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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 alms 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 "det." 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 Abuzzi-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 prescribed 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.—Nihonjyabi Nihonjy (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 remedy, is worth a pound. State supervision of obedience to law is necessary, but can be diminished in cost and severity by such action as is now contemplated.

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 Institute, 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 Herbesthal, in the German frontier, stating that he had come to Germany for medical treatment and expressing profound homage to his majesty. According to 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 summoned his relatives and showed them the ashes, congratulating them on having escaped from the evil of wealth.

Our Battleships Best, Says Evans.

New York.—That the latest battleships built in this country are vastly superior to England's Dreadnought, 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.

Col. Darling of Toledo Dies.

Toledo, O.—Col. Henry A. Darling, aged 80, who had a distinguished war record, died Monday afternoon at the home of his son-in-law, Judge L. W. Morris. Cerebral hemorrhage was the cause.

Gov. Harris' County Goes Dry.

Columbus, O.—Preliminary county Monday voted dry by 1,043. Ten saloons were knocked out. Gov. Harris lives in this county.

Indicted for Criminal Libel.

Greensboro, N. C.—The grand jury Monday returned true bills against ex-United States Senator Marion Butler and his brother, Lester Butler, charging criminal libel against Spencer B. Adams, chairman of the Republican party of North Carolina.

Fifteen Hurt by Explosion.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Fifteen persons were injured, one fatally, in an explosion of a boiler at the cement factory of A. E. Nelson late Monday afternoon.

Murder in an Idaho Town.

Idaho Falls, Idaho.—The body of a man supposed to be Waldo A. Schlack of Dillon, Mont., was found in a rooming house here. Schlack 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 Mayville Monday as the result of the bursting of a blood vessel in his lung while blowing into a lung-testing machine.

A HEN STRIKE.



ABE RUEF IS FOUND GUILTY

FORMER 'FRISCO BOSS CONVICTED OF BRIBERY.

Francis J. Heney Hears the Verdict Read—Defendant May Get Fourteen Years in Penitentiary.

San Francisco.—Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, was convicted Thursday of bribery. The verdict was returned exactly upon the stroke of four o'clock when the deliberations of the jury had been prolonged throughout a period of 24 hours.

As the jury filed into the courtroom and took their seats in the jury box, Judge Lawlor asked Foreman McNamara: "Have you gentlemen reached a verdict?"

"We have," replied the foreman as he handed a folded slip of paper to Clerk Welch. An impressive silence followed. Attorneys, defendant, spectators, detectives and police held their breath as the clerk slowly and deliberately yet with apparent agitation, unfolded the paper and then, as every eye in the courtroom was riveted upon him, read the words: "We, the jury, find the defendant, Abraham Ruef, guilty as charged."

Immediately all arose to their feet. There was a murmur of approval, but no demonstration.

At the other end of the counsel table, near the place where his blood had dyed the floor a deep crimson red which had been effaced with sandpaper, sat Francis J. Heney, who appeared in the courtroom for the first time since the day he was shot.

Ruef sat between his father and Thomas B. Dozier of the defense when the verdict was returned. He had spent the greater part of the day in conversation with his aged parent and though his face paled and his eyes remained fixed for a long time upon the men who had pronounced his fate, almost his first thought was for the elder Mr. Ruef. He whispered a few words of encouragement to the old man and sent him out of the room to break the news to the defendant's mother and sisters.

Ruef's conviction renders him liable to a maximum penalty of 14 years in the penitentiary.

FLEET ARRIVES AT COLOMBO.

American Battleships in Harbor of the Ceylon City.

Colombo, Ceylon.—The United States battleship fleet arrived here Sunday and was greeted by vast throngs of Europeans and natives. The health of the men on the ships is excellent, with the exception of one case of smallpox on the Georgia, which detached herself from the fleet on December 9 and arrived here Saturday.

This is one of the most difficult harbors the fleet has yet entered, but all the battleships were berthed without incident, the perfect maneuvering of the vessels occasioning great admiration. During the period the fleet will remain here the officers and men will be entertained extensively. The official reception took place Monday.

Exiles Return to Hayti.

