in a room over the mantel of which was a shotgun charged with birdshot. It is claimed by the children that Coleman took down the gun and said to little Bud Hall: "You are eight years old to-day; I guess you have lived long enough," and shot him through the heart. Coleman donies that the killing was intentional. It is alleged that several years ago he fired into a crowd of children without effect under simflar conditions. An officer left town last night to arrest the child, who is charged with murder in the first de-

#### TWO CHANGED THEIR MINDS.

Unexpected Action of Nebraska Supreme Court Commissioners May Save State \$700,000 Annually in Revenue.

Lincoln, Nov. 24.-The commissioners of the Nebraska supreme court took unexpected action Monday on the revenue bill passed at the last session of the legislature and the law, attacked by insurance companies as unconstitutional, is practically upheld. An opinion completed last Saturday, but not released, declared the law invalid. Two of the commissioners changed their minds Monday and a new ruling is the result. Foreign insurance companies attacked the law on the ground that the state had no right to make exceptions in the assessment of insurance companies favorable to home companies. If the supreme court does not uphold this ruling of its commissioners and declares the law unconstituaional the state will have a deficiency of \$700,000.

#### DIETRICH WANTS A TRIAL

Nebraska Senator Has Reached Omaha and Expressed Confidence in His Ability to Prove His Innocence.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 24.—United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich arrived in Omaha Monday and went directly to the office of his attorney. Charles J. Greene, with whom he had a conference. Regarding the federal grand jury indictment he said: "I am in Omaha to secure an immediate trial on the charges brought against me. I want all the evidence brought before the court, which will show a complete Cripple Creek, Col., Nov. 22.-Sheriff vindication. I consider this not mere-Henry Robertson, after investigating ly a trial before a federal judge, but also before the great tribunal-the people of Nebraska and of the whole country. It is a case in which the honor of the United States senate is involved and I wish to have the people of the

## WERE FACTS SUPPRESSED?

St. Joseph Baptist Preacher Talks of the Murder of Irving McDonald, the Young Millionaire.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 24.-Rev. M. P. Hunt, pastor of the Patee Park Baptist church, announces that he will at once resign to accept the post of secretary of the Southern Baptist convention, his headquarters to be in Kansas territorial indebtedness is \$461,766. delivering one of the most sensational sermons ever heard here. The killing of Irving McDonald, the young millionaire, by Joseph Furlong, a St. Louis traveling man, brought from the pastor vitriolic words of denunciation. He paid his compliments to St. Joseph's 400, the police department, politicians and newspapers. He insists that important facts in the killing of McDonald are suppressed, but declines to state them himself.

# PUT IN THE "BULL PEN."

Six Boys Arrested at Victor, Col., for Jeering at Troops Sent to Preserve Order in the Strike District.

Denver, Col., Nov. 24 .- A special to the News from Victor, Col., says six young boys were arrested and taken to the "bull pen" yesterday for jeering at the troops. They were all released later, but their parents were streets in future.

Eighteen men are now in the "bull pen" suspected of complicity in the blowing up of the Vindicator mine Friday night, when two men were killed. Gov. Peabody yesterday ordered that they be turned over to the civil authorities.

Kansas City, Kan., Nov. 24.-A rowboat in which four employes of the J. F. Cochrane packing house, of this city, were crossing to their homes

Drowned in the Kaw River.

from the Missouri side, was capsized in the Kaw river at Central avenue about seven o'clock last night, and one of the occupants, Andrew Gunther, was drowned.

A Well-Known Kansas City Man Dies. Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 24.-Robert L. Yeager, one of Kansas City's best known attorneys and for 22 years a member of the board of education, died suddenly at his home, 1600 East Eighth night. Heart failure was the cause.

Senator Hale Predicts Annexation of Britain's Favorite Child.

Men Now Living, Declares Maine Statesman, Will Witness the Consummation-Would Let Cuba Remain an Independent Republic.

Washington, Nov. 24 .- In the senate on Monday, Mr. Hale (Me.) moved to reconsider the vote by which the Newlands resolution for the annexation of Cuba was referred to the committee on relations with Cuba. He made the motion the basis of a speech in opposition to the policy proposed by the resolution saying that this country had already declared its policy with reference to Cuba by enacting the Teller resolution into law. He would not extend such an invitation to Great Britain for the union of Canada to the United States or for Mexico for such a union.

In this connection, Mr. Hale said he had no doubt that there were men alive who would live to see the annexation of Canada to the United States. He closed by urging the senate to take

no steps to closing progress in Cuba. Mr. Newlands (Nev.) expressed gratification that his resolution should have so early attracted attention. He agreed with Mr. Hale in much that he had said concerning the progress of Cuba and the character of its people. Still it was a fact that Cuba had been compelled to confess her inability to cope with other nations in business affairs.

The Senate's New Chaplain. Washington, Nov. 24.-Saturday's session of the senate began with the presentation of the resolution by Mr. Allison (Ia.) providing for the appointment of Rev. F. J. Prettyman, of this city, for chaplain of the senate for the present session. The resolution was agreed to.

