

# SMITE DOWN WRONG

AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD, SAYS  
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

## IN THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Executive Pens Notable Document in  
Appointing November 26 as An-  
nual Day of Thanks.

Washington, D. C., Special: The  
President's Thanksgiving proclamation  
is as follows:

Once again the season is at hand  
when, according to the ancient cus-  
tom of our people, it becomes the  
duty of the President to appoint a day  
of prayer and of thanksgiving to God.

Year by year this nation grows in  
strength and worldly power. During  
the century and a quarter that has  
elapsed since our entry into the circle  
of independent peoples, we have  
grown and prospered in material  
things to a degree never known be-  
fore, and not now known in any other  
country. The thirteen colonies which  
straggled along the seacoast of the  
Atlantic and were hemmed in but a  
few miles west of tidewater by the  
Indian wilderness, have been  
transformed into the mightiest repub-  
lic which the world has ever seen.  
Its domains stretch across the con-  
tinent from one to the other of the two  
great oceans, and it exercises do-  
main alike in the Arctic and tropic  
realms. The growth in wealth and  
population has surpassed even the  
growth in territory. Nowhere else in  
the world is the average of individual  
comfort and material well being as  
high as in our fortunate land.

For the very reason that in materi-  
al well being we have thus abounded,  
we owe it to the Almighty to show  
equal progress in moral and spiritual  
things. With a nation, as with the in-  
dividuals who make up a nation, ma-  
terial well being is an indispensable  
foundation. But the foundation  
avails nothing by itself. That life is  
wasted, and worse than wasted, which  
is spent in piling, heap upon heap,  
those things which minister merely to  
the pleasure of the body and to the  
power that rests only on wealth.  
Upon material well being as a founda-  
tion must be raised the structure of  
the lofty life of the spirit, if this na-  
tion is properly to fill its great mis-  
sion and to accomplish all that we so  
ardently hope and desire. The things  
of the body are good; the things of  
the intellect better; but best of all  
are the things of the soul; for, in the  
nation as in the individual, in the  
long run it is character that counts.  
Let us, therefore, as a people, set our  
faces resolutely against evil and with  
brave charity, with kindness and  
good will toward all men, but with un-  
flinching determination to smite down  
wrong, strive with all the strength  
that is given us for righteousness in  
public and private life.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roose-  
velt, President of the United States,  
do set apart Thursday, the 26th day  
of November, next, as a day of general  
thanksgiving and prayer, and on that  
day I recommend that the people shall  
cease from their daily work, and, in  
their homes or in their churches, most  
devotedly to thank the Almighty for the  
many and great blessings they have  
received in the past, and to pray that  
they may be given strength so to or-  
der their lives as to deserve a con-  
tinuation of these blessings in the  
future.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the seal of  
the United States to be affixed.  
Done at the City of Washington, this  
21st day of October, in the year of  
our Lord one thousand nine hundred  
and eight, and of the Independence of  
the United States the one hundred  
and thirty-third.

## FORGED MORTGAGE

Was Given to Indiana Farmer and He  
Is Out His \$2,500.

Noblesville, Ind., Special: George  
Mendenhall, a well-known farmer, liv-  
ing near here, lost \$2,500 in a bogus  
transaction involving a forged mort-  
gage to an eighty-acre farm. A stran-  
ger, representing himself to be Jacob  
L. Loney, of Clinton county, this state,  
informed Mendenhall that he had pur-  
chased the McKay farm and that he  
was in need of \$2,500 to make certain  
improvements. After satisfying him-  
self that the transaction was legiti-  
mate, Mendenhall accepted a mort-  
gage on the farm to guarantee the  
loan and gave Loney the cash. When  
the latter had gone, Mendenhall  
learned that the document was worth-  
less and that he had been fleeced out  
of \$2,500.

## REVOLVER DUEL IN GEORGIA.

Sheriff Slays Two Brothers After Be-  
ing Mortally Wounded.

Lafayette, Ga., Special: In a ter-  
rible revolver fight with two brothers,  
John and Charles Henderson, Sheriff  
John Carlock was mortally wounded  
but continued to fire upon his adver-  
saries until both were dead.

