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They can send the suffragettes to jail, but they don't seem to be quite able to shut them up.

Oregon produces a peach weighing 1½ ounces. Cleveland has hundreds of 'em that average 125 pounds.

Prof. Starr denies that the Philippines are lazy, and thus Chicago takes the credit for settling another world problem.

It begins to look now as though balloonists fall to earth not less often but more easily than aviators of aeroplanes.

Society, says Lady Randolph Churchill, has no brains. For society's report read that sentence without the commas.

The New York Times says: "Old gas meters must go." Must? Great Scott, do the old things ever do anything else?

Exchange says: "Cranberries are a good liver corrective." But what possessor of a good liver wants any corrections made?

A Danish woman with 24 children has just landed in New York. A few more families like this from Denmark and the servant girl problem will be solved.

The crown princess of Germany is colonel of the regiment in which her husband is major. That's about the relative rank of ordinary married couples in this country.

So far there are 16 signs of a severe winter and only seven of a mild one. The old-fashioned forecasts are getting to be almost as mixed as those of the weather bureau.

In a recent address to the people of Servia Crown Prince George said: "I hope that in a few days we shall be able to give our lives for the king and the fatherland." The crown prince should take something for his liver and try to get over his pessimism.

A foreigner at Stoughton is fined \$30 for conducting a raffle. He should learn the American method, says the Brockton Enterprise. He should run his raffle under the sanction of some church or society, call the prizes "donations" and snap his fingers at the law. It is all in the form, not the spirit, of the doing.

The smallest orchid grown has an imposing name. It is the Bulbophyllum Lermiscatoe. The B. L. would not make a buttonhole, as you can only see the blossom under a microscope, and it will be best to stick to the royal gardenia for manly decoration. Nothing has ever proved superior to that ideally fragrant flower.

Notice has been given to British subjects at Tangier, Morocco, by the British consulate that his majesty's government will refuse henceforth to advance money as ransom in the event of their being captured by brigands either in or outside the town. This decision has been received with great indignation by the British colony.

New York has discovered a new and unique use for prisons. A man there who killed two very bad men in self-defense pleaded guilty to manslaughter, so he might be sent to prison, out of reach of the "gang" of the men he killed. In other words, he saw no way of saving his own life except to be locked up. As havens of refuge this is a decidedly new role for prisons to play. And the incident does not speak in trumpet praise for the metropolis' ability to protect life.

William M. Chase, at the request of the Italian government, painted a portrait of himself this summer to hang in the saloon of modern painters in the Uffizi palace in Florence. The picture was done at a single sitting of three hours. It hangs opposite a portrait of John Singer Sargent, also painted by the subject at the request of the government. The only other portrait of an American painter in the gallery is that of G. P. A. Healy. The two saloons of painters in the palace contain the portraits of famous artists of all nations nearly all done by the artists themselves.

The French concern which has ordered 500 aeroplanes of the type designed by American inventors refuses to explain as to what use the flying machines will be put, saying the matter is a secret, but it is intimated in dispatches from Paris that the airships will be for naval purposes, and that hereafter such appliances may be expected to play an important part in war maneuvers on the water. And those who are watching the experiments at Fort Myer, Va., are certain the army must have flying machines. Things are being revolutionized rapidly.

No, the new comet isn't bob-tailed. Its caudal appendage is not "naked to the visible eye," as Mr. Aldrich remarked to the telescope man who had his instrument turned on Venus, but it can be detected through a powerful telescope.

The New York Mail maintains that "Bulgaria" is the name of a sleeping car. The Richmond Times-Dispatch is sure that "Herzegovina" is an order of goulash. Then Bosnia is a glass of silverlight. And this encourages the Cleveland Leader to ask: Which can we Servia?

The government contemplates a new issue of postage stamps. We don't care what colors they change to but let them be mighty careful about the flavor.

A professor of archaeology at Yale gave his bride a necklace of jewels and pendants dating 300 years B. C. Other learned people will envy the bride, but her women acquaintances will probably pity her for having to wear such an old-fashioned ornament. Real happiness, as supposed to be the aim of presents, depends, after all, on the point of view.

JOHN D. IS QUIZZED

SHARP CROSS-EXAMINATION OF STANDARD OIL CHIEF.

IMMENSE PROFITS SHOWN

Earnings of the Octopus in 1907 Were About \$80,000,000—Witness' Memory Concerning Rebates Is Not Good.

New York.—For over five hours Friday John D. Rockefeller, witness for the defense in the government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company, faced an unceasing fire of questions from the federal counsel, Frank B. Kellogg, and when adjournment was taken until Monday the head of the oil combine was still being cross-examined on the charges that the company in its early days accepted rebates to the disadvantage of its rivals.

Mr. Rockefeller's cross-examination will probably not be concluded until Tuesday, as Mr. Kellogg made it known that he would inquire into every detail of the company's business.

Enormous Earnings Shown.

The enormous earning power of the oil combination was sharply brought out in Friday's hearing when Mr. Rockefeller, after stating that the Standard had paid dividends amounting to \$40,000,000 in 1907, said it had earned as much more and that this was added to the company's surplus, which was stated by the government's counsel to be \$300,000,000. It was further stated by Mr. Kellogg that the company within the last eight years had earned nearly half a billion dollars.

