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THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN



1415—Battle of Agincourt.

1603—Arrival of William Penn at Newcastle, Del.

1751—Extraordinary eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.

1774—First American Congress adjourned.

1776—Battle of Hampton, Va.

1777—Battle of Red Bank, N. J.

1780—John Hancock chosen first Governor of Massachusetts.

1814—First steam war vessel was launched, and named The Fulton.

1842—Island of Madeira devastated by a storm.

1844—Many killed by explosion of steamer Lucy Walker at New Albany, Ind.

1847—American fleet under Commodore Perry bombarded Tobasco.

1854—Two additional asteroids discovered and named Polymonia and Pomania.

1858—Theodore Roosevelt, twenty-sixth President of United States, born.

1861—Second naval expedition, consisting of 80 vessels and 15,000 men, sailed from Fortress Monroe.

1870—Convention in Cincinnati to urge the removal of the national capital from Washington to some point west.

1871—Riots in Chinese quarter of Los Angeles; 18 Chinese hanged.

"Boss" Tweed of Tammany Hall arrested and jailed.

1872—Steamship Missouri burned at sea; 87 lives lost.

1874—Emperor William proposed the re-organization of the German army on a larger scale.

1883—Henry Irving made his American debut in New York; seats sold at \$10 each.

1893—Battleship Oregon launched at San Francisco.

1898—The limit for the Spanish evacuation of Cuba extended to Jan. 1, 1899.

1899...Philadelphia celebrated peace jubilee...Dewey released the Spanish sailors captured at Manila.

1901—Caoigeos executed at Auburn, N. Y., for assassination of President McKinley.

1902—Great loss of life and property by eruption of Santa Maria, Guatemala.

...Denmark declined to sell West Indian islands to the United States.

1903—Emma Booth-Tucker killed in railroad wreck in Missouri...Lou Dillon trotted fastest mile on record at Memphis behind a wind shield.

1904—The Episcopal General convention agreed on a new divorce canon... A railroad strike spread throughout the Russian empire... The New York subway opened... Gen. Kuropatkin appointed commander-in-chief of Russian army... Russian Baltic fleet fired on British fishing fleet in North Sea.

College to Pay Smart Students.

Financial reward for high standing and financial loss for poor work on the part of students of Columbia university is the novel plan announced by the faculty officers for the year 1907-08.

On this plan tuition is to be paid for on the basis of \$5 per point, a point meaning the successful completion of work one hour a week for half a year.

This would make the total course for the three years amount to \$620, except where deduction is made for scholarship.

Any students who are credited with 94 points may receive one point extra toward a higher degree.

Thus it will be possible for a student to get twelve extra credits in three years and for this \$60 will be deducted from his tuition.

On the other hand, students lose \$5 for every course in which they fail and the fee for delinquent examinations is \$5.

Negro Artist Wins Prize.

The \$500 Harris prize for the best painting at the nineteenth annual exhibition of American paintings, now open at Chicago, has been awarded to Harry O. Tanner, a Pennsylvania negro, for his work entitled "The Disciples at the Tomb."

Mr. Tanner is a Pittsburg artist, who has studied in the best Paris studios. His works have been hung in the Luxembourg, the Carnegie Institute, the Philadelphia academy of fine arts and elsewhere.

Methodist Publishing Merger.

After the executive board of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society had approved the plan, all of the publishing interests of the Methodist Episcopal church had finally been consolidated with headquarters at Cincinnati.

This includes the Board of Education Society, the Sunday School Union, the American Tract Society and Freedman's Aid Society.

35,000 to Siberia in a Year.

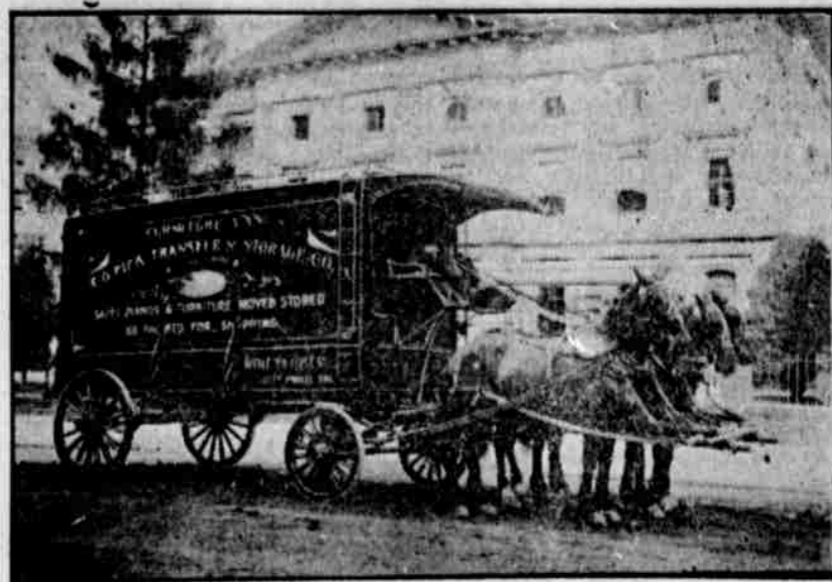
The Russian government, under Premier Stolypin, continues its policy of arrest and exile for every one suspected of opposing its program.

A report shows that 35,000 people have been exiled to Siberia since the manifesto of Oct. 30, 1905.

An imperial decree removes all class restrictions regarding state employment, and all persons are declared equal before the law.

Peasants are released from the communal system and will be allowed to dwell where they please.

The poll tax will be abolished Jan. 10.



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