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HUERTA REJECTS AMERICAN NOTE

In Reply Intimates President is Not Supported by American People.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Administrative officials were puzzled tonight when they received the announcement through press dispatches that Provisional President Huerta had delivered an ultimatum demanding recognition of his government in Mexico by the United States.

Secretary Bryan said he had received merely cablegrams announcing the rejection by the Huerta government of the American suggestions for a peaceful settlement. In the absence of official confirmation, Secretary Bryan said no announcement would be made by this government.

The Huerta government's rejection of the suggestion made by the United States for a peaceful solution of the Mexican revolution reached Washington late today. President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and Counselor John Bassett Moore, of the State Department, discussed for nearly two hours the dispatches of John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson in Mexico, describing the attitude of the Huerta officials.

The President and his advisers were plainly disappointed at the turn of events, but announced that the American government would have nothing to say tonight. Instead, the American communication appealing for suspension of hostilities and a constitutional election, together with the emphatic statement that under no circumstances could the United States recognize the Huerta regime, because it was set up by irregular force, instead of constitutional order, will be made public tomorrow. In view of the rejection of the suggestions contained in the communication presented by Mr. Lind, its publication tomorrow will constitute a reiteration before the world of President Wilson's ideas as to constitutional government in Latin-America.

In all likelihood today's events mean the end of any dealings with the Huerta officials. Though there was much talk in official circles of lifting the embargo on arms and permitting the Constitutionalists to get the munitions of war which they claim they can soon overthrow the Huerta administration, it is likely that such a policy will be carefully considered in the Senate before any action is taken.

The position taken by administrative officials tonight was that the United States had done all that a friendly neighbor could do without actually using force. The only interest, it was pointed out, that the United States can have in Mexico is the protection of life and property. Financial losses can be met by indemnities it is believed here, and lives can be best protected by the withdrawal of Americans from the danger zone. To this end officials are considering the removal of Americans and the payment of transportation for the destitute.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Intimations are contained in Provisional President Huerta's reply to the American note, presented by John Lind, that President Wilson is not backed up by Congress or the American people in his stand against recognition of the Huerta government. Referring to the attacks on the Washington administration by members of Congress and pointing to the official recommendations of Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson advising recognition, Huerta declares he is entitled to be recognized. He holds that the Democratic party's power is temporary, and argues that recognition of his government is a partisan question in the United States.

Though negotiations between John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson, and Provisional President Huerta are continuing on a cordial personal basis, neither side is receding from its position, and alternative measures already are under consideration here. No definite course has been formulated, but the policy which at present is under consideration and is most likely to be adopted, is one of absolute non-interference.

Mrs. D. D. Staley Entertains.

On last Tuesday evening Mrs. D. D. Staley entertained a number of her lady friends at a delightful porch party. The game of "42" was played at seven tables, and a nice luncheon was served at seven o'clock on the porch, which was decorated with wildclematis, golden glow and Japanese lanterns. The guests in attendance were:

Misses Virginia Haller Fell, Margaret Middleton, Lennie Mae Goolsby, Banie Hull, Ella Richardson, Miss Walsh of Richmond, Va., Mesdames Geo. Richardson, Lee Richardson, J. C. Campbell, J. P. Sheffer, R. G. Goolsby, H. B. Staley, C. C. Lincoln, E. M. Copenhaver, W. M. Scater, E. B. Sprinkle, C. C. Whitworth, W. J. Atkins, E. H. Higginbotham, R. A. Greever, Charles Wassum, H. B. Jeffrey, W. M. Matson, Lee Amsler and Mrs. Robinson, her guest from Pennsylvania; Mrs. Julian Barkeedale, Roanoke, Va., and Mrs. Thomas W. Smith, Portsmouth, Va.

The Secretary of the Fair has requested us to announce that a Ladies' Rest Room with the modern conveniences will be supplied for the lady patrons of the Fair this year.

MR. SLEMP BACK FROM EUROPE

Ninth District Congressman Returns From Three Months Trip Abroad.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Congressman Slemp returned today from a three months' tour of Europe, greatly improved in health and spirits. Before leaving he had been advised by his friends to take a long rest to thoroughly rest up and improve his health, which had been impaired by a long siege of hard work to which was added innumerable patronage squabbles under the Republican regime.

Slemp stated that he had enjoyed a splendid trip and viewed most of the wonders of Europe. "I spent a week in England, a week in France, three weeks at the springs at Carlsbad, and made several short trips to other points of interest" said Slemp. "That country is all right for a pleasure jaunt, but it feels awfully good to be back among our own folks, and I think I'll feel mighty good to be back in the Ninth district when I make a visit there next week."

Royal Arcanum Meeting.

A special meeting of Holston Council, No. 1272, Royal Arcanum, was held on last Saturday night. The meeting was occasioned by a visit from the Grand Regent, S. H. Sayre, of Hampton, Va., who visited the council for the purpose of inspection.

From a report made by A. T. Lincoln, secretary of Holston Council, the following facts were developed:

Holston Council was organized in May, 1890, with the following as charter members: L. P. Scherer, W. C. Pendleton, B. F. Buchanan, A. G. Pendleton, A. T. Lincoln, R. J. Preston, E. T. Brady, A. A. Gibboney, John R. Stone, C. W. White, Robert Blackwell, Geo. W. Wright, F. T. McFadden, Max Weiler, S. C. Painter and D. A. Glenn.

Of the sixteen charter members four have died and five have forfeited their membership.

Since its organization in May, 1890, ninety-three members have been initiated and four have been admitted upon certificate from other councils. The total membership since the council was formed is, in the aggregate, 113. Sixteen members have died, as follows: S. C. Painter, John A. Prater, G. D. H. Killinger, D. C. Miller, A. G. Pendleton, B. M. Greever, Geo. W. Miles, Geo. W. Gullison, John R. Stone, C. W. Gillespie, Fred Painter, C. W. White, J. H. Pafford, John R. Sexton, Jos. F. Keller and P. W. Atkins. To the beneficiaries of these sixteen deceased members there has been paid, in the aggregate, thirty-eight thousand dollars.

The present membership of Holston Council is 64.

After the business was completed at the meeting of the council on Saturday night, the members present conducted the Grand Regent to the Valley House, where a delightful banquet was served and most heartily enjoyed.

Attending Rexall Convention.

W. M. Scater, of the D. M. Smith Drug Company, is now in Boston attending the annual Rexall Convention of the United Drug Company. These annual conventions are meetings of all the druggists who handle the Rexall preparations. Druggists from all the States of the Union, from all the provinces of Canada, and from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales attend these conventions and have a glorious time. There are 2,000 druggists at the Boston convention and many of them have their wives and daughters with them.

The United Drug Company has provided an elaborate list of entertainments and functions for the enjoyment and edification of the delegates. One of these is a grand concert at Symphony Hall in which distinguished artists will appear. There will be theatre parties, motor trips, luncheons, smokers, banquets, a boat ride to Plymouth, where the pilgrims landed, a field day at Nantasket, etc.

If Mr. Scater survives the numerous entertainments and pleasures handed out by the Rexall people, he will get back home next Tuesday.

Home Talent to Give Entertainment.

There are numbers of diseased children in our school, who are physically unable to take the studies and pass to a higher grade, simply for the lack of a little medical attention.

Many a bright child is handicapped by poor eye sight and poor hearing, and is kept in the same grade often when he could easily have advanced if he had had a little medical attention.

In a great many instances the parents are unable to have the child treated, while, on the other hand, all that is necessary is to call the parent's attention to the fact that his child needs treatment.

The Woman's Club thinks this could be remedied to a great extent by a Medical Inspector in the school.

To this end the ever enjoyable "Diamonds and Hearts" will be presented at Court Square Theatre, Thursday, August 28th.

The Norfolk & Western will run a special train from Marion to Saltville, stopping at all intermediate points, on the evenings of the 28th and 29th of August, leaving Marion at 6:20 sharp.

