

SAVED BY WIRELESS

Call of Sinking Steamer Heard and Quickly Answered.

STEAMSHIP KENTUCKY IS LOST

Captain and Crew of 46 Men Saved by Steamer Which Picked Up Call for Help.

New York, Feb. 5.—Once more the wireless has averted disaster, for the "S. O. S." signal of distress, quickly flashing through the ether, this morning summoned help to a sinking steamer and tonight Captain Moon and his crew of 46 men are safe on board the Mallory liner Alamo, while their vessel, the steamer Kentucky is at the bottom of the sea off Cape Hatteras.

It is another case of disaster averted by wireless and told to the world by the same medium.

The Kentucky, a wooden vessel of 996 gross tonnage and 203 feet long, was bound from New York to the Pacific coast for use between Seattle and Alaska ports for the Alaska-Pacific Steamship company.

First news of the Kentucky's distress was received at the United Wireless company's station at Cape Hatteras at 11:30 o'clock this morning. There the operator heard the "S. O. S." and quickly followed by this message: "We are sinking. Our latitude is 23:10; longitude 76:30."

Almost simultaneously the operator heard the steamer Alamo respond to the Kentucky's call for help, informing Captain Moore that the Alamo was making all speed to the sinking vessel's assistance.

Thereafter no message was received from the Kentucky, indicating that water had interfered with the power, putting her wireless apparatus out of commission.

The navy department at Washington in the meantime flashed wireless messages along the Atlantic coast, dispatching the battleship Louisiana, which was on 24-hour speed trial cruise, and two revenue cutters, the Yamacraw and Seminole, to the scene, but at 5 o'clock word came from the Alamo that she had arrived first and had taken off all hands in safety.

This is the message as received in New York by the United Wireless company from its Cape Hatteras station:

"Latitude 32:46; longitude 76:28.—Steamship Alamo has just taken Captain Moore and crew of 46 men from the sinking Kentucky. Water had already reached the fire room and the steamer will sink before midnight. The Alamo is now proceeding to Key West."

COAST ASKS PROTECTION.

Seaports Need 50 Submarines for Defence in Time of War.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Ten submarines a year for the next five years is the program of naval construction for the Pacific Coast defenses that has been prepared by the members of congress from the states of the Pacific Coast.

This will be insisted upon strongly at an early date before the house committee on naval affairs.

Delegations from Oregon, Washington and California have organized to press this claim. Representatives Hayes of California; Ellis of Oregon, and Humphrey, of Washington, were appointed by the Pacific Coast delegation to lay their plans before the naval committee. Mr. Hayes strengthened his position in his argument by quoting from the report of the naval board of strategy and other government documents.

"The Pacific Coast is in a defenseless condition," declared Representative Hayes. "In San Francisco Bay the current is so strong that it is next to impossible to protect the entrance to the harbor with mines."

Body Finds no Takers.

Los Angeles, Feb. 5.—Contrary to the expressed wish of Moses A. Harmon, as contained in his last will, the body of the free thought advocate will not be turned over to New York or Chicago physicians for the instruction of classes in anatomy. Miss Lillian Harmon, who arrived from Chicago today to attend the funeral of the octogenarian, said that no physician had expressed a desire to take advantage of the strange bequest, consequently funeral services will be held tomorrow and the body will be cremated.

Timber Deal is \$1,000,000.

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 5.—Involving approximately \$1,000,000 and affecting 1,000,000,000 feet of spruce timber in British Columbia, a deal has just been closed here whereby a syndicate composed of James Hackett, Thomas Morgan and James Shields, of Aberdeen, and several Seattle men, disposed of their holdings to Swift & Co., Chicago packers.

Gait 41 Miles a Second.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 5.—Forty-one miles a second is the speed at which "Comet A, 1910" is traveling from the earth, according to statement announced at Harvard college observatory today, from Lick observatory. The telegram says that Albrecht photographed the spectrum of the comet and found the sodium lines displaced, indicating the motion of the lunary.

Jap Can't be U. S. Citizen.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 5.—Under an opinion handed down in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals today in the case of Nanyo Besspo vs. the United States, a Japanese is not a native white man nor a person of African descent, and therefore is not entitled to naturalization in this country.

Father of Babe is 83.

Sawtelle, Cal., Feb. 5.—The birth of a girl was reported today from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernum Westcott. The father is a veteran of the Civil War and 83 years of age; the mother is 28.

