

WORLD'S NEWS —TOLD IN— PARAGRAPHS

Samuel Flunberg of Chestfield, Mich., a prisoner in the county jail at Mount Clemens, Mich., who has been despondent for several days, set fire to himself in his cell and was so horribly burned that he can not live.

As the result of the breaking of a steel cable in a power block in Cleveland, O., an elevator was pulled to the bottom of the shaft, killing a man named Dolan and fatally injuring Richard Dolan, aged twenty-five, in charge of the car.

The British steamer Froehfield, Captain Lawson, from Ponsaede, January 29, via Norfolk, February 7, for Hamburg and Rotterdam, has been posted at Lloyd's as missing.

It is considered certain that at the consulate to be held in June, Monitore Galvano De Azevedo, major-domo of the viceroy; R. Rev. J. Braga, bishop of Petropolis, Brazil; and Most Rev. Joseph Samassa, archbishop of Erlau, Hungary, whose appointment is desired by the Austrian emperor, will be among those who will be created cardinals.

The condition of Father Martin, general of the Society of Jesus, is unfavorable, as pus is gathering in his arm where the amputation was made. Serious complications are feared.

The total membership of the Knights of Pythias is 62,233, a net gain during the year of 27,583.

Gallemra de Landu, governor of the federal district, it is reported, will be appointed ambassador at Washington.

Postal receipts in Chicago for March of this year were \$1,225,384, an increase of 14.80 per cent over the same month last year.

The Ohio republican state central committee met in Columbus and decided to hold the state convention at Columbus May 21 and William H. Taft will be temporary chairman.

The Parrot mine at Butte, Mont., has been closed down by an injunction secured by F. Augustus Holme in connection with a damages suit of \$50,000 charging the illegal taking of ore from adjoining claims.

The government river engineers meet in Rock Creek, Ill., next month to consider the plans of William H. Taft to build a temporary dam.

Saloonkeepers and gamblers have organized to close the drug stores and stop all Sunday amusements, and to continue to enforce the liquor laws at Elkhart, Ind.

"Good-by, you suckers, good-by," was the notice posted by a pet-riquet which threatened that falling on the door at Kansas City, Mo., leaving thousands of victims.

When Len Watkins of Terre Haute, Ind., tried to take his nephew from Samuel Young, he was struck by lightning and may not recover. He is prominent in Republican politics of Patrick county.

A. H. Berkman & Co. of New York purchased the Panama, Ill., electric light plant. The company was granted a twenty-five-year franchise by the council. It will construct an interurban line between Panama and Terre Haute, Ind.

Edwin V. Morgan, the newly appointed American minister to Corea, will leave Washington for his home at Aurora, N. Y., and will go from there to San Francisco and sail on the Corea May 2.

All the Japanese miners at Browns Valley, a small mining town twenty miles east of Marysville, Cal., have been summarily ordered to leave camp.

The annual trip of the University of Minnesota junior miners to California will be taken May 1 under the direction of Dean W. B. Appleby and Prof. Charles E. Van Dineveld.

DOUBTS RUMOR OF NAVAL FIGHT

Reports of Great Sea Battle Do Not Meet With Credence in the Capital.

STORY STARTED BY RUSSIANS

Officers of Zar's Navy Arriving at Batavia Tell Tale That Involves the Loss of Four Ships by the Japanese—Confirmation is Lacking.

London, April 12.—The rumor of a battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets near the Annamias Islands Wednesday is not credited at St. Petersburg or at Singapore.

The rumor was originated in a dispatch to the Amsterdam newspaper Handelsblad, in a dispatch from Batavia, island of Java, which said that a battle was in progress near the Annamias Islands west of the Malay peninsula. The dispatch added that five Dutch warships were near the scene.

The rumor, it transpires, was started by two Russian officers on board a German yacht, which arrived at Batavia, accompanied by four colliers. Their version was that the Japanese had lost four ships.

Passes Russian Fleet.

Against the rumor is the fact that the British cruiser Sutley, which arrived at Singapore Wednesday, reported that it had passed the entire Russian fleet in a dispatch Tuesday morning 550 miles northeast of Singapore.