Port au Prince.—The steamship Virginia, with 116 exiles aboard, among whom was Gen. Antenor Firmin, arrived here Sunday. Immediately upon arrival Gen. Firmin landed and was welcomed in the name of Gen. Simon by Gen. Hippolyte and Minister of Finance Chaptout. He was driven to the palace along streets lined with a cheering multitude held back by the police with difficulty.

Good Thing for National Guard.

Washington.—National Guard interests are substantially promoted by a recent order of the war department contemplating that all requisitions received from militia authorities for clothing and equipment be filled by the issue from the army source of supplies of the latest style of articles called for. This will have the effect of equipping the militia with nothing obsolete or old-fashioned in the way of material. Officials say it is a case of the regular army being sidetracked for the benefit of the militia.

Convicted Banker Pardoned.

Columbus, O.—James R. Linkaefelter, Newark banker and savings association official, serving a five-year term in the penitentiary for forgery, was pardoned Friday by Gov. Harris. He is thought to be suffering from cancer of the stomach.

Mother and Babe Die in Flames.

Sallina, Kan.—In a fire which destroyed their home at Havana, near here, Friday, Mrs. Himmelwright, wife of a section foreman, and her baby were burned to death.

FOURTEEN IN CANAL BLAST.

Three Americans Among Those Killed in Obispo.

Colon.—The Bas Obispo of the dynamite blast was the most serious accident in connection with the Panama canal since the control. The United States took 14. That many bodies have been recovered, but it is possible that a score under the masses of debris that were thrown up.

The charge consisted of 51 holes, 60 feet deep, and spread over a large section of territory. The last hole was being charged by John J. Reidy, an experienced powder man, when it exploded. The others were exploded by the concussion. Reidy was blown to pieces. The other American dead include John J. Korp, steam-shovel engineer, and J. T. Hummer, steam-shovel crane man. Two Spaniards were also killed and eight West Indian negroes.

FATALITIES IN GARAGE FIRE.

Chicago Mother Leaps with Child and Both Die.

Chicago.—With men and women of Chicago's most exclusive and fashionable residential section as horrified spectators, two persons, a mother and a child, received fatal injuries in a garage fire Monday night.

Two others were burned so badly they are not expected to live. While Mrs. George M. Pullman, Mrs. Secor Cummings, Mrs. Stanley Field and other prominent women of Chicago's social world were watching the flames.

Mrs. Florence Carr, wife of a chauffeur employed by James K. Deering, threw herself from a window of the burning building to the ground below, carrying in her arms her young son.

Arthur Meeker placed the boy in his arms and rushed across the city toward the nearest hospital. The boy died soon after the hospital was reached.

J. W. Thorne of Montgomery Ward & Co. used his automobile to convey the mother to a hospital. She died as the machine was rushing across the streets.

ATTEMPTS TO BRIBE UMPIRES.

Officials of Deciding National League Game Make Charges.

New York.—Even more sensational than the tumultuous close of the recent National league playing season were the closing hours of the league's annual meeting here Friday when charges of attempted bribery of the umpires who officiated at the game that decided the championship of 1908, between New York and Chicago at the Polo grounds, October 8, were sprung and the magnates appointed a committee to probe them, even intimating that criminal prosecutions might follow the investigation committee's report.

An official statement by the league says none of the persons named are in any way connected with organized baseball.

Forming Big Lumber Trust.

Duluth, Minn.—The lumber interests represented by the Weyerhaeusers, O'Brien & Cook of St. Paul and Duluth and Edward Hines of Chicago are here working on the formation of a lumber trust which will control practically all the pine in North America.

The greatest secrecy is being observed, but it is known that the deal is almost finished and the details may be given out in a day or two. The transfer of the Duluth, Virginia & Rainy Lake railroad is said to be the only sticking point.

Well Known Chicagoan Killed.

Chicago.—Phelps B. Hoyt, secretary-treasurer of the W. H. Hoyt Company, wholesale grocer, and one of the most widely known men in western golf circles, died Saturday night from injuries he received in an automobile accident.

Work for Many Idle Men.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The American Steel & Wire Company sent orders Sunday that will give employment to 500 and to 1,000 others within a week or two.

Chief Hump, Noted Sioux, Dies.

Pierre, S. D.—Chief Hump, the Sioux leader who was band which caused the trouble ending in the battle of Wounded Knee, the last important Indian fight in the northwest, died at Cherry Creek Friday.

Doctors Must Pull Teeth.

