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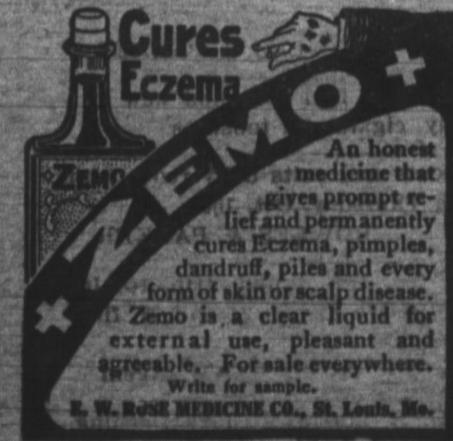
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FEAR OF ASSASSINATION

It Keeps Rulers in a Continual
State of Apprehension.

AFFECTS STATE AFFAIRS

Men in Power Have Reason to Fear
the Murderer, Not Only for Their
Own Sakes, But Also for the Sake
of the Order of Things They Repre-
sent.

While actual assassinations are hap-
pily infrequent, the continual state
of apprehension that rulers have to
endure has in itself no slight effect
on political affairs. Men in power
have reason to fear the weapon of the
murderer not only for their own sakes
but also for the sake of the order
of things they represent. Of the nat-
ural terror in which those in high
places at present live the London
Spectator makes a remarkable state-
ment in these words:

"The rulers of Europe more especially—those of North and South America are almost equally affected—are greatly influenced by the fear of murder. They know that they are always in danger, and believe that the
murderers are generally persons of
extremely democratic opinions, or men
hostile to the present constitution of
society. This causes a distrust be-
tween rulers and people which arrests
many ameliorations that would be
adopted if confidence between classes
could be restored, increases the de-
sire for military protection, and
minishes the hope of the masses in the
concessions they seek from those
above them. We say it is the rulers
who are shocked out of their self-
control because the permanent danger
is not felt only by the kings or pres-
idents, or even by the leading minis-
ters who so often require special police
protection. Kings and statesmen
can more or less guard themselves;
but their danger affects large groups,
and sometimes very important and ex-
tensive interests."

The effects of any cutting off of
sovereigns at present reigning in
Europe is speculated upon as follows:

"The murder . . . of the Czar would
affect every member of the bureau-
cracy, and be regarded as a fright-
ful blow by the whole body of reactionaries in Russia. The murder of the German Emperor or of the Emperor of Austria would shake all Europe, disturb all political calculations, and perhaps produce sudden and unexpected wars. Huge parties and great interests would find the world as they had known it crumbling around them. The murder of President Fallières, with his limited prerogatives, would open the road to new ambitions, and perhaps provide France with a new master whose international policy would be totally different from that of the present government. The general effect, in fact, would be equal to that of the Revolutionary Terror, which in the judgment of many of the most thoughtful observers directly arrested the European progress which it seems to other observers to have secured. The rulers of Europe were slowly beginning to understand their peoples when that frightful explosion with its attendant massacres drove the whole of the conservative classes into an attitude of ferocious self-defense. Every great person has a multitude of dependents, or of people who look to him for guidance, and every assassination in such a case disturbs opinion among millions, shakes confidence, and postpones hope. It is felt to be impossible to reason reasonably because of the possibility, the imminent possibility, of bolts from the blue. How are you to calculate when an earthquake may at any moment destroy the data of calculation? Europe would not be the same place, the same people would not be important, the whole drift of international politics would be different, if the Emperor of Austria, for example, died suddenly, and more especially, because more scenically, if he died through external violence."

The "danger of assassination" at the present moment is "really acute" and is one of the causes which create distrust between rulers and the ruled and lead to extreme measures of repression. "If assassination were impossible, Mr. Stolypine would not have sanctioned drumhead court-martial." How is the condition of things to be remedied? Freedom of speech and freedom of the press are two safety-valves by means of which much ill-feeling will evaporate. Another means of allaying popular distrust and hatred is by making every one feel himself a sharer in the constitutional power and authority of the realm. To quote *The Spectator*:

"The two remedies in which at present any hope can be found are publicity, through which no doubt much hatred is exhaled, and that dispensal of power and responsibility which is involved in every constitutional system."

"He who would enjoy fame must not forget to pay the press agent."

"The census bureau says there is a divorce granted every three minutes. Isn't it a wonder we are not deafened by the continuous snapping of the ties?"

MUSHROOMING GOOD SPORT,

An English Occupation Yielding Ex-
hilarating Excitement.

There are few country pleasures more exhilarating than mushrooming on a day when there is a soft blue sky overhead, a blaze of ripening sunshine and delicious breezes wafted up from the southwest, says the London *Globe*. The quest for mushrooms, wherever it be undertaken, is always full of mild excitement. It has quite a charm and fascination of its own. It is little like angling or shooting, for you never know when you will happen on a prize. Even as you often wait patiently to catch your fish or trudge over much stubble or through turnips to flush your covey of partridges, so have you to exercise due patience sometimes before you sight the glistening white flaps you are in quest of. How eagerly you pounce down upon the first specimens, discarding nothing, not even the smallest of "buttons." Presently, however, you cool down a little and become more fastidious, selecting only the finest mushrooms, for you feel certain that your bag or basket will be well filled. You pass from field to field, to the pastures where the grass is short and crisp, where the true meadow mushroom (*Agaricus campestris*) is to be found, on to the ranker grass where there are the great white glistening flaps of the ketchup, or horse, variety.

