

representative citizens of his native town, Dumferline, Scotland, a trust deed transferring to them \$2,500,000 in 5 per cent bonds of the United States steel corporation, also Pittencreeff park, all to be used for the benefit of the working classes of the town.

The labor disturbances in the south of Russia still continue, one correspondent asserting that no less than 250,000 men are affected and that the strikes continue to gain in force. Attacks upon the strikers have been made under the direction of the governor of Odessa, in one attack over 400 strikers were wounded by the assaults of the soldiers.

It was reported from Salonica on August 6 that the Bulgarian insurgents had dynamited the governor's palace in the town of Krushevo, killing fifty Turks. Six of the sultan's battalions were immediately dispatched to the front. It is rumored that August 31 has been fixed for a general uprising among the Bulgarians.

A suit has been instituted at Columbus, O., against the so-called "glass trust," which embraces eighteen companies of the twenty manufacturing concerns making glassware. In this suit it is averred that the trust was formed to limit production, manipulate prices and stifle competition.

The conciliation board appointed to adjust the differences between the anthracite miners and the operators have failed to agree and have made an appeal, according to a dispatch from Pottsville, Pa., to the judges of the Third district of the United States court to appoint a seventh man for umpire.

A collision at Durand, Mich., on August 7 between two sections of a circus train resulted in the death of 23 persons and the injury of 30 others.

Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the United States army, retired from active service at noon on August 8, having reached the age limit of 64 years. In an address issued by General Miles he expresses his appreciation of the fidelity and devotion shown by the soldiers of his command, and also comments upon several features of the army regulations.

It was recently reported from Manila that the efforts of the United States government to introduce its new currency into the Philippine islands has not met with the success that was anticipated. The bankers of Manila have agreed to do all in their power to aid the government to secure the acceptance of the new coins among the natives.

Henry P. Lowe, chief engineer of the United States steel corporation, made a record-breaking trip across the continent recently, covering the distance from the Atlantic to the Pacific, more than 3,200 miles, in seventy-three hours and twenty-one minutes, or an hour and twenty-one minutes more than three days. The occasion of this fast run was the effort of Mr. Lowe to reach the bedside of his dying daughter at Los Angeles, Cal., but he was unsuccessful in this attempt, the daughter dying before he reached that city. The run from Chicago to Los Angeles, a distance of 2,256 miles, was made in fifty-two hours and fifty-one minutes, an average speed of forty-two and seven-tenths miles an hour, including all stops.

The insurrection in Macedonia has become a serious affair. On August 7 it was reported that four battalions of Turkish troops, supported by artillery, had met and routed a body of 1,700 Bulgarians near Sorovitch. It seems that Turkey is well prepared for an outbreak as she has about 80,000 troops in the provinces in addition to large reserves. Boris Sarafoff has been made leader of the Macedonian troops and it is said that his aim is to organize a vast rebellion with the object of seizing Constantinople and overthrowing the dynasty and Turkish rule.

The state convention of the Church of Christ held their annual meeting at Bethany Park, near Lincoln, Neb., beginning August 7, and continuing over the Sabbath. The meeting was one of the greatest in the history of the Nebraska organization.

Baron Speck von Sternburg, who has been minister plenipotentiary of Germany to the United States since Ambassador Holleben returned to Europe, and who has since been elevated to the rank of ambassador to succeed Mr. Von Holleben, presented his credentials to President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, N. Y., on August 7 and was formally received in his new diplomatic rank.

Waste Basket Examiners. "Official examiner of the Waste Basket"—such is the title conferred on two women at the treasury. Nor is the title a vain one. The women are classed as "experts" and their duties are reckoned important. From 9 to 4 o'clock each day, except Sunday, they may be found in the basement of the big and dirty gray brown building wherein Uncle Sam's sinews of commerce and war, peace and prosperity, are kept. Hour by hour they carefully go through the big piles of waste paper dumped out for their critical inspection from the capacious maws of the hundreds of baskets, which are supposed to catch the litter of officials and clerks, from Secretary Shaw down.

It is the word "supposed" that gives these experts employment. Too often a document or paper of value slips inadvertently into the baskets, and were it not for the watchful eyes of these women would find its way into the fiery furnace of destruction.

People have been wont to joke about the ridiculous titles that certain government employes bear, and in a popular farce of a few years ago there was a character who styled himself the official cleaner of government cupboards. But there are, in fact, two official examiners of waste baskets in the treasury department.

The necessity of employes of this kind will be realized at once when it is known that drafts, vouchers and bonds worth anywhere from \$1 up to \$10,000, and even more, are handed about and sent from one room to another as though they were of no more value than so much cambric. Frequently the carelessness of a messenger permits one of these slips of paper, representing many hundreds, and even thousands of dollars, to fall into a waste basket. A sudden gust of wind may carry a bond from a chief's desk and toss it into the same receptacle, while a hurried official may tear in half a draft for a large sum of money and throw the pieces into the basket.—Indianapolis News.

The Longest Aqueduct. New York has gone up the Hudson fifty miles or more for water. Liverpool has gone nearly seventy miles into the Welsh mountains. A few years hence some of the water supply of Paris will be drawn from sources more than 100 miles away. London has thought of building an aqueduct to Wales. But the government of West Australia has lately put into operation the longest aqueduct in the world. The gold-mining towns of Kalgoorlie, Boulder, and Southern Cross are now receiving water from the Helena river, no less than 328 miles away.

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