

"Gentlemen,I believe in the canal; be-lieve that it can be built in a reason-able time and believe that when, through American generosity and un-der American contro., it shall be thrown der American contros, it shall de thrown open to the commerce of the world it will be halled, and prove to be, a price-ies boot to all mankind. It will justi-fy the faith of the American people in its wisdom and world-wide beneficence, is wisdom and world-wide beneficence, and will justify also the expenditure of millions of American money for its construction. When it shall be opened for traffic the position of this nation in relation to the trade and commerce of the world will be a most favorable

"We shall have a virtually continuous coast line from the northeastern ex-tremity of Maine to the western ex-tremity of Alaska, open alike to the ships of the Atlantic and the Pacific, and giving to both the opportunity to rade directly with each other. San Francisco will be within 14 days of New York by steamers making 16 knots an hour, instead of 34 days, and within 21 hour, instead of 34 days, and within 21 days of any English port, instead of 35. "The west coast of South America will be 5,000 miles nearer to our ports than to those of Europe, opening to our products an entirely new field of commerce which has in it great possi-bilities. These are the broad, general facts in the case, and I need not ex-plain to you that they have in them op-portunities that are of incalculable val-ue. They open to the United States new markets for its products, new op-portunities for that enlargement of fornew markets for its products, new op-portunities for that enlargement of for-eign trade which our rapidly growing production is demanding year by year. "In this enlargement of industrial and commercial activity the whole nation will share. All railway lines, includ-ing the transcontinental, will be bene-fited by the increased traffic which will meets follow. New streamethy lines and surely follow. New steamship lines wh be spened to accommodate the new trade between the two Americas, and the expanded trade with Australia and the orient. The world's traffic will be changed to new currents, and in the change all the nations of the earth will

The population of the world 100 years ago was estimated at \$60,000,000 today it is estimated at 1,60,000,000. In In other words, the growth of the world's population during the past century has en equal to its accumulated growth



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more closely than even the transcontinental railways have accomplished, and will tend to unify in interest and senti-

ment all the Americas. "With the canal open there will be no Atlantic and no Pacific fleet, either in the navy or in the merchant ma-rine, but an American fleet. As an object lesson in the need of an isthmian waterway, the trip of the Oregon in the spring of 1898 from San Francisco to the coast of Florida was the convincing argument ever ad convincing argument ever adduced. With her powerful machinery working to its utmost limit and everything in her favor, including a commander of the first rank, $\delta 0$ days were consumed in the voyage. With the canal open she should have made the trip in 10 or 12 days and without need of special

"Instead of two navies, we shall have "Instead of two navles, we shall have a double navy ready for all emergen-cles. The ability to assemble our war-ships quickly will act as a powerful influence in the direction of peace, for it will operate constantly as a prevent-ive of war. The high position as a world power to which this nation, under the guidance of McKinley and Roosevelt and Hay, has advanced dur-ing the past few years will thus be strengthened and enlarged, and Amer-ican influence upon the civilization of the world and upon the welfare of the human race will be immeasurably exhuman race will be immeasurably extended

ended." Speaking of the eight-hour day, as applied to labor on the canal, Shonts said:

"I wish to repeat and to emphasize the opinion I have expressed on former occasions in regard to the application of the eight-hour law. The present wage varies from 80 cents to \$1.04 per day in gold. As compared with the best common labor in the United States, its efficiency is rated at from 25 to 33 per cent. Over 80 per cent of the employes of the canal are now and

not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building, which with the gallery, was capable of accommo-dating 500 to 700. The fire was a trif-ling one and was extinguished before the firemen arrived. the firemen arrived. The smell of smoke added to the panic, and despite the heroic work of the Rev. Johnson, pastor of the church,

the Rev. Johnson, pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, the ter-ror stricken people made a desperate rush to leave the church, only to be choked up on the narrow stairway. Those in the rear leaped over the prostrate forms of those who fell, and when the rush was over 18 lay dead on the first floor and stairs of thos

on the first floor and stairs of th building. Death in nearly every cas was due to suffocation or trampling.

THE DEAD.

Sarah Rufing. Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Patton. Ruth Framer.

John Berry. Anna Alexander, aged 40. Mamie M'Kenney, Susie Holmes, Mrs. Mary Weblock. Charles Gardiner, aged 14. Mamie McCall.

Abose Slaughter, 3 years old. Catherine Sewell. Ruth Trainer.