HARRY THAW ESCAPES FROM MATTEAWAN

Slayer of Stanford White Makes Wild Dash for Liberty Which Courts Had Refused.

New York, Aug. 17.—Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, escaped from the Matteawan State Hospital for Criminal Insane, early today. Within an hour after his dash for liberty he had crossed the line dividing the States of New York and Connecticut, and tonight he is beyond the reach of New York authorities.

It is believed that extradition is impossible and that Thaw's freedom is assured unless he is held for insanity in another State and committed to some asylum there.

Thaw was reported tonight to have boarded a yacht lying off the coast with the intention of landing at some Southern port and then proceeding to Pittsburgh.

Dr. Kieb issued an official statement tonight, placing the responsibility directly upon Guard Barnum. He said:

"I believe it was an inside plot. Thaw knew he had no chance in court with me. George Mulhall was the nearest person to them when he made his dash for liberty.

"There was no force used to hold him, and no words spoken. It was evident that the thing was all cut and dried, and the most suspicious thing is the fact that it was fully a quarter of an hour before the escape was reported to me by Barnum.

"I wish to offer \$500 out of my personal funds for information which may lead to the recapture of Harry Thaw. I regret exceedingly to say that no attempt appears to have been made to detain the man or prevent his escape."

Thaw's escape was one of the most dramatic affairs of the kind ever recorded. After rushing past a gateman who was admitting a milkman to the Matteawan Asylum grounds, he leaped into a taxicab standing just outside the wall. This was headed for the Connecticut State line, and the moment that Thaw entered the chauffeur put on full speed and dashed away.

Before a half mile had been covered by the taxicab it overtook a six-cylinder touring car that had been moving slowly, also toward the Connecticut line. The taxicab slackened speed, and Thaw leaped out as the smaller machine drew alongside the touring car. The door of the latter was open, and Thaw leaped aboard. As the door slammed the car speeded away at a rate of at least 80 miles an hour.

The machine dashed through Stormville, N. Y., fourteen miles from the asylum, without any diminution of speed, and, according to late reports, crossed the Connecticut line in the vicinity of New Canaan, Conn.

Dr. Raymond Francis Charles Kieb, superintendent of Matteawan, believes that Thaw's escape was the result of a carefully planned conspiracy. He received information a few hours after Thaw's escape that led him to believe, he said, that the fugitive had been carried to a Connecticut seaport town, where a yacht awaited.

The superintendent ordered the arrest of Howard Barnum, the asylum guard who was on duty at the time the wealthy young slayer broke away from the institution, to which he was committed on February 1, 1908. Dr. Kieb was appointed superintendent on June 6th, this year, succeeding Dr. John W. Russell, who was dismissed on account of an alleged \$20,000 bribery plot for the release of Thaw.

John N. Anhut, a young lawyer, is now serving a prison sentence for his participation in the bribery conspiracy.

Because of the conditions under which he took office, Dr. Kieb had taken extra precautions to prevent just what happened today. He has ordered a rigid investigation to determine just what attendants, if any, were involved in the successful plot to free Thaw.

Since Thaw was sent to Matteawan, more than five years ago, his mother, Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, of Pittsburgh, has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in attempts to have him freed legally from restraint. The aged mother arrived in New York unexpectedly from her summer home at Cresson, Pa., this afternoon, and joined her daughter, Mrs. George Carnegie, who is stopping at the Gotham Hotel.

Mrs. Thaw refused to see any one when news of her son's escape first reached the hotel, but Mrs. Carnegie was apparently greatly surprised.

"My mother and I had intended going to the hospital tomorrow to see Harry," she said. "We knew nothing of his intentions, nor have we any idea where he is or what he intends to do. It is a great surprise to us all."

As soon as Evelyn Nesbit Thaw heard of her husband's escape she asked for protection. She declared she believed her life in danger, and accordingly she was given police protection. She is also being guarded by a private detective, hired by Arthur Hammerstein. This detective accompanied her to and from the Victoria Theatre, where she is performing in vaudeville.

William Travers Jerome, who, while district attorney, sent Thaw to the asylum and thereafter successfully resisted all attempts of the young man to gain freedom, was told late today of Thaw's escape. He said that he would

make no comment then, except that he was afraid that Thaw would attack him.

The escape had apparently been carefully planned. The four men believed to have mapped out the campaign had been here for two days arranging for its success. The two chauffeurs were the last to arrive. It is probable that the conspirators had been working for some time with the guards and attendants who shared in the plot.

"There is no doubt in my mind that employees of this institution are involved in the plot," said Dr. Kieb. "It was executed with amazing rapidity and coolness. Many circumstances make me absolutely certain that Thaw received assistance from the inside as well as the outside. We shall be able to convict the insiders. Those on the outside were undoubtedly Thaw's relatives. The State will expose and prosecute them."

The quiet of the Sabbath morning was well chosen for Thaw's attempt to secure by force what he had failed to get through appeals to the courts—liberty. His escape was accomplished at 7:45 a. m., and at that hour the road leading by the asylum is usually free from automobiles. This morning proved no exception, and the two automobiles used by Thaw had a clear road.

The first machine that he used followed the big touring car, apparently to block off pursuit or to pick up Thaw in case the big car met with any accident.

According to the asylum attendants Thaw showed no nervousness before his escape. He rose at the usual hour, 6 a. m., and had breakfast at 6:30 o'clock. Then, with sixteen other patients, he went into the north court for exercise before the Sunday chapel service.

After the escape, it was remarked that Thaw, while exercising, kept near the gate whence he was subsequently to dash, but all of the attendants after the escape, said he made no effort to communicate with any one on the outside unless by means of whistles which the guards did not notice. The fence around the court yard is 18 feet high.

The men who furnish milk to the institution usually arrive on Sunday morning shortly before 8 o'clock. This morning the first one signaled at 7:45 that he wished to drive through the gate near which Thaw was exercising. There are three gates to the courtyard, but there is only one key for all three. This was in the possession of Barnum.

Guard George Mulhall was on duty in the yard with Barnum, but had no duty to perform in connection with the key. He was some distance away from the gate when Barnum opened it.

It was all over in a flash. As Barnum inserted the key Thaw sprang toward him. Then, as the gate swung open, Thaw dashed by the keeper.

Another second and Thaw was through the gate. Still another, and he was in a small motor car whose engine was running.

In the small car waiting for Thaw were two men besides the chauffeur.

"Get in quick, Harry," one of these shouted, as the prisoner dashed up. The man stood with arms outstretched, and in his eagerness slightly delayed Thaw as he tried to get in. The delay was not material, however.

As far as could be learned, the car at the gate had been waiting for half an hour for Thaw. The motor was kept running, and the driver appeared to be making repairs, thus arousing no suspicion.

The chauffeur re-entered his car as the milkman drove up. He was ready for Thaw, and Thaw was ready for him, as subsequent events proved.

Thaw in the car was away at break-neck speed. It threw clouds of dust over pedestrians on their way to church, but these only expressed their opinion of the driver in a way suitable for Sunday, and walked on, all unknowing of the burden carried.

Then came another move showing the precision of the plans made for the young Pittsburgher. While the drama was being enacted at the asylum gate, the big touring car had been standing at Lowry's corner, little more than a quarter of a mile from the gate.

This machine, like the first, contained two men besides the chauffeur. The latter is known to the police, they say, as Thomas Flood. They believe that he is a driver of racing automobiles, because of the manner in which he handled the big machine in its final dash.

As the smaller car bore down on Lowry's corner, the touring car began to move in the same direction. It was still moving as the machine carrying Thaw came abreast. In a flash Thaw leaped from one machine and into the other. The big car, a limousine, was off, only a cloud of dust marking its route. The smaller machine followed, but was soon out-distanced by the limousine.

In the meantime the alarm was spread at the asylum, but much time had been lost. Barnum cried out as Thaw threw him to one side, and Mulhall and the patients the latter was guarding, rushed to the gate. The gate was hurriedly closed to prevent any more escapes, and then Mulhall communicated with Dr. Kieb in the administration building almost a quarter of a mile away from the north court. The guard ran several hundred feet to get to a telephone, but his haste could not make up for the time that Thaw had gained.

