A Belgian Rat Story.

A particularly good rat story is told in a Belgian paper. A gardener had planted 250 tulip bulbs. The following day, when about to complete the number, the man noticed that the bulbs had disappeared mysteriously. He was told that perhaps rats had been at work, and looked for their hole. This he found, and dug down into the earth until a subterranean chamber was disclosed, where the whole of the 250 bulbs were hidden, packed neatly in rows, one above the other. There was a bundle or hay and dead leaves also, showing that the rats had made most elaborate preparations for the winter season.

Sam Houston as an Indian.

The statute of General Sam Houston of Texas, to be placed in the capitol at Washington, of which Miss Elizabeth Ney is the sculptor, is to be a duplicate of the statue which has just been finished and placed in the capitol at Austin. This statue represents Houston as an Indian at a time when he was living with the Cherokee tribe after his self-banishment from Tennessee. Judge John H. Reagan, who knew Houston intimately, is angry over the Indian statue and in a letter protests against its duplicate being placed in the national capitol.

He Means It.

New Berlin, Ill., March 16th .- Mr. Frank Newton of this place speaks very earnestly and emphatically when asked by any of his many friends the reason for the very noticeable improvement in his health.

For a long time-over two years-he has been suffering a great deal with pains in his back and an oll-over feeling of illness and weakness. His appetite failed him and he grew gradually weaker and weaker till he was very much run down.

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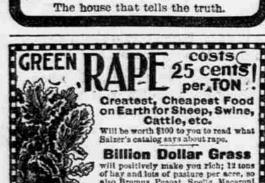
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Duncan Gillies, the father of the parliament of Victoria and its new speaker, has a legislative record that is unique in the British empire or elsewhere. Forty-five years have passed since, as a young man of 25, and a working miner, he was first elected by the gold diggers of Balla-With the exception of three years spent in London as agent general, he has been continuously in the Victorian parliament ever since, but he has hardly ever represented the same constituency twice. That is because he has a rooted aversion to raius on the treasury and doing drudgery for constituents, besides a constitutional love of ease. He has lost count of his constituencies. At a recent lord may's dinner in Melbourne he said to his neighbor: "Let me see, have I ever represented your district?" "No," was the reply; "I berepresented."

Queen Victoria and the Telephone. Sir William Preece, who was for nearly thirty years in the employment of the postoffice, is fond of relating an | America. anecdote, which, while it rather tells against him, does his vesatility and readiness full justice. It was at the up between Osborne and London, and in order to give Queen Victoria an exhibition of its possibilities certain tests were carried out. One of them was the playing of a band in London so that her majesty might hear the music at the other end of the wire. By some mischance the band was not there when Sir William was informed that the queen was waiting to hear its performance. Tere was only one thing to be done, and Sir William, knowing the possibilities of the telephone, hummed an air into the receiver. Then he inquired whether her majesty had recognized the tune. "Yes," was the reply. "It was the national anthem, and very badly played."

"Music Hath Charms."

An electrical engineer employed by Mr. Edison was lately engaged upon some experimental work upon harmonic telegraphy. He happened to notice that when the note given out by the instrument reached a certain pitch all the mosquitoes in the neighborhood came nying towards the apparatus. The workman produced a quantity of flypaper, with which he covered the machine, and so succeeded in capturing thhousands of the noxious insects. The cause of this queer musical attraction seems to be that the note produced by the machine was exactly similar to that caused by the rapid vibration of the wings of the mosquito when flying. Sir Hiram Maxim has since made experiments of a similar kind, and found that a tuning-fork giving a similar note was equally attractive to the gnats and mosquitoes in the neighborhood.

War Veterans in the Senate.

Thirty-eight years after the civil war there are fouteen men in the United States senate who served in the confederate army and thirteen who served in the federal army during that great struggle. While a number of men in the last list are well advanced in years, yet there are quite a number of comparatively young men who entered the army when boys of 15 to 18. In the case of union officers who are now senators, most of them were quite young when they entered the service. One senator, Pettus of Alabama, served in both the Mexica and civil wars.