The course of Mr. Rockefeller's testimony in the hands of government counsel ran not so smoothly as on Thursday when he told his story under the direction of friendly counsel, but the rapid fire interrogations of the prosecutor were always met with unshaken imperturbability and readiness to answer except when, as he explained:

"It is quite impossible for me to remember after 35 years. I do not recall."

Remember Only One Rebate.

Mr. Rockefeller was questioned closely regarding rebates which the Standard was charged with receiving, but with the exception of the agreement with the Pennsylvania railroad, which, Mr. Rockefeller explained, gave the Standard a rebate because it effected an equalization of oil shipments, he could not recall any other rebates, though he thought it was likely that he might have heard of it at the time.

The president of the Standard Oil Company when he learned that the government counsel would not be able to conclude the cross-examination by Saturday night, suggested an adjournment until Monday, which was agreed to by counsel.

Cross-Examined by Kellogg.

New York.—With the telling of the story of the first score of years of the industrial development of the Standard Oil Company, the testimony of John D. Rockefeller, president of the oil combine, on direct examination in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard Company, was brought to an unexpected close Thursday afternoon.

The head of the Standard told of the processes and causes of the company's growth up to the trust agreement of 1882 and, after he identified the parties to that agreement, counsel for the defense announced that Mr. Rockefeller had concluded his direct testimony and requested an adjournment until Friday.

Friday found Mr. Rockefeller on the witness stand under the sharp fire of the cross-examination of Frank B. Kellogg, special assistant attorney general, prosecuting the case for the government. The cross-examination by the government will be confined to the period from 1862 to 1882, except where the testimony has direct bearing on developments in the company's affairs in its later period.

New Revolution in Hayti.

Port au Prince, Hayti.—Gen. Antoine Simon, commander of the south for 20 years, having refused to comply with the recent request of President Nord Alexis to come to Port au Prince and confer with the president on the political situation, has been declared a rebel.

The revolutionary movement appears to be serious, as Gen. Simon is in the possession of arms and ammunition. Communication with the south is interrupted.

Tries to Burn Mother Alive.

Muscatine, Ia.—Enraged because his widowed mother would not give him money with which to pay his excessive gambling debts, George Dalton, aged 20, set fire to the house and his mother was barely rescued by neighbors. Dalton is being hunted with bounties and it is feared that he may be lynched.

Earth Shocks in Portugal.

Lisbon.—Earth shocks were experienced Sunday at Alhambra, Alverca, Villafranca and Arruda, small towns near Lisbon. The residents were thrown into a panic, but there were no casualties. The walls of some of the houses were badly cracked.

San Juan Arch Unveiled.

Santiago, Cuba.—The dedication and unveiling of a memorial arch on San Juan hill in honor of the American, Cuban and Spanish soldiers who fell in battle in 1898 took place Sunday.

Actress Weds Viscount's Heir.

London.—Another romance of the stage was recorded Thursday afternoon in the marriage of Eileen Orme, a musical comedy actress, to the Hon. Morris Hood, heir of Viscount Bridport. Miss Orme is 18 years old.

Lawton's Son Gets Commission.

Sioux City, Ia.—Mrs. Mary Harbour, accused of the murder of Miss Rose Adams, her foster daughter, was Thursday found guilty of murder in the second degree. The jury deliberated 17 hours.

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Richmond, Va.—Joseph Bryan, owner of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, died Saturday morning.

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GAS EXPLOSION IN BROOKLYN TEARS UP A STREET.

One Woman, Five Children and About Nineteen Workmen Killed—Remarkable Escape of Four Laborers.

New York.—Twenty-five persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion of gas which tore up a great section of Gold street, Brooklyn, Friday. It is definitely known that 15 persons were buried under the hundreds of tons of earth and timber that were thrown into the air by the explosion, and ten more persons are reported as missing.

The exact number of dead cannot be determined yet, for those working to recover the entombed bodies must dig through 50 feet of dirt, rock and a tangle of pipes and timbers.

The explosion occurred in a 50-foot deep excavation that had been made in Gold street between York and Front streets where a water main was being laid. The gas main recently sprung a leak and in a manner unknown a spark came in contact with escaping gas.

Immediately there was a terrific explosion that lifted the surface of the street for half a block in both directions and hurled dirt, paving stones and debris into the air.

Gold street was crowded with school children when the explosion occurred and that scores of children were not killed or injured was remarkable. A woman and three children were almost opposite the excavation when the earth crumbled under their feet and they were swept down into the hole under tons of wreckage. Two other children were on the opposite side of the street when the sidewalk caved in and they lost their lives.

Only four of the men working in the excavation escaped, and their escape was remarkable. These men were digging near the opening of a four-foot sewer and the force of the explosion blew them to the entrance of it. Arthur Strand was hurled fast into it and he pulled the other men after him.

Water from the broken main began to pour into the sewer and the four men, in danger of being drowned, ran to the river where there was an outlet to the sewer.