Dr. Kieb immediately ordered out the asylum automobile, and guards in this were dispatched in pursuit of Thaw. Then the superintendent telephoned to

BULGARIAN PLOT TO MASSACRE TURKS

Evidence of Conspiracy in Adrianople Discovers is Latest Report

Constantinople, Aug. 19.—Evidences of a conspiracy of Bulgarians to rise up in Adrianople and massacre all the Turks has been discovered, it was declared in a telegram received here today by the Grand Vizier.

The contents of the message were turned over to the foreign diplomats to support Turkey's contention that an army is necessary at Adrianople to protect the Turkish civilians from Turkish outrages. The telegram recited that a number of bombs had been discovered in the cellars of Bulgarian residents, and that scores of Bulgarian soldiers, disguised as peasants, have recently made their way into the city.

It was evidently the intention of the plotters to start the massacre by blowing up the main section of the city.

The police at Danbury, Conn., asking them to detain Thaw, if possible, at the State line.

As soon as possible motor cars were summoned from all the Matteawan garages, and several motorcycleists were pressed into service. Some of the machines sent out were capable of making seventy miles an hour. To spur on the hunt, Dr. Keib offered a reward of \$500 to the attendant or volunteer who might be able to catch Thaw within the State. The usual reward is only \$50.

The hope that the Danbury police could render assistance was soon blighted. As the best roads lead to Danbury, it was thought that the fleeing automobile might be headed there, but the police were unable to secure any trace of it.

It is believed the fugitives, figuring out the theory on which the asylum authorities would act, left the Danbury road. The last New York village to report the passage of the Thaw machine was Stormville. The limousine had covered the distance to this place, fourteen miles, in nine minutes. The smaller car was still trailing, being then a mile and a half behind.

The pursuers lost time at Stormville seeking information, but dashed on toward Danbury, when told that the two speeding machines were going toward that town.

A later report that a machine answering the description of the limousine had passed through Canaan "like a cannon ball" indicated that Thaw had safely passed beyond control of the New York authorities.

Sherbrooke, Que., Aug. 19.—Harry K. Thaw, cut short in his flight from the State hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan, N. Y., by arrest today at the village of St. Hermenegilde de Garford, just over the international line from New Hampshire, prepared in his in the county jail here tonight to fight against being sent back to the United States.

The extradition of Harry Thaw from Canada into the United States involves complications which may save him from being sent back to New York. Thaw crossed the Canadian border from Vermont, a fact which may save him from being sent back to Matteawan.

The attorney-general's office was notified that the Canadian authorities had discovered a law which would permit the deportation of a person who escapes from a foreign asylum, or prison, within five years of the date of his escape.

Deputy Attorney-General Kennedy expressed the belief that the extradition of Thaw would be fraught with obstacles. He pointed out that unless Thaw was accused of bribery or some other extraditable offense in connection with his escape, the Canadian authorities could not undertake to extradite him into New York State. He said he could not see how the Canadian authorities could deport Thaw into New York State, if he had crossed into Canada, by way of Vermont.

Sherbrooke, Que., Aug. 20.—Harry Kendall Thaw's legal fight against deportation to the United States will begin in the open in this Canadian frontier town tomorrow at 10 o'clock. He is to be produced before Judge Globensky of the superior court, on a writ of habeas corpus obtained by his counsel this afternoon.

If the writ is sustained he will be a free man. But for how long he will be free is problematic. Dominion immigration authorities, watching every move in the case, announced tonight that they stand ready to detain him, should he be released, and then to take steps to thrust him back across the border as "an undesirable alien," either at the New Hampshire line, where he entered the dominion, or at some point in New York State.

Smyth County Orchard Company.

There will be a called meeting of the shareholders of the Smyth County Orchard Company at the court house in Marion next Saturday morning, the 23d, at 9:30.

If the importance of this enterprise is appreciated as it should be there will be a large crowd in attendance. Several expert orchardists are expected, who will give short talks on horticulture. H. B. HULL.

UNEXPECTED VISIT TO MT. CARMEL CHURCH

Was Happy Occasion and Brings Pleasant Memories of Olden Times.

The people of the Mt. Carmel neighborhood held their annual picnic at Mt. Carmel church last Saturday. It was a splendid day for an outing and there was a very large gathering. The editor of THE AMERICAN happened upon the scene in the evening, but too late to partake of the splendid basket dinner that was served on the grounds.

It was a merry gathering of young and old, with the younger element predominating.

The scene carried us back to the days of our childhood, when we would go to old Mt. Carmel church to attend quarterly meetings, and there, along with our parents, enjoy the bountiful hospitality of the Killingers, the Scotts, the Sprinkles, the Groseclose's, the Snavely's, the Atkins, the Hoofnagle's, the Allens and the other good people who lived in that community. That was more than sixty years ago, and "Aunt Suky" Atkins, the grand old woman of the neighborhood, was still living. And the great old preacher that filled the pulpit and preached the "old time religion,"—Robinson Gannaway, Thomas Cattlett, "Daddy" Aiken and their kind are still bright in our memory. The singing and shouting was of the same quality as the preaching, it was good for the soul.

Is it any wonder that it was to us a delight to stand once more upon ground made holy by sweet memories of the past? And is it strange that it was an exceeding pleasure to have the opportunity to grasp the hands of the children, grandchildren and even the great grandchildren of the good men and women who worshipped their God and sang His praises at Mt. Carmel in the days of yore?

How to Get to Fair Grounds.

At previous exhibitions of the Smyth County Fair Association, persons who walked to the grounds found it disagreeable and dangerous to follow the road from the Norfolk and Western crossing, up the Sprinkle hill, to the grounds. To get rid of the danger and discomfort, occasioned by having to pass automobiles and all kinds of vehicles, to persons who desire to walk to the grounds, the officers of the Fair Association have provided a route that is entirely safe and comfortable.

Persons who wish to walk to the fair grounds are requested and directed to go by the Look & Lincoln factory, to cross the N. & W. Ry by the overhead bridge, thence up the road to the Groseclose place and follow a path to the west gate of the fair grounds, where they will be admitted to the grounds, provided they have a ticket.

The distance is not much more than half that of the other route by the Norfolk and Western freight station, and is much more comfortable.

Mrs. Apperson Entertains.

On last Friday night Mrs. J. S. Apperson entertained in honor of the Misses Deitrick and Miss Black, who are her guests. The following young ladies and gentlemen of the town attended:

Misses Ethel Copenhaver, Seven Mile Ford; Kate Brosius, Banie Hull, Hulah Fudge, Ruth Campbell, Helen Scherer, Alice Lincoln, Ruby Dickinson, Margaret Middleton, Iowa; Mae Goolsby, Texas; Lillian Thomas, Miss Pricette, Danville; Lizzie Painter, Charlotte Deitrick, Washington, D. C.; Frances Deitrick, Washington, D. C.; Miss Vance, Chilhowie; Mrs. Jack Sheffer, Mrs. Fred Cook. Messrs. J. A. Thompson, John Brosius, Frank Copenhaver, Marvin Anderson, Robert Campbell, Richard Campbell, Sidney Sprinkle, A. F. Crenshaw, Jack Pendleton, Denny Culbert, Jack Sheffer, Tom Sherrill, Bert Dickinson, Will Birchfield, Harold Collins.

Color scheme pink and yellow.

Off for a Vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Kern and their infant daughter left on Monday afternoon for Pennsylvania, where they will visit the parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Kern. The Lutheran congregation here, of which Rev. Kern is pastor, granted their pastor a month's vacation, which he and family will spend in Pennsylvania. They will visit in Philadelphia, Allentown and Greencastle, that State. Rev. Kern is greatly beloved by his congregation and most highly esteemed by all Christian denominations here. He is a diligent pastor and very promising as a minister.

Enlarging Plant.