Of all places where mushrooms are to be gathered, command us to the breezy downs or pastures near the sea. The high downs are covered with edible fungi, for not only is the meadow mushroom in great abundance but the fairy ring champignons are most prolific. There are great circular patches of them—some fresh, with creamy gills, others a day or two old, of a rich brown color. There is a most sumptuous feast for you all around, or rather the provision for one; and yet you see that the fairy ring champignons which are so delicious and of such fine flavor and so highly esteemed on the Continent have been neglected and are untouched, or simply kicked over and the symmetry of their shining circles destroyed. Perhaps by the side of a gorse bush or just beneath it you light upon a few flaps of the partridge or parasol mushroom, with close white mealy gills, fleshy ring on their stalks and their flaps, often goodly sized, marked and dotted somewhat like a partridge's breast. The "*Agaricus procerus*" is one of the most delicious varieties of the edible fungi. Provide yourself with a few fresh specimens and it grows so large sometimes that one is nearly sufficient—detach the stalk, put a pat of butter in its place, grill over a clear fire or toast in a Dutch oven, and you will have a feast fit for the gods!

On the Kentish and Essex marshes both the meadow and horse mushrooms grow not far from Gad's Hill and near Codling, in the Dickens country, is the happy hunting ground of the professional and sometimes amateur mushroomer, and on the opposite, or Essex side, in the marshland near Thames Haven, successful mushroom quests can be pursued also. Now and then you flush a covey of partridges in the patches of rough, coarse grass, or startle a hare out of her "form." These marshlands are not without a beauty of their own, but to the ordinary observer they are barren flat tracts of land, intersected with brackish ditches, along whose sides the sea starwort flouts and the sword grass and reeds and rushes rustle.

Gypsies are expert mushroomers, and they do not sometimes discard the fairy ring champignons, the partridge and some other edible varieties, the blewits for instance. The gypsy is an early riser, and although you take the field betimes, he is nearly sure to be before you. You will either see his tracks in the grass or meet him returning from his quest with a pretty full basket, or sight him pacing up and down the field after the manner of an expert mushroomer, with his greyhound or lurcher at his heels, ready to spring upon a rabbit or hare. How savory sometimes is the odor of the stew issuing from the pot in the centre of the wooden tripod by the way.

It makes your mouth water especially if you be sharp set, as you often are when mushrooming. The vagrants are sitting round in hungry expectancy, whittling sticks or hanging out their duds to dry on the hedge and there is pretty sure to be a ragged old red shawl or petticoat making a nice warm bit of color. Presently there will be served a steaming dish of stewed rabbit or hare and mushrooms gathered fresh, with the dew on their glistening white flaps and pinky gills, and the fragrance of the wild thyme clinging to them. The gypsy is certainly the amateur mushroomer's *bête noir*, for it is provoking to glean, so to speak, after an expert such as he.

Still, even if the mushroomer meets with little success, he has his compensations. How refreshing and exhilarating is the delicious southwest breeze which fans his cheeks; what a lovely soft blue is the September or October sky; what masses of exquisite color there are all around. And if he be successful in his quest his eyes beam with satisfaction as he glances at his well filled basket.—London *Globe*.

Love may be blind, but not stone blind. Any girl with a diamond engagement ring can tell you that.

TAFT'S SERVICE TO LABOR.

Destroyed the Old English Law Assumption that Union Labor Is a Conspiracy.

(From the Emporia (Kan.) *Gazette*.

The simple fact is that no man has done more to place union labor on a sound, square, law-abiding, respected footing than William H. Taft by his decisions in labor cases. Both employers and employees have acknowledged the justice of his decisions and learned to abide by them, and to-day there is not an intelligent worker or fair-minded employer who would seek to abrogate them.

Judge Taft lifted union labor from the doubt and uncertainty as to its rights which had before prevented and gave it a standing which it has ever since retained, and which has proved under his rulings, secure against all attack. The old assumption, derived from England, that union labor is a conspiracy, and that workers could be prevented from leaving railway or other employment at their will, was swept away forever by Judge Taft so far as the United States is concerned, and when an attempt was made, years later, to revive the principle, Judge Taft's decision was quoted successfully by the labor side to defeat the plan.

Mr. Taft was and is labor's friend, because he is absolutely just, and would no more permit wrong to be done to the poorest laborer in the land than he would to any one else. And the honest, law-abiding workers asks and expects no more than this.

Bryan, we learn from a Democratic contemporary, is giving the East a good scare. Bryan's scares, however, never hurt anybody but Bryan.—Philadelphia *Press*.

Mr. Taft says that he stands on his record. No particular credit to Taft in that. Anybody would be glad to stand on the kind of record he has.—Topeka *Capital*.

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Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at A. F. Long's drug store, 50¢ and \$1. Trial bottle free.

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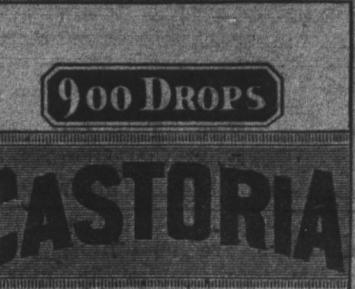
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