The Hendersons operated a coal  
mine near here and the sheriff was  
called on to serve warrants on them  
for minor offenses. The men refused  
to accept service and opened fire on  
the officer. The brothers were both  
shot in the heart and the sheriff died  
later from a body wound.

## Wealth Don't Count in Football.

Concord, Mass., Special: Eleven  
sons of fathers whose aggregate  
wealth reaches well up toward the  
\$100,000,000 mark, were beaten here  
by an "ordinary" high school football  
team. The defeated team represented  
the famous Groton school and in the  
center of the line played Archie Roose-  
velt, third son of the President of the  
United States. Archie plays the best  
football of any of the brothers, but  
his prowess could not save his team  
from defeat.

## JAPS HUNT TREASURE.

Syndicate Organized to Explore the  
Deep for Lost Treasure Ship.

Tokyo, Cable: Japan has caught  
the submarine treasure-hunting fever,  
and is interested in a scheme to re-  
cover a ship's cargo sunk off Uraga in  
1867, and said to be worth \$300,000.

Two previous attempts have been  
made to reach the treasure ship,  
which is reported to contain \$300,000  
in silver, a great quantity of copper,  
valuable bronze work, furniture and gold  
and silver articles shipped by a no-  
bleman.

Now that a new syndicate has taken  
the matter in hand, there is more  
chance of success in reaching the  
treasure. The vessel is believed to  
have been an armored cruiser, pur-  
chased from Germany by one of the  
Samurai clans for use in the civil war,  
but was run ashore under the German  
flag when the present regime was es-  
tablished and the war ended.

## GOTHAM SOCIETY QUEEN

GIVES UP REIGN WHEN DEATH  
CALLS MRS. WM. ASTOR.

## ENDS REMARKABLE SOCIAL CAREER

Backed by \$500,000,000, She Gave  
Such Notable Functions that  
the World Stared.

New York, Special: Mrs. William  
Astor, aged 78 years, the first and only  
leader New York society has ever  
known, died Saturday at her home,  
No. 84, Fifth avenue. Oxygen had  
been constantly administered for  
more than 24 hours in the hope of  
strengthening her through the crisis,  
but a severe attack of heart trouble  
brought her life to a close.

Mrs. Astor's illness was the return  
of a complaint from which she suf-  
fered a little more than a year ago and  
which was the first symptom of a  
breakdown in her long and unique  
career as the ruler of society in this  
country.

Great wealth, practically half of the  
millions of the Astors, was behind  
Mrs. Astor in her social rule, and she  
spent with a free hand. Any one as-  
piring to her place in society will  
have to enjoy an enormous fortune to  
duplicate some of her famous enter-  
tainments.

Mrs. Astor's advanced age never  
would have been suspected from her  
social activities and appearance up to  
the time she was first stricken with  
heart trouble, almost two years ago.  
Although 77 years of age at the time,  
in appearance she was a well pre-  
served woman of about 50 and of tire-  
less energy.

The death of Mrs. Astor will have  
but little effect upon the great Astor  
fortune, which, in its combined  
strength, is estimated at more than  
\$500,000,000, as the will of her hus-  
band left her the Fifth avenue home;  
Beekwood, her Newport villa, and an  
income of \$50,000 a year. This was  
increased later to \$70,000, but Mrs.  
Astor always had at her command the  
fortunes of her children to draw upon  
should her expenditures exceed her  
private income.

John Jacob Astor II, who died in  
1870, left his son, William Waldorf  
Astor, about \$150,000,000. His brother,  
William Astor, the husband of Mrs.  
Astor, who died in Paris in 1892, had  
a larger family to share his wealth  
and left his son, John Jacob Astor,  
about \$65,000,000. Since the deaths  
of these two men the fortune has in-  
creased enormously with the advance  
in the value of their great holdings of  
real estate in this city.

For twenty years Mrs. Astor ruled  
New York society with an iron hand.  
She had almost absolute power to  
make or mar the ambitions of those  
who sought her social patronage. Her  
visiting list was the index of the so-  
cially elect.

