

PORTO RICO IS NOW ABREAS OF TIMES EDUCATIONALLY

Daily School Attendance Has Grown From 23,452 in 1901 to 84,258 in 1910 With 2450 Schools.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Aug. 12.—From the inception of American government in the island particular attention has been given to extending the school system. According to the census of 1899 only 15 per cent of the population over 10 years of age could read and write.

The organization which has brought about such a degree of educational development is largely centralized in the department of education, one of the seven coordinate executive departments of the insular government.

The efficiency of the instruction through the grade is entrusted to the assistant commissioner, who is also chief of the division of supervision.

The rural schools are by far the most numerous. With few exceptions they are located in the mountain districts wherever needed, and are often reached by long, hard climbs up the mountain trails.

The six districts 10 special teachers of agriculture furnish theoretical and practical instruction in this branch, and gardens are maintained in connection with the work.

In the high schools and the university instruction in manual training and in domestic science is given. Courses in sewing have been established in all towns, and in many instruction in cooking and military science is offered.

Within two years 233 public school libraries were established, containing over 25,000 volumes.

Fully equipped playgrounds have been established and 19,000 youths of both sexes use them, and are developing a sturdiness of physique hitherto unknown to the children of the tropics.

At the last intercollegiate athletic meet there were over 200 contestants, and the records made would have been creditable to boys of equal age in any part of the world.

School banks have been founded in 21 municipalities. In them 2404 pupils deposited \$883 during the school year 1909-1910, that this number of depositors 693 started individual accounts in the national city banks of the towns in which they live.

With a month forged checks in amounts running from \$750 to \$1000, and reports to be signed by well-to-do Iowa farmers, who have been touring through the west, have been received by banks. Six cases have come to light at Denver, Salt Lake City, Ogden and Mountain.

Rhodes is accused of obtaining \$350 from a Dexter, Iowa bank on the purported signature of Jacob Arnold, a wealthy farmer.

9-YEAR-OLD GIRL PICKS POCKETS FOR 45c A DAY

New York, Aug. 12.—That she had been taught to pick pockets for a daily wage of 45 cents, turning over all of her earnings to her employer, was the admission today of the youngest pick-pocket ever arrested in this city.

SILENT TEACHER AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE



Both deaf and dumb, she teaches just one subject, "Listening." That is the name of this beautiful study, which has been anonymously presented to Wellesley college for young women. It is declared to be a marvelous piece of work, both in conception and execution.

BANDITS HOLD UP PASSENGER TRAIN

Railway Officials Knew of Plans, but Did Nothing to Prevent Robbery.

St. Louis, Aug. 12.—A special train of the Wabash railroad was held up and robbed by five masked men in a secluded spot between Nameoki and Granite City, Ill., late this afternoon.

The Wabash officials were cognizant of the plans for the robbery, but they failed to take any steps to prevent it.

Some time between sundown on Friday night and sundown last night, robbers, who know the habits of the Seventh Day Adventists, entered the Vegetarian Food company's establishment, conducted by H. H. Haynes, at 44-46 East Seventh street north.

The discovery of the robbery was not made until 8 o'clock last night, when Haynes returned to his place of business after having observed his Sabbath, opened the safe which was securely locked, and to his amazement, found the cash drawer containing all the money, also a drawer containing his private papers, including deeds, stocks and other valuables, missing.

From the manner in which the job was done the detectives are inclined to believe that it is an "inside" job; that is, that some one knowing the combination of the safe and the habits of the management is responsible for the job.

Haynes, however, declares that he knows absolutely that no one who knew the combination could have any connection with the robbery. The front doors were not forced open, and this leads to the belief that the person who opened the safe had a regular pass key to the front door, but Haynes states that he believes that entrance was gained through the iron doors in the sidewalk which lead to the basement.

To refute the idea of the job being done by an "insider" is the fact that a well known safe man, who has a national criminal reputation of being an expert on opening safes by listening to the dropping of the tumblers, was seen on the streets recently and all patrolmen and detectives were warned against him and cautioned to keep their eyes on all safes along their beats.

Detectives Carpenter and Price were assigned to the job but were unable last night to get the least trace of the robbers.

FREE LIST BILL TO SENATE MONDAY

Party of American Sportsmen Leave Skagway in Search of Mountain Sheep.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The farmers' free list bill will be reported to the senate Monday, the conferees having reached a conclusion on it this afternoon.

Chairman Underwood, of the house committee on ways and means, insisted the senate should again vote on these amendments, and the senate conferees agreed. It is the purpose of those favoring the free list bill to have the senate reject free lemons and redraft the Kern amendments, which, it is said, did not carry out the intention of the senate when they were adopted.

After a three hours' wrangle today the house accepted the conferees' report on the wool bill and it will be called up Monday by Mr. Underwood.