The disaster occurred while a col-lection was being taken up. The pas-tor had just concluded his sermon, the text of which was, "Why sit we here text of which was, "Why sit we here until we die?" Following the collec-tion there was to have been a baptism. Some of the colored people had left the church and the others were about to go. As the pastor was arranging the pulpit preparatory to beginning the baptismal service, a woman in one of the front rows gave a loud chrick of

Instantly all those about her were Instantly all those about her were on their feet, looking for the blaze. There were no flames in sight, but hose hear the pulpit smelled smoke and started down the alse toward the pul-pit. Then followed a half dozen eries of "fire," and the whole congregation became punc stricken.

became panic stricken. The pastor by this time realized the seriousness of the situation and in a loud voice, which only added to the confusion, called to the terror-stricken people to be seated. No one listened, and despite his frantic appears a rush started that meant death to many that were in it. were in it.

Greensburg, La., Jan. 21.-Joseph Sit-man, a sub-freshman, who left Jeffer-son Military college at Washington, Miss., on the 11th instant, is dead at his home here and it is alleged his death was due to injuries received at the hands of a crowd of hazers at the college. The boy's father, Dr. C. W. Sitman, will demand an investigation.

LADY PARKER'S JEWELS.

Has \$75,000 Worth Stolen While a .Guest at the Carlton Hotel, London ..

New York, Jan. 20.-The Herald to-morrow will say: That Lady Parker, wife of Dr. Gilbert Parke, was robbed of \$75,000 several weeks ago in the Carliton hotel, London, has been re-vealed in this city since the departure of a representative of Scotland Yard for Palm Beach, Fla. For more than a week the London detective worked in this city, independently of the central office, visiting pawnshops and following office, visiting pawnshops and following other trails.

"In the recent political campaign in England Lady Parker took up a tem-porary residence in the Carlton. She was Miss A. B. Van Tine of this city, daughter of the late A. A. Van Tine, and wealthy in her own right. Her jew-cls are well known, and on this occa-sion she had in a casket in her com-partment all her collection. "A knock came to her door one morn-

nig and a well-dressed man was discov-ered. At sight of Lady Parker he apologized profusely, saying he had made a mistake, having been called to the room of a friend.

"Little was thought of the incident "Little was thought of the incident and Lady Parker went to make some calls. When she returned she discov-ered that the case and its contents had been taken. Nothing else had been dis-turbed. Entrance had been obtained by key.

key. "Lady Parker's description of the man who had rapped at her door caused the detective to take ship for this city. The detective authorities thought they recognized in it a man who has made a reputation as a sneak thief and hotel thief on two continents. It was learned he had sailed for New York.

York. "He was not in New York when the detective arrived, but there were traces of him here and after a week's inves-

ties it affords for American enterprises. Wonderful stories are told of coal de-posits within an hour's ride of Tangler, of untouched forests of cork trees near at hand and of gold fields in the Atlas mountains. The Moors continue to work on a small scale the copper veins op-ened by the Romans, but mining engl-neers, who have scarcely dared to turn a stone for fear of the natives, aver that not only copper but tin and iron mines exist which are equal to the best mines of Spain.





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o of increase shall be continuous the new population of the globe will find its home not in the densely popu-lated districts of Europe, but in the sparsely settled countries of North and South America. The development of soun America. The development of these countries and of their trade with the orient, as well as with Europe, will all pay tribute to the Panama eanal, for it will be in the heart of this new growth and the pathway of its com-

"But great and world-wide as will be the material bonefits of the canal, the moral and political effects will be no less remarkable and no less salutary. In the United States the inevitable effect will be to develop a stronger and deeper sentiment of national unity than this country have ever known. New this country have ever known. New and larger trade relations will join the Atlantic seaboard and the Pacific coast



WHAT A PROMINENT DRUGGIST SAYS.