The Virginia Table Company is enlarging its plant by adding to the finishing department. A two story building 60 x 104 feet is being started and will be pushed to rapid completion. This will so increase the capacity of the finishing rooms that the output can be increased to one hundred tables a day without doing any night work. The Company is now having ready sale for its entire output, with a growing demand for its tables.

The program at Fair will open at 9:30 on the morning of August 27th with Light Draft Horses showing. On 2nd and 3rd days program will open at 9 o'clock sharp.

Unexpected Developments in Currency Legislation.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Unexpected developments in regard to the currency reform legislation in the Senate today promised serious complications for President Wilson's plans for the passage of a currency bill at this session of Congress. At a conference of Democratic members of the Senate currency commission, Chairman Owen, who has been considered one of the original framers of the bill now before the Democrats of the House made it clear to his associates he was opposed to several features of the bill, including the plan for twelve regional reserve banks, and that he would recommend important changes in the measure.

The result of the Senate conference has been to leave the currency situation entirely open tonight, so far as the Senate's probable action is concerned. Senator Owen did not suggest a definite plan to his colleagues, but said he was opposed to the regional reserve bank plan, to the proposal to compel all national banks to enter the new federal system and to other features of the bill, as it was introduced by Chairman Glass of the House currency committee. The attitude of other Democrats on the Senate committee including Senators Hitchcock, O'Gorman and Reed, is such as to indicate that there will be material changes in the administration measure if not a complete remodeling of it, before it comes to the Senate for action.

Several members of the committee tonight inclined to the opinion that the Senate ultimate might be asked to consider some measure of a temporary character, similar to the bill recently introduced by Senator Lea, Democrat, which would amplify the Aldrich-Free land emergency currency law and so change its provision as to bring a form of special currency within the reach of all national banks. Senator Owen tonight said he believed the conference to be held in the Senate and the changes that might be made in the currency reform plan would mean no definite action upon currency legislation at the present Congress. Other senators said if a law was passed it probably would be of a temporary character.

The change in the situation in the Senate came at a time when administration supporters were endeavoring to reconcile all elements among Democrats in the House caucus and bring about a united support of the measure there.

Those who participated in today's committee conference declared tonight that no definite plans existed for the remodeling of the Glass bill. The principles embodied in the Lea bill received much support from several senators, however, and represent the character of legislation that many would like to see enacted.

Ridiculous and Indefensible Delay.

(Richmond News Leader.) Exactly two weeks have elapsed since the state primary of Tuesday, Aug. 5, and the people of Virginia are confronted with the utter, absolute and unprecedented absurdity of having it announced by officers of the State Democratic committee that it is impossible at this time to forecast definitely just when returns from the primary will be received.

The statement, as given out by the secretary of the state central committee, that no call for a meeting of the committee to canvass the vote will be issued until such time as the secretary has received the full returns is being widely discussed by citizens, not only of Richmond, but of Virginia.

The further statement, to the effect that returns cannot be opened until received, and that no one can tell what returns have been received until the packages are opened, is manifest truth as ridiculous and childish, however, as it is unnecessary and a part of the mark.

The convenience of the state democratic committee is one thing and the rights of the voters of the state is quite another thing.

It is the right of the people to know definitely whom they have chosen for the office of attorney general, and it is the duty of the state chairman, or acting state chairman, to at once call a meeting of the state committee to canvass such returns as have been received and to resort to legal procedure, if this be found necessary, to have brought before it the returns of such county precincts as may not have reported up to that time.

NOTICE.

There will be a Democratic mass meeting held at Marion, Virginia (Court House) on Saturday, Aug. 25th, at 10:30 a. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to a Senatorial Convention to be held at Bristol, Va., on Aug. 30th, 1913.

Also to elect delegates to nominate a candidate for the House of Delegates from Smyth county at a convention to be held at a time and place to be hereafter fixed.

All who expect to affiliate with the Democratic party at the next election are urgently invited to attend. By order of the Committee.

J. D. BUCHANAN, Chairman.
JNO. P. BUCHANAN, Secretary.

POLITICS IN THE SCHOOLS

Radford Editor Attacks R. J. Noell, Treasurer of Normal School—Quotes From Court Records and Flatly Charges Dishonorable Conduct in Private and Official Business—Appointed by Governor Mann

INVESTIGATE

(Editorial)

R. J. Noell, of Radford, treasurer of the State Normal School at Radford, is seriously, publicly and plainly charged by a responsible man, who signs his name, with being wholly unfit to serve in the capacity in which he is employed. The essence of the charge is printed elsewhere in today's Journal.

Governor Mann, whose appointee Mr. Noell is, should order an immediate investigation of the charges.

The Journal will go further: Governor Mann, if he has at heart the welfare of the State agricultural college at Blacksburg, should order an investigation of charges made by Dr. Paul B. Barringer and so far not replied to by Governor Mann nor noticed by President Joseph D. Eggleston, who succeeded Dr. Barringer at Blacksburg.

The Journal will go even further: Governor Mann should order an investigation of the conduct and finances of the State Department of Public Instruction, whose report is strangely missing from the last volume by the State that incorporates reports from the heads of all other State departments.

If Governor Mann has the power to direct an investigation of the Industrial Home for Girls near Bon Air, he has power to order investigation in the directions above mentioned.

If Governor Mann does not order these investigations, his successor, Henry C. Stuart, should cause them to be made, and doubtless will.

In the meantime, however, William Hodges Mann is Governor, and the immediate responsibility rests upon him.

In the language of the Religious Herald, a foremost church paper in Virginia, that only occasionally discusses secular subjects, "the most serious development of the recent campaign is the disclosure of the fact, long suspected and by many long believed, that our public educational matters in this State are complicated with personal and partisan politics. Divorce the State schools of every grade, from the kindergarten to the University, from partisan politics!"

In this appeal The Journal concurs. In this appeal every parent with children to educate should join.—The Richmond Journal.

The above is a fac simile reproduction of an editorial that appeared on the front page of The Richmond Journal a few days ago. We would like for The Journal to suggest how and by whom Governor Mann should make the investigations. Would the Journal have him appoint special committees for the purpose? If so, what kind of men would he be likely to select? Men like himself? If men like himself were selected, the investigation would be made to conceal rather than reveal anything that is objectionable and unclean.

The Journal ought to remember that Governor Mann served on an investigating committee while he was a member of the State Senate and made an unenviable reputation by the manner of his services thereon. He accepted, and possibly sought, appointment on the committee that investigated the charges against Wm. F. Rhea when he was appointed by Governor Swanson to the State Corporation Commission; and he struggled all the while to shut off the light and conceal facts that would injure the accused. The most objectionable feature of Senator Mann's conduct was his consenting to serve as judge and juror in a case wherein he had expressed publicly a decided opinion—a thing no just judge or fair juror would do.

If the Journal wants a satisfactory examination of certain educational institutions and the State Department of Public Instruction, it had better wait and call on Governor Stuart to make the investigations.

call in J. Taylor Elyson, chairman of the party, and inquire of him. It will be remembered that the returns from the primary held four years ago were very slow reaching the secretary's office, and that a number did not agree with the results as announced the night the primary was held and the day following. In fact, the friends of Harry Tucker and J. Thompson Brown believed that these two gentlemen had been cheated out of the nomination for Governor and Commissioner of Agriculture, respectively.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch in its news columns on the 15th inst. said:

"A few straggling returns from unknown precincts came in yesterday with no marks on the envelopes to indicate where they are from. One county chairman called on Secretary Brenaman in person for his construction of section 20 of the Byrd primary law, the provisions of which have caused all the trouble."

The way the returns have been delayed indicate that the Byrd law shows gross incapacity of those who made it or intentional dishonesty in its construction, with just such results as have followed. The Byrd primary law furnishes ample facilities for tampering with the returns, and it looks as if arrangement had been made for the exercise of these facilities in the late primary if the organization deemed it necessary to do so.

"The report is that Col. Roosevelt is going to write a true history of the elephant, rhinoceros, lion, hippopotamus and the buffalo. 'But why omit the bull moose?' queries the Philadelphia Press. Because that would come more appropriately in the line of obituary than that of history."—Richmond News Leader.

