

## The Planet

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THE WEST POINT INVESTIGATION  
A FARCE.

Evidently the Booz investigation at West Point is intended by the faculty to be a case of whitewash, says the Detroit News, but the evidence drawn from reluctant witnesses is suggestive of the true state of affairs. Lower class men are singled out for torture simply because they could not begin as seniors. The testimony shows that they are exercised until they frequently faint from exhaustion. Others lose control of their muscles and writhe about in convulsions, and it is not uncommon for the victim to beg to have his mouth stuffed with cotton to prevent his shrieking with agony and annoying his tormentors. A refusal to designate the meanest man in the class is a grave offense before the inquisitorial hazing committee, and calls for the highest fistic skill of the bully of the academy.

The testimony with regard to the dead cadet, Booz, who died from the treatment inflicted upon him, shows that human nature is an open book and psychological mysteries are as plain as circus posters to the West Pointer who has been in the institution and survived its barbarities for a year or more. Booz, they admit, was all right in his studies at first, but he steadily declined in standing while he remained. "He looked like a man, who, the more he had to learn, the less he would know," according to Lieut. Eugene P. Jervay, instructor of languages in the academy. "I think he would have just passed," was his reluctant admission, and one may infer that the determination of the school was that he should be prevented from passing by one means or another.

Evidently West Point is not the school for physical weaklings. The father who sends his fragile Willy or baby-boy there "to make a man of him" may get something in a long box in return. Graduates of such a Spartan school would gladly court danger on the field of battle or on the floor of the assembly hall room, but since the upper classes are so zealous in inflicting punishment upon their inferior associates would it not be well to ascertain if they still retain the endurance they acquired while plebes? The government might institute a little hazing for the benefit of the ringleaders among these barbarians and do the academy much good.

The expense to a large ocean liner for each trip is said to amount to \$80,000. That sum would almost pay the expense of an ordinary election in London, Ontario.

The Beers wanted trouble in South Africa and they got it. But there seems to be nothing mean about the burghers. They are hospitably sharing it with Lord Kitchener and his men.

The land about Theford is said to be the richest field of fossil remains in the world. This throws cold water on Windsor's claim to the honor because she possesses the Record.

"Stopping a locomotive," is the heading of an article in the London Free Press. The way to stop it would be to get in front of it. If the engineer sees you in time he will stop; if he doesn't see you until afterwards he will probably stop anyway.

There are sixteen aldermanic candidates, nine are to be taken, and seven left. There is an excellent chance for the man who thinks he is an election prophet to make a list of the order in which he believes they will run, and then look at it after the contest is over.

A Boer representative at New York suggests that the United States refuse to sell horses to Great Britain. That Boer evidently doesn't know Uncle Sam, or he would be aware that he doesn't let sympathy interfere with business.

C. W. Post, who spends half a million dollars a year for newspaper advertising, asserts that a well written advertisement which contains information will always find readers. There is no question about that. A well written advertisement is always interesting.

The decree of the Emperor making English a compulsory subject in the German schools is a recognition that English has become the chief medium of communication in the civilized world. At the beginning of the century there were 16,200,000 people in the United Kingdom, 5,308,000 in the United States, 476,000 in Canada and 6,500 in Australia, or about 22,000,000 in all. Today the total of English-speaking countries is probably about 130,000,000, and as English-speaking peoples control the greatest fields for expansion the preponderance of English will become more and more marked.

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"Mr. Ross is a new century leader with a new century policy," says the Globe. They will probably be a newly censured pair when the people get a chance at more.

William Oliver, who resigned the Mayoralty of Lethbridge, N. W. T., when elected by the returning officer's vote, has again been elected over the same opponent by 28 majority. To resign was of course very generous to an opponent but if Mr. Oliver was elected according to statute what right had he to put the town to the expense of a second election. But perhaps he paid them, too.

It should be made an offence for any council or official to commit the sick and poor to the county jail. A prison should not be used as a shelter. The dependants should be sent to the proper place, and the council billed for their support.—Kingston Whig.

