

GOOD WAY TO CONGRESS

IRRIGATION CONGRESS AT CHICAGO IMPORTANT.

Believed Attendance Will Be Unusually Large.—Held in Dec.

Spokane, Wash., August 1.—Five thousand accredited delegates from all parts of the United States, in addition to a large foreign representation, will attend the 19th annual sessions of the National Irrigation congress in Chicago, December 5 to 9, according to R. Inasinger, manager of the Northwestern & Pacific Hypothek bank, who has just returned from a tour of the middle western states and Chicago, where he presided at several meetings of the national board of governors, of which he is chairman. He added:

"Chicago offers exceptional opportunities for western delegates and others to meet people who do not seem to realize that irrigation today is an established mode of agriculture and that it is being practised successfully and profitably in many states west of the Missouri river. To put it mildly it is up to the communities of the western country to send large delegations to the congress.

"Among the candidates for the 1912 sessions probably will be Atlantic City, Rochester, N. Y.; Buffalo, St. Paul and Los Angeles. The southern states also are manifesting deep interest in the convention, as they expect to make a strong bid for a convention in the south, to take place in January, 1913.

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business and professional men, headed by Frank E. Scott, president of the Frank E. Scott Transfer company.

"The committee on entertainment, of which John C. Shaffer, president of the Chicago Evening Post company, is chairman, has been active and the arrangements for entertaining are, as a result, upon a large scale. Besides the many places of interest in Chicago there will be a season of grand opera before, during and after the sessions. The world's foremost artists will be in the casts.

"The committee on foreign representation, of which Dr. W. A. Evans, formerly health commissioner of Chicago, is the chairman, is giving every assistance to Dr. E. McQueen Gray of Albuquerque, N. M., and it is expected that many of the nations of the world will be represented by delegates from abroad. Western Canada also will send a representative delegation to the congress.

"I had several meetings with Harry A. Wheeler, president of the Chicago Association of Commerce, which is conceded to be the largest and most important organization of its kind in the world, and I am more than gratified with the interest its officers and members are taking in the coming congress.

"The convention committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce is doing splendid work under the direction of its vice chairman, Mr. Reiss. The congress will have placed at its disposal such auditoriums as Orchestra hall for general meetings; Hubbard hall, in the Fine Arts museum, for illustrated lectures on irrigation, drainage and kindred subjects, and the Auditorium theater for the opening, at which President Taft will address the delegates.

The programs at the several sessions will include the names of some of the foremost speakers in various parts of the world and they will discuss in a practical way the best means of reclaiming lands. The National Irrigation congress is interested in the problems presented all over the American continent. It is interested in drainage, saving the forests, storing the floods, reclaiming the deserts and making homes on the land, and as an organization composed of men of foresight and unselfish purpose, it will continue to exert its influence for the greatest good to the largest number."

INFANT SON SUCCEUMBS

11 DAYS OLD SON OF MR. AND MRS. SCRIBER DIES.

Healthy Son Falls Rapidly and Death Occurs Last Evening.

Clode Pining on Scriber, 11 days old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Scriber, living at 406 Main avenue, died last evening at 5 o'clock. The demise was rather unexpected and the sorrowing parents have the sympathies of their many friends. The babe was born July 20 and had been in the best of health until the last day or two.

Interment took place this morning with private burial.

Arnolds Go to Rome.

New York, August 1.—Following the receipt of information that Dorothy Arnold, whose disappearance has puzzled New York for months, was seen recently in Rome, the girl's parents have called for Italy. It is believed they went direct to Florence as Geo. Griscom, Miss Arnold's fiance, was last heard of from there.

Brilliant Gathering at Cowes.

London, August 1.—Social interest is now centered in Cowes, where the annual regatta was inaugurated today with a race for his majesty's cup, and where the usual brilliant gatherings will continue until the end of the week.

NEW "GHA-I" UNEARTHED

CLEVER NEW YORKER LIVES ON FAT OF CITY.

Without Being Liable to Fraud Charge, Works Scheme Nicely.

New York, August 1.—That it is possible to live for nothing, even in New York, and in spite of the increased cost of living without violating the letter of the law, has just been demonstrated here in a most ingenious manner by a visitor to whom local bunco men are figuratively taking off their hats. For more than two weeks this man has been living on the fat of the city without a single cent of expense to himself. Like most effective plang his was so simple that the regular residents of this city who live by their wits are still wondering how they overlooked it. The clever visitor simply went to wholesale manufacturers of clothing and placed large orders to be shipped to a certain big southern house. In every case, however, he was careful to stipulate that shipment was not to be made for a month, or until such time as the house which he claimed to represent had sent a check to cover the amount, thereby protecting himself against a charge of attempted fraud. His orders were large, and naturally at each place where he gave them the sales clerk took him out for dinners, theatres, trips to Coney Island and the like, gladly furnishing all the summer luxuries. As a result the originator of the plan lived like a prince without a penny of expense.

