

IMPATIENT.

T. R.—See land yet, son?

T. Bear—Nope! Let's get off and walk—this is

too slow.



BIG MILITARY PRISON BURNS.

800 of the Army's Convicts Rescued at Fort Leavenworth.

The military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., was partially destroyed by fire at midnight Wednesday night. The 800 prisoners all were taken from the main building as soon as the fire reached it and none was injured.

The convicts were confined in a stockade under the guard of United States troops. None of them, so far as is known, succeeded in gaining his liberty during the transfer to the stockade. At 2 o'clock some of the cell-houses had cooled sufficiently to allow half of the prisoners to return. The others will be taken to the Federal prison, two miles away, at daylight. Two of the Federal soldiers who were fighting the fire were injured. The property loss on the building is estimated at \$200,000.

The fire was first discovered at 10 o'clock in the tailor shop. It soon spread to the shoe shop and the blacksmith establishment. Lack of water pressure prevented all hope of saving even the main building, and it was decided to move the inmates. Long before this, however, the convicts had seen the flames and, fearing they would be burned to death, they battered on the bars of their cells and screamed in terror.

As soon as several companies of soldiers, including cavalrymen, had gotten under arms, a strong cordon was thrown about the prison and the delivery of the prisoners began. The sick were removed first, placed in ambulances, and taken to the Fort Leavenworth hospital under guard of cavalry. The records were removed from the administration building. If everything had not been done in perfect order lives doubtless would have been lost. As it was, strict military discipline prevailed.

LEADERS TO PLAN LABOR LAWS.

Big National Conference to Be Held in Chicago April 10.

Legislation in the interests of the workers of the country will be the subject of discussion at a conference of economists, educators, manufacturers and labor leaders from all parts of the United States, which is to be held in the rooms of the City Club in Chicago April 10, under the auspices of the American Association for Labor Legislation. The government will be represented by Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor, and Daniel J. Keefe, Commissioner General of Immigration. Following the business session a public meeting will be held in the evening at Hull House for the discussion of measures for the protection of working men and women.

BABY'S BODY IN BASKET.

Cleveland Man Unknowingly Carries Girl's Corpse to His Home.

For several hours Walter Johnson, Jr., carried the body of a baby girl about Cleveland in a basket, thinking it contained groceries. Johnson bought groceries at several markets. He started home, but, meeting friends on the way, was delayed until morning. He then went to bed without opening the basket, leaving it in the center of a dining table. His father opened the basket to lift out the groceries. The police believe the body was left in a basket in one of the markets visited by Johnson. Death is said to have been due to exposure.

\$1,000,000 DAM IS COMPLETED.

Structure Spanning Colorado River Ready for Opening.

The last carload of rock has been dumped into the apron of Laguna dam, and the great diversion weir is being cleared of all its construction equipment preparatory to the opening celebration. Laguna dam extends across the Colorado River and is located about fourteen miles above the city of Yuma, Ariz. It was built by the United States reclamation service at a cost of more than a million dollars. Work on the dam was commenced July 1, 1905. The dam is 4,770 feet long.

100 NEGROES BATTLE DEPUTIES.

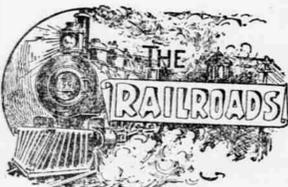
Three Killed and Five Wounded in All-Night Fight at Oklamoma.

On the scene of the famous Creek Indian uprising of last year at Hickory Settlement, Okla., three negroes were killed, five wounded and forty captured in a battle between twenty deputy sheriffs and 100 negroes. The fighting began late Wednesday afternoon and continued until 10 o'clock Thursday. Five deputies went from Henryetta to the negro settlement to arrest cattle thieves thought to be concealed in the house of one of the negroes. They were met by a party of armed negroes and fired upon. Outnumbered, the deputies fled. A few hours later a large posse reached the settlement. Some one fired a shot and the rioting was on. The fight continued as a series of duels throughout the night. The deputies renewed the attack on the negroes Thursday morning. About 300 shots were fired in the last encounter, when two negroes were killed and Deputy Sheriff Fowler injured. At the first onslaught the negroes were dislodged from their huts and fled. The deputies pursued and captured forty.

THINKS HE IS CHARLIE ROSS.

Brakeman Believes Self and Famous Kidnaped Boy Are Identical.

