

Pretty near time to send for a rain-maker.

"D. U. R. is done with politics," Tell it to the marines.

The departing guest at a Japanese hotel always receives a gift, usually a towel.

New York's subway is being exposed again, but it has never yet been fully aired.

Most of us who are the architects of our own fortune only get a chance to build air castles.

It is difficult to preserve one's gravity in the presence of a man who says he has suspended his.

A Jersey minister has married 1,000 couples. The strange feature is that he's bragging about it.

The man who threatens suicide is usually the first to yell for a mustard plaster if he has a pain.

With the vindictiveness of a woman bound to get even with the literary critics, Marie Corelli has shot out another book.

The end of the honeymoon is well in sight when a man complains of the number of buttons on the back of his wife's blouse.

If life were a melodrama, we'd get reward in the fifth act. As it is we have to wait until the final curtain has dropped.

The man who is compelled to look life in the face would often, after close inspection, prefer to turn his back upon it.

Some of the suffragette banners are described as highly artistic and decorative. The ornamental instinct will not be suppressed.

There is only one person more interesting than an insurance agent, and that is a woman discussing the perfections of her baby.

Now that the country has been so generally denuded of forests all the year round is the reason for disastrous American floods.

St. Louis is talking of having an "ugly dog show." Dachshunds and prize bulldogs are to be excluded in order to give the other dogs a chance.

What with bank robberies, hold-ups and desperate encounters, the small person in search of the sensational need only read the newspapers nowadays.

The war department is going to issue a new cook book for the army. In this book the menu will lead the simple life, and incidentally, so will the consumers.

In reflecting upon the possible future of the airship as a freight carrier allow your mind to dwell for a moment upon the impracticality of establishing custom houses in the air.

The report that a Russian prince is about to marry an American singer is discrediting. It is enough for foreign nobility to be marrying our money without also cornering our talent.

How many Chicago people know, for instance, that Chicago has considerably more than 3,000 acres of public parks, and that these parks are regarded as models for all the world?

A Chicago woman, guided by a spirit, found a large sum of money. A man, guided by spirit, finds it hard enough to find his way home without adding treasure-seeking to his troubles.

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The fact that the street railways of Chicago are trying to prevent women getting off the cars backwards should rouse a protest from every thinking member of the sex. It is an infringement of a petticoated right that has been acknowledged ever since street cars were.

The American Audubon society has secured a perpetual lease of an island on the Maine coast where will be maintained a refuge and breeding place for elder ducks. The birds are in a fair way to be exterminated in that latitude without something being done in the way of protection, and the Audubon society has taken a step which promises excellent results, remarks the *Troy (N. Y.) Times*. The elder duck, because of the high esteem in which the down is held, is capable of attaining commercial importance.

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SEVERE DRAIN ON THE TIMBER SUPPLY, SAYS PINCHOT.

WATER SHEDS DAMAGED

Destruction from Delay in Beginning to Fight the Flames
—More Rangers Are Needed.

Washington.—In many ways the forest fires this year have been the worst I have ever known, said Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry bureau, Saturday. "The whole northern half of the country has been attacked, and the losses represent a severe drain on our timber supply. Besides destroying valuable timber and other property, the flames which have been raging during the last few weeks in the east have caused almost incalculable damage to water sheds of important streams supplying power for countless industries. In the Adirondacks the destruction has resulted in marring one of the nation's most useful playgrounds.

Fires Are Not Checked in Time.

"There is little or no difference between the fires of 1908 and those of other days, so far as causes are concerned. Unfortunately there is little difference in the way people have met them. In most states the fires have been allowed to burn until they threatened valuable property, and only then efforts were made to check them.

"The forest fire question results itself into one of the most important problems before the nation in the care of its resources. The destruction following a fire is not realized by some, and I sometimes believe that the greatest thing that could be done in furthering the movement for the conservation of forest resources would be to give as many people as possible a chance to visit a section that has been impoverished by a fire.

Ranger Patrol is Favored.

