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that what they have been advocating has failed. It was attempted in Russia under the most favorable conditions. Lenin is an absolutist in the administration of his government. Anything that it was possible to do he could do with the unlimited power in his hands.

If he saw fit to apply a complete communistic system, there was a highly efficient and all powerful army to carry out his orders. In the attempt to apply his plan to the industrial plants he detailed his loyal soldiers to appear as workmen in the shops to see that the employees there were faithful to his system. It was the greatest effort ever made and carried out on the widest scale under the most favorable circumstances to prove that industrialism is possible without capitalism.

There are two groups in America to whom the Lenin interview should be of very great significance. 1—Those men who have tried to suppress all information about Russia and what was going on there now know that they were wrong.

2—Those who have been advocating overthrow of the American system and adoption of the Russian plan now know that the Russian proletarian plan is an empty dream and cannot be practically applied.

In the White House at Washington, D. C., under the administration of President Taft, there was held, May 13-15, 1908, a conference on the conservation of natural resources. Present in the gathering were Andrew Carnegie, James J. Hill, Theodore Roosevelt and the late chief justice of the United States supreme court. These men have passed out of the field of earthly usefulness but many others who attended are still in the full tide of service. Would it not be a good plan to reconvene the conference and ascertain what has been accomplished in conservation in the more than a decade that has elapsed since the first conference?

FIFTY YEARS AT McNEILS ROY GARDNER is admittedly one of the cleverest criminals ever known to the West. He is a master at planning, certain in execution, and resourceful in escape. He is among the cleverest of the clever.

Gardner was the genius in several daring and apparently successful robberies. He participated in thefts that were among the largest. He enacted spectacular and thrilling escapades.

If there was ever a remarkable criminal, Roy Gardner is the man. He is a master at his trade. If any man could succeed at his chosen profession—train robbery—Gardner is undoubtedly that man.

But where is Roy Gardner and what has he? He is at McNeils Island penitentiary, watched by day and by night by a heavy guard. He is there under a sentence of 50 years. If he completes his term he will come from McNeils Island bent of form and gray of hair, a man more than 80 years old. His life will have been spent.

What has he or his wife? Nothing. Much of the loot stolen by the daring Gardner has been recovered. The rest is out of his reach. His wife, in an interview, made the statement that he had never made a cent from his unlawful practices.

The master criminal, one of the greatest of the West, is an imprisoned and penniless man. He robbed and escaped and robbed and escaped—but he failed. He failed because the odds against him were unbeatable, and where Gardner failed there will be none to succeed.

of health and physicians believe he will go through life without ill-effects from the burden of lead he carries in his heart and lungs. It has been widely known that the human body can stand rigorous treatment, and that hearts can withstand many an onslaught, but the New Jersey case is one of the few in which the heart is known to continue its work under the strain of a load of buckshot.

The modernizing of water carrying service, whether on the Columbia or an eastern, artificial canal, is the secret of successful water transportation.

What Hit 'Mex Pet' Wives Must Flatter Dipping Into Capital Folly Helps Progress A Message to Heaven Free Power? Not Yet

Somebody sold \$5,000 shares of Mexican petroleum stock Thursday and the day before somebody sold \$4,000 shares. Wall Street scrippies would like to know what the selling was.

There the lady spoke wisely, but she was not the only one. Men's wives never flatter their husbands in public. There the lady spoke wisely, but she was not the only one. Men's wives never flatter their husbands in public.

Washington had 547,000 acres under irrigation last year and the products of this area were valued at \$76,000,000. This would mean that the average value per acre of one year's production was a trifle more than \$130.

MARTIN J. INSULL, president of the National Electric Light Association, said at the Chicago convention of the organization that \$5,000,000,000 will be needed during the next 10 years to enable the power companies of the country to keep abreast of the demands upon their service.

H. W. Aylesworth, executive manager of the association, discussed in Portland what the electric utilities have in mind. In a decade, he said, the nation will be crossed and crisscrossed with power transmission lines. These lines will be connected in series at sources of power supply until a great interconnecting system will be found to have come into existence.

Every imaginable service, contributing to the efficiency, the comfort and the happiness of human life will be rendered in industry, in transportation, in municipalities and in homes.

This is a broad vision, but would not a prediction 10 years ago as to the achievements of electrical science today have seemed as far-fetched?

The wonders of electrical development have only commenced. We are entering what history will record as the golden age of science. It is highly reassuring to reflect that two-thirds of the potential hydro-electric energy of the nation is to be found west of the Rocky mountains and that a third of it is in the Columbia basin.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Has anyone heard from Dr. Cook recently? The nation can resume its normal channels if thought goes to the Democratic Party.

SIDELIGHTS The next thing, presumably, is a broadside from the water to the effect that the divers are getting full in spite of prohibition.

ARRAIGNS RAIL MANAGERS Charging the Central and Discredit Government Management Portland, June 4.—To the Editor of The Journal—The American people have a right to know the facts.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL Random Observations About Town "I guess it's an old story to you folks," said Charles E. Duncomb, publisher of the Berkeley (Cal.) Daily Gazette.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN "The man who falls to give fair service in the howler for which he is paid is dishonest.

OREGON LEADS ALL From the Salem Capital Journal Oregon was the fourth state to authorize a bond issue for soldiers.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE "Communications sent to The Journal for publication should be written on only one side of the paper; should not exceed 300 words in length, and must be accompanied by a return address.

UNCLE JEFF SNOW SAYS One of our most patriotic bankers wants to lynch the nihilistic right off. He has a idea that only the legislature should pass a law to amend the constitution.

CURIOUS BITS OF INFORMATION Gleaned From Curious Places That many of the algae, or seaweeds, of the Middle Cambrian epoch of geologic time, some 25,000,000 or 30,000,000 years ago, closely resemble the algae growing in the sea at the present time.

Northwest Happening in Brief Form for the Busy Reader OREGON NOTES A Masonic lodge has been organized at Molalla by George B. Brown, grand warden of the state.

Assets of Willamette university, including the buildings, are valued at \$2,252,541. The measure, providing higher salaries to officials of Union county was defeated by a vote of nearly four to one.

Accidentally striking his knee on a school desk a week ago, James, 16-year-old son of William R. Kingston, died at Salem, Monday, of blood poisoning.

WASHINGTON Growers and business men of Grandview are planning a storage plant that will have a capacity of 150 cars. The high water of the Columbia did about \$200,000 damage to orchard gardens in the vicinity of White Salmon.

Accidents in logging camps last year cost the industry and employes in Washington \$1,000,000 in injuries and lost time.

MASTON JOHNSON, a timber-cutter employed at the Erik Logging company's headquarters at the city of Nelsville, Sunday afternoon.

REMOVAL OF STATE OFFICERS now in outside duties and transfers to the county state headquarters in Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma.

Table with columns for year and amount, listing financial data for various years from 1915 to 1918.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS during the six years ending with 1920 show but little increase in payments to the country. The total was \$37,312.05 in 1915, it increased to \$41,000 in 1918 and to \$47,353.51 in 1920.

IDAHO Cutworms are doing much damage to the spring grain in the Orofino section. Peter Adams, 84, the oldest pioneer of Silver City, died Friday morning at Nampa.