William Grant Eyster of McKee's Rocks, a Pittsburgh suburb, formerly a coal miner at Shamokin, now a brakeman on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, stated that he believes he is the Charlie Ross kidnaped from Germantown, Pa., thirty-five years ago and never recovered. He said he learned early in life that he was not the child of his supposed parents, and that many things they did led him to believe that he was Charlie Ross. He said he tallies in every respect with the description of Charlie, even to moles on his body. Memories of his early home, he said, agree with descriptions of the Ross home. His foster parents, who lived at Shamokin, are dead and he has no evidence of his identity and is not making any effort to prove his claim with the families in the case because of the notoriety it would give him.



During the last ten years the New York Central has expended \$285,000,000 for betterments and increased facilities.

The New York Central is preparing an educational train to run in connection with the New York State Agricultural College.

The Wells-Fargo Express Company is planning to monopolize the express business of Mexico by absorbing the National Express Company.

It is stated that the Lake Shore will be given a good share of the \$8,000,000 worth of equipment to be contracted for by the New York Central lines.

The report some time ago that the Pennsylvania had acquired a half interest in the Lake Erie and Pittsburg road, building from Youngstown to Lorain, has been confirmed.

E. T. Young, former attorney general, appeared before the railroad committee of the Minnesota House, and argued in favor of J. N. Johnson's bill, which authorizes the State to regulate the issuing of stocks and bonds by railroads.

The accounting department of the Central Electric Railway Association of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan held a two days' session in Lima, Ohio. The problem of a uniform system of interrailway accounting is being studied by thirty different traction lines.

Rush orders have been issued to the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound engineering department to complete the road's terminal in Seattle and Tacoma immediately, as within two months the roads will be running trains into Seattle. A large force has been put in service on the work.

REDSKINS ROUTED IN BATTLE.

Posse Surrounds Part of Crazy Snake's Outlaws and Kills One.

A detachment of Crazy Snake's band of belligerent Indians was surrounded by deputy sheriffs and troops Monday afternoon, near Crazy Snake's home, in Oklahoma, and a lively battle followed. More than 200 shots were fired, and one Indian was killed. Eight Indians were captured, and the remainder fled, with the deputies and militiamen in pursuit.

There were about fifteen Indians in the band which had taken refuge in a house. Advancing from all sides the posse fired a volley. The Indians rushed out, scattered among the trees and made a valiant defense. The posse, firing all the while, steadily advanced, and soon routed the band. The house of Crazy Snake was burned during the fight.

Crazy Snake was said to be surrounded in the north Canadian river bottoms near Pierce. Three hundred soldiers, cowboys and deputy sheriffs were closing in upon him. Crazy Snake's band apparently has broken up into numerous small groups, each trying to escape without regard for the grand dreams of the chieftain, to realize which they were called together by Sunday's signal fires. All efforts at organized resistance to the deputies and militia seem to have vanished.

ADMIRAL CONVERSE DEAD AT 75.

Chief Who Assembled Globe-Girdling Ships Succumbs at Home.

Rear Admiral George A. Converse, 75 years old, died at his home in Washington, D. C., of uraemic poisoning. Although placed on the retired list several years ago, he was in active service at the time of his death, being president of the board of construction of the navy. It was under him, as chief of the bureau of navigation, that the battleship fleet of sixteen vessels which recently circled the globe was assembled. His widow, who was a Miss Blood of New York, and his two unmarried daughters, Maud and Olga, were with him when he died. Two other daughters survive—Mrs. Colt of Bristol, R. I., and Mrs. Jackson of Baltimore, Md. Admiral Converse was born in Norwich, Vt.

"AFFINITY" WEDDING A MISFEIT.

Earle's Wife Asks Separation on Ground of Lunacy.

Ferdinand Pinney Earle, artist, author, and playwright, was confronted the other day on his return to Middletown, N. Y., from the West, where it was reported he had been an inmate of a sanitarium, by Sheriff A. L. Decker of Orange County, who served on him papers in an action begun by his wife, Julia Kuttner Earle, for the annulment of their marriage. Mrs. Earle alleges that her husband was a lunatic previous to their marriage and at the time he married her. She asks the custody of her child, that she be allowed to resume her maiden name, and that the child also be known by its mother's family name.

BOY MISSING; \$15,000 DEMANDED.

Pittsburg Police Think Bricklayer's Son Is Playing Joke.

Lawrence Gibson, 14 years old, of Pittsburg, disappeared the other night and about midnight his father received a special delivery letter demanding a ransom of \$15,000 for his son's return. The police were notified and after investigating the case are inclined to believe the lad, with the aid of boy friends, is trying to play a joke on his father. Mr. Gibson is a bricklayer. Mrs. Gibson, the boy's mother, was worried, but admitted that the handwriting in the letter resembles her son's. The police are trying to find the boy.