Mrs. Astor's ancestry goes back to  
1635, when Jacob Janse Schermerhorn,  
founder of her father's family in this  
country, settled on Manhattan. Wil-  
liam Schermerhorn, her father, was a  
merchant prince at the beginning of  
the last century. Soon after her de-  
but she was married to William Astor,  
who died in 1892.

## Siren Is the Noisiest.

Washington, Special: Examina-  
tions by naval experts in wireless tel-  
ephony as to the sound which will  
carry the greatest distance develop-  
ed that the steam siren under seventy-  
two pounds of steam pressure will  
emit a blast which may be heard forty  
miles, the sound of which is carried  
twenty miles.

## Kentucky Quarrel Fatal.

Lexington, Ky., Special: A double  
tragedy occurred at Heidelberg, in  
Lee county, Sunday, Ephraim Angel  
and Harvey Ross engaged in a fight,  
and as a result Angel was shot and  
killed and Ross was so badly injured  
that he is not expected to recover. The  
cause for the trouble is not known.

## Only One Volley Needed.

Constantinople, Cable: A threat-  
ened outbreak on the part of a com-  
pany of Turkish troops, attached to  
the garrison at Yildiz Kiosk, was  
promptly put down with a single vol-  
ley from a loyal battalion. Three of  
the mutineers were killed and 15  
wounded.

## Sunday Killing in Saloon.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Special: Diederich  
F. W. Nahrwald was shot and killed  
in his saloon here Sunday. The police  
say it was an accident. While Dennis  
Kelly, intimate friend of Nahrwald,  
was examining the gun he pulled the  
trigger, he says, thinking that all car-  
tridges had been fired. One, however,  
was there, and crashed through the  
saloon screen and entered the body of  
Nahrwald, causing death in an hour.  
Kelly and Nahrwald's son Fred were  
arrested, but released later.

# STILL IN THE AIR

THAT ABRUZZI MATCH DEPENDS  
ON ROYALTY'S CONSENT.

## DUKE MIGHT BECOME AMERICAN

Nobleman's Only Plan Would Be to  
Take Out Papers if Queen  
Mother Blocks Match.

Elkins, W. Va., Special: The mar-  
riage of Katherine Elkins, daughter of  
United States Senator Stephen B. El-  
kins, to the Duke of the Abruzzi de-  
pends entirely on the success of the  
nobleman in eliminating the opposition  
which is still manifested by some  
members of the royal family, notably  
the queen mother. If these relatives  
of the duke can be induced to give  
their consent the beautiful daughter  
of Senator Elkins will become the  
bride of Italy's royal explorer and  
scientist.

If this consent is withheld the mar-  
riage will not take place, for the sim-  
ple reason that Miss Elkins will not  
run the risk of incurring the hostility  
which might possibly follow such an  
alliance. At the present time no en-  
gagement exists between Miss Elkins  
and the duke, and there will be no en-  
gagement until such time as the duke  
can assure Miss Elkins that she will  
be welcomed to Italy by the members  
of the royal family.

Miss Elkins will decide for herself  
what her future will be. Neither her  
father nor her mother will interpose  
any objections to the marriage, always  
provided that the unanimous consent  
of the royal family is obtained by the  
duke. No effort is made to conceal  
the fact that Miss Elkins and the Duke  
of Abruzzi love each other. It is ad-  
mitted that they do. It is pointed out,  
however, that should she consent to  
such a marriage, Miss Elkins would  
make sacrifices. The freedom which  
she enjoys in this country would be  
denied her in Italy. She would not  
object to the restraint thus placed  
upon her if she were assured of a  
heavily welcome by her husband's fam-  
ily. Until such time as that assurance  
is given there will be no engagement.

The duke has not yet received the  
consent to his marriage from all of  
his relatives. For that reason, if for  
no other, he is not planning to visit  
America in the immediate future. For  
the same reason Miss Elkins is not  
making any plans for the wedding.  
She has neither bought nor planned  
her trousseau and she has not asked  
any of her girl friends to act as her  
bridesmaids. She has not consulted  
with Cardinal Gibbons with a view to  
becoming acquainted with the religion  
of the duke. The cardinal has been a  
visitor at the Elkins home for many  
years and should he appear there to-  
morrow the family would not consider  
the visit significant.

