



Rich deposits of asbestos have been discovered in the Irkust district of Russia, according to a dispatch from Consul General Holloway at St. Petersburg to Washington. It is reported that this asbestos is superior in quality to any yet discovered.

From Vienna on May 9 it was reported that a mosque at Kinpriul, Bulgaria, in which 200 Moslems had assembled, had been blown up by dynamite and the worshippers were buried in the ruins.

A daring attempt to destroy the steamship Umbria was discovered in time to prevent its accomplishment, according to a New York dispatch dated May 9. An infernal machine containing 100 pounds of dynamite and an electrically operated mechanism, and which was intended for shipment on the Umbria, was found on the pier of the Cunard steamship line. The mechanism was set to explode within twenty-four hours and it is said that enough dynamite was in the machine to have destroyed the ship and all on board the vessel.

It is claimed that the government has dropped the question of fence removal on the grazing lands of the public domain in Nebraska for some time to come. Colonel Josby, who is an agent for the department of the interior, has been relieved of this work and sent to Alabama to make "an investigation of the timber lands" there.

The good record made by United States Minister Bowen in the Venezuelan difficulty has impelled the government at Washington to recognize his services by promotion. It is understood that while Mr. Bowen will remain accredited as minister to Venezuela for the present, it is the intention to transfer him to a considerably more important diplomatic post on the conclusion of his services at The Hague, where he goes in September as associate counsel for the peace powers.

On May 10 it was announced by the Associated press from Mexico City that Colima volcano continues in violent eruption. People at Tuzpan are in a state of great alarm. On the evening of May 7 there was a terrific eruption and a violent outpouring of lava occurred at 9 o'clock. The next morning a torrent of lava flowed out of the western slope of the mountain. There was another eruption on the afternoon of the same day.

The city of Ottawa in Ontario, Canada, was swept by fire on May 10, and 2,000 people were rendered homeless. The loss is estimated to be about \$600,000, a damaged water main preventing the firemen from working to check the flames.

It was recently reported from Panama that the Panama Canal company has offered the Colombian government \$12,000,000 of the \$40,000,000 bonds from the United States government for the Panama property.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the American Academy of Medicine met at Washington on May 11, with a large membership present. Several papers on important subjects were read and discussed.

The threatened strike of the boiler-makers' union in the Southern Pacific

shops was postponed on May 11 by the receipt of a telegram from the president of the union instructing the men to remain at work at least for the next fifteen days, pending a meeting of the railway officials to make an effort to settle the difficulties.

The ruin wrought by the recent eruption of the Santa Maria volcano in Guatemala is said to be greater than was at first thought. A layer of ashes from ten to fifteen feet deep covers a large area of the country, and one-third of the entire coffee crop of the country has been destroyed, and the rich agricultural land has been rendered worthless.

A cablegram from Shanghai, China, under date of May 11, says: The Chinese treaty revision commissioners have received from the Chinese foreign office instructions to decline further discussion with the American commissioners on article 12 of the proposed new treaty, which refers to the opening of points in Manchuria to foreign trade.

A Washington dispatch dated May 11 says: The record in the case of the United States against the Northern Securities company, recently decided by the United States circuit court for the district of Minnesota, adversely to the Securities company, reached the supreme court today on appeal. As the call of the docket has been suspended for the present term the case cannot be called before next October.

A London cablegram dated May 12 says that Colonial Secretary Chamberlain had announced in the house of commons that as a result of the British military operations in the Sokoto and Kano districts, ending with the capture of the emir of Kano, 100,000 square miles of territory had been added to Northern Nigeria and would be administered by the government of that territory.

The report of the committee of inquiry appointed by President Nord of Hayti to investigate the charges of fraud in the issuing of Haytian government securities, made its report on May 12 and declares that the amount involved is about \$2,000,000, the responsibility for the fraud being fastened on the National Bank of Hayti.

It was announced from Pekin on May 12 that the Russian charge in that city had issued an official notice that all Manchuria is open to foreign travel and adds that passports are no longer necessary.