Mr. C. S. Penslee, the well-known druggist of Morgan City, La., is highly thought of in his neighborhood because thought of in his neighborhood because of his skill and care in filling prescrip-tions. The best physicians in the place send their patients to his store when-ever they can. Anything which Mr. Pessice may say can be depended upon absolutely 'In all my many years' ex-perience as a druggist. I have 'never handled a medicine of any nature that rave such complete satisfaction as Dr. Acker's English Remedy for Throat and lung troubles. I have sold hundreds of bottles, and have yet to learn of a ling troubles. I have sold hundreds of bottles, and have yet to learn of a single case where it failed to cure. In Croup, it acts with a certainty that is really marvelous. My wife does not take much stock in medicine, but she has absolute faith in Dr. Acker's Eng-lish Remedy, alawys having it at her ebow in case the children are attacked by Croup at night. It is a positively harmless remedy, as I can personally testify. I can understand why Dr. Acker's English Remedy is so effica-cious, because I am a druggist. It is not a mere expectorant, but a streneth-ening, invigorating tonic as well. While it heals the irritations of the mucous membrane. It also builds up the consti-tution and purifies the blood. I endorse it absolutely. (Signed) C. S. Peaslee." tuion and purifies the blood. I endorse it absolutely. (Signed) C. S. Peaslee." If anyone knows about the sale and effect of medicines surely a druggist should. It is seldom you can get a druggist to endorse any preparation that he handles, as he feels it might burt the sales of competitors' prepara-tions. It is quite evident, therefore, that Dr. Acker's English Remedy has Acker's English Remedy has to competition—it stands alone—it has stood alone for many years, and each year sees its sales increasing; there can be but one reason for that, it must have merit—it must be curing sufferers every day.

day. We want everyone, from those with a We want everyone, from those with a slight cough, to those who are con-sumptive, to try Dr. Acker's English Remedy, and we guarantee to you that the trial will cost you nothing if you are not benefited. This is as fair as we know how to make it. Go to your drug-ate today and buy a bottle of Dr. Acker's English Remedy, and if it does hot do all we claim for it, he will give you your money back. No risk on your fait. If there is any risk anywhere, we take it, not you. Try it at once-today.

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najority of the other 20 per cent en majority of the other 20 per cent em-ployed will be in a clerical, a super-visory, or in some other capacity to which the various labor laws of tha United States are not applicable. It is to this kind of labor we are com-pelled to apply the eight-hour law---that is, to aliens who know nothing of the law's existence until they arrive the law's existence until they arrive

on the isthmus. "Such application will increase the labor cost of canal construction at least 25 per cent. You can readily see why This will be the case. We pay our haborers by the hour. If we can em-ploy them for only eight hours a day we can give them only 48 hours a week. If we can employ them for 10 week. If we can employ them for 10 hours a day we can give them 50 hours a week. They will accept a smaller hourly wage for 50 hours \pm week than they will for 48 hours. As a matter of fact, the skilled laborers prefer a 10-hour day, and many of them have asked for it, desiring to get the extra two hours' pay. When they work over-time on the eight-hour plan they ex-pect to get time and a half. "It is obvious that by forcing the eight-hour day upon us, millions of

eight-hour day upon us, millions of dollars will be added to the cost of

construction. American labor in this country will have to pay its share in the consequent increase of taxation, and for no appreciable benefit, for, as I have shown you, there are only a very few American laborers on the isthmus. There is no question of American la-

por involved in isthmus work and repeat what the commission has urged in its annual report, that it is a mistake to handicap the construction of the Panama canal with any laws save those of police and sanitation, and that labor on the isthmus should be ex-cluded from the application of the eight-bour law, the contract-labor law, the Chinese exclusion act, and any other law passed or to be passed by Congress for the benefit of American

labor at home." In regard to the work already accom-

plished. Mr. Shonts said: "We are approaching the end of the preliminary work. We have made the isthmus a healthful place in which to work. We are getting the line of the canal into a condition which will en-able us to operate an excavating plant to the best advantage, and we are assembling the plant with which the work is to be done. When you bear work is to be done. When you bear in mind that we have been engaged in this preparatory task barely six months, that we have been compelled to carry it forward in an tropical country, mainly a wilderness, not ac-cessible by railway, but 2,000 miles at sea and 2,000 miles from a base of sup-ply, and that most of the material en-tains into the work bad to be manutering into the work had to be manu-factured to order before it could be shipped to the scene of action, I think you will admit that the amount of time

onsumed has not been unreasonable.' RUSS EDITOR IMPRISONED.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21 .- The sentence St. Petersbark, Jan. 21.- The sendence of Alexis Alexievitch Souvorin, editor of the Russ, to a year's imprisonment in a fortress for incluing the people to high treason by publishing proclama-tions and statements designed to insti-

gate riot, sedition and armed revolt and tending to cause the bankruptcy of the state, was the general topic of con-versation in the capital today. As M. Souvorin is a member of the nobility, his case must be reviewed by the emperor.

