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The Mississippi is again breaking its bonds in Louisiana, and inhabitants of the lowlands have been warned to flee for safety. Why don't those people come to Nebraska where it is planned to build dams to keep the water in instead of out and where stories of inundation are so infrequent as to be almost unknown. Stand up for Nebraska.

County Superintendent Cram relates an instance where parents, or the father anyway, complained of the inefficiency of the schools and the teacher, stating that his child had not been learning. A previous investigation by the superintendent had disclosed the fact that the child in question had been in attendance but about a third of the time since school opened, and he was prepared to hear just about such a complaint from the father, who was more at fault than the teacher, or the school system. This is a condition that prevails quite generally. The person who buys little meat is the first and strongest, and loudest to complain of the service of the meat man; the one who seldom rides on a railroad is the one to strenuously object to the accommodations they afford; the man who never employed a certain physician or listened to a minister is the first and last to criticize their conduct, and the person who never advertises in or subscribes for a newspaper is usually the first to offer suggestions as to how it should be conducted and generously criticizes the policy pursued, so it is with other business and industry. The good and steady patron is not the severest critic and when he criticizes there is usually cause for his objection. The moral is plain: First be absolutely certain that you are in a position to criticize from your own knowledge and then be certain that your criticism is accurately based on a good foundation.

Parlor Matches Must Go.

New York has a government of much wonder to the smaller cities and municipalities of the country. It appears to be a government as stupendous as the ordinary state or a small country. The fact that people living in the metropolis are compelled to use hard coal and abjure bituminous was brought out during the recent crisis in the anthracite field. It has recently been given out that the parlor match must be dispensed with likewise, and there is a sentiment against the use of gasoline and kerosene that may result in those stable articles being prohibited. All of this is somewhat astonishing to the little brothers and sisters of the big metropolis, where it is sometimes difficult to enforce a very ordinary law, but it is recognized that there is reason in some of the action taken, made especially pertinent by the density of population in New York. Sometimes that which is done by the big cities is copied by those of smaller population and these reforms will undoubtedly have an effect on the entire country. Speaking of the scheme of doing away with parlor matches, the Western Fireman, published in Chicago, says:

"After the first of January next carrying parlor matches or keeping them in one's house in the city of New York is to be prohibited. Any firm storing, selling, or giving them away will be subject to arrest. Parlor matches come under the classification of dangerous combustibles, the use of which has long been a violation of law as set forth in the city charter, but a provision of the charter allows the fire department to regulate the use and sale of combustibles. The department heretofore has issued permits for the sale of matches. Now the fire commission has discovered that more than 1,300 fires were caused last year by parlor matches and has declined to issue permits for the sale or manufacture of them after January 1. The use only of the old-fashioned sulphur matches, which will ignite only when struck on the box, will be allowed in this city hereafter. Chief Musham of Chicago indorses the statement that the parlor match is a frequent cause of fire and admits that an order forbidding their sale in the western metropolis would be exceedingly practical. 'There are other kinds of slow burning matches,' he said, 'that do as well without the danger that goes with the flashing parlor match. We would not have to go back to the old sulphur tipped article that was so disagreeable and deliberate. What is needed is a match that ignites without the suddenness of the one and without the unpleasant features of the other. I believe this can be obtained, and if a law was passed prohibiting the use of the parlor match, a substitute would appear quickly. I have known a woman to be burned to death by stepping on one of these parlor matches.

Her skirts caught fire just from that little flame. A frequent cause of fire is the flying off of the head of a match when a person tries to strike a light. Children play with the dangerous article, and at a touch, before anyone can know what is happening, flames burst out from these instantaneous matches. While the danger is chiefly in homes, I have known at least one case where a blaze started in a downtown warehouse by rats gnawing the heads of matches. It was only a small fire, that was gotten at quickly, and we found the nest of the animals, with matches in it and around it. It would be impossible to say how many fires may be assigned to this cause, but they are many and their loss is enormous."

CUBAN TREATY IS DELAYED.

Havana Congress Causes Hitch in Reciprocity Negotiations.

Havana, Dec. 5.—The reciprocity negotiations between General Tasker Bliss and the Cuban secretaries, Zaldivar and Montes, is practically at a standstill, the latter desiring to await the outcome of the bill introduced in the house of representatives providing for the appointment of a committee to draw up a bill defining the limits of the concessions which the Cuban government can offer foreign countries in negotiating reciprocity treaties. A committee of the house began the study of the question today. It is known that Secretaries Zaldivar and Montes have reached a satisfactory agreement with General Bliss and that practically all that is left to be done is the signing of the agreement, but they do not wish to assume any responsibility, especially since the recent cabinet crisis and in view of the apparent determination on the part of the nationalist party to oppose the government.

SANITARY CONFERENCE ENDS.

Mosquitoes Held Responsible for Yellow Fever Ravages.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The sanitary conference of American republics, which has been in session here since Tuesday, came to an end last night. Santiago de Chile was selected as the place of next meeting, which will occur March 15, 1904. The mosquito came in for a good share of attention during the closing session and several resolutions bearing on the subject of infection were adopted. One of those offered by Dr. Arthur Reynolds of Chicago, urged the different governments to study in their respective territories, the geographical distribution of the mosquito in order that it might be practically application in such cases. A resolution of the conference, signed by Dr. Quintero of Cuba is of like scope and in a measure makes the statement that the insect is the one factor in the communication of the yellow fever germs.