* Original of "Uncle Tom."

Norman Argo, born a slave, has just lied at Pain's Lick, near Lancaster, Ky., at the reputed age of 111 years, the authority of which is fairly established by members of the family in whose service he has passed nearly all his life. Argo belonged to General Sampel Kennedy, at whose place Harriet Beecher Stowe got most of the materia: for "Uncle Tom's Cabin." He is said to have been the original Uncle Tom. In his youth he was a great jockey and won large sums for his owner. Argo was but 3 feet 4 inches

A \$1,000,000 Hitching Post.

J. B. Poston of Bath, Me., has a hitching post which, he says, is worth \$1,000,000, even if it would not bring that sum at a forced sale. It is believed to be the last of the thousands of posts which were driven along on the route of the Erie railway when it was being constructed through the Susquehanna, Canisteo and Allegheny, sixty odd years ago. The purpose then was to elevate the railway bed. but the plan was abandoned after it in the ratification of the treaty by 73 had cost \$1,000,000 and had driven the Erie into its first bankruptcy.

First Woman Across the Bridge. Mrs. Washington A. Roebling, who died last week, was the first woman to cross the Brooklyn bridge, and she had aided her husband to complete the structure when he was disabled by illness. She studied engineering with him in Europe and always operated with him in his plans. Many successful men give their wives credit for their individau achievement, but few women have been able to secure public recognition for assisting their companions in life as came to Mrs.

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PASS THE TREATY

ONLY FIVE IN THE NEGATIVE

SENATE RATIFIES THE PROTOCOL WITH COLOMBIA.

Seventy-three Members Answer Yea to Final Quesion Put .- Many Amendments Are Rejected .-- Morgan Bunches Prposals Into Complex Substitute.

WASHINGTON.-The senate met at 11 o'clock Tuesday and went into executive session after the journal was read and approved.

Shortly after the doors were closed lieve it is the only one you have not | Mr. Money offered a substitute for the fourth article of the treaty, which disavows any intention on the part of the United States to increase its territory at the expense of South or Central

Senators Bacon, Teller, Daniel, Morgan, Bailey and others contended for time when a telephone had been set | an impartial recognition of all American republics, urging that under the language of the fourth article of the treaty Mexico would be left as the only American republic to which the avowal of non-encroachment could be held as non-applicable. Senators Spooner and Hoar replied, contending that there was practicaly no difference between the language of the amendment and of the article.

> The amendment was then defeated by 25 to 27.

Senator Daniel then offered an amendment providing that the treaty should not take effect until it had been approved by congress.

The fact was soon apparent that he offered his amendment for the purpose of making a general speech on the treaty, and when the fifteen minutes allowed him had expired and the amendment was voted down, Senator Morgan presented four or five of his amendments, which were each in turn defeated, but upon all of which Senator Daniel continued to speak. All told he spoke for about an hour.

His speech was an arraignment of the republican policy in pressing the treaty with what he asserted was undue haste. He referred to the enormous expenditure that would be required to construct the canal and charged recklessness in rushing into such an enterprise.

Mr. Morgan asserted that senators were not thinking for themselves, but following blindly in the lead of the secretary of state. They were practically surendering their own offices in order to maintain a reputation for party allegiance.

When it became apparent that the fifteen-minute speeches had been concluded, Senator Morgan surprised the senate by presenting all the fifty amendments which he had prepared in one block, with those portions of the treaty he did not desire to change, as a substitute for the whole agreement. He did not demand a roll call and was voted down viva voce almost unani-

It was now a few minutes past 5 and Senator Morgan took the floor to make the last of his long series of speeches in opposition to the treaty. In accordanct with the unanimous agreement he spoke for an hour, and to make the points he desired he had prepared his speech in advance. He read de- reciprocity treaties, providing that the liberately but in a firm voice, often treaty shall not take effect until apdisgressing in order to emphasize.