His deception was ultimately discovered but since none of the goods he ordered had been delivered and nothing had been lost except the money voluntarily spent on his entertainment, the most serious charge which could be made against him was that of being a "suspicious" character. As there are several hundred thousand such people in New York the charge is not troubling the ingenious visitor.

New York, August 1.—This summer bids fair to go down in history as the greatest producer of Munchausen-like tales on record. Already with the summer only half over returning vacationists have strained the credulity of the public to the breaking point with accounts of weird happenings. Undoubtedly the prize fish story comes from a nearby angler who without either hook or line has been making wonderful catches. His chief piscatorial aid consists of a number of mirrors together with some worms and a net. The mirrors are placed on the bottom of any clear lake or stream and on their surface is scattered the bait, while the angler sits above in his boat, net in hand. The hungry fish coming to grab an easy meal sees his reflection in the mirror and immediately attacks it in a fight for the bait. Generally his impact on the glass is so hard as to stun or kill him after which it is an easy matter for the looking glass fisherman to dip him up in his net.

It is apparently associated with fish as producers of remarkable stories since from Connecticut comes a wall because of a vice to which the bees have become addicted. It has been discovered that they have been gorging themselves on the nectar of tobacco blossoms. When one of the apiculturists sampled the honey made by a colony of these bees he found that the honey was dark, ill tasting and unfit for sale. A conference of apiculturists will be held within a few days to decide whether it will be advisable to put the honey on a market as chewing tobacco.

Altogether, summer fiction this year is of a particularly high quality.

Treaty Is Criticized.

Boston, August 1.—Declaring that the proposed arbitration treaty with England practically arrays the United States against Germany in the present Moroccan difficulties, that it is a violation of the Monroe doctrine and an insult to every German-American and every Irish-American in the country, Congressman James Curley is opposing the proposed agreement. He is supporting resolutions of protest adopted here at a meeting of German-American and Irish-American citizens.

BLOBS' HUNT NEWEST SPORT

DICTIONARY WON'T TELL CLEARLY WHAT IT MEANS.

Smithsonian Institute Instigates New Campaign.

Washington, August 1.—Did you ever go bobbing for blobs?

No, this is not a new game nor is it something that is likely to be taken all sportsmen—it is merely a little diversion highly and warmly advocated by the Smithsonian institution for the conservation of a few natural resources.

There has been so little conversation regarding conservation that the Smithsonian evidently thought that the matter needed stirring up, for they have just issued a letter concerning the extermination of the blobs and advocating this extermination as a highly patriotic and an eminently proper pastime.

But before the blobs can possibly be eradicated, the public will have to be told what they are for: is doubt if there are many persons, outside of the Smithsonian, who would recognize one if they met it on the street. That it is something alive is rather evident from the title of the institution's letter, "The Extermination of the Blob" but whether the would be exterminators should do it with panache, lure it with birdseed or smother it in popcorn is not mentioned.

So, the dictionary being the natural haven of refuge when one desires to find a definition, the "b's" are searched until the word "blob" is reached. But even then a look of wonderment and astonishment is likely to settle on the searcher's face, for the definition there is weird and wonderful.

It is almost enough to produce a parody on Oliver Herford such as the following:

"I've never met a blithy blob,
I never hope to meet one,
But this I know, I hope, I trow,
I'd rather meet than eat one."

Here is Webster's definition, lifted bodily:

"Blob—Something blunt or round, a small drop or lump of something viscous, a drop, a bubble, a blister. A small fresh water fish (Grandea Robinsoni), the miller's thumb."

So there is very little use trying to dope out from the dictionary exactly what a blob is. There is no escape from it, the institution's letter must be read. A study of the learned dissertation shows that the next to the last letter in the dictionary is the right one to study and that the blob spoken about in the article in question is a fish that has the pernicious habit of swallowing several salmon for breakfast, a few more for lunch and adding some to the collection when dinner time came around. Therefore, says the institution, they should be exterminated.

Blobs, say Messrs. Bean and Wood of the institution are not particular how they eat their prey. Head or tail first—it is all the same to them, and they eat an average of six a day. This, for a fish which is some 1 or 1 1/2 inches long, is going some. Some of the blobs eat so many salmon that they choke themselves to death and the bureau of fisheries is not troubled with exterminating them. When it is noted, however, that 31,000 of the pernicious blobs were caught and killed in 20 days on the Helix Bay stream, it would not seem that the bureau of fisheries would have much trouble in getting rid of them.

But, they say that there is great need for an active movement against the salmon eaters, so the public is asked to "Swat the blob," just as they are desired to "Swat the fly."

Washington, August 1.—In an effort to educate the miners and mine owners throughout the country in preventive methods against explosions and other disasters, the bureau of mines has arranged for a National Miner's Life Saving demonstration, to be held at Arsenal park, Pittsburg, Pa., on September 16.