CEREAL TRUST FORMING.

Twelve Biggest Breakfast Food Makers May Combine.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—The hungry public, turning from prohibitive meat and other foodstuffs to cereals, is apparently in for another hard shock, as there is every indication that a great combination in cereals is on the verge of completion to be followed immediately by a general boost in prices. Snowballs and sand seem about the only things left that cannot be cornered.

Advices from Minneapolis today and tonight are to the effect that a great holding company is forming to take over several of the largest cereal factories in the United States—in short, to form a trust in breakfast foods. According to these reports, these companies probably would be in the company:

Northwestern Cereal corporation.
Minneapolis Cereal & Milling Co.
Fruen Wheat Food & Milling Co.
Minne-Paul Cereal & Milling Co.
Malta Vita Food Co., Battle Creek.
Pettijohn Pure Food Co.
All Iowa plants of the United Cereal Co.

It is further declared that in addition to these concerns, seven white flour mills in the territory adjacent to Minneapolis would be in the merger and that there was a possibility that two of the large baking concerns of Minneapolis also would be included.

Thomas W. Hicks, of the National Financing Company, said today: "There are 12 cereal-producing firms in this country, where one holding company could handle the entire output. We seek at present to combine these 12 firms and avoid the throat-cutting which has been going on for years and which has caused many failures. For instance, Battle Creek, Mich., which has been the center of cereal-producing, has been the victim of 42 failures in three years."

"The way things are going at present, the cereal output is a losing proposition for the food companies. It is a continual fight for contracts and the result is that the jobber is the only one who makes the big money."

LUMBER PRICES ADVANCE.

Demand by Railroads Given as Cause of Rise.

Los Angeles, Feb. 2.—Rough Oregon pine lumber has advanced \$1 to \$22 and \$26 a thousand feet. Shingles have advanced 25 cents, to \$2.25 and \$3 a thousand. Shakes up, \$2, to \$20 a thousand.

"The reason for the advance in rough Oregon pine," said J. F. Midlin, of the Montgomery & Mullin Lumber company, today, "is the heavy demand of the railroad companies for this lumber. Not only in the United States is the demand heavy, but it extends to China, where they are doing an immense amount of railroad building."

"The railroads use so much lumber that they practically make the market. When there is a great amount of railroad building the price of lumber goes up."

"The outlook for the lumber business is higher prices. There has been a tendency toward higher prices since the slump caused by the financial depression of a little more than a year ago."

Three More Bodies Found.

Marshall, Or., Feb. 2.—Three more bodies of the Czarina wreck victims were found today. One was near the mouth of the Umpqua river, a second at Ten-Mile creek and the third opposite the wreck. The bodies are not yet identified. This makes nine bodies that have been found. It was thought by some that the headless body found several days ago was that of Harold Millis, but the father, C. J. Millis, could not identify it, and the remains were buried as an unknown. A watch is kept for more bodies.

Cherry Mine is Opened.

Cherry, Ill., Feb. 2.—Work was resumed in the St. Paul mine tonight by scores of men, following the removal today of the hermetic seal that had kept the subterranean passage closed for two months. Efforts will be made to clear the mine of noxious vapors, to lay in any smoldering fire, and to recover the 60 bodies that have been entombed since the fire broke out on November 13. Spectators at the unsealing of the mine were mostly young widows, some only 16 years old who had been married but few months.

Paulhan Makes Flight.

Denver, Feb. 2.—Thirty thousand people swarmed into Overland park today to see Louis Paulhan in an exhibition flight in his Farman biplane. After three preliminary attempts, Paulhan twice exhibited the mile track. The exhibition was the most successful was due to the crowd itself. They broke down fences, swarmed over the field, and the police had difficulty in clearing sufficient space to allow the machine to start.

Gale Wrecks Schooner.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 2.—With a north-west blowing at 52 miles an hour, the three-masted schooner Frances, Captain Coombs, from New York to Jacksonville, Fla., was washed ashore on the Hatteras coast this morning and was pounded to pieces. Fourteen men are supposed to have been lost before the life-savers could reach the vessel. None of the bodies have been washed ashore.

Board Discusses Claim.