That history will not be complete without the Colonel embracing the donkey. A true history of the loud-braying and high-kicking animal that is now the king of animals in the United States would furnish most interesting reading.

Judging from their faces, as presented in the newspapers, the three most conspicuous figures in the politics of New York State look more like criminal toughs than statesmen and honest political leaders. We mean Governor Sulzer, Senator Frawley, chairman of the committee that brought about Sulzer's impeachment, and Charles Murphy, the Tammany boss.

What Has Become of the Young Girl?

(Pictorial Review.)

This is a straight-from the shoulder talk to the fathers of young girls. We hope mothers will read it also, but we want them to pass it on to their husbands without fail. The American father needs a jolt. And this is a jolt handed from one father to another.

We are not given to deploring the passing of "the good old days." We believe that many decayed and useless customs have been cast aside, and that today carries much to admire and re-joice over. But we have made a mistake in letting our girls grow up too fast. There is neither meekness nor shadow in the eyes of Miss Sixteen today. Neither is she exactly what you would call "sweet." She is "smart" and amusing, but she does not bring a tremulous smile to the lips of old age nor fill the hearts of men, young and old, with the fine old desire to protect and screen her from all that might hurt or contaminate. Her eyes invite and challenge. Her bearing announces an independence that is too assertive. There is nothing reluctant about her feet. Rather they press eagerly toward the dress, manners, customs and pleasures designed for those who have plucked ripe fruit from the Tree of Knowledge.

We men are proud of this new girl's spirit, of her achievements in the classroom, of her resourcefulness and adaptability when economic conditions force her into our factories, stores and offices. We smile at her good-humoredly and say, "Go to it, girlie," when she elbows her way into the crowded lunch room or trolley. But we miss the shadow in her eyes, the lily in her hand, and we do not like to think of her as a wife for our son. If we stop to analyze her position in the general scheme of life we think vaguely that she belongs in a class of her own, the class that must hold its own in the stern work-a-day world. Perhaps in preparing their daughters for the grinding, pitiless contact with those who toil, parents have taught girls at once too much and too little—too much of how to protect themselves from evil in others, too little of how to flee the evil in self. And so, flaunting her preparedness, this type throws off the mysterious veil of maidenhood, melting into womanhood.

We are sorry for this girl, sorry for her parents, and we say smugly to ourselves that we are glad our daughters are not as this poor, world-worn little creature. That is because we really do not know our own daughters. We have not time to follow our girls into what we fondly believe to be a sheltered, refined life. Suppose some of our fathers put market prices into the background and for a few hours walk the sheltered path which you imagine your hard earned dollars provide for your daughters!

Oxygen Not Necessary.

(From New York Press.)

There is more than a widely diffused belief, indeed there is a scientific hypothesis or two, based upon the delusion, if it may be so called, that life cannot exist where there is no oxygen. Verily, a recent scientific treatise has been written to show that there must be oxygen 20,000 leagues under the sea, because living creatures are found in the sea ooze of the greatest depth. Yet it is not necessary. Even savants of the laboratory must admit the indubitable fact now that there are so vast a number of living things that can live, flourish and multiply over the face of the earth above and the waters beneath, that so far as the absence of an atmosphere of oxygen is concerned the moon may be fully inhabited. Indeed, one of the latest arguments advanced by astronomers to show the probability that the moon is inhabited is the lack of the need by certain living beings of oxygen. Thus the creature that causes lockjaw, a parasite micro-organism, known as B. tetanus, dies in an atmosphere of oxygen. It will live in most any other kind of atmosphere, but seems to "breathe" oxygen much as you would such poisonous fumes as sulphur gas, coal gas or other fatal gases.

Those organisms that cannot abide oxygen are known as anaerobes, so that if the moon or any other celestial body without an atmosphere such as we have is inhabited at all, it would be correct to extend this term to such races and call them lunar anaerobes. Hundreds of species of anaerobic creatures are now recognized on earth. The amyl-bacter, which is known to avoid all oxygen, the microbe that causes a malady of man known as malignant oedema, and many other parasites that live on the human family, survive only in the absence of all oxygen. Once these organisms are exposed to air they wither and die. There are numerous cattle diseases caused by these anaerobes and there are a multitude of them that are as harmless as the starfish and paramoecia. The point is that evolution might easily build up supermen who do not require air in the way we do.

Sails Versus Steam.

(From Manchester Union.)

If the winds were constant, and if a large force of men to "work ship" must not be taken along, paid and fed, wind power might have competed more successfully with steam power in carrying trade on the sea. But the steamship could make much better time between ports, and require fewer men for the same carrying capacity, and the unequal contest appeared certain to end in the disappearance of sailing ships from deepwater service, while the coastwise sailing craft gave way to the tugs and their lines of barges. But the application of machinery has reduced the number of men necessary to manage the rigging of a sailing vessel, and the auxiliary oil engine takes but little space, as compared with the machinery on board steamships, the motive power is instantly available, the cost is trifling while in use and there is no necessity

for keeping fires burning. With these new appliances, it is probable that the day of the wind-jammer has not altogether passed. In fact, it is significant that three sailing vessels, two of which are the largest of their class, having a carrying capacity of about 8,000 tons each, have been chartered by a single firm of merchants in China. They are to load from China and Japan for Baltimore or New York, coming around by the Cape of Good Hope.

The Hatred of Horses.

(Pearson's Weekly.)

Trouble in the paddock and at the post before a big race is frequently caused by a horse which has taken a sudden and violent dislike to his jockey, and there are numerous cases of well-known jockeys being nearly eaten to death by their mounts.

One of the worst cases of "savaging" occurred to Otto Madden, the famous jockey, at Brighton races a few years ago. He was riding down to the starting post for the Worthing Plate, when a horse called Marigold IV overtook him, dragged him out of the saddle by the shoulder, and seizing him by the throat, shook him as a terrier shakes a rat.

The jockey of Marigold IV, who had himself been unseated, used his whip freely on the brute's head to make him release Madden, and other jockeys coming to his assistance, Marigold IV was eventually beaten off, but not before Madden had been severely wounded.

Diamond Jubilee, the horse which won King Edward his first Derby, took a violent dislike to his jockey, Mornington Cannon. If Cannon ever went near his loose box, or the horse saw him in the stableyard or paddock, he would make frantic efforts to "go for him," and Cannon had several very close shaves from being badly mauled.

Fred Archer once had a bad tussel with a horse which tried to "savagely" him, but the famous jockey succeeded in getting the better of the animal and won the race. The horse was "Peter," and the race the Hunt Cup. Peter threw Archer in the paddock before the race, and seizing him by the arm, nearly bit it in two. Archer succeeded in beating him off, whereupon he threw himself down on the ground and screamed, lashing out at everyone who came near him. Archer, however, was not to be daunted, and he eventually succeeded in mastering the brute.

Lord Charles Cunningham, a well-known sportsman who used to race on a large scale in India, had a very valuable racing pony which took a violent dislike to the "syces" or native grooms.

He absolutely refused to allow them to come into his stable, and on one occasion when two of the "syces" came in together to try to groom him he bit off one man's arm completely at the elbow, whilst the other only escaped with a badly lacerated ear. After that white stable boys from England had to be specially imported to look after him.

Vedas, who became "savagely" through ill health some time before he died, wore a muzzle and the stable boy was paid extra to look after him.

Ladas, Lord Roseberry's famous race horse, was perfectly quiet under ordinary circumstances, but for some unknown reason he had a great dislike for ladies, and would "go for them" if any members of the fair sex approached his paddock.

A Monument to Colonel Drake.

(From Wall Street Journal.)

Fifty-four years ago, or to be exact, on August 27, 1869, oil was struck in Western Pennsylvania at a spot which bore the picturesque name of Titohole, now a deserted village, but at one time the scene of epoch-making activities.

