



On March 21 it was announced that President Castro of Venezuela had placed his resignation in the hands of the president of the Venezuelan congress. Although this action on the part of President Castro was not entirely unexpected in some quarters, much comment was caused in official circles by his resignation. It was later reported, however, that by a unanimous vote the congress had asked Castro to reconsider his resignation and remain in the presidency, although the revolutionists in Venezuela declare that they will cease operations against the government if Castro stays out of office.

The coal strike commission rendered its decision in the case on March 21. In brief, this decision contains the declaration that the miners should have an increase of wages of 10 per cent; the work day for some classes of miners is shortened; wages shall be paid by a sliding scale; a stricter enforcement of the child labor law is advised; the settlement of future disputes by arbitration is urged; the employment of coal and iron police is condemned. In addition to these points the arbiters refused to pass on the question whether miners' union should be recognized. General satisfaction is expressed with the verdict of the commission, the clause as to the increase of wages for the miners being particularly pleasing and it is said that it will effect 140,000 men.

The revolution recently reported to have broken out in Uruguay was concluded by a peace treaty signed on March 22 between the Uruguayan government and the rebels. The trouble seems to have arisen over the appointment of new prefects in six departments.

The death of the Dean of Canterbury, the Very Rev. Frederick William Farrar, was announced from London on March 22. The deceased has been dean of Canterbury since 1895, and at his death was in his 72nd year.

Renewed activity on the part of the volcanoes of the West Indies was reported on March 22. Mont Pelee volcano on the island of Martinique is discharging clouds of reddish smoke and the Soufriere volcano on the island of St. Vincent is reported as being very active again.

A permanent injunction restraining the striking iron molders from interfering with the workmen of the Marietta Casting company of Marietta, Pa., was granted by Judge Landis at Lancaster, Pa., on March 23. The iron company applied for an injunction to restrain the strikers from picketing the place and the injunction was granted.

It was announced on March 24 that the National Packing company, capitalized at \$15,000,000 and including several of the smaller plants at Chicago, Omaha, and elsewhere, had been incorporated with J. P. Lyman of Chicago as president. The company was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey.

In a speech delivered at Huntington, W. Va., on March 24, John Mitchell, president of the united mine workers, made the declaration that the labor unions are trusts although characterized by another name. He declared that he was not in favor of strikes, but there are times when they

are necessary to secure proper recognition of the rights of the laboring men of the country.

It was reported from Decatur, Ill., on March 24 that George D. Haworth, inventor of the first corn planter and other agricultural implements, and for forty years a leading manufacturer, of Decatur, and owner of much valuable manufacturing property in Chicago, died at his home.

A cablegram from Colon, Colombia, under date of March 24, announced that the prospects for the ratification of the Panama canal treaty by the Colombian congress are gloomy owing to the European influences at work there and an impression that the republic should receive more money from this country for the concession given.

One hundred and sixty importers, wholesalers and retailers of tea throughout the United States have united to form the National Tea association, with the avowed purpose of preventing the importation of impure teas into this country.

At the meeting of the woman suffrage convention in session at New Orleans, La., on March 24, Susan B. Anthony was selected as honorary president.

After reading his special message to the Venezuelan congress on March 24 President Castro announced that he withdrew his resignation of the presidency of the republic.

The governments long-anticipated Irish land bill was introduced by the Irish secretary, Mr. Wyndham, in the house of commons in London on March 24. The bill proposes a free grant of \$60,000,000 which is to be used for the purpose of aiding the Irish people in the purchase of land. The introduction of this bill met with intense satisfaction and it is confidently predicted that it will pass.

Duplicate bills have been introduced in the Minnesota legislature to make possible some sort of control in the so-called merger matter, as affecting corporations now existing.

An Associated press dispatch from Albany, N. Y., under date of March 26 announced that the \$101,000,000 canal referendum bill passed the assembly by a vote of 87 yeas to 35 noes after a discussion of nine hours.

An important tax ruling and one that will affect millions of dollars' worth of property outside of the state, was rendered by an Iowa court on March 26. The decision was rendered in the case of a trust company doing business in the state and the court held that not only the property owned by this company in Iowa, but also stock held by people outside of the state is subject to taxation. The court says this property is protected by the laws of the state and must rely upon these laws for force and validity and, in consideration of being under the laws of the state, must assist in the support of the commonwealth.

A break in the levee at Greenville, Miss., on March 27 caused a disastrous crevasse along the farming land in the Yazoo delta. Much damage will result, as it is said to be the worst break ever experienced.

The Old and the New.

It is said that people get a craze over certain diseases. For instance, those who lived in the "good old days" and are still with us will tell you that when they were boys nobody had the grip. Never heard of it! "Fever 'n' ager" thrived in the land, and rheumatism flourished. But this new malady had not yet lifted its head above the horizon line of medical science.

Yet it seems, although we have indeed gained the grip, which seems to have a determination to hold on till death do us part, we have lost one ill. That is, the deadly pin, the rusty nail, the old piece of iron, to look at even, has often been the cause of the death of a good man! What has become of the danger? It used to be the happy social gathering, the rusty nail on the chair, the unheeded scratch, and the inevitable. The regiment punching daylight through its foe with the unerring Krag was not to be compared with the piece of rusty iron. People held their breath looking at the death-bearing automobiles, and then gasped again at beholding this new terror. And now the pin, the silent piece of rusty iron, the malicious nail, have each and all of them gone the way of tyrants. May they rest in peace. But, harkee, no cheers! We still are servants of the grip. And woe betide the victim of that sniffling cold, that splitting sneeze, or

echoing cough. For they are but the forerunners of the tyrant now ruling in the land. And the only hope lies in the remembrance of the reign of terror of the past, the rusty iron age. —Burlington Hawkeye.

Maine Crops.

Major General Heywood, the commanding officer of the United States marine corps, is a native of the Pine Tree state, and is proud of it, says the Washington Post. At a reception one evening he was in the midst of a group of women whose home is in a part of the country vastly more favored agriculturally.

"I don't see how you people from the north of New England manage to look so robust and healthy, brought up, as you were, in a country where it is impossible to raise anything," remarked one of the ladies.

"Why, madam," answered the gallant general, "that is a queer mistake. The people up there can raise things."

"How do you figure that?"

"Well, we have two regular crops in Maine."

"What are they?" continued his questioner, somewhat surprised.

"Ice and summer tourists."

In all ages there have been men who believed that principles could be slain by killing the men who advocated them.

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