Agreement also was reached today on the campaign publicity bill, the house receding from its objections and accepting the senate bill. There are some minor changes.

Muscatine, Iowa, Aug. 12.—Governor B. F. Carroll is on his way here from Ruthven, Iowa, to try to prevent a second big strike of buttonworkers because of the discharge of union men and President Goppers of the American Federation of Labor has telegraphed not to start the strike until his representative, Emmet Flood, arrives here Wednesday.

Union men say that in spite of the agreement prepared by Governor Carroll and signed by both sides, settling the trouble two months ago, men have been discharged and add that McKee and Bivens, who employ 600 men, are the worst offenders. In the past two weeks nearly 200 men have been discharged and not one of the firms will take them back when the unions protest. The manufacturers refuse to arbitrate and unless Governor Carroll can settle the controversy, the men will all go out again.

MAN WANTED SINCE 1907 HELD AT SEATTLE

Detective Sloan left for Seattle last night to get Frank Budney, who is wanted in Portland on the charge of assaulting Karner Valuk with a dangerous weapon the night of February 8, 1907. Word was received today at detective headquarters that Budney had been captured in Seattle and the man was being held. Valuk, who is a Greek, was assaulted in a fight which took place in the Greek colony in lower Alameda and was badly cut. The case was brought up before District Attorney Cameron, who at that time was municipal judge, and who signed the warrant for the arrest of Budney.

TAPPING GUIDES MINERS WORKING AS RESCUERS

Shenandoah, Pa., Aug. 12.—Guided by tapping that told them the prisoners were still alive, miners worked far into the night to rescue three comrades entombed by a landslide in the Philadelphia and Reading Coal & Iron company mine. The accident occurred yesterday and it was thought the men would be taken out today, but a fresh slide retarded the work.

U. S. GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE PRICES OF FOOD

Department of Commerce and Labor to Inquire Into Wholesale and Retail Cost of All Necessaries.

(By the International News Service.) Washington, Aug. 12.—Countrywide investigation of the wholesale and retail prices of all foodstuffs, which will require nine months to complete and which will represent the most thorough inquiry of its kind yet attempted, has been begun by the department of commerce and labor. This investigation will cover the years 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911.

Third Investigation Attempted. The present investigation is the third of its kind attempted by the department of commerce and labor.

Four experts under the direction of F. V. Croton are now touring the country in search of data. Over all of the experts is A. W. Hanger, chief statistician to whom the records will be first submitted before they are published.

That this report will be invaluable is made plain by the fact that it will furnish all figures that are lacking in the reports of the department of agriculture on the subject of the high cost of living.

HUNTERS OFF FOR ALASKAN WILDS

Party of American Sportsmen Leave Skagway in Search of Mountain Sheep.

Skagway, Alaska, Aug. 12.—Colonel Charles W. Scott, of Rosedale, Miss., reputed to be the largest cotton planter in the United States, headed a party of sportsmen who left here today for an extended hunting trip into the Canadian Yukon.

Accompanying Colonel Scott and Harry Dickinson, of Seattle, son of former Secretary of War Dickinson, are C. Harmon, of Gardiner, Mont.; C. C. Callaway, of Seattle; and Charles Baxter, a well known Colorado guide.

The party brought complete equipment from Seattle, the outfit including 16 horses and 7 cases of heavy rifles. Five personal attendants were also taken.

The hunters will penetrate 500 miles in the interior of the Yukon in search of mountain sheep. They will remain about the head of the White river until after the close of navigation.

Colonel Scott estimates the cost of the expedition at \$10,000.

FILIPINOS WORK FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE

Miss Josephine Niculayla, Filipino belle, and Senor Jose A. Manibo, the youthful Filipino patriot, who are working together as members of the Filipino club of Brooklyn, N. Y., to secure independence for the Philippine islands.

Manibo, who is 25 years old, son of a wealthy merchant of Batavia, a politician and one of the leaders of the Nationalist party in the province of Batangas, was prepared at Queen's college, Hongkong, for an American education. One year he studied law at Washington university, and two months ago came to New York from a year's study of law at the Ohio State university. The club he has founded now has over 300 members.

3 DIE FROM PELLAGRA; FIRST IN COLORADO

Denver, Aug. 12.—Three deaths from pellagra were today reported to the state board of health. They are the first in the history of Colorado, and the medical men on the board believe they were contracted outside the state.

Dr. J. W. Aheshe, who was sent to Colorado by the federal health department to study the disease, inspected the cases, and stated that as a result of investigation in these and other cases, he was willing to accept the new theory that pellagra is not caused by infected corn, but by the bite of a fly, known scientifically as the simuliid reppan. This fly is found along water courses. As none of the species has ever been found in the state, it is generally believed that the Colorado victims contracted the disease in other sections of the country.

