

## VENEZUELA MAKES REPLY TO ROOT

President Castro's Paper Sets Forth the Position of Country.

### SCHEMES OF ADVENTURERS

THEY WILL AND SHOULD NOT BE PROTECTED BY THE REPUBLIC, IT IS ASSERTED—CRACK AT MONROE DOCTRINE.

Caracas, Venezuela, April 3.—President Castro's official organ, *El Constitutional*, publishes a part of Venezuela's answer to Secretary Root's last note reiterating the secretary's previous demands for the arbitration of the five American claims. These are the words of the Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs to Minister Russell:

"The government of Venezuela refuses for the time being to take under consideration the insinuation made in your note because up to now, Mr. Minister, you have not contradicted the notes of this ministry, of dates July 9 and September 26 last, which treated of the points which have been the subject of discussion and in which the reasons on which this government then founded its negative were perfectly well defined."

The paper goes on to allege that almost five years after the claims in question had been arbitrated the American Government comes to demand, through its minister to Caracas, that two of these claims shall be newly submitted to arbitration.

Suggesting that the usefulness of the Monroe doctrine will be destroyed by the present attitude of the state department, the editorial continues:

"We do not believe for a moment that the United States congress can possibly authorize any proceeding which will create a situation contrary to the rule of justice among nations."

In closing, *El Constitutional* says:

"It is the duty of every government to watch over the legitimate and honest interests of its citizens and save them from all designing attack, but no serious government, nor any government which pretends to be just, can or ought to protect under the flag of the fatherland the peculations of adventurers."

## CUPID FOLLOWS SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

Professor Set Lead for His Students.

Bedford, Ind., April 3.—While students are being graduated from the Needmore public schools this week, their principal has been graduated from the bachelor ranks. The principal presided over the school functions; Cupid was captain-general at the altar ceremonies.

Lawrence Knight is the hero; Miss Mary E. Mativity the heroine.

Parents of the students served a wedding banquet in the schoolhouse and many presents were received by the bridal couple. They will spend their honeymoon at Paoli, their former home.

Meanwhile many of the students contemplate following in the steps of their instructor.

### POLICEMEN HERE.

Two Indianapolis police officers, Slaine and Trimpe, were in the city yesterday and visitors at police headquarters. They are taking a day off to rest from the strenuous work of the past two weeks, during which time Indianapolis has entertained crowds of people.

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FOR Headache  
TRY ONE  
They Relieve Pain  
Quickly, leaving no  
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25 Doses  
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**Amusements**

**THEATRICAL CALENDAR.**

NEW PHILLIPS.  
Week of March 30—Vaudeville.  
GENNETT.  
Week of April 6—Glick Stock Co.

**Vaudeville at the Phillips.**  
Those who have not yet seen this week's bill at the New Phillips still have opportunity to do so and they will not regret a visit to the house. The performances of tonight, Saturday afternoon and the double bill of Saturday night will conclude the week. The matinee on Saturday is a special one for the children. Tomorrow announcement will be made of the splendid bill that has been secured for next week.

**Reerto at the Gennett.**  
The Glick Stock company in high class productions and troupe of seven fine trained dogs and plenty of good specialties will be the offering at the Gennett beginning next Monday night. The opening play will be "A Thorn in Her Heart," a new society comedy.

## BUSINESS DEATH RATE

Figures Have Been Compiled By Dun and Co., for the First Quarter.

### SHOW SOME IMPROVEMENT

Commercial failures in the United States, according to R. G. Dun & Co., numbered 4,909 in the first quarter of 1908, with liabilities of \$5,706,191. While this is the heaviest mortality for the corresponding months of any year on record, there is a slight improvement as compared with the last three months of 1907, and many quarters, other than the first, of earlier years have recorded heavier losses. The most satisfactory feature of this statement is that the liabilities in March were smaller than in any preceding month since last September, particularly as to suspensions of banks.

#### Was a Test of Strength.

Although the opening months of 1908 have provided a commercial death rate that is far above normal, it is only the aftermath that naturally followed the severe shock experienced last October. During a decade of unprecedented prosperity many business houses extended themselves far beyond the point dictated by conservatism, while thousands of utterly incompetent men were tempted to start new ventures by the ease with which money could be borrowed and the large profits promised by a rapidly expanding nation.

## CASE AFTER CASE

Plenty More Like This in Richmond.

Stories of Richmond people can tell you about Doan's Kidney Pills. Many happy citizen makes a public statement of his experience. Here is a case of it. What better proof of merit can be had than such endorsement?