The man who discovered oil by boring for it was a picturesque character, by the name of Edwin L. Drake, widely known under the title of colonel. He had observed traces of oil on the surface of a stream near Titusville and he proceeded to sink a well to secure this commodity in larger quantities and to replace the crude methods which the Indians of Western Pennsylvania employed. They immersed blankets to secure the lubricant, more, however, on account of the medicinal qualities of the crude oil than for its commercial value and uses.

It is proposed by the people of Titusville, Oil City and other cities in the oil regions to erect a monument to Drake to mark the spot where the first oil well was sunk. A Drake memorial museum has already been established at Titusville.

The history of the early production of oil in the oil regions of Western Pennsylvania reads like a romance, and it is, indeed, a romance, founded, however, on the most solid structure of fact.

It is a fact that the discovery of oil was one of the most vital in the history of the United States. It seems fitting that some shaft or monument should mark the place where Drake had the presence to sink the first oil well, which increased so amazingly the wealth of this country and added so much to the comforts of life.

Church Dedication.

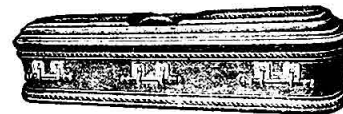
On the first Sunday in September, next month, the new Methodist church known as Zion church, near Olympia, in this county, will be dedicated. It is announced that Dr. W. S. Neighbors will preach the dedicatory sermon. Everybody is cordially invited. Dinner will be served on the grounds by residents of the community.

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As Egypt Is Today.

(From a Consular Report.)

Egypt is solely a producer of raw material. Its entire needs of manufactured goods and prepared material are met from abroad. Raw cotton represents four-fifths of the remainder. The public debt of Egypt amounts to \$160,534,014 and is almost wholly of foreign holding. Foreign sources, too, have furnished the capital for its commercial and industrial enterprises as well as the funds borrowed by companies and individuals. The charges on the foreign invested and borrowed capital in Egypt are estimated to exceed those on its public debt. The extensive foreign financial interest in Egypt was the cause directly responsible for the conditions that precipitated the political crisis in 1882. As the result of this crisis a foreign army still occupies Egypt, and the occupying power has ever since supervised, and, in an advisory capacity, administered its affairs of state.

The number of foreigners and those under the protection of foreign powers in Egypt, as shown by the census of 1907, was 147,220. Greeks predominate with a population of 62,973; Italians, 34,591; British, 20,653; French, 14,591; and Austrians, 7,704. All of the foreign population is centered in the several large cities.

Mixed tribunals made up of a judiciary appointed by the Egyptian government from the twelve larger Christian nations have civil jurisdiction in all cases in which the litigants are of different nationalities. The law governing the administration of these tribunals is a special codified one, based on the French civil code. Consuls and diplomatic representatives, through consular courts, exercise criminal jurisdiction over their nationals and have jurisdiction in civil cases between persons of the same nationality.

The trade balance of Egypt, based on the actual interchange of commodities, is always in its favor. This balance, however, is offset by the charges on its public debt and on the foreign borrowed and invested capital.

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Knocking Romanticism.

(Washington Post.)

The insistent cry of the present day is that men shall get down to the gist of things and cut out the curlyeues.

For that reason no particular surprise is occasioned when leaders of thought decry any tendency to the romantic view of life. But Paul Elmer More, in his lately published book of essays on "The Drift of Romanticism," goes much further. He finds the romantic spirit still strong, and bemoans its continued growth. He claims that it has been the source of the last century's greatest evils—"its dark materialism, its intellectual pride, its greed of novelty, its lust of change, its cruel egotism, and blind penance of sympathy, its wandering virtues and vices, its legacy of spiritual bewilderment."

These are fine words. One who can write like that can prove anything. Nor can any answer the indictment who cannot string together the pearls of verbiage in glittering profusion. Fortunately, the true answer is not in words, but in experience. And to the universal experience must the appeal be made, to show that romanticism is not only better, but truer, than realism, however much the latter may insist upon its liberating and redemptive powers.

After all, however, the confusion lies in the terms, rather than in their alleged human exponents. That which is called the one may be, and often is, the other. An impressionistic painting by Turner depicts the spirit of the storm itself. Hugo as a romanticist often descends to the depths of realism. The realistic Zola speaks of one of his queer heroines as having eyes as "beautiful as those of a consumptive cat," a bizarre touch worthy of Poe himself, who certainly was not realist. Huxley and Tyndall and all the great scientists possessed the imaginative outlook that went beyond the direct evidences of science, arriving at broad generalizations in an inspirational way, and then came back again to place their investigations on the sure basis of that which they drew from the infinite. Darwin pursued the laws of evolution until he was able to weigh heredity and environment in the golden scales. But in her operations he found nature prodigal and wasteful to an unexplainable degree, and his reflections at the close of his book were those in which Solomon, Marcus Aurelius and St. Paul might well have joined.

Mr. More has apparently had his worry to small purpose. Romanticism and realism in their essence are probably equally bad—or good. Nor can Mr. More escape. For if he has faith in his realism, that very faith thrusts him into the school which he condemns.

Warning of Storms.

(New York Sun.)

More eyes even than usual are turning to the barometer on these mornings. The gardener cries out for rain, the devotee of sport or society for just one more fine day, and so on. But there are other barometers than the one with the glass face. Frequent allusions have been made to the warnings given by nature.

"The idyllic calm of the hen run gives place to a scene of great excitement, the fowls running about and waltzing in the dust," says a writer in the Hamburger Nachrichten in making a summary of these warnings. "The ducks are just as lively, diving frequently. Peacocks give vent to their hard metallic cry expressive of a soul in anguish. Pigeons lose their consciousness of the time of day and seem to be in doubt whether they ought not at once to seek the shelter of the dove cote."

"Swallows give up their aerial circling and press down toward the earth in pursuit of insects which have also dropped into lower strata. Louder and keener sounds the chaffinch's note heralding the rain."

"Other animals seem to know that the time of cheerful sunny warmth is departing. In a corner of the yard the cat scratches herself behind her ear and rubs her fur with a paw as if she wanted to remove some invisible spot. In barn and corn loft rats and mice emerge from their dark corners."

"Flies are all agog; their quiet reflectiveness gives place to a restless and greedy buzzing round everything and every one. Bees either stop at home in the hive or come swarming back to it in a hurry; they cease to be pacific and go out of their way to sting an unsuspecting wayfarer if they see a storm coming."

"Spiders stop in the middle of the feverish weaving of their webs and hang dully and tiredly by their threads. So, too, with the humble denizens of the soil; worms wiggle up and stretch themselves, while toads come out of their holes in troops. In the pond the chorus of frog voices sounds louder than ever as they invoke the clouds to pour down the long desired rain."

"Even the plants reflect the coming rain. Fish rise. Twenty-four hours before the change in the weather the roach comes out of its muddy bed and swims about continually, making what look like terrified gasps for breath, which gives it its true name of 'weather fish.' The frogs, those true barometers, leave the water and show themselves."

"Even the plants reflect the coming change. The clover straightens up its bowed back; fennel, too, stands up stiff and straight if color weather is looming on the horizon. The wood sorrel lifts its leaves before a storm while those of the narcissus close up. The lettuce again opens its leaves before rain. So many and varied are nature's signs."

Meanest Will on Record.

(New York Press.)

"If there is any deep-dyed meanness in a man it comes out when his will is

read," is a saying that has been truthful in more than a passing measure. The spite of a lifetime generally crops out in the final document of life. It may vent the late departed's anger on a near relative, or it may seek cunningly to controvert the letter of the law.

Some of the most acrid wills are treasured in the mental archives of veteran lawyers today. Every day, almost, the newspapers record a last testament of peculiar tone and carrying amazing stipulations.

Probably the meanest will on record was that of a Pennsylvania man who, upon death, left to his wife \$1 and directed it to be mailed to her in an unsealed letter.

One of the most peculiar wills of record is recorded at Liverpool, England. The testator was a woman and she bequeathed more than \$10,000 to her sister, who was a novice in a convent.

