

# MARK TWAIN

## URNS REFORMER

**He's Through Making a Noise and  
Insists on Others Keep-  
ing Quiet.**

NO AFTER DINNER SPEECHES.

## Does Not Believe 14-Foot Channel from Chicago to Gulf Can Be Maintained.

Fourteen Banks of England, With  
Fourteen Banks Behind Them,  
Could Not Finance Scheme.

New York, April 14.—That he had joined the ranks of the Anti-Noise society, and that he did not believe a 14 foot channel down the Mississippi river could be successfully dredged were the two things Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) had to tell reporters, on his return from a long vacation in Bermuda. He said:

"I have returned from my trip a reformer. I have joined the ranks of the Anti-Noise society. I have retired from the ranks of the professional

"Mr. Twain, what do you think of the scheme to improve our interior waterways by dredging a 14-foot channel down the Mississippi river?" asked one.

"I have no sentimental interest in such a project and I have too many realities to do with a will-o-the-wisp. When the Almighty built the earth, a

knew very well that a 14 foot channel from Chicago to the gulf would have been a very excellent and much needed thing. But He also knew that He would tax even His resources. If there were 14 banks of England behind the scheme, and 14 more behind them, there would not be enough available money to finance the scheme.

the channel would be but the beginning. A thousand dredges could not keep it clear."

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## METHODIST CONVENTION.

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### Condemns Republican Party of Illinois For Its Declaration.

Chicago, April 14.—Eight hundred delegates from the Methodist Episcopal churches of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and

Michigan, met yesterday in an interstate convention at the Centenary church to listen to a discussion of the conquests and opportunities of that denomination in home and foreign mission work.

"The American people have the wrong impression of Italians," said F. H. Wright, of Pittsburg. "The majority of the public look at them only as anarchists. On close study I have found them to be more intelligent and religious than other classes of people. The Methodist church should establish more missions and churches in Italian colonies."

**FRENCH AND ITALIAN CARS.**

Unexpectedly Receive Orders from  
Paris to Depart on Aki Maru.

Seattle, Wash., April 14.—Representatives of three nations interested in the New York to Paris automobile race

were in Seattle yesterday. The French and Italian cars reached here late yesterday and after a parade the cars were loaded aboard the steamer Aki Maru.

A banquet was held in honor of the visiting automobilists at the Italian-American club. While the banquet was

In progress a telegram was received from the Paris Matin instructing the automobiles to leave on the Aki Maru, which sailed for the orient early this morning. The wire came as a surprise, as the foreigners did not expect to leave Seattle for several days.

All of the machines will be shipped directly to Japan and will be transported from there to Vladivostok. The American machine is due to arrive within a few days and will be sent on to the orient.

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**MURDERER ALIA**  
**SHOWS NO REMORSE**

Canon City, Colo., April 14.—Gul-  
seppe Alia, the condemned murderer  
of Father Leo Heinrichs, whom he  
shot at the altar in St. Elizabeth's

Catholic church in Denver on Sunday, Feb. 23 last, has given the prison officials no trouble since he was placed in the state penitentiary to await his execution in July. The wounds which were on his forehead when he came here, caused by the efforts at self-destruction in Denver, have entirely healed.

Alia spends most of his time in the narrow cell on his cot, and sleeps several hours each day, as well as the greater portion of the night. He has no desire for reading matter, and so far has expressed no wish for a spiritual adviser. He expresses no remorse for the crime he committed. His

George for the crime he committed. His appetite is good and he eats his meals with a relish. His food is the same as that served to the officers and is sent to him from their kitchen. He is unlike the average prisoner, in that he does not use tobacco in any form.

## MILITIA WILL SUPPRESS TROUBLE IN PENSACOLA

Pensacola, Fla., April 14.—With the arrival of four more companies of state

troops this morning, the 40 strike breakers from New York, who had been held at the police headquarters, were moved to the street car barns. Two companies of militia are now on guard at the car barns, and so far the strikers and their sympathizers have made no demonstration.

A total of 14 militia companies are now here to suppress any violence that may be attempted when the cars are started.