"The warden plan has been fairly successful in places, but its fundamental weakness is that it is not a preventive system. To begin work after a fire has gained headway means that from the start the chances are against checking it before it has done great damage. No fire fighting method that did not provide for ranger patrol has shown itself to be wholly valuable. In the national forests we are meeting the situation with a satisfactory system, although the number of men in the field is insufficient and the rangers' districts are so large that the fire risk is raised above the point of safety. The one secret of fighting fires is to discover your fire as soon as possible, fight it as hard as you can, and refuse to leave until the last ember is dead."

Rain Extinguishes Forest Fires.

Lexington, Ky.—Reports from the eastern part of the state say rain which fell here did much toward extinguishing forest fires, which have destroyed many thousand dollars' worth of timber, fencing, etc. In some sections the people had left their homes because of the proximity of the fire, and were living in tents ready to fly at a moment's notice. These are returning to their homes.

Pennsylvania Drought Broken.

Philadelphia.—The drought which has continued in this state for nearly two months has been completely broken in some sections, but everywhere was treated with respect. Thousands sought to shake him by the hand and the ovation lasted the whole length of the street. The stern old admiral evidently was deeply impressed.

Rear Admiral Sperry was accompanied by Rear Admirals Schroeder and Wainwright, who with their aides were kept equally busy exchanging greetings.

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Murdered by Highway Robbers.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Hugh McGuire, a well-known resident of Camp Hill, a suburb, was killed by highway robbers. He was rendered unconscious by a blow and then thrown into the creek, where he drowned.

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American Train Thieves Sentenced.

Rheims, France.—Three train thieves, believed to be Americans, who were known under the names of Bard, Bertha and Cauda, have been sent to prison for 13 months for robbing passengers on east-bound express trains.

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MAN SLAIN BESIDE BRIDE

LOUISIANA TEACHER MURDERED BY REJECTED SUITOR.

Grim Tragedy on Train—Persons Concerned All Members of Prominent Families.

New Orleans.—On her bridal tour which had begun scarcely one hour before, and seated in a railroad coach almost between her husband and a suitor for her hand, Mrs. Fred Van Ingen Thursday night saw the flash of the suitor's revolver, felt the sudden grip of her husband's hand as the bullet killed, and then turned and fought for her life. When the girl appeared about to become the victim of the second bullet from the revolver, her uncle, a man with gray hair, but strong and cool under the excitement, rushed up and thrust his thumb beneath the hammer of the revolver, jamming the mechanism and rendering the weapon harmless.

This was the story which the other passengers on the Texas & Pacific "cannonball" told when they reached this city Friday, but the principal actors in the tragedy, most of whom are connected with Louisiana's leading families, have so far refused to discuss the matter.

The former suitor is F. S. Beauveine of Plaquemine, La., at which place he was taken from the train and placed under arrest. The unfortunate husband was Prof. Fred Van Ingen, a prominent teacher of Alexandria, La., and a relative of former Gov. Blanchard. The bride is the daughter of James M. Rorer, one of the leading officials of Iberville parish, residing at Baton Rouge. Beauveine is 24 years old, and Van Ingen was 23.

The wedding took place Thursday at Alexandria. Beauveine was in town, having arrived there, it is reported, on the same day as Miss Rorer. When the bridal couple left for New Orleans, he boarded the train also and after a time sat in a seat where he was facing Mr. and Mrs. Van Ingen, with the bride between him and her husband. Other passengers say Beauveine talked with the bridal couple just before the shooting, and that his manner appeared cordial.

TOKYO FETES COME TO CLOSE.

DEPARTURE OF THE FLEET IS A BEAUTIFUL SPECTACLE.

Behavior of American Sailors Elicits Praise from Japanese—Not a Case of Desertion.

Tokyo.—The departure of the American battleship fleet Sunday was one of the prettiest features of the week, as well as the final event in the visit of the visitor.

The flagship Connecticut slipped her cable at exactly eight o'clock. She steamed past the Louisiana and saluted and was followed by the remainder of the first squadron. When the eight ships had passed, the Louisiana led the second line, and the entire fleet then formed in single column.