By the terms of this document, the sister was to receive the income of the estate so long as none of it be used to further the cause of her religion. She was to obtain the estate when she renounced her vows.

Another provided that a son should inherit his father's vast estate so long as he remained out of the army or the navy. The son took the case to court and the justice ruled that as the will struck at the very life of the state it should be set aside.

An eccentric London stockbroker left \$1,000,000 to his son, then a boy of eight years, upon condition he have nothing to do with his mother except upon order of the Chancery Court. In the event it was impossible to detain him from visiting his mother or she calling upon him, nurses, doctors and a minister were to be provided to guard his spiritual and mental welfare.

William Calghorn, an Englishman, who died in America, left what is probably the most remarkable document on record. He left \$300,000 and a pretty wife. Of the latter he was most jealous. He left to her all his money, with the stipulation she should forfeit \$1,000 of the estate every time she appeared in public unveiled, and other \$1,000 each time she smiled at a man. She also was to forfeit the same amount every time she danced with a man, and in the event she permitted any caress or term of endearment she was to give up \$5,000 of the estate.

Said, "Ouch Doctor," Long, Long Ago. (New York World.)

Next time the dentist operates a diamond pointed drill in your jaw, holds a flarelight under the eaves of your mouth and ends up operations with a trip hammer, it may help you to endure the pain better to know that ancient inhabitants of Ecuador also had their teeth plugged and enameled, bridged and crowned, and pivoted and riveted.

Prof. Marshall S. Saville, of Columbia University, who got back recently says so. He found several skulls in Ecuador with the teeth in even rows, decorated with gold, filled with gold on the inside, but showing only slightly on the outside and with gold bands stretched across the edges of the teeth, either to lengthen them or decorate the mouth.

The archaeologist once found skulls in Mexico the teeth of which had been filled with stones, but these are the first gold fillings he had ever found among ancient skulls.

"It proves that these people were highly cultured," said he.

The professor brought back remarkable examples of pottery, among them a miniature face and bust and a perfectly formed clay head of the size of an apple. One of the heads is so finely finished that it looks more like marble than clay.

"These early South Americans," said the professor, "are the only very ancient people I know of who worked with jewels and platinum." He said he saw a box dug out of a mound containing gold ornaments of great beauty. This is the archaeologist's twenty-second trip of exploration in the tropics.

Revenue Of The Vatican.

(From the New York Sun.)

The pope sanctioned the findings of the commission presided over by Mgr. Marzolini, the administrator of Peter's Pence, and which was appointed to reorganize the finances of the Vatican. The pontiff approved the investments proposed by the commission and ordered the cutting off of certain expenses. As a result of this the receipts and expenditures of the last two years since the report of the commission was adopted averaged about \$2,000,000 a year and nearly balanced. The budget this year closed with a surplus.

The revenue of the Vatican is derived

from the patrimony of St. Peter, including the invested capital of the church, the interest on funds invested in London securities by former popes, the rent of buildings owned by the church, fees for the services of documents issued and departments and Peter's Pence. The yearly expenditure is roughly estimated as follows: For the support of cardinals and diplomatic missions abroad \$100,000; for the maintenance of the Vatican, including the papal army, \$300,000; pontifical alms, subsidies to schools, etc. \$400,000; gifts to charities, \$200,000, and miscellaneous, \$200,000.

The treasures of the Vatican, picture galleries and museums, the collections of library furniture, tapestries and jewels are estimated to be worth \$125,000,000. No precise figures are available as to the value of landed property, but the income from invested capital and rents of buildings is estimated roughly at \$1,000,000.

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I have just finished laying off a number of town lots at the west end of Marion, adjoining and immediately south of the Sexton Addition.

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Fine Drainage

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Will take pleasure in showing them to prospective buyers. Map can be seen at my office.

WM. C. PENDLETON

MARION, VIRGINIA

ice Seaver is in Bristol shop-
 diamonds and hearts," Court Square
 stre, Thurs. Aug. 28th.
 Miss Mable Whitlock, of Richmond,
 is visiting Miss Maggie Pruner.
 Mrs. S. O. Gallagher, of Pulaski, is
 visiting her mother, Mrs. D. J. Des-
 mond.
 Mr. Edward Johnston, of Knoxville,
 Tenn., is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. E.
 Francis.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Williams, of
 Richmond, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T.
 F. Pruner.
 Mrs. Nannie Gannaway and child, of
 Norfolk, are visiting her mother, Mrs.
 V. C. Ross.
 Miss Nina Graybill is back in Marion
 after spending her vacation in Roanoke
 and Buchanan.
 Lynn and Brainerd Adams, of Atlanta,
 Ga., are in Marion on a visit to their
 aunt, Mrs. H. B. Staley.
 Mr. Preston Collins, who has been
 visiting in Staunton, returned to his
 home in Marion last Tuesday.
 E. D. Greer, of Grassy Creek, N. C.,
 and Legard Keller, of Marion, have
 gone to Tennessee to buy cattle.
 Mr. J. Roscoe Altizer and Miss Velma
 Jamison, of Roanoke were the guests
 of Miss Mary Lester last Sunday.
 Mrs. E. H. Bennett and daughter,
 Elizabeth, of Salem, are the guests of
 Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Seaver this week.
 The Secretary of the Fair has request-
 ed us to announce that a Ladies' Rest
 Room with the modern conveniences
 will be supplied for the lady patrons of
 the Fair this year.
 Mr. Geo. Fred Cook, who had been at
 Charleston, W. Va., for more than a
 week on professional business, got back
 home last night.
 W. W. Hawkins and B. O. Johnston
 have gone to Bristol today to secure
 certain material for the finishing of Mr.
 Hawkins residence.
 Misses Kate and Nannie Long, who
 had been here visiting their aunt, Mrs.
 Geo. W. Seaver, returned to their home
 at Athens, Tenn., on last Friday.
 Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Cornett and their
 son, Garnett, of Roanoke, Va., are
 visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wassum at
 their beautiful home one mile east of
 Marion.
 Mrs. B. H. Eller left this morning for
 Atlantic City. After spending a few
 days there she will go to New York and
 join Miss Spellman. They will there
 select Mrs. Eller's stock of Fall and
 Winter millinery.
 We are requested to give notice that
 Rev. J. B. Greiner will preach at Ebe-
 nezzer church at 11 a. m. next Sunday.
 The regular pastor, Rev. Kern, being
 away on his vacation, Dr. Greiner has
 consented to fill the pulpit at Ebenezer
 on that day.
 Mr. Chas. P. Morris, of Richmond,
 Va., arrived at Marion this morning to
 visit his relatives and friends. Mrs.
 Morris had been here for some days.
 Mr. Morris is a native of Marion and
 has been very successful as a contractor
 in Richmond.
 No entrance fee will be charged in
 the fox race. Hound winning first day
 will not be eligible to enter race suc-
 ceeding days. We have the fox.
 Talk about good apples, if you please,
 but our friend Ferd Allen, who lives
 two miles east of town, has the best
 summer apples anybody ever ate. We
 don't know the name of the apple, nor
 does he, but it is good enough for the
 serpent to tempt Mother Eve with, if
 she could return to earth.
 Members of both South Fork and
 Middle Fork Baptist churches are re-
 minded that Sunday, the 24th is the
 regular preaching day, at the usual
 hours. "Come into my sanctuary and
 bring an offering," saith the Lord. A
 few envelopes are yet unaccounted for
 on the books of the treasurers. Do not
 forget the all-day meeting and picnic
 at Middle Fork, Saturday, 23rd, Speak-
 er: Dr. J. T. Henderson.
 A. B. BROOKS, Pastor.
 We have heard some persons express-
 ing doubt as to whether there will be
 any aeroplane flights at the Fair next
 week. The secretary of the Association
 informs us that a contract has been
 made for the use of two aeroplanes,
 and the contractor has made contracts
 for other concessions at the Fair. He
 has telegraphed the secretary in the last
 few days for other concessions, and this
 is sufficient to show that he means
 business and is coming with his aero-
 planes.
 Mr. E. H. Buchanan brought to our
 office on Tuesday morning a tomato that
 is something of a curiosity in the vege-
 table or fruit kingdom. The tomato is
 ripe, and projecting out of the top is a
 small distinctly formed green tomato
 and another smaller one that is ripened.
 These two small tomatoes on the top of
 the larger one have stems that reach
 toward the center of the larger one, the
 stems having sprung from seeds that
 germinated on the inside of the larger
 tomato.
 Among the delegates who attended
 the Lutheran Synod at this place last
 week was Capt. J. J. Geisler, of Mead-
 ow View, Washington county, Va. Captain
 Geisler is an octogenarian, and the most
 active man of his age we have ever
 seen. We found out by accident that
 he was one of the Confederate soldiers
 that fought Stoneman's raiders in the
 streets of Marion in December, 1864.
 From him we got very valuable infor-
 mation, and will in the near future write
 an account of the raid. We are now
 gathering data for the purpose.