Would it look well for the Ontario Government to pass a law compelling municipalities to look after their indigent poor while the indigent insane, charges upon the province, are often left for months and months in jail because the Government will not provide sufficient accommodation for them. The beam-mote verse from the bible comes in here.



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## ON MIXED

## MARRIAGES.

The Catholic Church Regards then With Disfavor.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—In the Catholic churches on Sunday reference was made to the subject of mixed marriages. According to the regulations of the church, the Archbishop is compelled to report every five years to Rome regarding the number of mixed marriages in his diocese. To one of such reports His Grace recently received a reply from the secretary of the propoganda, in which the following reference to the diocese of Ottawa is made:—"We have learned with a great deal of regret that marriages between Catholics and non-Catholics are becoming more frequent in your diocese. Your Grace and clergy well understood that these marriages are allowed only with the regret of the Catholic Church, and are entirely in contradiction of her discipline, and constitute a relaxation of that lively faith which should everywhere prevail." Alluding to this matter, the Archbishop instructs his clergy to see that the regulations of the church regarding such marriages are read once a year in all churches in the diocese.

## THEY WILL

## CAPTURE HIM.

Chase After a Notorious Bandit In Italy.

Rome, Jan. 3.—The hunt for the notorious bandit and murderer, Musolino, which has been going on for a long time, is nearing a dramatic climax.

At the beginning of last week he was so hard pressed by the police and military that only two of his companions stayed with him. Those two men, named Jati and Di Lorenzo, were desperadoes with records second only to that of Musolino himself. The rest of the bandits have been killed or captured by the police. Musolino suspected treachery on the part of Jati and Di Lorenzo, and a week ago he accused the former of designing to betray him and thus obtain the reward of 30,000 lire. That precipitated a row and Musolino attacked Jati with a dagger, wounding him several times and leaving him for dead. Di Lorenzo found Jati in a dying condition. He bound up his wounds, but his aid was too late and Jati died.

Before his death, however, he warned Di Lorenzo that Musolino intended to kill him also. Di Lorenzo thereupon took to the country, with the avowed intention of killing Musolino. The two brigands are now proving awkward in the Aspromonte district seeking each other's life. Soldiers and police are drawn in a cordon round the district awaiting the result of a duel that will certainly occur when the men meet. Di Lorenzo has been informed that if he kills Musolino he will be given a free pardon for his many crimes.

## PAT CROWE

## IS CAPTURED.

Reported Arrest of the Omaha Kidnapper.

Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 3.—A special to the Journal from Chardon, Neb., says:—Pat Crowe, the supposed abductor of young Edward Cuddey, has been captured near the state line between Nebraska and South Dakota. Three detectives followed Crowe's trail, came upon him on the Pine Ridge reservation, near Oelrichs, S. D., and captured him after a wild chase. Crowe was driving a team and buckboard. He whipped the horses and tried to outrun the horsemen, who soon brought him to a halt with their six-shooters. John Deffelder, a cattleman, has just reached town with the news, and says the posse had stopped at a ranch about thirty miles out for lunch and to feed their horses.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1.—The first arrest in the Omaha kidnapping case, has been made. J. J. Crowe, brother of Pat Crowe, whom the police believe to be a principal in the abduction, was taken into custody in Council Bluffs, this afternoon by Omaha detectives and brought to this city. The warrant charges Crowe with the abduction of young Edward Cuddey on Dec. 18. Crowe consented to accompany the officers across the river without the formality of requisition papers.

Early this afternoon a posse of detectives with search warrants and complaints charging abduction, ransacked the premises adjacent to J. J. Crowe's saloon, in the hope of discovering Pat Crowe in his place of concealment. They had the necessary papers for the arrest of both Pat and his brother. A diligent search disclosed no trace of Pat Crowe, but the officers came upon the brother asleep in a rear room. They hastily awakened him and took away the bull-dog pistols which he carried in his pockets. The man was first taken to the Council Bluffs station by Detective Weir, of the Iowa department, and then he was conducted across the river for an examination by Chief Donahue. The police here know nothing of the rumored arrest of Pat Crowe at Oelrichs, S. D., and discredit the report.

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