The Hague, Feb. 3.—Before The Hague court of arbitration today representatives of the United States and Venezuela exchanged memoranda on the dispute regarding the claim of the Orinoco Steamship company against the government of Venezuela. The steamship company, a New Jersey corporation, filed a claim for the alleged arbitrary repudiation of certain concessions by the Castro government.

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CIGARETTE GETS 68

Mexican Mine Explosion Caused by Violation of Rules

MINER HAD TO HAVE A SMOKE

Forty Injured are in Hospitals—Many Escaped Because Foul Air Could Not Reach Them.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 3.—One of the greatest disasters in the history of Mexico mining took place today in the Palau coal mine, at Las Esperanzas, Mexico.

The toll of human life which paid the penalty of negligence on the part of some miner, according to the latest reports, is placed at 68. After an official report showing 63 dead, twelve additional bodies were recovered, bringing the total to 65, and three others have died in the hospital, making the grand total of victims thus far 68.

The explosion occurred in No. 3 shaft of the coal mine of the Esperanzas Mining company and is attributed to the ignition of gas from the flame of the cigarette of a miner. Smoking is contrary to the rules.

The miners, mostly Mexicans and Japanese, had assumed their places just after 7 o'clock. At 8:30 o'clock there was a loud explosion and almost instantly a vast cloud of dust and smoke issued from the mouth of the mine. When the onlookers realized the meaning of the disaster, assistance was immediately forthcoming.

As soon as the air in the shaft could be purified sufficiently to permit rescuers to descend, many volunteers were ready to risk their lives in an elevator to succor their stricken brothers below. Cages were sent down, loaded to capacity with miners bent upon rescue. On the first and second levels everything was found intact and the men working in these places were safe. The rescue party went down to the third level and as soon as the air could be sufficiently cleared they entered the drifts and began a search for the dead and injured. Scattered about in various positions in the workings they found the bodies of the men suffocated. The rescues worked in relay. After six hours' work 53 bodies had been removed to hospitals. The injured were their escape to the fact that they were working where they were protected from the rush of foul air. State representatives sent a detailed report of the explosion and its deduction as to the probable cause to the governors of Coahuila and Sinaloa. They instructed the local authorities to take such action as they deemed necessary and to investigate thoroughly the cause of the disaster.

The Palau mine is one of the best equipped coal mines in the Republic. It has an adequate ventilating system and is provided with electric lights. Mining officials are at a loss to account for the presence of mine damp in the workings.

Half of Force is Spared.

Drakesboro, Ky., Feb. 3.—Thirty-three miners are known to have been killed, two are missing and 15 are injured as a result of the explosion in the Browder coal mine near here yesterday. There were 100 men in the two wings of the mine at the time of the explosion, but the 50 in the west wing escaped uninjured. Those in the east wing felt the full force of the explosion. One or two of the injured are in a critical condition. Of the dead about half were white men, all Americans, and the remainder negroes.

Comet A 1910 Leaving Earth.

St. Louis, Feb. 3.—Comet A, 1910, has a tail 43 degrees in length, and is rushing away from the earth, according to Father C. H. Charppin, astronomer at St. Louis university. The nucleus is diminishing in brilliancy, he says, and the nebulous matter about the nucleus has contracted, but the tail has grown to an enormous length. Father Charppin believes the comet is paying its first and last visit to the earth. He is now figuring out whether its path is an ellipse or a parabola. If elliptic, it will return.

U. S. May Dissolve Big Firm.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Oliver E. Pagin, special assistant attorney general, did not leave here today, as was expected, and it is said he will remain for some time. The presence of Mr. Pagin in the Federal building gave rise to reports that the government would file a civil suit to dissolve the National Packing company within a short time. The Federal grand jury continued its investigation into books and documents of the National Packing company.

Primerio Victims Number 75.

Primerio, Colo., Feb. 3.—Monday's mine explosion in the main mine of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company claimed a total of 75 victims and left 35 widows and 65 fatherless children. These facts were determined late this afternoon, when the official canvass of the camp was completed and the names of the missing men checked with the company's pay roll. Fifty bodies have been recovered. No opinion was expressed as to the cause.

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PLAN TO RULE CUBA.

Negro Party Could Win Everything if Held Together.

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Nearly Seventy Others Were in Mine and Little Hope That They Are Alive.

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When the explosion occurred the men evidently made a rush to escape through the air shaft, and were suffocated as they battled with one another for freedom.