Carmack Wants an Investigation. Washington, Nov. 24.-Senator Carmack (Tenn.) offered a resolution authorizing the committee on conduct of the executive departments to investigate the post office department. It went over without a discussion until Tuesday.

Hanna Takes Morgan's Place. Washington, Nov. 24.-The new assignment of senate committees places Senator Hanna at the head of interoceanic canals in place of Senator John T. Morgan, of Alabama.

Quay Champions Maguire's Bill. Washington, Nov. 24.—Senator Quay introduced a bill granting statehood to Oklahoma. The bill is the same which was introduced in the house on November 18 by Delegate Maguire.

## ONLY ONE-FIFTH CASH.

Panama Will Take \$8,000.000 United States Bonds in Part Payment for the Canal.

Colon, Nov. 24.-Senor Tomas Arias, a member of the junta governing the new republic, has made an agreement that \$2,000,000 of the \$10,000,000, to be paid Panama in accordance with the terms of the canal treaty, shall be paid in cash, and the balance in United States bonds. It is claimed that this action shows that Panama is inspired by other than merely financial considerations.

## HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

Two Hundred Persons Drowned in a Flood and Half a Town Destroyed in India.

London, Nov. 24.-A telegram has been received at the Indian office from the viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, saying that, according to reports received at Madras, a flood in the Palar river, November 12, destroyed half of the town of Vanizambadi, in the Salem district. Two hundred persons were drowned. The flood, the telegram says, has now subsided.

# WOMAN FURNISHED A SAW.

Four Prisoners Were Able to Work Their Way Out of the Topeka Jail and Get Away.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 24:-Some time during Sunday night Albert Bigley, Grant Jones, Joe Dwiggins and Hayti Wetherly, state prisoners, sawed the warned that they must be kept off the bars of the city prison and vanished. One of the men, Hayti Wetherly, was recaptured. He said the wife of Albert Bigley slipped the saw with which the work was accomplished into the jail Sunday afternoon.

More Rioting in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 24.-Fierce fighting, in which the police used their clubs freely and twice their revolvers, marked the opening of the State street cable line by the Chicago City railway yesterday. As far as can be ascertained nobody was seriously injured, although there were many broken heads among the rioters who came in contact with the clubs of the police.

D. F. Campbell Suspended.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The secretary of the interior has suspended from office D. F. Campbell, clerk of the townsite commission of the Creek nation in Indian territory, pending the outcome of an indictment against him in confire in the Donner Fur company's street, shortly after seven o'clock last nection with alleged bribery as member of the Kansas legislature.

AND CANADA, TOO? HOW CHEAP BAKING POWDER IS MADE.

A recent seizure of a lot of "cheap" baking powders by the authorities of a neighboring city has exposed the character of the low priced brands of baking powders which many manufacturers are offering throughout the country. The price of the powders first attracted attention to them. Samples were taken and analyzed. The official report of the analysis showed the stuff to be "alum powders," composed chiefly of alum, sulphuric acid and pulverized rock. The powders were declared dangerous to health and several thousand

pounds were confiscated and destroyed.

Physicians have frequently causioned consumers against mixing food with these so-called "cheap" baking powders. They are all found, when analyzed, tocontain large percentages of alum and sulphuric acid to which are added various sorts of filling matter sometimes both injurious and nasty.

The high class, cream of tartar bakng powders, are the most economical and wholesome and should always beselected for use. They will be found cheaper in the end, besides making the food better and more healthful.

## WORLD'S LARGEST BRICKYARD

Enormous Bank of Easily Accessible Clay Is Located at Peterborough, England.

Peterborough, England, makes enough brick in the course of a year toput a girdle four times around the earth. It is estimated that the busy brick-making yards, which have grown up in. great number around the ancient city in the last 20 years, turn out 800,000,000 bricks annually. As the length of a brick is about eight inches, then, if Peterborough's annual output were laid out in a single line, it would stretch over 100,000 miles. The brick industry has revolutionized the trade of Peterborough. Such is the wealth of clay and the profit to be drawn from it that one part of the brick-making district has been fitly named "Klondike." It lies in beds of enormous area and depth, and some of the experts say they could go on taking out easily accessible clay for the next century without taking thought as to where the next supply of the material is to come from.

A Man's Mean Trick.

A Denver man eloped the other day with the hired girl. It was a mean trick to play on his wife, says the Chicago Record-Herald, with girls as scarce as they are at present.



Fla., daughter of Recorder of Deeds, West, who witnessed her signature to the following letter, praises Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: - There are

but few wives and mothers who have not at times endured agonies and such pain as only women know. I wish such women knew the value of Lydia. E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-pound. It is a remarkable medicine, different in action from any I ever knew and thoroughly reliable.

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- Mrs. R. A. Anderson, 225 Washington St., Jacksonville, Fla. - \$5000 forfelt If original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

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