AUTHORESS TAKES UP CUDGEL FOR AMERICAN HUSBANDS



WOMAN TOO TIRED AFTER A DAY'S WORK TO ENJOY ANY RECREATION

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BRIDE'S VEIL TORN; GROOM KIDNAPED

Young Wife's Remark About Husband's Bankroll Disrupts Wedding Party.

St. Louis, Aug. 12.—Suspicion that Miss Esther Meinel was marrying Edward Eberhard to secure part of the \$2000 he had saved, caused a woman member of his family, to snatch off her bride's veil and with assistance, to kidnap Eberhard, immediately after the wedding ceremony, according to a suit filed by Mrs. Mary Meinel, the bride's mother, to recover \$5 a week for the board of his wife as long as she remains in her mother's home.

When the rabbi performed the ceremony, Eberhard's family appeared pleased and they partook in a wedding supper that cost Mrs. Meinel \$120. The bride's remark about her husband's bankroll caused an immediate revolt in Eberhard's family.

Mrs. Meinel alleges that Eberhard agreed to pay half the wedding supper bill so, she asks this in addition to the board money.

POLICE ARREST MORE OWNERS OF RESORTS

The first fruits of the clean-up order issued by Chief of Police Slover, regarding the war on French "maes", was the arrest yesterday afternoon by Patrolman Swennes of Jean Pouchet, who for a cover for his business, conducts a shooting gallery at Fourth and Couch streets.

Another arrest by Swennes of considerable importance was that of "Bob" Patterson of Sixth and Couch streets, Patterson has been in Portland for 29 years, and is given the credit of having invented the "mae" system in Portland. His reputation is badly tainted, it is said.

Later in the evening Swennes and Patrolman Lytle invaded a rooming house at 340 Ankeny street, and arrested Marcello Bandulu for conducting a disorderly house, and while making the arrest heard a noise in the kitchen that caused him to investigate. He walked into the kitchen and found W. F. Uppingham, who claimed to be a messenger for the Tip Top Messenger company, attempting to get away. He was arrested as one of the undesirable class.

Patrolman Mallon arrested Grace Hale and Lillian Potts on the streets at 16th and Washington streets.

REMOVES IDENTIFYING MARKS, THEN KILLS SELF

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—This morning an unidentified man committed suicide in the street in the Elmhurst after endeavoring to eliminate every sign by which he might be identified after death.

The man was seen walking along the street about 11 o'clock. Suddenly he stopped, pulled a revolver from his pocket and fired a bullet into his brain. Death was instantaneous. Two scraps of paper may reveal the mystery surrounding the dead man. One, a card of the Municipal Loan Office, Oakland, showed that he had purchased the weapon with which he killed himself at that place. The other was a card with the names of Levee and Lippman, attorneys, of this city.

GOOD CITIZENS' LEAGUE WILL AID IN PURGING VICE

Prominent Citizens Desire to Take Matters in Their Own Hands—Association Soon to Be Organized.

Influential citizens of Portland formed tentative plans yesterday afternoon looking to the organization of a "Good Citizens' league," and it is expected that within a day or two the association will take on definite shape.

Several prominent citizens called on Police Commissioner John R. Coffey and offered to assist financially and personally in the formation of an association of men that will see to it that the city is purged of blatant vice and the class of citizens now before the public eye.

Commissioner Coffey gave the men the assurance that he will render them every assistance possible and expressed his approval of the plan.

The delegation of citizens was headed by some of the most prominent business men in the city who called upon Commissioner Coffey with intentions of getting at the bottom of the conditions in the north end and other sections of the city where vice is alleged to be flourishing.

Many have expressed their confidence in Mayor Rushlight and it is said that the association will lend him aid in purifying the police department and ridding the city of the immoral conditions prevailing in the "bad land" sections.

LOS ANGELES ATHLETE WINS IN TRACK MEET

Chicago, Aug. 14.—With a score of 6709 points, Fred C. Thompson, of Los Angeles, today won the National A. A. U. all round track and field championship from a field of nine. His score when he captured the prize last year was 7000 points. J. W. Donahue, of the Los Angeles A. C., took second honors with 6269 points.

Two records were broken. Thompson won the half mile in 3:37 3-5, which breaks the mark of 3:40.

Schobinger took the pole vault with a leap of 11 feet 10 inches. The old mark was 11 feet.

OCEAN LAUNCH RANGER RUNS ASHORE IN FOG

Marshfield, Ore., Aug. 12.—The grand old ocean-going launch Ranger ran ashore today in a fog near the Coos Bay river. The boat is apparently not damaged. The place where the boat went ashore was near the life saving station and the crew anchored the Ranger so that she could not be thrown up on the beach. It is thought she will be got off the sand without much damage.

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF FAR-SIGHTED PEOPLE

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