It has been shown by the time-keeper's records that there were 149 men in the mine at the time of the explosion. Few are thought to be alive. The main shaft of the mine is completely wrecked.

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Both fans with which the mine was equipped were shattered, but were replaced and J. H. Thompson, superintendent, and a rescue party entered by the main air shaft, but were unable to reach the main shaft, which was completely blocked. The party returned to the surface after securing five bodies, which were badly burned.

A party equipped with oxygen helmets replaced them and continued the search for more bodies. Miners were rushed to Primerio from Trinidad, Saundo, Starkville, Sopris and Cokeville, and labored frantically to clear the main shaft, relieving each other every few minutes.

Most of the victims are Slavs and Hungarians, although Electrician Will Helm is among the missing.

THUMB NOW INDIANS' PEN.

Service Requires Impression of Digit Instead of Crossmark.

Chemaw, Or., Feb. 1.—Orders have been issued to the agents in the field of the Indian service to require thumb-mark signatures by Indians who are not able to write.

Thumb-mark signatures are now required on all checks, receipts and other official papers, which were formerly signed by a cross-mark by Indians and others. The impression is to be made with the right thumb placed after the names instead of the crossmark as before. The thumb-mark is then witnessed to make the identification certain and thus be an infallible method of identification in case of dispute or attempt to fraud.

This was first done in the Indian service in 1905, when the system was adopted as evidence of the authenticity of written agreements with Indians, the thumb print of the signers being required in addition to their signatures or their marks. The system now includes the entire business of the department.

Height Bothers Paulhan.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 1.—Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, made a successful flight of 10 miles at Agricultural park today. He reached an altitude of 300 feet, or approximately 4,000 feet above the ground. He made an average speed of about 80 miles an hour, and indulged in graceful maneuvering. After the flight Paulhan expressed his disappointment that he was unable to fly a longer time. He said it was owing to the peculiar atmospheric conditions that he was unable to reach a higher altitude.

Peary Wins Flag Case.

Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The demurrer interposed by Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, in the action for destruction of the American flag, growing out of the display of the famous "North Pole" flag at the Hudson-Fulton celebration, was sustained today by Justice Lyon. Roswell R. Moss, an attorney, who brought the action, announced that he would carry the case to the Supreme court rather than acknowledge defeat.

Goebel Dies, Heartick.

Cincinnati, Feb. 1.—On the 10th anniversary of the assassination of William Goebel, the funeral of his brother, Arthur Goebel, who died in Phoenix, Ariz., on January 20, was held in Covington, Ky., this afternoon. Commonwealth Attorney Franklin, in his funeral oration, declared that "the bullet that killed William Goebel, together with the liberation of all those charged with the murder, just as certainly killed Arthur Goebel." Arthur, he said, died of a broken heart.

Lips Fastened With Pins

Los Angeles, Feb. 1.—Fastening his lips together with safety pins so he could not curse, Vernon E. Bennett, formerly a missionary among the Indians, was carried, a raving maniac, into the receiving hospital yesterday. It was necessary for Nurse Morgan and Probation Policeman Leo Morgan to pry his jaws apart with instruments to get at the ordinary pins and needles with which he had filled his mouth.

Po May Overflow Its Banks.

Rome, Feb. 1.—Although weather conditions have improved throughout Italy, reports are still being received of the flooding of much territory. The river Po threatens to overflow its banks, while at some points landslides have occurred. Dispatches from Perugia say that the river Tiber continues to rise and is three feet above the highest level of the last flood.

Alatiacs to Work on Railroads.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—The Pacific Mail steamship Manchuria arrived here tonight four days behind her schedule, having on board 400 Asiatics; 175 of them Hindus, for work on California railroads.

EXPLOSION KILLS 79

Primerio Coal Mine in Colorado Scene of Disaster.

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PARIS RECOVERS.

Water Recedes and Work of Repairing is Begun.

Paris, Feb. 1.—Improvement in the general situation continues and the spirits of the Parisians are rising as the waters fall. Street hawkers are selling postcard pictures of the flood and the howlers are once more gay with thousands.

With the crisis past, the mercurial French temperament faces the subsidiary troubles with a light heart, but the papers already are warning the people that measures must be taken to avoid a repetition of the disaster.

The prefect of the department of the Seine has issued instructions to the owners of flooded houses to clean and disinfect their premises to the satisfaction of the municipal architects within 24 hours after the subsidence of the waters.