As each of the American battleships passed the head of the Japanese column, the crews of the ships of both nations cheered enthusiastically and the band on each of the American ships played the Japanese national hymn. When the last of the 16 ships was saluting, the Connecticut was invisible on the horizon. Within exactly 50 minutes the entire maneuver had been completed.

The American naval men are loud in their praises of the behavior of the American sailors, and are especially appreciative of Rear Admiral Sperry's bearing throughout. Among the enlisted men there was not a single case of actual desertion.

Amoy.—Order is being rapidly established at the reception grounds where the recent typhoon wrought destruction. Bamboo structures have replaced the ruined buildings, and the original piers for the entertainment of the officers and men of the American fleet are likely to be carried out fully.

All classes consider the visit of the Americans a highly important event. The schools will close for a week, and the custom house, the consulates, banks and large business houses will close at 11 a. m. each day.

The revolutionist plot which was unearthed Saturday causes great anxiety, the government officials fearing that its ramifications may be far-reaching.

WARSHIPS FOR ABRUZZI.

Two Will Escort Him and His Bride to Italy.

Rome.—The Italian cruiser *Fieramosca* has been ordered to await the duke of the Abruzzi at New York, whither the cruiser *Etruria* also will be dispatched. It is understood that the two warships will escort the duke and his bride to Italy.

CANNON HIT BY LABOR.

Illinois Federation Adopts Resolution Condemning the Speaker.

New Orleans.—News was received here Sunday of a double tragedy during the night at Gulfport, Miss., in which a cowboy belonging to a wild west show and a Gulfport policeman lost their lives. While the show was packing up, preparing to leave for New Orleans, Lon Seeley, the cowboy, is alleged to have ridden into a crowd of negroes, beating them over the heads with the butt of his revolver. Policeman Lee Varnado started in pursuit of Seeley and the two men were lost in view in a cloud of dust. Later their bodies were found near the railroad, each body bearing a single bullet wound, and each man's revolver containing one empty shell. Seeley was the son of a ranch owner living near El Paso, Tex.

The statement is made also that no member of the Elkins family will attend the official ceremony of the marriage in Rome, and that Senator Elkins visits Italy later he will be present.

SAY HATFIELD ISN'T DUNHAM.

Ex-Sheriff and Others Fail to Identify the Suspect.

San Jose, Cal.—That is not Dunham," exclaimed ex-Sheriff George Y. Hollinger Monday as he entered the cell occupied by William Hatfield, the Dunham suspect who arrived here Sunday night from Sherman, Tex., in custody of Sheriff Langford.

Hatfield had a stream of visitors during the forenoon, several of whom had known Dunham more or less, and all of them were of one opinion, that the prisoner was not Dunham.

ADmits PART IN MURDER.

Kansas City Prisoner Confesses to Helping to Kill a Shoemaker.

Kansas City, Mo.—Thaddeus Diner, arrested with Edward Cassidy on suspicion of being one of the assassins of Nathan Bassin, shoemaker, who was killed in his shop Saturday night, Monday confessed his implication in the crime. Diner said he and Cassidy had planned to scare Bassin out of his shop and then steal some shoes, and that they had no intention of killing him when they entered the shop.

Big Fire at St. Johns, N. F.

St. Johns, N. F.—Blair, Gordon & Co.'s block, a wharf and two vessels were destroyed by fire Monday. The block was occupied by the owners and by number of other mercantile houses. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000.

H. A. Butters, Capitalist Dies.

Berkeley, Cal.—Henry A. Butters, president of the Northern Electric Railway Company, died here Monday. Mr. Butters was widely known as a mining man and capitalist.

Registration in Omaha.

Omaha, Neb.—Registration returns this year in Omaha became public Monday. It is shown that 13,282 voters declared themselves Republicans; 8,969 Democrats, while 1,214 were divided among other parties and those who declined to state their political preferences, the total registration being 23,465. This is a gain of 2,634 over 1904. As compared with four years ago the Republican registration shows a falling off of 263, while there is a gain of 3,897 for the Democrats. The registration in South Omaha is 5,185.

Receiver for Egg-O-See Company.