

This Date in History—March 20.

1687—La Salle, explorer, murdered in Texas by his discontented followers.
1727—Sir Isaac Newton, philosopher, died; born 1642.
1811—Birth of Napoleon III, king of Rome.
1831—Bonaparte's only child; died 1832.
1833—Commodore Horatio Bridge, U. S. N., retired, died in Washington; born 1806.
1884—Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, died at Turin; born 1802.
1887—General Joseph S. Fullerton, a noted Federal veteran of the western armies, killed in a railway wreck near Oakland, Md.; born 1820.
1901—Edmund Got, noted French actor, died in Paris; born 1822.

UNWILLING MAJORITY.

The republicans are in the majority in congress, and yet they have fought a fierce battle over giving Cuba the reciprocity that was justly demanded, and whatever has been done or will in the future be done in this regard will be against the protests of those who represent the real leadership of the party.

The attitude of those in the majority who fought against reciprocity was in direct opposition to what the late President McKinley desired, and, in fact, promised to the Cuban delegates who came to Washington.

It is in this attitude and that with reference to the Philippine tariff that the democrats should find their opportunity in the next campaign. That and the trusts, in the event the republicans fail to solve the problem under the regime proposed by President Roosevelt, are the issues of the coming struggle.

Accepting the truth that the American people desire that the Philippines be retained, the question at issue concerns the adjustment of the tariff schedules. By offering to give justice to the Filipinos and nominating men who will appeal to the people as likely to carry out the promises, the national democracy will be in a fair way to win the fight.

SOME SAVAGE YOUTHS.

In spite of the advance of civilization and the inculcation of gentler sentiments than animated those who in primeval ages constituted human society, occasionally we see evidences of the tendency of man to revert to his original characteristics.

To one who is normally constituted, it is difficult to understand how anyone can find enjoyment in this kind of sport. In fact, it is not sport. It is cruelty of no less flagrant character than that which leads people to take human life.

It is the custom to go out from town and shoot squirrels and larks. As to the squirrels, no one will object, for the reason that they are regarded as pests, that destroy that which is necessary to the sustenance of life.

Each Sunday near Pendleton is heard the crack of the rifle in the hands of young men, and, strange to relate, in the hands of young women, too, and in their trail is to be found the dead bodies of many meadow larks and other songsters.

LAND OWNERS' HARVEST.

From all directions in the west come the stories of a wonderful influx of settlers. Lands are being taken up, and lands previously located or bought from railroad grants are being sold to those who have some in search of homes.

In the army of homeseekers are all of the elements that go to make up society. In other words, this home seeking army brings with it everything that will compete with those now here.

But, this army brings no land or air and must depend upon the supply of water already here, the three natural elements that are demanded by man for his living and working.

Now comes Dr. Carl Leitz, a chemist of Hamburg, Germany, and claims he has invented a process by which at a trifling cost, water can be endowed with the combustible properties of petroleum.

A recent dispatch from Washington says that republicans as well as democrats in that city are of the opinion that New York is going to be the most important battlefield in the congressional elections this fall, and it is by no means impossible it may elect a democrat to succeed Governor Odell.

THE TENACIOUS ENGLISH.

The announcement that the king, by the advice of his ministers, has given up his contemplated visit to Ireland this year adds point and force to Mr. Morley's speech at Manchester the other night.

Nothing contributed more to the downfall of the Duke of Wellington's government in 1830 than the decision that it would not be safe for William IV. to venture into the city for the purpose of dining with the lord mayor.

Mr. Morley professed the disgust which every Englishman must feel at the unseemly demonstration of a few Irishmen in the house of commons, against which a nationalist member of parliament protests in the Times, but, as he says, he is used to these painful incidents.

Mr. Morley's speech which was in his best vein, raised this question above the miserable level of temporary expediency. To the cause of home rule he has devoted the best years of his life.

The capture of a British general and four guns must have disturbed even the complacent optimism of the government which has been assuring the country week after week and month after month that the Boers are hopelessly demoralized.

Such a disaster as it has been Lord Kitchener's painful duty to report would have excited panic and consternation in a race less doggedly tenacious than our own.

For Lord Methuen himself there is nothing save sympathy and respect. A brilliant commander he is not. His name has unfortunate associations, but Lord Roberts' characteristically generous tribute to him in the house of lords was thoroughly well deserved.

Against the incompetence and insincerity of the government the feeling is very strong. It is by no means confined to its political opponents.

Lord Salisbury is said to be better in health and to have no idea of resigning, but his large, unwieldy cabinet is drifting without a rudder or compass and urgently requires a vigilant, strenuous chief.

EASTER FLOWERS.

New York Tribune: The most beautiful centerpieces for the Easter table when Easter comes so near the opening of spring as it does this year, is one of blue hepaticas and spring ferns.

The hepatica, the trailing arbutus, and nearly all of the early spring flowers perfect their flower buds in the fall, wrapping them up in little furry coverings close to the earth, where they rest during the winter.

Any of these early flowers may be easily forced in a wild window garden, so that they will blossom indoors long before they appear in the forest.

The maidenhair spleenwort, or asplenium trichomania, is an abundant fern in limestone rocks in shady places.

It grows in thick tufts in pockets in the rocks, its delicate leaflets mounted on thread like ebony stripes.

When the blossoming hepatica is massed in dark clusters, in a deep centerditch of Delft, with only the spleenwort fern, it is exceedingly effective, as it has no leaves until after it blossoms.

The hepaticas come into bloom in the open woods late in March or at the beginning of April. To force it into bloom at as early a date as Easter Sunday falls upon this year it will be necessary to start the plants a week or more in advance.

Thaw out the plants at first with cold water and place them in the cellar. Do not bring them into the warm room until all the frost has disappeared from the earth around the plants.

Contracts for the shipment of 500 carloads of tobacco from this country to Oriental ports have been made with the Great Northern railroad.

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