The government has ordered the tax collectors to show the greatest leniency to delinquents, and the Mont de Pieti is extending pawn tickets for three months.

Public and private benevolence continues to respond to the call of the sufferers. Theaters and societies are organizing benefits, while the various race courses are arranging a big meeting for the spring, the receipts of which will go to the poor. A resolution has been introduced in the chamber of deputies asking the government to award special crosses of the Legion of Honor to those who have been conspicuous in the rescue work.

Although the papers are printing columns of pitiful stories, a hundredth part of the horror never will be known. Many corpses have been swept down river, and occasionally a corpse is found in a boat, broken away from some funeral procession.

Taft's Brother is Worse.

Los Angeles, Feb. 1.—The condition of Henry W. Taft, brother of the president, who is in a local hospital suffering with an attack of erysipelas, took a turn for the worse tonight. Mr. Taft has been attended by Dr. William A. Edwards, of this city, his brother-in-law. Tonight Dr. Edwards reported that the patient had developed more alarming symptoms, a light fever having set in and evidence of a spread of the infection having appeared. President Taft has been notified of the sudden change for the worse.

Suffrage Union Bars Meet.

New York, Feb. 1.—The Gotham beef party, named in memory of the Boston Tea Party, was formed today by the National women's progressive suffrage union, which has been active in the campaign against higher cost of living. Mrs. Sophia Loebinger and others addressed an open-air crowd in Madison square. Mrs. Loebinger said she and her associates proposed to open public cooking schools in the streets, to teach cooking without meat.

Trust Attorney Testifies.

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INCOME TAX IN SWEDEN.

Its Regulations and the Results of Five Years' Test of Law.

Consul General E. D. Winslow writes from Stockholm in regard to the operations of the income tax in Sweden: "Since 1903 a new direct and progressive tax has been in force, viz., the income tax (Inkomstskatten), the regulations concerning which were issued by the royal ordinance of June 21, 1902. General self-declaration was introduced, i. e., the obligation of giving information in good faith concerning one's income, real estate, etc. This obligation devolves upon every one having been assessed the preceding year at an income of at least 2,000 kronor (1 krona equals 26.8 cents), or having possessed at least this income, or else a smaller income, in case at least 1,000 kronor of it were derived from real estate or capital, and finally upon every one summoned by the assessment authorities thereto. Neglect in fulfilling one's declaration duty entails the loss of right to appeal against the assessment in question. Intentional false information is fined four to ten times the amount of tax withdrawn.

The following kinds of income are assessed: Income from real estate, calculated at a rate of 6 per cent for landed estate and of 5 per cent for other real estate; Income from capital, i. e., interest on loans given out, bonds and bank deposits, and also dividends on shares in Swedish joint stock companies and private banks; Income from work, pension or life annuity. It is to be observed that this assessment differs from that of the Allmanns bevilning (general supply) in so far that dividends on the shares mentioned are assessed for income with the shareholders, the companies being free from paying income tax on the dividend to the shareholders, but not for more than 6 per cent of the paid up capital. Further deductions may be made for interest on loans and for certain losses in business.

"Concerning the progressiveness of the tax, it is to be observed that for incomes not amounting to 6,000 kronor certain deductions of varying amounts are admitted, incomes below 1,000 kronor being altogether exempt from tax. For greater incomes a progression is made, at most by multiplying the original income by four, this maximum commencing with an income of 145,500 kronor, thus the calculation of the tax in this special case is carried out as if the income were 582,000 kronor.

"The tax accrues with 1 per cent of the amount calculated, according to the progression regulations. The tax in 1903 yielded in round numbers 10,500,000 kronor (2,814,000)." Wit of the Youngsters

A little girl of two years came running to her mother with a small feather in her tiny hand. "See, mamma," she said, "birdies' hair!"

Little Elsie—Oh, mamma, baby tried to swallow papa's sleeve buttons! Mamma—Well, what did you do? Little Elsie—I gave him two cuffs.

"I have learned a new verse at kindergarten!" exclaimed Robert, vastly excited. "Listen, grandma! If at first you can't such a seed, try it again."

Jennie is very fond of the broth of oyster stew. When nearly three years old, some of the oysters were added. Holding out one in her spoon, she said, "I don't care for the 'little mouse'."