Senator Cullom occupied only about three-quarters of the hour allotted to him, and when he concluded the question as to whether the treaty should be ratified was promptly put before the senate. All the senators in the city occupied their seats and all were prompt in responding when their names were called. The vote resulted

The report was no surprise, for all had predicted that when the offered amendments had been disposed of the treaty would be approved by an over-

SAYS MISS ASTOR IS TO WZD.

Vienna Paper Reports Engagement to Bavarian Statesman.

VIENNA-A dispatch from Bucharest, Roumania, to the Die Zeitung says: Miss Astor, daughter of William Waldorf Astor, is engaged to marry Jonet Bratiano, the Roumanian foreign minister.

Miss Astor is now visiting the Roumanian crown prince's family. Bratiano has a fascinating personality. He is not a wealthy man and is a son of the late Jean Bratiano, the distinguished statesman whose monument will shortly be unveiled at Buch-

Mr. Mercer Not Appointed.

tendered the position of director of | cf J. J. Boehm was substituted. the census to S. N. D. North, formerly | The platform adopted deals at conchief statistician of manufactures of siderable length with the traction the census bureau, to succeed Director question, advocating the passage by Merriam, resigned. Mr. North has ac- | the legislature of an ennabling act and cepted and will enter upon his duties manicipal ownership at the earliest some time in May.

AVAILABLE SUPPLY OF GRAIN.

Decrease in Wheat and Corn Since Last Report.

NEW YORK-Special cablegrams and telegraphic communication received by Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies since tne last report:

Wheat-United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decreased 2,222,-000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, decreased 600,000 bushels; world's available, decreased 2,282,000 bushels. Corn-United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increased 408,000

. Among the most important decreases this week were those of 800,-000 bushels at Manitoba elevators, 300,000 bushels at northwestern interior elevators, 111,000 bushels at St. Joseph, 81,000 bushels at Omaha, 80; 000 bushels at Portland, Me., 35,000 bushels at Nashville and 68,000 bushels at Chicago private elevators.

WRIGHT IS ARRESTED.

New York Detectives Capture Absconding Promoter.

NEW YORK.-J. P. Whittaker Wright, the London company promoter, who is accused of colossal frauds in connection with the organization of various financial corporations, was arrested Sunday on the arrival of the French line steamer La Lorraine from Havre. The arrest was made by two central office detectives at the request of the London police.

Wright was taken to police headquarters and later to the Tombs police court, where he was arraigned before a magistrate and turned over to the United States authorities. He was then taken to the Ludlow street jail.

Traveling with Wright was a tall, good-looking young woman who said she was his neice. Her name appeared on the passenger list as Miss F.

REBELS DEFEAT GOVERNMENT.

Bonilla Routs Rival Claimant for Honduran Presidency.

NEW ORLEANS-The fruit steamer Duncan of the Vaccuro line reached quarantine Thursday night from Ceiba, Honduras, with the most significant war news since the outbreak of the Bonilla rebellion.

A battle was fought at Ceiba on Marach 6, when Bonilla defeated the government army, killing six, wounding fourteen and capturing the fort and

Admiral Vice Consul W. C. Wildt sent a telegram by one of the passengers asking that a warship be sent to protect American interests.

Prepare for Roosevelt. SANTA FE, N. M .- Word was re ceived by Major W. H. H. Llewellyn, and, it is understood, also by Gov ernor Otero, that President Roosevelt will be in Santa Fe on the morning of May 5 and in Albuquerque in the afternoon, on his way to California. Extensive preparations are being made to make the president's recep-

House Must Approve.

tion a notable one.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- The senate committee on foreign relations Thursday authorized a favorable report on the Cuban reciprocity treaty with an amendment similar to that recommended in connection with other proved by the house of representatives as well as by the senate.

AMERICAN WAY TOO RAPID.

Financiers Anticipate Panic, Due to Absorption of Capital.

BERLIN-Apprehensions regarding the financial situation in New York are still pronounced. The American demand for German money continues.