It is believed here that the duke will  
succeed in overcoming the opposition  
to his marriage. This opposition is  
centered in the queen mother, and  
from all that can be learned here she  
steadfastly adheres to her original po-  
sition.

It has been suggested in some quar-  
ters that unless Queen Margherita re-  
lents the duke will marry without her  
consent. While defiance of court etiq-  
uette is not looked for, it is probable  
that such an attitude on his part would  
avail him nothing, for Miss Elkins  
would not be willing to marry in the  
face of open discord.

## BURGLARS' VICTIMS UNITE.

Form Society in Chicago and Will  
Offer Rewards to Policemen.

Chicago, Special: A vigilance com-  
mittee of 100 to suppress burglary is  
being organized in Chicago. The new  
society is to have 100 members, all of  
whom have suffered at the hands of  
burglars, so that they will not grow  
soft-hearted and relent when a mar-  
auder is caught.

The vigilantes plan to use all sorts  
of unusual means to free Chicago of  
second-story workers and jimmy  
wielders. A reward offered to every  
policeman who catches a burglar and  
secures enough evidence to have the  
man convicted, is expected to be one  
of the most effective methods.

## KILLING BIRDS EXPENSIVE.

Country Loses \$800,000,000 by Death  
of Insect Eaters.

New York, Special: William Dut-  
cher, president of the National Associa-  
tion of Audubon Societies, declared at  
the annual meeting of the association  
in the American Museum of Natural  
History, that Americans were robbing  
posterity and permitting an annual  
crop loss of \$800,000,000, due to de-  
struction of insect-eating birds. He  
called for a fund to fight the com-  
mercial bird killers in every State Leg-  
islature.

## Deadly Fumes Kill Twenty.

New Orleans, La., Special: Deadly  
fumes from Mexico's great oil well  
fired 60 miles from Tampico have  
killed more than 20 workmen during  
the past few days, according to Capt.  
Michael Hendrichsen, of the steamship  
City of Mexico. Battling to save what  
they could from the wreckage, Ameri-  
can mine-owners, after spending more  
than a million dollars, finally succeed-  
ed in extinguishing the blaze.

## Yarmouth Sinks; 23 Lost.

London, Cable: The bodies of sev-  
eral members of the crew of the  
steamship Yarmouth, bound from  
Rotterdam to Harwich, have been  
picked up in the North Sea and parts  
of the wreckage of the vessel were  
found in mid-channel. The crew of the  
Yarmouth consisted of Captain  
Avis and twenty-two men and it is  
practically certain that all were lost.  
The cause of the wreck is a complete  
mystery as the weather has been fair  
since the Yarmouth left Rotterdam  
and the trip should have required but  
eight hours.

## HOPE FOR WORLD'S RECORD.

Balloonists Talk of Coming Race  
Across the Continent.

Los Angeles, Special: Capt. A. E.  
Mueller and Capt. Horace B. Wild,  
who are to sail the two big balloons,  
"United States" and "America" in the  
race across the continent which  
is being arranged in Los Angeles, are  
preparing to make their first flights  
in this city. Both aeronauts took part  
in flights at St. Louis, Chicago, St.  
Paul and Columbus. They are en-  
thusiastic over the prospects of the  
flight and believe they can make a  
world's record. Captain Mueller be-  
lieves there is an upper current  
sweeping in down the coast which  
will take the balloons into San Diego  
county; thence toward the Gulf of  
Mexico, and then up the Mississippi  
Valley and north-eastward. Captain  
Wild believes, however, that the bal-  
loons will cross the first range of  
mountains and then sweep up the  
Salt Lake basin and then sail north-  
easterly into Canada.