Small Margie—Does Santa Claus have to throw away the dolls he gets all covered with soot when he comes down the chimney? Little Robert—Of course not. He gives them to the colored children.

"Oh, dear!" sighed 5-year-old Nellie, "there's a hole in my shoe, and now it's half full of water." "Well, don't worry about it, sis," said her brother, who was eighteen months her senior. "Come here and I'll cut another hole so the water can run out."

Little Lawrence jealously guarded his baby brother, and when a lady visitor asked how much he thought his mother would take for him, said, "Oh, never so much—a hundred dollars!" "Well," she said, "I am able to give that much." He reflected a moment; then, seized with a sudden inspiration, he replied, "But she wouldn't like to break the set."

A Candid Doctor.

Physicians and doctors are sometimes charged with contracting profitable "cases" through months, and perhaps years, that could have been disposed of in a few days or weeks. One medical man, who had no temptation to that kind of practice, was frank enough to take advantage of the impeachment, and put the blame where it belonged.

A lady was very solicitous about her health. Every trifling ailment, and the doctor was called immediately. The doctor was a skillful man, and consequently had a large practice. It was very disagreeable to him to be so often called away from his other cases for nothing, and he resolved to take an opportunity of letting the lady see this. One day the lady observed a red spot on her hand, and at once sent for the doctor. He came, looked at her hand, and said: "You did well to send for me early. The lady looked alarmed, and asked: "Is it dangerous, then?" "Certainly not," replied the doctor. "Tomorrow the spot would have disappeared, and I should have lost my fee for this visit."

Appropriate Place.

"Did you notice that picturesque fork in the road?" "Yes." "That is where the hotel employees spoon."—Baltimore American.

What has become of the old-fashioned farmer who caught the woman school teacher who boarded at his house, and washed her face in the snow?

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WHERE DOES SHE BELONG?

A Question Which Every Worried Housewife Should Consider.

While we hear and read much of the evil effects of American worry upon American women in carrying their energies and shortening their lives, there is very little written or spoken of the element of restlessness that sets worry a-going, says a well-known writer. The wife of a farmer or mechanic or clerk or small storekeeper never settles in her own mind just where she belongs. To use a slang phrase, "She never gets there." Consequently, she never finds a resting place for her mind and body. By the time her house is decently furnished she begins to contrive how it can be made "smart," as the English women would say. The American uses a more objectionable word when she calls it "genteel." The girl takes music lessons, and a piano must be bought. Her children have playfellows who dress well, and she would not have her little ones seem mean or shabby. Everybody who is anybody has two parlors. Our housewife would do her own washing and ironing, and take in "shopwork" privately—yes! and sit up late at night to do it rather than not have the pair of useless, dreary rooms on her first floor that go by that name.

She lives, for the most part, in the basement. Her work is there, and the semi-cellar used as the dining-room is the family parlor when there is no company. It keeps the children's dirt in one place instead of letting it be strewn all over the house; it is cool in summer and warm in winter, and from her afternoon sewing chair by the front windows she can have an eye on "the girl" and the girl's company.

I wonder, sometimes, what would be the effect upon our bustling, worried housewife were she to determine, once for all, just what her sphere in life is, and make up her mind to fulfill the station to which God has called her before straining and panting to climb to a higher. When will we study the old, sadly true and neglected lesson that it is not the duty or trial of today that wears us out, but planning and hoping and dreading for tomorrow?

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

British brewers last year used about 63,000,000 pounds of hops. Almost two-thirds of the world's petroleum is produced by the United States.

Many thousands of electrical horse power are now used for mining purposes in the Klondike.

Much of the Southern Pacific Railroad in Mexico will be laid on dwarf oak ties from Japan.

About 25,000 worth of gold is recovered from the soot in the chimneys of the United States mines every few years.

All Rotterdam street cars carry first aid packages for relief in case of accident to crew, passengers or pedestrians.

Using electricity, Nome, Alaska, the most northerly town in America, is one of the best lighted in the world.

The first company in the world to undertake the production of radium in a commercial way is building a laboratory at London.

The corn crop of the country for 1903, though not the largest on record, was the most valuable, being worth \$1,720,000,000.

To Maintain the White House.

The total appropriation for the maintenance of the White House for this year, for telephone service, automobiles, housekeeping, care of conservatory and greenhouses, printing