MAYOR TOM JOHNSON BROKE.

Fortune Is Gone and He Must Give Up His Mansion.

Cleveland, O.—Mayor Tom L. Johnson, who for years has been credited with possession of a very large fortune, Thursday announced that he had lost everything and would be compelled to



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give up his beautiful home on Euclid avenue and move into smaller and less expensive quarters.

The mayor also stated that he would give up his automobiles and other luxuries because he could no longer afford to keep them.

His fortune was wrecked, he declared, by his devotion to the affairs of the estate of his dead brother Albert, who was heavily interested in traction properties in the east.

Destructive Forest Fires.

Evansville, Ind.—The forest fires in Dubois county, Indiana, that have been raging for the past four days, were started by several schoolboys, who burned a pile of leaves in the woods near the Kyana public school. The fires have spread over hundreds of acres of valuable timber lands and are still burning. Farmers are fighting to save their homes from destruction.

The drought in southern Indiana has prevailed for 174 days and is the worst in the recollection of the oldest inhabitants.

Bank in Missouri Robbed.

Sedalia, Mo.—The bank of Sweet Springs, at Sweet Springs, Saline county, was robbed of \$5,500 in currency at three o'clock Sunday morning by professional crackheads who blew open the vault with dynamite.

Sad Tragedy in New York.

New York.—Lying side by side on the floor of their apartment in the Bronx, the bodies of Charles A. Walters, an aged veteran of the civil war, and his daughter, Emma, 40 years old, were found Sunday. The room was filled with gas and all the cocks of a gas stove were turned on. It is the theory of the coroner that Miss Walters died first and that her death was due to heart disease. Later, the coroner thinks, the father entered and upon beholding the body of his daughter, committed suicide.

Finds But Cannot Have Her Child.

Bellingham, Wash.—After prosecuting a search for her child for 13 years, finding the boy in Bellingham last June the adopted son of A. W. Deming, Miss Maude Fields of St. Louis failed Friday to secure possession of the child. Judge De Tiere of the superior court gave the boy to the parents.

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Lawton's Son Gets Commission.

Washington.—Marley Lawton, a son of the late Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton, who was killed in the Philippines in 1900, has been appointed second lieutenant of the Philippine scouts.

Woman Convicted of Murder.

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LITERARY OPPORTUNITY.



CHILDREN ATTRACT PLAGUE

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AT LAND MOUTH,
DANVILLE, PA.

Officials Believe Spread of Contagion Will Be Checked—Cattle Shipments Are Stopped.

Washington.—Alarming results following the outbreak of a contagious foot and mouth disease in New York and Pennsylvania, causing those states to be quarantined against interstate shipments of cattle, etc., were shown Friday in advices which reached Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, stating that four children in Danville, Pa., had contracted the disease.

A rigid investigation is in progress in Danville and elsewhere to determine whether others have become similarly affected. The officials believe that the spread of the contagion will be checked, although admitting that the situation is grave and will require energetic and concerted action by the state and federal authorities.

New York.—Cattle shipments to foreign ports from New York and Philadelphia were brought to an abrupt close Friday by the cattle quarantine established in this state and in Pennsylvania on account of the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease.

The quarantine does not affect ports outside of New York and Philadelphia, except as to cattle from the two states affected by the ruling. Western cattle may still be shipped abroad from either Boston or Baltimore.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Business at the stock yards here was completely up when at a meeting of the East Buffalo Livestock association Friday night the members adopted a resolution calling on the railroads to cancel all orders for shipments of cattle or swine to or through Buffalo. The association formally approved the stringent measures of quarantine used by Capt. Melvin of Washington and Commissioner Pearson of the state department of agriculture. Two cases of foot and mouth disease were found Friday on a Niagara county farm and one infected herd in Erie county was destroyed.

London.—Confidence is expressed here that the energetic action of the American officials soon will stamp out the foot and mouth disease. Officials are not alarmed concerning the possibility of a beef shortage. In this connection John Burns, president of the local government board, called attention to the rapidly growing consumption in England of home-grown cattle.

Bryan Campaign Cost \$619,410.

Chicago.—The Democratic national committee received in all \$620,644.77 and spent \$619,410.06 during the recent presidential campaign, leaving a balance in hand of \$1,234.71. So reads a statement made public by the officers of the committee and the itemized statement will be filed for record in the office of the secretary of state of New York in compliance with the resolution adopted by the national committee last July. The statement includes a certificate of audit by Myron D. King, auditor of the national committee.

Vast Quantity of Whisky Burned.

Louisville, Ky.—Two warehouses of the Tom Moore Distilling Company of Bardstown, in which were stored 15,000 barrels of whisky, were burned late Wednesday, entailing a loss to the firm of about \$400,000. The loss to the government is \$750,000.

Hundred Girls Have Bad Fall.

Dayton, O.—A platform bearing over 100 girls employed at the Mercantile Corporation's plant in this city collapsed Friday afternoon, while the young women were being photographed. Fourteen were injured.

Injured During Initiation.

Lincoln, Neb.—Gov-elect A. C. Shallenberger sustained a fractured leg while being initiated as a member of the Shriners Wednesday night.