St. Paul, Minn.—The Minnesota state supreme court Friday affirmed a decision of the district court holding it unlawful for a practicing physician to practice dentistry.

NAB CASTRO'S BOAT

GUARDSHIP ALIX IS CAPTURED BY DUTCH CRUISER.

IS TOWED TO WILLEMSTAD

Gelderland's Prize Greeted Joyfully by People of Curacao—Venezuelan President Talks on Way to Cologne.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao.—The Dutch cruiser Gelderland came into this port Sunday morning towing the Venezuelan coast guard ship Alix with the Dutch flag flying and a Dutch crew on board. The Gelderland captured the Alix off Puerto Cabello on Saturday.

The seizure of the Alix was in accordance with the plans of the Holland government when instructions were issued to the three Dutch warships now in these waters to make a demonstration off the coast of Venezuela and to capture any Venezuelan ships of war or guard vessels that they might find. The arrival of the Gelderland at Willemstad was greeted with unbounded enthusiasm by those who noticed the cruiser's approach, and soon the entire population were down to the water's edge to welcome the return of the Gelderland, towing the first of the enemy's ships, as though from a great conquest.

Naturally the people of Curacao, who have long been clamoring for activity on the part of the Dutch government, are greatly rejoiced over this evidence that Holland has at last begun active measures against Venezuela.

Paris.—President Castro of Venezuela and his party left here Sunday for Cologne, where a consultation of physicians will be held to determine upon the advisability of an operation on the president. If an operation is found necessary Dr. Israel probably will perform it at Berlin.

On the train Sunday Castro accorded an interview to a representative of the Temps, saying that as he was leaving France he felt at liberty to receive a journalist.

The interview, while guarded, fully confirms the representations made by Castro at Santander to the effect that he was desirous of settling Venezuela's outstanding diplomatic differences and, so far as France is concerned, had already made the first steps in that direction.

France Lets Castro Land.

Bordeaux.—Cipriano Castro, the president of Venezuela, was allowed to land on French soil Thursday when he arrived at Pauillac, 30 miles from Bordeaux, on the steamship Guadalupe. After a conference with a representative of the French government, President Castro came ashore and proceeded to Bordeaux in a special car. The announcement was made that the president would go to Paris.

Thursday evening an agent of M. Pichon, the foreign minister, informed President Castro that he would be welcomed as a private citizen, and that as a chief of state he would be given every protection during his sojourn in France.

MANIAC HOLDS UP VILLAGE.

Edgewater, N. J., Terrorized by "John the Baptist."

Edgewater, N. J.—Proclaiming himself to be "John the Baptist, come to save the world," an armed fanatic, wrought up to a high pitch of maniacal fury, terrorized this village for a full hour late Friday. He appeared suddenly on the main street, waving a big revolver, held up the proprietors of several stores, exchanged many shots with a hastily formed posse and at last was wounded when the police and a mob of citizens ran him down. In all the fusillade no one was hit but the maniac himself, and his wounds are not regarded as dangerous. He says he is Oscar Pomeroy of Nebraska.

PLANS ACTION FOR LIBEL.

President Threatens Authors of Canal "Graft" Charges.

Washington.—"If they can be reached for criminal libel, I shall try to have them reached," said President Roosevelt in speaking Thursday afternoon about "those Americans who have been guilty of infamous falsehood concerning the acquisition of the property and the construction of the (Panama) canal itself."

It was to the committee of one hundred of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway association, headed by Gov. Deneen of Illinois, who were received by the president in the east room of the White House, that he made this declaration.

Found Guilty of Murder.

Duluth, Minn.—William Schreiber was found guilty of murder in the first degree here Friday. He killed Frank Massapust, a settler, near Ashawa, last February. His acquittal had been generally expected.

Taft Talks About McKinley.

New York.—President-elect William H. Taft, speaking Sunday night at the dedication of a McKinley memorial organ in the Metropolitan Temple, told to an audience which repeatedly interrupted him with applause, the story of his official association with the late president and declared with reference to the Philippine islands that the policy laid down by Mr. McKinley in 1900 had been the policy of his own administration.

Hansbrough Still Very Sick.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Senator H. C. Hansbrough of Devils Lake, N. D., who was operated upon at Asbury hospital Friday, is not gaining strength as rapidly as might be expected and is still seriously ill.

