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With apologies to the hen, why is a green hat?

Mrs. Langtry is 50 years old—a fact shown only by the records.

With a three-year-old emperor China should have no fear of the sovereign talking too much.

Rockville, Conn., has the distinction of being the first town to arrest an airship for disorderly conduct.

Some one has reported seeing a sea serpent off Newport, but maybe, after all, it was just the back bone of winter wiggling into place.

In prehistoric times, says a Chicago lady lecturer, woman was mentally the superior of man. Is she arguing that something has happened since?

The simplified spelling board wants us to spell it "dot." Of course that makes it easier to spell, but not any easier to get out of a spell of it.

A man in Chicago has been ordered by the court not to speak to his wife for two weeks or allow her to speak to him. Which one was the plaintiff?

The daughter of Lombroso is coming to this country to study our prisons. We may be thankful, after all the other fulminations against it, that she isn't coming to study our society.

All the world is ready to admire the taste of the man who fell in love with a young woman and married her because she thanked him when he gave her his seat and when she turned and sat down "her waist and skirt did not separate."

A Philadelphia man left his son-in-law 50 cents with which to buy a rope to hang himself. The beneficiary will probably forego the bequest rather than comply with its conditions, but it is certainly a terrible tale to come from the City of Brotherly Love.

Prof. D. C. Jackson of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been retained by the Massachusetts highway commission to make a report regarding the telephone situation with special reference to the practicability of a reduction in rates and a higher efficiency of service.

The official denial of the Abruzzi-Elkins engagement will shatter a romance in which two continents were deeply interested, and many will refuse to give up the hope that the path of true love may yet be smoothed for the royal lover and the beautiful American girl of his heart.

The recent refrigeration congress in Europe has reminded a student of history that Francis Bacon made the first experiments in the use of snow for the preservation of meat. The people of New Zealand, who have been largely dependent on refrigerated meat, have shown their appreciation of Bacon's discovery by erecting a statue of him suitably inscribed.

A minister recently read a paper before a Congregational church conference in Boston in which he called attention to the fact that in the membership of 56 churches in that vicinity only one child to each church was born during the year. His conclusion was that Congregational families are ceasing to perpetuate themselves and that Puritan stock is dying out. President Roosevelt ought to look into this.

At the recent dedication in Bath of a tablet to Edmund Burke, Whitelaw Reid spoke in behalf of Americans in honor of their best friend in Great Britain. Burke has become almost a national hero in America, and it was he who phrased most eloquently many principles that are part of our tradition. His "Speech on Conciliation" is a difficult piece for schoolboys, but it ought always to be a part of the pre-scribed reading of young America.

The Ohio-Mississippi coal trade, which persists to-day, is one of the greatest single movements of cargo in the world. From Pittsburgh to New Orleans is 2,000 miles, all downhill. Coal in 1,000-ton barges is rafted into fleets and towed down this distance by powerful steamboats at a cost of less than 75 cents a ton, against a railroad rate of about four dollars and fifty cents—from Pittsburgh to Memphis for 43 cents, against a rail rate of \$2.70.

The president of the University of Illinois has announced that dismissal will in future be the punishment of hazing, which he denounces as a violation of the right of individuality, provocative of public disorder, in its milder forms nonsensical, and in its coarser forms vulgar, brutal, always demoralizing and sometimes dangerous. Hence, he says, the university cannot countenance or tolerate it. Such a stand in the opinion of the Indianapolis Star generally imitated, will soon end the practice.

A Chicago burglar broke into a hospital and took everything but the patients' temperatures, we presume.

Our referendum among the leading personalities of this country on the question, "What is your opinion of the great men of Europe and America?" has resulted as follows: Washington and Napoleon are the greatest favorites, after whom come Hannibal, Caesar and Charles XII. of Sweden. Among the most disliked are Brutus, Cromwell and Darwin—Nihonoyabi Nihonju (Tokyo).

Light has dawned in the minds of some managers of the Pennsylvania anthracite companies, and they are said to be planning to open schools in which operatives can be taught by experts how to meet the technical and foreseeable exigencies of their dangerous calling. Better late than never. An ounce of prevention in mining, as in everything else, is worth a pound of remedy, says the Boston Herald. State supervision of obedience to law is necessary, but can be diminished in cost and severity by such action as is now contemplated.

Murder in an Idaho Town. Idaho Falls, Idaho.—The body of a man supposed to be Waldo A. Schlaack of Dillon, Mont., was found in a rooming house here. Schlaack had evidently been murdered. His head had been horribly mutilated with an ax.

Lung Testing Is Fatal.

Lexington, Ky.—John Bruce Woodward, a student at the state university, died at his home at Maysville Monday after-

TO PROBE 'CHANGES

GOV. HUGHES NAMES COMMISSION OF NEW YORKERS.

NINE EMINENT CITIZENS

They Will Suggest Changes in Laws Relating to Speculation and for Protection of Investors.

Albany, N. Y.—Gov. Hughes Monday night announced the appointment of a committee of nine, consisting of bankers, business men and economists, to inquire into the facts surrounding the business of exchanges in New York and to suggest "what changes, if any, are advisable in the laws of the state bearing upon speculation in securities and commodities; or relating to the protection of investors; or with regard to the instrumentalities and organizations used in dealing in securities and commodities which are the subject of speculation."

The committee named includes Horace White, author and editor; Charles A. Schieren, merchant, formerly mayor of Brooklyn; David Leaventritt, former justice of the supreme court; Clark Williams, state superintendent of banks; John B. Clark, professor of political economy in Columbia university; Willard V. King, banker, president Columbia Trust Company, a member of the firm of Faulkner, Page & Company; Samuel H. Ordway, lawyer; Edward D. Page and Charles Sprague Smith, director of People's in-

stitute, all of New York city.

CASTRO CHEERED IN BERLIN.

Venezuelan President Is Warmly Received by the Germans.

Berlin.—President Castro of Venezuela and the members of his party arrived here Monday evening. The train reached the Zoological Garden station, on the edge of the city, somewhat later than expected, but it was awaited by a dense crowd of people who had gathered out of curiosity. As the train steamed into the depot the president was greeted with shouts of "Long live Castro." There was a general lifting of hats and much cheering.

Members of Castro's suite stated that the president had sent a dispatch to Emperor William from Herenthal, in the German frontier, stating that he had come to Germany for medical treatment and expressing profound homage to his majesty. According to the same authority, when he learned the news of the capture of a Venezuelan vessel by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland he was not greatly affected, merely remarking that there was no such vessel in the Venezuelan service.

STREET CAR STRIKE IMPENDS.

Philadelphia Traction Company Refuses to Recognize Union.

Philadelphia.—Replying to demands for increased wages and other concessions made by the local branch of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, the officers of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company Monday night issued a statement in which it was declared that the company would hereafter refuse to treat with or recognize the representatives of the Amalgamated association. As a result of this action the members of the association threaten to strike.

BURNS UP HIS VAST FORTUNE.

Dying Russian Saves Relatives from Evils of Wealth.

London.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg relates that a dying Moscow millionaire named Petroff had his whole fortune withdrawn from the banks and the bank-notes brought to the sickroom. They were then piled before him and set on fire. Petroff summed his relatives and showed them the ashes, congratulating them on having escaped from the evil of wealth.

Our Battleships Best, Says Evans.

New York.—The latest battleships built in this country are vastly superior to England's Dreadnought, it is emphatically stated by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans in an article in the latest number of Hampton's Broadway Magazine, wherein he strongly defends the American navy.

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