The impression prevails among Berlin financial men that speculation in the United States has been overdone and that credits have been unduly expanded. It is pointed out, as a sign whelming majority. Such proved to of too rapid capital absorption, that it is now difficult for American houses to dispose of first class bonds bearing interest at 4 per cent. The same difficulty is experienced by German banks in handling American bonds.

HARRISON IS TO RUN AGAIN.

Nominated for a Fourth Term for Mayor by the Democrats.

CHICAGO-Mayor Carter Harrison was renominated for a fourth term in the democratic city convention here

The remainder of the slate agreed upon at a caucus ofdemocratic leaders was as follows: City treasurer, Ernest Hummel; city clerk, William Loeffler; city attorney, John E. Owens.

Just before the hour set for the opening of the convention, however, WASHINGTON-The president has Loeffler declined to run and the name

possible date.

PROTOCOL

SENATE VOTES DOWN ALL AMENDMENTS.

SIX HOURS SPENT IN WORK

Chief Dehate of the Session Centers Round the Right of America to Defend Waterway, but the Colombian Powers Are Not Infringed.

WASHINGTON .- The senate spent six solid hours in executive session Monday voting on amendments to the Panama canal treaty.

The greater part of the debate centhe canal, the democrats contending interests of the country are sufficiently safeguarded by the treaty as it

A substitute for the provision placing the defense of the canal primarily in the hands of Colombia resulted in a test vote and the democrats cast a solid vote in support of the amendment, the republicans voting as solidly against it. The vote was 24 to 46 against.

During the day Senator Morgan offered a number of his amendments, but none of them received more than ten or twelve votes. The treaty will be ratified tomorrow by a large majority and without amendment, as on the final ballot many of the democrats will vote for it.

Before the executive session commenced Levi Ankeny of Washington was escorted to the desk by Mr. Foster, his colleague, and sworn in. No legislative business of any kind was transacted.

Immediately after the doors had been closed the order for the presentation of amendments went into effect. There was quite a large attendance of sesstors, both political parties having used every effort to secure full representation so as to make the best showing in case of a division on party lines. Consequently the roll calls of the day were well responded to and the vote cast was larger than

expected. The first vote was taken about forty minutes affer the doors were closed, coming on an amendment by Senator Pettus, providing that the treaty should not go into effect until ap- a week's stay, they will go to their proved by congress. This amendment was voted down by a large majority, all the republicans and some of the democrats recording themselves against it.

The amendment was in the language of the one recommended by the committee on foreign relations to be added to the Cuban reciprocity treaty. In offering it Mr. Pettus claimed that the provisions of the treaty for the acquisition of the canal zone do not correspond with the provisions of the law under which the treaty was made. In the law the provision is for the ownership of the zone, while the treaty provides for a lease to be renewed and use of the dues. Gomez reportperpetually. He contended that under the circumstances the treaty was without authority and therefore not binding without further legislation.

Following this Senator Morgan offered a number of amendments, of which he had given notice, but they were passed upon adversely and without roll calls. One of these was a declaration that nothing contained in the treaty sould be construed as invalidating the Spooner act. Another provided for the submission of the treaty to the French government as a party interested.

His other amendments provided for the reversion of the railroad lands outside of the zone to Colombia and confirmed Colombia's reservation of shares in the new Panama Canal company in accordance with the con-

SIX HUNDRED LIVES ARE LOST.

Details of the Hurricane in Paumotus Islands Last January.

SAN FRANCISCO - The steamer Mariposa arrived here Monday from the Samoan islands, bringing full particulars of the terrible hurricane which visited the Paumoto group of islands in January. In all over 600 group of islands number about 100 fer to the new department of comisland divisions. Relief measures have been instituted and everything is being done at Apia and other places D. Walcott, director of the geological in the Samoan group to relieve the survey; Brigadier General William suffering of the Paumotu islanders.

Plans for a Rough Ride.