## SENSATION IN COURT

WHEN FRISCO CONTRACTOR CON-  
FESSES TO BRIBING JUROR

## IN THE FAMOUS REUF CASE

In Shadow of Penitentiary, Blake  
Throws a Bombshell, Implicating  
Prominent Frisco Attorneys.

San Francisco, Special: Standing  
in the shadow of the penitentiary,  
with sentence about to be passed upon  
him, and having seen his beautiful  
young wife led from the court-  
room, hysterically crying, "No, no,"  
E. A. Blake, the contractor, con-  
victed of attempting to bribe John M.  
Kelly, a prospective juror, to try  
Abraham Reuf and vote for Reuf's ac-  
quittal, made a full confession in  
court.

He told how, after he was arrested,  
Frank J. Murphy, Reuf's associate  
counsel, came to him and promised  
him \$10,000 if he would keep quiet, the  
amount in notes signed by Reuf being  
delivered to a third party, to be paid  
to Blake immediately after he was  
sentenced. Besides this amount,  
Blake declared that his wife was to  
receive \$100 a month while he was in  
the penitentiary.

Blake was called on to rise for sen-  
tence; his young wife cried, "No, no,  
that," and began to sob hysterically.  
She was led from the room, and,  
after motions for a new trial and ar-  
rest of judgment had been denied,  
Blake said he had a statement to  
make as a reason why sentence should  
not be pronounced.

This came as a complete surprise to  
his counsel, who were permitted to  
withdraw from the case. After being  
sworn and stating that he had not  
been promised immunity, Blake told  
of being offered \$1,000 by Attorney A.  
S. Newburgh and F. J. Murphy, of  
Reuf's counsel, to influence J. M.  
Kelly, a prospective juror, to vote for  
the acquittal of Reuf.

He at first offered Kelly \$500, which  
was refused, but the offer of \$1,000  
was accepted. It was then brought  
out that Newburgh had secured attor-  
neys for Blake's defense. Blake then  
told of the offer of \$10,000 and pro-  
vision for his wife while he was in  
prison if he would not make a con-  
fession. The story told by Blake  
created a sensation in court, and the  
case was continued for two weeks.

## CHINAMAN CAN KEEP ONE WIFE.

Washington Officials Order Rich Man's  
Second Spouse to Quit Country.

San Francisco, Special: The immi-  
gration authorities at Washington  
have ordered a temporary division in  
the family of Robert Hu Tung Bos-  
man, the Hongkong millionaire, who  
was refused admission because of his  
belief in polygamy and because he was  
accompanied by two wives. The gov-  
ernment has ruled that Bosman may  
stay in this country with one of his  
wives, but the other must be deported.

## Hats a Yard Wide.

New York, Special: Instead of the  
passengers on the Kronprinz Wilhelm,  
of the North German Lloyd line, being  
all crowded close along the rail, as is  
usual on incoming steamships, they  
were all standing at least three feet  
apart. This was made necessary be-  
cause between every two men there  
stood a woman, and nearly every  
woman had on the very latest  
European creation in hats, none of  
them being less than a yard in diam-  
eter.

## Perce in the Balkans.

Sofia, Cable: A preliminary under-  
standing has been concluded between  
Bulgaria and Turkey in the matter of  
the difficulties which arose between  
these two states following the Bulgar-  
ian declaration of independence at  
Tirnov on Oct. 5.

## Countess Szechenyi a Mother.

Buda-Pesth, Cable: The Buda-  
Pesth newspapers announce that the  
Countess Szechenyi, formerly Miss  
Glavin Vanderbilt, is the mother of a  
daughter. The condition of both is  
satisfactory.

## Ship Takes 318 Whales.

Victoria, B. C., Special: The steam  
whaler St. Lawrence has followed the  
Orion to port, and the work for the  
present season off the west coast of  
Vancouver is now abandoned. Two  
whalers took over six hundred whales  
during the summer. The St. Law-  
rence operated from Kyugnot and  
broke the world's record. She took  
318 whales, including 241 humpbacks,  
sixty-six sulphur bottoms, ten fin-  
backs and one sperm whale. The  
crew's earnings range from \$300 to  
\$400 a man for the season.