A cablegram from Victoria, island of Labuan, northwest of Borneo, says it is reported there that a large fleet has been sighted south of the island of Borneo.

This fleet, perhaps, may be one of Togo's squadrons that has been lurking in the Java sea, guarding the numerous straits. If so, doubtless it has been informed of the passage of the Russian fleet and is in pursuit.

On Watch for Battle.

The naval forces of the other powers are well disposed to get the earliest news of a battle. The American minister Bristow is watching the island of Labuan, northwest of Borneo, and will be joined by British cruisers.

Five Dutch warships, equipped with wireless telegraphs, are at the Annamias Islands. Several French cruisers are waiting off the coast of Coochin China. Five British cruisers from Hong Kong, equipped with the wireless telegraph, are cruising the China sea, watching for the clash of the hostile fleets.

Several United States cruisers are patrolling the waters west of the island of Palawan.

Prepare to Send News.

With so many cruisers patrolling the whole of the Indian sea, it is believed that a naval battle will be promptly reported at one of the numerous cable stations in the Philippines or on the French coast.

The British fleet at Singapore practically confirms the first information regarding the composition of the Russian squadron which passed there April 8. Lloyd's agent says it was composed of seven battleships, two armored cruisers, five unarmored cruisers, three converted cruisers, seven torpedo-boat destroyers, seventeen steamers and hospital ships, and a tug.

Russians Doubt Story.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—The admiralty has no information in regard to the alleged naval battle in the Indian sea. It is reported to a newspaper of Amsterdam from Batavia, and does not credit the possibility of a general naval battle.

The British commander, however, reports to a newspaper of Amsterdam that the Japanese may have attempted a torpedo boat attack on a convoy during the night. It is pointed out that there is no cable connecting Singapore and Batavia, and that the first news of a fight should come from Singapore unless the Dutch warships are able to communicate with Batavia by wireless telegraph.

Togo's Ships Are Rearmed.

Tokio, April 12.—All heavy armament of the Japanese battleships was recently renewed. The estimated weight of the respective fleets is as follows:

Russian—Seven battleships, with a total of 87,344 tons; two armored cruisers, 14,724 tons; principal guns consist of ten 12-inch, one ten inch, and thirty eight inch.

It is reported here that the Russians at Vladivostok are conducting experiments with submarines. It is noted that these boats are all of foreign manufacture and include French, British, and American types.

MURDER WITNESS IS CAUGHT

Kentucky Officials Find and Arrest Man who Delayed Hargis Trial.

HIDDEN PUZZLE PICTURE.



GREAT FACTOR IN RAIL RATES

Panama Road Contracts Give Monopoly to Steamship Companies.

COMPETITION IS WIPED OUT

Agreements With Ocean Lines Affect Freight Charges on Transcontinental Railroads in United States. According to Mr. Bristow's Report.

Washington dispatch.—The executive part of the government of the United States now will be making transcontinental railroad rates for the big railroads without waiting for congress to grant authority to the interstate commerce commission on an James I. Bristow, formerly fourth assistant postmaster general, who has been inquiring into the subject of freight rates on the Panama railway, has made a preliminary report to Secretary Taft which brings the matter of rate making directly before the government.

Mr. Bristow, who was sent South two months ago, found that there is such an intimate relation between the railroads and the Panama Railroad company and the steamship lines which it owns, or with which it has contract relations, that changes in its rates have such an effect upon the rates of the trans-continental railroads that they may be said to be a controlling factor in matters relating to rates between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States.

Pacific Shipping Trust.

Another fact discovered by Mr. Bristow which he communicated to Mr. Taft is that there is a shipping trust on the Pacific coast that is in an effort to control the rates of the trans-continental railroads. The members of the trust are the Pacific Mail Steamship company, the Chilean Steamship company and the Pacific Steam Navigation company. The latter is a British corporation. This shipping trust, Mr. Bristow found, maintains identical rates at all competitive points, and they are uniformly high.

At present the railroad company practically excludes all freight from the privileges of railroad transit across the isthmus not carried by the Pacific Mail and its allies on the Pacific coast by the steamer on the Atlantic owned by the railroad company.

Have Exclusive Rates.