William W. Fry, of 820 North Twelfth street, Richmond, Ind., says: "For a long time I was uneasy on account of a severe kidney trouble. The secretions were of a bad odor and contained a sediment like brick dust. Many nights I had to get up out of bed five times to pass the secretions. My back aches intensely and there was a hard pain around the kidneys. Looking about last winter for a cure for my trouble I was advised to use Doan's Kidney Pills. I got a box and began taking them as directed. Being relieved I continued their use until the malady left me. I give Doan's Kidney Pills my earnest recommendation."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

## THREATENS DEFENSE

Alfred G. Vanderbilt May Fight His Wife's Petition for Divorce.

**MUST ACCEPT \$1,500.000.**

New York, April 3.—Alfred G. Vanderbilt, the richest young man in America, has offered his wife \$1,500,000 in settlement of all claims arising out of her suit for divorce in which the legal papers have been filed. As an alternative to the acceptance of this offer he has threatened to make an active instead of a passive defense in the case.

That he will defend himself is certain, according to the legal papers already on record. Such defense might be merely formal, however, and absolute secrecy maintained as to the actual testimony in the case. The defense which he threatens, however, to prevent a large claim would make all the facts public and would, according to his friends stir American society to its depth.

Another feature of the proffered settlement which is giving Mrs. Vanderbilt's friends much concern is that the settlement is offered in stocks and bonds which one year ago might have been sold for \$1,500,000, but which now would scarcely bring two thirds of that sum.

## SPEAKER JOSEPH GURNEY CANNON As a PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITY

The Following Extracts Are From an Article by ALFRED HENRY LEWIS in the April Issue of

### HUMAN LIFE

Without wronging the gentleman, I would ask of a President than just to look benignantly on? There you have the Cannon feeling. Should you share it, you ought, for the coming nomination, to be a Cannon man. As Speaker, chief of the appropriation committee, member on the floor, Mr. Cannon has carried a congressional gun for so many years. He has killed nothing with it. There is no record that he so much as fired at anything. Given a White House gun, he would burn no more powder, bring down no more game.

As displaying the election craft of Mr. Cannon, a story is told. Mr. Cannon, whose region swarms with farmers, would make out a list of ones he ought to see. These were either Democrats grown shaky, or Republicans whose loyalty to Mr. Cannon had suffered a relapse. Taking it town by town, Mr. Cannon would visit these political uncertainties. He carried as his companion a rustic one—bread-chested, and taught in labors of the farm.

Mr. Cannon would find his doubtful man a-field, busy with scythe or plow. At the cheery hint of Mr. Cannon his sturdy companion took the doubtful one's place in swath or furrow; whereat the emancipated one, with Mr. Cannon, would repair to the shade of a tree. The farmer, under the restful circumstances, never minded the loss of his time. Mr. Cannon was welcome to whatever space he required to show that the safety of the nation demanded his congressional return. Having driven the nail, Mr. Cannon would clinch it, in cases where the farmer had a watch, by asking the hour, and setting his own particular Elgin by that of the farmer's. This last piece of deference was never known to fail, and Mr. Cannon drove off in his carriage all the stronger by another vote.

The above are extracts from an article by Alfred Henry Lewis in the April issue of *HUMAN LIFE*, the magazine about people, and should be read by every thinker, every voter, in America.

In the March issue of *HUMAN LIFE*, Mr. Lewis wrote on the presidential possibilities of William Howard Taft. Mr. Lewis, in the May issue of *HUMAN LIFE*, will cover Secretary Cortelyou.

*HUMAN LIFE* is in a field by itself; a magazine about people.

In addition to Mr. Alfred Henry Lewis we have on our staff David Graham Phillips, Charles Edward Russell, Vance Thompson, Brand Whitlock, David Belasco, Clara Morris and many others.

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drama. It is a decided departure from the many sensational and impossible melodramas that have been foisted upon the public during the past few years. It is a strong original play in four acts, with exceptionally natural and life-like characters, men and women who could exist and do exist in every community today, and who act, look and talk like human beings, and not like the overdrawn characters seen in so many plays, who bear not the slightest resemblance to people in real life.

**NOTICE.**  
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond Trust Company will be held at the office of the company, 715 Main St., Richmond, Ind., on Tuesday, April 7, 1908, at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing twelve directors to serve the ensuing year, and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

E. G. HIBBERD, President.  
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**Senate of New York Takes Action.**

Albany, N. Y., April 3.—The senate has substituted the Hart anti-racing bill for the Agnew bills and by this action forecasted an immediate passage of the former, which kills racing on metropolitan tracks for the season.

#### ELECTION NOTICE.

The members of the German Fire Insurance are hereby notified to meet at their Hall, corner 5th and Main Sts.

April 4th, at 7:30 p. m. to elect eleven

Directors and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

C. A. BARTEL, Pres.

HENRY GRIEVE, Secy.

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