# LEPER'S WIFE HEROINE

WILL DEVOTE LIFE TO CARE OF  
STRICKEN HUSBAND.

## VOWS TAKEN AT THE ALTAR

Impel Brave Wife to Go Into Exile—  
Sets Forth Duty in Unusual  
Article.

Washington, Special: Mrs. John R.  
Early, wife of the leper, whose pa-  
thetic case has aroused much interest,  
not only in Washington, but through-  
out the country, has written an article  
graphically describing the agonies she  
has suffered by reason of the affliction  
that has been visited on her husband,  
and reiterating her determination to  
remain at his side until the end.

"I will follow John to the end of the  
world if needs be. There is no life for  
me without him, and if he is sent to  
the leper colony at Molokai, as seems  
to have been decided, I, with my  
John and the little one to come, will  
follow him and try to persuade the au-  
thorities to allow us to enter the leper  
colony with him," she has written.  
"Then he can have the comfort of  
having us with him. I am not afraid  
of being infected with leprosy. In the  
first place, I think John will be cured  
if he has faith, and then we have al-  
ready been exposed to the disease,  
anyway. For myself I do not care."

"I believe that it is my wifely duty  
to stand by John in the worst things  
as well as the best. I took him for  
better or worse, and surely I would be  
a coward if for my own safety and  
comfort I should desert him. He  
needs me so much. Oh, it is so hard  
not to be able to be near him, to kiss  
him, but the doctors say no. I know  
he longs to caress baby John, too. He  
looks at him so pitifully when the  
baby stretches out his hands to him."

"Every one has been so kind to us,  
the doctors so good and the people of  
Washington have shown such deep  
sympathy for us. We felt at first we  
would like to return to North Caro-  
lina on our little farm, where John  
could work and I could take care of  
him. We would not have exposed any  
one to leprosy. John worries so now  
whether he unwittingly affected any  
one, before he knew he was afflicted.  
But that could not be, and we were  
getting contented with our lot here."

"It came as a sad blow to me that  
John was probably to be sent to a  
leper colony. It seems the final blow  
to all our hopes that perhaps he would  
be cured. It is so hard to go to a  
strange land under such circum-  
stances, to be shunned, avoided and  
treated as pests, and it is doubly hard  
for John because he is so patriotic.  
"I shall never forget how I felt  
when I first heard of John's affliction.  
We had just finished supper and I  
saw his younger brother to the post-  
office with a letter to him, expecting  
that he would bring me one back at  
the same time. The boy burst into the  
room crying: 'He's a leper; he's a  
leper.'"

"I took the paper with the story in  
it from the boy's hand. I saw that the  
dreadful fact was chronicled there.  
Right there I called my child to me  
and, with the lad, we knelt down to  
pray for strength and guidance from  
our Creator. I prayed to God to show  
me the light; I prayed that He would  
direct us. Most earnestly did I pray  
that I would not have to be separated  
from either my husband or my child.  
"Right then I wanted to go to him;  
I wanted to comfort him. From the  
very first I was willing to cleave to  
him, to follow him into the wilderness.  
I have always been willing to leave  
the outside world to be with him. I  
love him even more in his affliction  
than before."

Two years ago we were married.  
We promised to love and cherish each  
other. I meant it and so did he. Why  
can I not share his burden? It is my  
joy and my only consolation for his  
affliction. John places his faith in  
God and so do I. I have suffered so  
much. Only a few months ago we  
were happy. Today we trust in God.  
I feel sure that faith in God will  
eventually cure my poor husband and  
bring him back to health."

## RAID ON MELON PATCH

Disclosed by Photo Which Miscreants  
Took Themselves.

Danville, Ill., Special: If there is  
anything worse than being caught  
with feathers on your coat after a hen  
roost raid it is being photographed in  
a water melon patch. What is most  
humiliating to four young members of  
prominent families in Stephenson  
county is that they made the picture  
themselves. The pasture they as-  
sumed at the time cost them \$7.50  
when the plates were developed and  
when the case was taken through the  
courts.