Roosevelt carries out his plan to ride the agriculture department, and horseback from Laramie to Cheyenne James H. Garfield of the department during the western trip, troop A, Wyo- of commerce and labor. mining National Guard, of this place, will be detailed to escort him.

No Cholera Develops.

NEW YORK-The detained passengers of the steamer Karamana, which arrived here with supposed cholera on board March 10, were released from Hoffman island Tuesday. No new cases have appeared.

SHEEP MUST BE SHUT OUT.

Buffalo Bill Writes to President Roosevelt from London.

WASHINTON, D. C .- The president has received the following letter from Colonel W. F. Cody, dated at London, March 3.

"For the benefit of future generations the timber, and especially the underbrush must be protected now, before it is too late, from the sheep devastating the mountain water sheds, as they have already done the valleys and table lands. If sheep are allowed to browse on the underbrush of our mountains, in less than five years from now the homeseeker, the man tered around the American defense of behind the plow, the actual taxpayer,, will have to leave the Big Horn Bathat the United States should be sin for want of water to irrigate his given the initiative in that respect, land. No one knows this better than and the republicans urging that the yourself, for you are familiar with all of the west."

HELPS OUT STOCKMEN.

The Question of Stock Raising on Lands Discussed.

WASHINGTON - Commissioner Richards of the general land office announced that recently President Roosevelt discussed with him the question of stock grazing on lands recently added to western forest reserve and said that it was not his intention, when additional reserve areas were created, that settlers who heretofore have grazed stock thereon should be subjected to hardship. He directed that the general land office permit stockmen who enjoyed grazing privileges prior to the creation of reserve additions to continue during this year to range cattle and sheep on the same lands, with a view to adjusting business so that the stock might be withdrawn the year following. Instructions in line with the president's wishes have been issued by the interior department.

NEW YORK TO BE NEW HOME.

Ex-Speaker Henderson Expected to Remove from lowa.

WASHINGTON-Hon. David B. Henderson, ex-speaker of the house of representatives, accompanied by Mrs. Henderson and their daughter, left here for New York City, whence, after former home in Iowa. After remaining there a few days the speaker and Mrs. Henderson will visit California. The impression here is that Mr. Henderson eventually will take up his permanent residence in New York City.

Makes a Serious Charge.

MANILA-General Allan, chief of the Philippine constabulary, has written to President Gomez of the national party, charging that the party is assisting the ladrones in Rizal and Bulucan provinces and requesting Gomez to produce the records of the organization and explain the collection ed that the party was not guilty. He admitted that individual members assisted the ladrones, but said the party expelled them for so doing. General The vote resulted 80 for, 60 against. Allan placed evidence in the hands of the prosecuting attorney and it is expected that the government will pros-

Castro Re-takes Rebel Town.

ecute a number of the nationalists.

CARACAS .- A body of government troops was sent from Margarita island on March 13 to attack the revolutionists at Carupano, which, during the blockade, was taken by them. After three hours' fighting the govcrament forces re-occupied the town, recapturing the guns and Mausers and took sixty-three prisoners, thirty-

nine of whom were wounded. Cash for the first payment due to Germany under the Washington agreement was deposited in a safe at the treasury and will be paid on the order of the German minister, Herr von Pelidramm, who is expected here on Tuesday.

PRESIDENT NAMES COMMISSION.

Appoints Five Politicians to Recommend Transfers.

WASHINGTON .- The president appointed a commission to recommend any offices, bureaus, or divisions in lives were lost and the financial loss | the legislative departments, except the will exceed \$500,000. The Paumoto department of agriculture, for transmerce and labor.

The commission comprises Charles Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordnance of the war department; Rear Admiral Francis T. Bowles, chief CHEYENNE, Wyo. - If President | naval constructor; E. G. Pinchot of

Colored Man Commissioned.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- Lieutenant David G. Gilmer, a colored soldier of this city, has been commissioned by the president as second lieutenant in the Philippine scouts. The president recently promised Senator Pritchard of North Carolina that Lieutenant Gilmer should have the first vacancy in the Philippine scouts.