Mr. Bristow found that if the railroad is opened to the free use of all steamships that may touch at Panama or Colon rates on all traffic will probably be materially affected. Rates on the railroad have been cut since the government obtained control, but the rate has not fallen below the rate of the United States for the reason that the exclusive arrangements with the steamship companies are still in existence.

These facts put the question of rates squarely before the executive branch of the government. Notice has been given to the Pacific Mail that its contract will not be renewed a few months hence.

Seeks to Secure Monopoly.

The company has already proposed a new arrangement that is now in appearance but which if entered into will continue the monopoly. Its proposition is that the Panama Railroad company limit its through rate hauls to vessels of American register. As it is the only American line in that grade, the contract would not change

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Child Has Rough Experience.

Laramie, Wyo., dispatch.—The pilot of a locomotive struck a little girl and threw her into the air, where she turned a complete somersault, and again fell on the track. The engineer reversed and the locomotive stopped with the pilot over the child's body.

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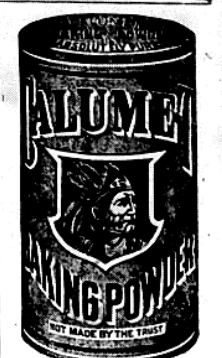
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Law's Mercy to Convicts.

The prior gait, massive and sad, opened, and three stepped forth furiously a pale man.

He passed his hand across his mouth in a nervous way. He looked up and down the street. Then, with a hurried gait, he set off in the direction of the city.

"A discharged convict?" said the first calumet.

"That's right. A discharged convict," said the second. "It is Jake Toan. He served ten years for robbing his neighbor."

"How is it his hair all short?" said the first calumet. "I thought you could tell all released convicts by their shaved heads. But this fellow's hair is longer than yours, isn't it?"

"Every released convict has long hair," was the reply. "The books and novels tell you different, but that is owing to ignorance. The law is a matter of fact, provided that for three months before his release the hair of every convict shall be allowed to grow. That is a kindly law. It permits the convict to leave prison without any prison marks on him, to tell the world where he came from."

In the Spring.

Lewiston, Me., April 10th.—Mrs. K. Hartly of this city says:—

"For years I was in very bad health. Every spring I would get so low that I was unable to do my own work. I seemed to be worse in the spring than any other time of the year. I was very weak and miserable and had much pain in my back and head. I saw Dodd's Kidney Pills advertised in the papers and began treatment of them and they have certainly done me more good than anything I have ever used."

"It was all right last spring and felt better than I have for over ten years. I am fifty years of age and am stronger today than I have been for many years and I give Dodd's Kidney Pills credit for the wonderful improvement."

The statement of Mrs. Hartly is only one of a great many where Dodd's Kidney Pills have proven themselves to be the very best spring medicine. They are unsurpassed as a tonic and are the only medicine used in thousands of families.

Nicholas Was Swindled.

When the autocrat of all the Russias sent Queen Draga of Servia an emerald and diamond bracelet as a token of good will, she reported that it had been stolen by a gang of thieves. His imperial majesty has paid a very large sum for this ornament, yet when it sold in London the price given did not reach \$25,000. Nicholas II. was probably charged a much higher amount and may have considered his present worth a small fortune.

Great Activity

Is shown throughout all disagreeable after-effects, by Dr. Caldwell's (taxative) Syrup Pepsin, in point to the stomach, when you are a victim of Constipation, Biliousness, Headache, Indigestion, Dizziness, etc. It gets the bowels moving, drives out the poisons that are causing your illness, and braces up all your internal organs to do their proper work. Try it. Sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1.00. Money back if it fails.

Simple Life Led by Pope.

Pope Pius goes on as he began, preaching and practicing the simple life. He has been rebuked by the other. His food and salaries on the other. This may be imagined, is not quite satisfactory to the hosts of crusade who are suffering from various persons employed about the Vatican. The pontiff remains as affable and accessible as ever to friends of former days.

Insult on Getting It.

Some grocery men don't keep Defiance Starch because they have a stock in hand of 10c brands, which they will not sell to a customer who has once used the 16c one. Defiance Starch for same money.

Those who are essential to our success are not always looked upon with feelings of even kindness.