This demonstration will be the most unique demonstration of its kind ever held in this country. The bureau expects that 20,000 and 30,000 miners will send their trained first aid and rescue corps to participate. Among the speakers will be President Taft Secretary of the Interior Fisher and

Dr. Joseph A. Holmes director of the bureau.

Arsenal park is the site of the testing station of the bureau of mines. The first aid to the injured work will be one of the features of the day. The teams from the various coal mines will not compete but will give exhibitions of their skill in bringing injured miners from the mines and binding their wounds.

In addition to this work the miners will witness gas and coal dust explosions in miniature which will be staged in the vast explosives gallery of the bureau. In Arsenal park there will also be an explosive gallery to resemble a coal mine. This will be placed at the bottom of a natural amphitheater where the experiments can be watched by thousands of miners.

Gas explosions will take place in this play mine; miners will be entombed and one of the government rescue corps in oxygen helmets will enter and "save" the men. One side of the miniature mine will be open throughout its entire length so that the onlookers may witness everything that happens in an underground horror, except the loss of life. The famous oxygen helmets which have saved many lives since their adoption by the bureau will also be on exhibition.

It is of the opinion of the bureau that this demonstration will be of great practical benefit.

Washington, August 1.—Calculations just made by the United States office of public roads show that a saving of between half a billion and a billion dollars a year can be effected if the states would improve about 20 per cent of the roads now in operation.

The public roads office estimates that this improvement would cost each state about \$4,000,000 but that the tremendous yearly saving would more than make up for any expenditure of this kind. Appeals will be sent out to each state asking that the legislature take steps toward the improvement of roads.

Washington, August 1.—That cancer is a germ disease and not due to other causes is the claim of Dr. Frank F. Smith, chief pathologist of the bureau of plant industry of the department of agriculture.

For seven years Dr. Smith has held to his theory and now he says he has proved that plant cancers are caused

—are due to germs, and he claims that there is not the slightest doubt but that human cancers are due to the same cause.

"Physicians," said Dr. Smith, today, "claim that cancer is not a germ disease simply because they have never been able to find the germ, but I have proved conclusively that plant tumors—which are nothing more than cancers in the vegetable world—are due to a parasite, despite the fact that I have never seen or found the organism. But by thousands of experiments and years of patient work I have found that this is so, and every one who has studied the vegetable and animal world knows what a similarity there is between the plant tumor and the human cancer.

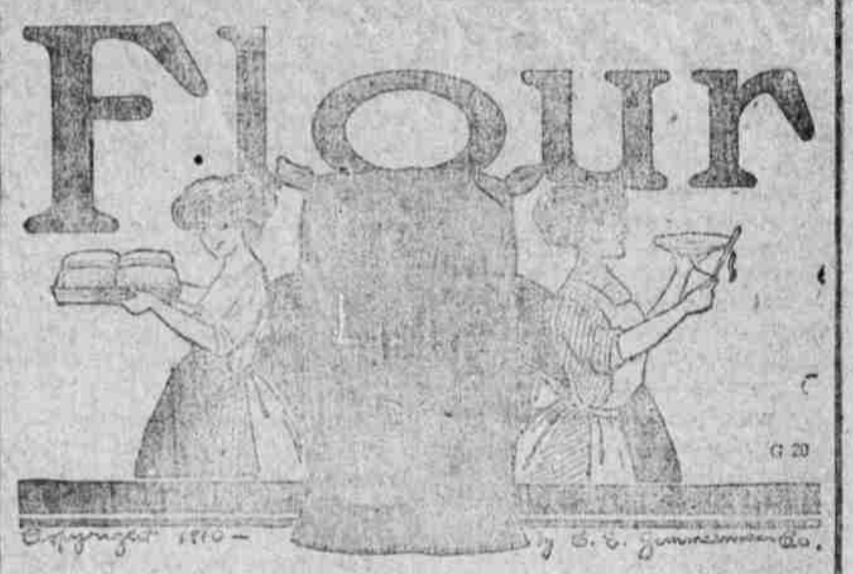
"Therefore, having proved the one to be due to a germ I cannot see that there is the shadow of a doubt but that the other is also."

To Probe Postal Rates.

New York, August 1.—The members of the commission appointed by President Taft, to examine the reports of the postoffice department, its officers, agents and employes, and the existing evidence taken in respect to the cost to the government of the transportation and handling of all second class mail matter, and such evidence as may be presented by persons having an interest in the rates to be fixed for second class matter, met here today at the federal building, and began its hearings. The commission consists of Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the United States supreme court, chairman; A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard university, and Harry A. Wheeler, vice president of the United States Trust company of Chicago. Collyer E. Hill is the secretary of the commission. The report is to be made to President Taft on or before December 1.

To Retain Clay Court Titles.

Omaha, Neb., August 1.—When the National Clay Court Tennis tournament opens at the Field club here on next Saturday the field of contestants will be considerably larger and of a more representative character than at the first tournament held last year. Melville E. Long of San Francisco, the present national champion, and Anderson and Hayes, winners of the doubles honors last year, will be on hand to defend their titles.



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