In the United States district court at San Francisco, Cal., on May 12 the Federal Salt company was convicted of maintaining a monopoly contrary to the Sherman anti-trust law. It is said that Judge De Haven will pronounce sentence on Tuesday. The maximum fine is \$5,000. This case marks the first conviction under the Sherman law, which went into effect in 1892. The Federal Salt company was organized in New Jersey in 1900. It established a business in California and quickly secured a monopoly of the product on the coast, raising the price from \$2 and \$6 a ton to \$30 and \$35.

A dispatch from Frank, B. C., under date of May 12, says: Frank has been reoccupied by order of Premier Haultian of the Northwest government

and the town, which has been completely deserted for nine days, is now a scene of life and activity. The conclusion reached by the Canadian government's experts was that the slides will continue for some time, but to what extent is a matter of judgment.

Former Senator W. F. Lyons of Kansas City, author of the anti-alum bill in the Missouri legislature, has been held to the grand jury because of his refusal to answer certain questions put to him by the jury in session at St. Louis, in connection with the boodle investigation.

President Roosevelt recently tendered to Frederick W. Hollis of New York city the position of umpire to act in the settlement of the claims of Germany and Italy against Venezuela, in accordance with the terms of the settlement effected by Mr. Bowen with those powers. The question of preferential treatment of Germany, Great Britain and Italy is to be left to The Hague court. Mr. Hollis declined to serve and Gen. H. M. Duffield of Detroit was appointed in his stead.

Richard Henry Stoddard, the poet, died in New York city on May 12. Mr. Stoddard was born in Massachusetts July 2, 1825, and was widely known as an author and poet. He was an iron moulder in his youth. Was confidential clerk to General McClellan, 1870-73. City librarian, New York, 1874-75. Literary reviewer, New York World, 1860-70, and of the New York Mail and Express since 1880.

The subcommission of the isthmian canal commission, consisting of Rear Admiral Walker, General Haines and Professor Burr, which recently visited the isthmus of Panama to inspect the property of the new Panama Canal company, has returned to Washington. In their report it is made known that although about 1,200 men are employed on the canal little work has been accomplished. The uncertainty surrounding the ratification of the treaty by the Colombian congress seems to be responsible for the slow progress made.

The destructive forest fires that have been raging in Pennsylvania for some time were still continuing, according to dispatches recently. Great efforts are being made to stop the progress of the flames, and much damage to property has already been done.

The strike of dock laborers at Valparaiso is becoming more serious, according to a report from Santiago, Chile, under date of May 13. Troops have been sent to that city to quell the disorder, but the damage done al-

ready is very great. In an encounter with the police ten persons were killed and two hundred injured. On May 14 it was announced that the strike had been submitted to arbitration and work had been resumed.

Members of the arbitration committee of the National Civic Federation held their semi-annual meeting in New York on May 13. The meeting was called to order by Senator Hanna and prominent men from all sections of the country were present.

It was announced from Denver, Colo., on May 13 that 200 cooks, 600 waiters, 500 butchers, and 160 bakers had been called out on strike, and it was feared that these movements would start a general strike of all the trades and laborers of the city. Including the teamsters who have been on strike for several days, the number of men out is estimated at 2,200.

The Association of American Physicians concluded its session at Washington on May 14. Dr. William T. Councilman was elected president.

It was reported on May 14 that the memorial arch erected to the memory of the thirteen missionaries of the American board of foreign missions who suffered martyrdom in China in 1900 was dedicated at Oberlin, O.

On May 14 Louis Bleyer, a well known newspaper man, died at Milwaukee, aged 66 years. It was through his exhaustive reports of the loss of life and property on the lakes that Prof. L. A. Lapham successfully carried the weather signal bureau through congress.

The charges of corruption which recently were made in Boston against a member of the state senate were repeated before a special committee appointed by the senate to hear the charges, and numerous witnesses will be summoned before the committee.

The threatened strike among the employes of the Great Northern railroad system was averted on May 14 by an agreement reached between the road and its men. Each side made concessions, although the employes were granted an increase of wages.

At the state G. A. R. encampment meeting recently held at Fremont, Neb., Omaha, Neb., was selected as the next place of meeting. Judge Lee Estelle of Omaha was elected commander.

A Washington dispatch of May 14 says: Acting Secretary of Agriculture Moore has made plans for establish-

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