The court has decided with a view to The court has beened a commuta-mitigation to recommend a commuta-tion of the sentence to three months. Conviction and sentence, however, is a heavy blow to an editor of M. Sou-

The editors of the St. Petersburg press conferred today, but in view of the government's determination to en-force the new press law, little support was given to a proposition for joint de-fiance of it. flance of it.

were in it. At the rear of the church, on the second floor, there was a wide doorway which leads to a stairway to each side of the building. Each stairway has a sharp bend which proved to be the principal contributary cause for the fam. The front door on the first floor is wide and easy of exit. When the rush started those in the rear of the church did not fully rea-

When the rush started those in the rear of the church did not fully rea-lize what was wrong and were slow to move. The frantic shricking of the children became louder and more gen-eral and many were the knocked down in the two aisles of the church. Then came the terrible rush down the stairs. For some unknown reason everybody tried to get down the left side of the building, comparatively few attempt-ed to leave by the right stairway. One eye-wilness says that perhaps a

One eye-witness says that perhaps a dozen persons got safely down the stairs when several people tripped and fell, and caused the narrow way to become jammed. Several men on the become januned. Several men on the first floor attempted to hold the people back, but were knocked down. The weaker ones fell only to be trampled upon and crushed by those coming from behind.

The horrible shrieks sent up by the prostrate persons added to the confu-sion and by this time even the cooler ones in the rear of the fighting mass of men, women and children became error- stricken. Strong men, in fear that the building was falling, leaped over the heads of women and children and fought only for their own safety. The terrific crush in the bends of the stairs became so great that the balustrade, which was only a frail, wooden affair, gave way. There was a terrific crush as half a hundred persons were precipited to the floor, a distance of about 10 or 12 feet. This heightened the intensity of the panic and the rush became an awful jam. The horrible shricks sent up by the

the intensity of the panic and the rush became an awful jam. The pastor of the church, a man of powerful physique and strong voice, continued to appeal to the erowd in the rear to stop their rush, but none would heed. Over the prostrate forms the crowd swowed crushing the We the crowd swarmed, crushing the life out of those who were unable to extri-cate themselves.

cate themselves. In the confusion some of the worship-ers thought of the narrow door on the right side of the pulpit and made a quick exit that way, which action on their part probably saved the lives of a number of those who had been caught in the crush.

When those who came down the front stairs had left the building a terrible sight presented itself to the rescuers. The first floor and the stairway to the bend were covered three deep with

stricken people were rushing from the edifice, took charge and turned in a general alarm for ambulances, police men and firemen. With the help of scores of colored men and white peo ple who were attracted to the scene, the dead and the injured were extricated from the terrible mass of humanity and iaid on the sidewalks of Eighth street. The ringing of the fire bells, the clang of the ambulance gongs, the almost to-tal darkness and the thick fog added to the gruesomeness of the scene and caused utter confusion for a time. Orcaused utter confusion for a time. Or-der was soon brought about, however, and everyone who could not stand was placed in an ambulance and rushed to a hospital. No time was taken up to see if any victim was dead, and within an hour after the disaster occurred the streets had been cleared of the mass of people and the church door closed. The scenes at the heating were pe-The scenes at the hospitals were patigation a clue was found which inc cated that he had gone to Florida."

THE CURSE OF INTOXICANTS.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—"The Curse of In-toxicants" was the subject of the sec-ond of the series of co-operative ser-mons which was preached simultane-ously last night by Jenkin Lloyd Jones in All Souls Independent church, the Rev. Willard Brown Thorp in South Congregational church, Dr. J. H. Mc-Donald in Oakland Methodist Episco-pal church and the Rev. E. P. Tuller in Memorial Baptist church. All the four clergymen denounced the

All the four clergymen denounced the habitual use of intoxicants and the baneful influence of saloons. Mr. Jones urged a revival of teetotalism and en-forcement of liquor laws. Dr. McDonald decried the license sys-tem, and censured Mayor Dunne for failure to close saloons on Surday.

failure to close saloons on Sunday. Pastor Thorp advocated fights for local option in wards, villages and cities, the increase of saloon license to \$1,000 and the prohibition of sales of

liquor in dance halls. Tuller also favored increase of salon licenses, an addition of 1,000 men to the police force and declared him-self for a state law prohibiting the sale of liquors.