GET TIP ON COTTON REPORT.

Government Crop Estimate Leaks Out Before Publication.

New York, Dec. 5.—The Journal of Commerce says: "There have in recent years been many reports that the agricultural bureau cotton report has leaked out, in other words that its general condition has become known to a favored few before its official publication, but never has the report been more fully believed by the cotton trade than in the instance of the report issued by the department on Wednesday. The greatest evidence that the information was dishonestly circulated was contained in the action of the market itself, and there are many responsible members of the New York cotton trade who believe the 'leak' occurred not on Wednesday morning, but some time on Tuesday, as there is every evidence that both the New York and Liverpool markets were forced up to a selling basis."

Anarchist is Closely Held.

Madrid, Dec. 5.—Perez Pulgar, the anarchist, arrested recently at Orense and who said he intended to kill King Alfonso, is held in close confinement. It is learned that in spite of his claim to be a citizen of Argentine he is a Spaniard, twenty-two years old. The police are searching for his accomplices and it is thought the investigation will result in unearthing an important plot. The officials believe that Pulgar is feigning insanity.

Outbreak Among Russian Students.

Odessa, Russia, Dec. 5.—A serious outbreak has occurred among the students of the ecclesiastical seminary here, resulting in the arrest of fifty students and the rustication of 300 others. As an outcome of the trouble the holy synod has ordered the institution to be closed. Such a revolutionary movement among religious students is without precedent and has caused the authorities great anxiety.

Reese Not a Candidate.

Ottumwa, Ia., Dec. 5.—John P. Reese, former president of district 13 of the mine workers, has sent out an open letter declaring himself not to be a candidate for vice president of the United Mine Workers of America.

Three Thousand Are Dead.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—From the Guatemalan coast the Pacific Mail steamer City of Sydney brings the news that the deaths resulting from the recent eruption of Santa Maria volcano number about 3,000.

Murderer to Follow Victim.

Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—"Barry" Johnstone, the actor who on Monday night shot and killed Miss Kate Hassett, leading woman at Keith's theater, and then attempted suicide, is rapidly growing weaker. The hospital physicians say there is absolutely no hope of his recovery.

MINERS ON THE STAND

Tell Their Story of Conditions in Coal Fields.

SAY PROMISES WERE NOT KEPT.

Companies Violated Agreement by Refusing to Reinstatement Union Men. Mine Inspectors Will Be Called to Tell of How Their Duties Are Done.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 5.—At yesterday's sessions of the strike commission the representatives of the mine workers continued to call witnesses, mostly practical miners, who told their story of conditions as they exist in the Hazleton coal fields. The miners tried to show by these witnesses that the Cox and other companies had violated the agreement entered into by both sides when the commission was appointed, that the strikers should return to work and be given their old places back where they had not already been filled. Some of the witnesses testified that they were not given back their old places and maintained that men prominent in the union in the various localities during the strike were discriminated against.

The commission has decided to invite the mine inspectors to appear before them, because the miners claim that the workmen fear to inform the mine inspectors of dangerous or unhealthy places in the mines because the inspectors are usually accompanied by some representative of the company, who may cause the man's dismissal. This is a new point before the commission.

Rumors of possible negotiations looking to a settlement outside of the commission continue to be heard. Lawyers admit that they have heard such rumors, but say they know nothing about a possible settlement. Whatever is done will first be decided upon in New York where those in authority to act are located. Special attorneys of the coal companies have returned to the metropolis. Whether or not it is in connection with peace negotiations cannot be learned here. The opinion still prevails here, and rather strongly too, that the operators and the miners will agree on most points before the commission concludes its hearings.

THE RULES OF MIMIC WAR.

Fleet Will Try to Seize Porto Rico.

Dec. 5.—The navy department has public the elements of a combined European, North and South Atlantic fleets are in work today in the West Indies. The rules which are to govern in this mimic warfare are as follows: The white fleet includes vessels of commands of Rear Admirals Sumner and Crowninshield, combined under the former. The blue fleet includes vessels under Rear Admiral Higginson. In the afternoon of Dec. 5 the blue fleet learns that one of its scouts sighted the white fleet Dec. 2 about 900 miles to the eastward of Barbadoes. The white fleet represents an advanced detachment of an enemy, whose object is to secure a base in the Porto Rican waters between Mayaguez on the west and Great Harbor, Culebra, on the east; also to mine the main ship channel of the port seized before 6 p. m. Dec. 10, at which time the problem ends.

Nine Below at Sioux City.

Sioux City, Dec. 5.—Yesterday was the coldest of the season, nine degrees below zero.

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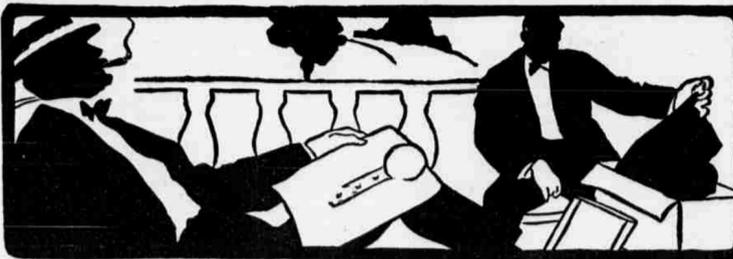
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