Finds Wife Dead in Wagon.

Theodore Maynard, wealthy farmer, drove into Bellingham, Wash., with his wife, and as he attempted to help her out of the carriage found she had died. The husband explained that shortly after leaving home she had swayed in the seat and he put his arm around her, keeping it there until he reached the city.

EASTER MORNING.



Upon that Blessed Sabbath morn
When dawn was blushing into day,
The Angel of the Lord appeared
And rolled the ponderous stone away.

The Heavenly Choir burst forth in song
Of vanquished death, and sins forgiven.
Praise ye His name, O ransomed man!
Rejoice, Rejoice, for Christ has risen!

EASTER BELLS.

Chime upon golden chime,
How the rapt echoes climb
At the best Easter-time!
What say the innumerable bells
Unto the hearkening hills and listening
Gells?

New birth! new birth!
Life after death and death!
Renascence upon earth!
Chime on harmonic chime,
How the clear echoes climb
At the dear Easter-time!
To man what messengers
The rapture of the intermingling bells?
New birth! new birth!
All hearts attuned to mirth;
And Christ-love upon earth!
—Harper's Bazar.

A PLEA FOR BUNNY.

The Rabbit, Like Santa Claus, Is Threatened by Modernism.

Now that certain clubs and organizations are trying to bring about a general vote to serve Santa Claus with notice to quit it looks as though the Easter bunny would be sent hopping after him.

There's something sad in all this attack upon the legends of childish days. Even the good old prayer, "Now I lay me," which most of us are sentimental enough to believe can never be improved upon, is inveighed against, the charge being that one line of it is full of "the bugaboo of death" and the rest of it "too utterly childish."

The Easter bunny seems harmless enough, and the interest of the children is so wonderful—the anxiety for fear that some stupid grown-up may come along and shut the window down tight, instead of leaving the necessary crack for the bunny to creep in through, and the breathless rush to inspect the nests which have been so mysteriously built in odd corners!

Wonderful eggs are in those nests—pink and lavender, blue and red, with chocolate for the best of all and a generous lot of little sugar eggs, the kind that are speckled all over, filling in odd corners.

Children aren't always deceived by these legends, and the deceit isn't the kind that does harm any more than a bit of poetry does a grown-up. It's a treat to the imagination, and a child's imagination craves its treats as surely as we older children do.

Leave your window "on a crack" the night before Easter if there's a child in the house and provide yourself with plenty of eggs to help the bunny as you helped Santa Claus. It's the days which some mystical personage influences that are the bright particular

memories in later years.—St. Louis Star.

The Easter Vision.

The word Easter is almost synonymous with happiness, but happiness of all are those who have the Easter vision, which is the vision of a living Christ. Easter day is the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, "who liveth and was dead, and is alive for evermore." That is the old, yet ever new, the precious Easter truth, "a living Christ," to give new life through the hope of immortality. Where is the sting of death or the victory of the grave, with the expectation of a perfect world beyond?

A living Christ gives new life to all our best relationships here with one another. Everything we begin here that is worth while, we can finish hereafter. There could be little satisfaction in a friendship which must end with the separation of friends. But a living Christ offers us the boon of perfect friendship and perfect love, perfect because eternal and abiding, such as is Christ's love toward His children. The best that is in us has a better chance for development here for the knowledge that death is but an incident, after which comes life in the sinless world beyond.

Easter is the symbol of life. To make room for the life more abundant, there must be a death of old desires, ambitions and aims which are unworthy. Each year should bring a fresh resurrection in our lives—a death of the old life, poor and mean, a resurrection to the new life, unselfish and hallowed. We must die to weakness to arise to strength. We must die to selfishness to arise to devotion. We must die to strife and hatred to arise to peace and love. We must die to the things which are temporal to arise to the things which are eternal. To all who have the clear Easter vision, Christ is risen indeed in the heart, to be alive forevermore.

Pussy Willows in Place of Palms.

In England, where the palm cannot be procured, branches of willow with catkins on them are used. It is a Lincolnshire saying that unless catkins are in bloom by the fifth Sunday in Lent the season will be a bad one for the farmer.

Sewing on Good Friday.

The good women of Shropshire, England, devote every spare minute on Good Friday to sewing, believing that sewing done on that day will never come undone.

LOOKS LIKE USUAL EASTER "REIGN."