The young men are said to have  
made a successful sortie on a farmer's  
melon patch and while they squatted  
amid the "ruins," one of their number  
photographed the others. The plates  
were sent to a local photographer for  
development. Unfortunately the boys  
did not remember that the particular  
photographer was a son-in-law of the  
farmer who owned the melon patch.  
The photographer not only recognized  
his father-in-law's melon patch, but he  
saw the wanton waste of a particular  
melon which on his last visit he had  
marked for his own. The case was  
taken through the courts and the boys  
forced to pay.

## Hallowe'en Costs \$250,000.

Boston, Texas, Special: Fire start-  
ed by Hallowe'en roysters destroyed  
the Belton compress and 19,000 bales  
of cotton. The loss will exceed \$250,  
000, which is covered by insurance.  
Twenty residences were damaged and  
seventeen loaded freight cars burned.

## Gold Found in Congo.

Brussels, Cable: Reports received  
from R. D. Mohun, leader of the Amer-  
ican Expedition in the Congo, states  
that he has discovered rich deposits of  
gold, tin and copper in the Manyema  
district.

## BATTLE OF THE HATS

Stirs London, Where Three Distinct  
Types Compete for Honors.

London, Cable: The "Battle of the  
Hats" is giving the millinery its chief  
interest just now. Three distinct  
types of hat are competing for the  
honor of being the fashionable style,  
the "Merry Widow," the "Plateau"  
and the "Pillbox."

The "Merry Widow" is not the sim-  
ple wide-brimmed affair known "by  
that name in America, but a towering  
hat of plumes and feathers.

The "Plateau" is a flat-brimmed  
thing of ruffled silk or velvet, with a  
diminutive crown hidden by a single  
blossom of large size or by a flowing  
veil.

The "Pillbox" is all crown and no  
brim. It is intended for the little  
woman who would be extinguished by  
a "Merry Widow" or a "Plateau."

## Coal Famine Predicted.

Chicago, Ill., Special: Managers of  
Chicago railroads declare that there  
will be another coal famine in the  
Northwest this winter, and that they  
see no way to prevent it. This pre-  
diction is due to the fact that gener-  
ally in the Northwest there is an unpre-  
paredness for winter, as even less fuel  
has been provided than usual. It is  
stated that the managers of all rail-  
roads extending into the Northwest be-  
gan early in the summer to warn the  
coal dealers of that region to prepare  
for winter. Circulars were issued and  
sent broadcast urging dealers to buy  
their winter's supply during the sum-  
mer and fall and not wait until the  
winter months.

## Prince Steers Airship.

Friedrichshafen, Cable: Prince  
Henry of Prussia spent several hours  
in the air Tuesday as the guest of  
Count Zeppelin, who made an ascen-  
sion in his remodeled airship at a com-  
paratively early hour. Not only did  
the prince thoroughly enjoy his ex-  
perience, but he sat at the steering  
wheel for many miles of the flight,  
guiding the movements of the craft  
and compelling it to execute all kinds  
of complicated maneuvers.

## King Edward Registers a Kick.

London, Cable: King Edward is  
said to be opposed to the now seem-  
ingly assured wedding of the American  
heirress to the Duke of the Abruzzi,  
because of the engagement of Princess  
Patricia of Connaught, his niece, to  
the Count of Turin, the brother of the  
Duke, in which case the American  
girl would rank equal, if not some-  
what above, the British royal lady at  
the Italian Court.

## Queer Job for Women.

San Francisco, Special: Articles of  
incorporation have been submitted by  
five well-known women of Oakland,  
who will constitute the board of direc-  
tors of the California Women's Under-  
taking Company. The only mere man  
who figures in the organization is an  
attorney, whose services will not be  
needed after organization. The busi-  
ness will be under the direction of a  
woman.

## Chicago Saloons Decrease.

Chicago, Special: The number of  
saloons in Chicago has been steadily  
decreasing until there is now almost  
1,000 less than in November, 1905. The  
failures have not been among the wom-  
en saloon keepers, in the opinion of the  
City Clerk and Collector, but among  
the men. They estimated that  
Chicago women own as many bar-  
rooms today