SOME OF OUR ADVERTISERS

That the business men of Marion are
 beginning to realize that the already
 large circulation of THE AMERICAN
 makes it a valuable advertising medium,
 is proved by the number of advertisers
 we show in this issue of the paper.
 We want our readers to scan the ad-
 vertisements carefully, and when you
 come here to attend the Fair call on our
 patrons for what you want to buy. The
 following list is worthy of your notice:
 Collins Bros.—Department Store.
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 Marion Hardware Co.
 W. C. Seaver & Sons—Furniture.
 J. L. Thornton & Co.—New York
 Racket Store.
 W. E. Hodges Co., Inc.—Clothing.
 C. A. Pickle & Co.—Leading grocers.
 Look & Lincoln—Wagon manufactur-
 ers.
 Bank of Marion.
 Seaver & Morris—Undertakers.
 Marion National Bank.

Mrs. Richardson Entertains.

One of the swellest entertainments
 enjoyed in Marion this season was given
 by Mrs. Geo. W. Richardson on yester-
 day afternoon at her beautiful home, on
 West Main Street. Mrs. Richardson, of
 course, was a charming hostess. The
 game of "42" was engaged in for some
 time and then delicious refreshments
 were served.
 Seventy guests were invited. Those
 present were Mesdames Peery, Wm. C.
 Pendleton, T. C. King, T. P. Buchanan,
 Culbert, B. F. Buchanan, Birchfield,
 Fred Cook, Ellis Dickinson, J. S. Apper-
 son, Harris Hurt, James V. Richardson,
 Blaine Richardson, C. C. Lincoln, Will
 Lincoln, Matson, L. M. Copenhaver, D.
 D. Staley, H. B. Staley, C. Lee Rich-
 ardson, O. C. Sprinkle, Selater, Whit-
 worth, Squires, Wythe Hull, Alva Rob-
 inson, H. B. Jeffrey, J. P. Sheffey,
 Higginbotham, Painter, Ed Buchanan.
 The out of town guests were: Mrs. J. D.
 Tate, Chilhowie, Miss Virginia Greever,
 Chilhowie, Mrs. F. W. Robinson, Mil-
 waukee, Miss Deitrick, Washington,
 Miss Okie Sprinkle, Maryland, Mrs.
 Smith, and Miss Walsh, Baltimore, Miss
 Goolsby, Texas, Miss Middleton, Iowa,
 Misses Mittie Quesberry, Ruby Dickin-
 son, Mary Miles, Sue and Hallie Fell,
 Lizzie Painter, Josephine Sheffey, Grace
 Buchanan, Banie Hull.
 Decorations in reception hall and
 parlor were white hydrangeas, asters
 and asparagus fern; dining room in na-
 turiums. Menu: Chicken salad, bana-
 na salad, ham, tomatoes, pipeto sand-
 wiches, beaten biscuit, grapejuice, ice
 cream, cake; dainty souvenir boxes of
 candy were handed each guest.

Mrs. Thos. W. Smith, of Portsmouth,
 Va., and Miss Walsh, of Richmond, Va.,
 are visiting Mrs. W. L. Lincoln.
 The report of the condition of Marion
 National Bank, published this week,
 shows an increase of \$6,000 to the sur-
 plus fund since the last report was pub-
 lished.
 Mr. Samuel Bishop, of the St Clair
 Bottom neighborhood, was in town this
 morning and informs us that they are
 now erecting a splendid new High School
 building at Riverside. The building will
 be brick-veneered and of ample pro-
 portions to accommodate the large patron-
 age at that school. It will be supplied
 with water by gravity from a spring on
 Dudley Cole's land, and will be heated
 with a hot air furnace.

MUSIC.
 Mrs. Maud Thomas will be ready to
 receive music pupils September the first.
 Studio over Brisco's Store.
 We pay top prices for your butter,
 eggs, poultry and farm produce, cash or
 trade. We carry a complete line of
 staple groceries. Prices reasonable;
 quality best.
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
MARION NATIONAL BANK
 at Marion, in the State of Virginia, at
 the close of business, August 9, 1913.

| RESOURCES | |
|---|---------------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$251,155.68 |
| Overdrafts, secured and un- secured | 1,865.09 |
| U. S. Bonds to secure circula- tion | 40,000.00 |
| U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits | 1,000.00 |
| Premiums on U. S. Bonds | 1,000.00 |
| Bonds, Securities, etc. | 5,800.00 |
| Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures | 18,000.00 |
| Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) | 25,062.32 |
| Due from approved Reserve Agents | 32,653.27 |
| Checks and other Cash Items | 2,395.73 |
| Notes of other Nat'l. Banks | 2,000.00 |
| Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents | 479.95 |
| Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie \$1,480.00, legal-tender notes 200.00 | 11,660.00 |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation) | 2,000.00 |
| Total | \$395,152.04 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Capital stock paid in | \$40,000.00 |
| Surplus fund | 30,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits, less Ex- penses and taxes paid | 1,239.12 |
| National Bank Notes out- standing | 39,100.00 |
| Due to other National Banks | 555.55 |
| Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers | 378.87 |
| Dividends unpaid | 10.00 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 267,618.50 |
| Certified checks | 250.00 |
| United States deposits | 1,000.00 |
| Bills payable, including cer- tificates of deposit for money borrowed | 15,000.00 |
| Total | \$395,152.04 |

State of Virginia, County of Smyth, ss:
 T. E. KING, Cashier of the above-
 named bank, do solemnly swear that
 the above statement is true to the best
 of my knowledge and belief.
 T. E. KING, Cashier.
 Correct—Attest:
 R. A. ANDERSON,
 H. B. STALEY,
 E. M. COPENHAVER,
 Directors.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me
 this 14th day of August, 1913.
 THOS. J. MAXWELL,
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 mocks, Brass Ket-
 tles, &c.**
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 ers, Hay Tedders, Plows.**
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 give and keep giving our patrons Honest, Satisfying Hardware, that our
 days may be long in the land as prosperous hardware sellers. Why?
**Because it is HONORABLE AND RIGHT
 and because it pays**
 We mean just what we say. We are in the business of selling the
 best kind of hardware we know how, for the least possible profit.
 Come and see us. You are welcome.

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 "The House for Quality"
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WHETHER you go away
 or stay home this fall,
 you want to be well dressed;—good
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 raphy, it's purely a case of self-re-
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You'd better let us equip you.
 That's what we're here for, and we're
 ready on the job every day. We've
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 results in this "improvement-of-appear-
 ance" business, and you're welcome to
 our experience and advice.

One or two snappy looking Suits, you
 need, of course. Some types look fine on
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 Maybe your special "type of beauty" calls
 for a particular model to make you look your
 best. If so, it won't take us long to recog-
 nize it, and provide the right thing.
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 ours, made by Schloss of Baltimore, certainly
 justify the name, and there's enough vari-
 ety in model and appearance to satisfy
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 Come and see about this property at once.
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 a wide rock road; in calling distance of schools and churches and within 1/2
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 munity where land is bought and paid for in a few years from the annual
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 ny and The Durant Dort Carriage Company, both of
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