Editor Sentenced to Jail.

Columbus, O.—J. A. Tarrier, publisher of Town Topics, a weekly paper, was sentenced Friday by Federal Judge Sater to eight months in jail and a fine of \$1,000 for misusing the mails.

BICYCLE RIDER TAKES PLUNGE THROUGH WINDOW

LANDS IN LAP OF WOMAN EATING DINNER, CAUSING GREAT EXCITEMENT.

IS TOWED TO WILLEMSTAD

Denver.—Diners in the Indian room of the Savoy were almost thrown into a panic when a man plunged headlong through one of the heavy plate glass windows and landed squarely in the lap of Mrs. R. A. Kincaid, who was sitting with her husband at a table near the window. The man was Dave Thompson, an employee of the hotel, and as the result of his strange experience, is now lying at the county hospital.

While riding a wheel with a coaster brake down Seventeenth avenue Thompson tried to turn into the alley between the Shirley and the Savoy,

The brake refused to work and, losing control of the wheel, he was thrown through the window of the Savoy facing Seventeenth avenue near the alley. It was the Indian room that Thompson had chosen for his plunge. It was crowded, every table being taken, when he made his sensational appearance. The astonished diners heard the crash of the glass and sat spellbound as through the shower of fragments from it they saw the body of a man shooting through the air.

It went over the table where the Kincaids were dining, taking the table cloth covered with dishes with it, and, before Mrs. Kincaid knew what had happened, Thompson fell into her lap. She screamed with fright. The other women in the room echoed her cries and pandemonium reigned. Broken glass and blood from Thompson's wounds went flying everywhere and added to the excitement.

Police men, waiters, chambermaids, bellboys, clerks and guests of the hotel came running into the room, attracted by the uproar. And in the meantime, dazed and half unconscious, Thompson lay in Mrs. Kincaid's lap. Mr. Kincaid was the first to recover his composure. He assisted Thompson to his feet, and seeing that the man was suffering called others to help carry him to his automobile outside. With Mrs. Kincaid he took the injured man in the machine to the county hospital. There an examination revealed that Thompson had sustained severe cuts about the body and severed an artery in his right shoulder. He is not thought to be seriously injured.

MODERN ENOCH ARDEN.

Pathetic Story Unfolded by Priest of Philippine War Veteran.

Corvallis, Ore.—Revelation that George McDonald, or Morgan, who died at the city jail recently, was an unusual pathetic career, has come to light in a dispatch from San Francisco. The dispatch says McDonald went to the Philippines during the war days, leaving a wife and daughter. After the war he returned to find his wife married to another man, having received a report he had been killed. No message preceded him and his arrival was not made known to the woman. He came on north to Oregon, keeping his secret and his sorrow. He was at Eugene and Springfield, then came to Corvallis, where his death took place in the city jail, following a debauch probably induced by his trouble.

He had told Father Butler of Corvallis that he was married by Rev. Father Netterville, at St. Dominic's church, San Francisco, and that his wife's second marriage was performed by Father Nugent of St. Rose's church, San Francisco. Coroner M. S. Boyce has communicated with Father Nugent to help locate the dead man's daughter.

Man Whirls on Shaft Alive.

Shenandoah, Pa.—In the act of oiling machinery at Ellangowan colliery, John Sands was caught in a shafting at 140 revolutions a minute.

He was whirled around several times, when every stitch of his clothing was torn from his body, and then he was hurled 20 feet, sustaining a broken arm, dislocating both shoulders and being badly cut and bruised, but he will recover.

Tries to Eat Nine Pounds of Spaghetti.

Memphis, Tenn.—In an effort to consume three pounds of spaghetti, which, when cooked, weighed nearly nine pounds, Frank Marino lost a wager and caused friends who backed him with hundreds of dollars to lose their money. The doctors who attended him say he may not recover from the effects of overcrowding his stomach.

Think It Over.

Such as a man loves his wife as much as she loves him, he will stop wasting his money on cigars if she asks him.

He—Yes, but if his wife loves him as much as she ought to love a man who loves her enough to stop it if she asks him, she won't ask him.

CALLER LEFT IN A HUFF.

Innocent Thought of Business Man That Gave Serious Offense.

Two business men had been talking good naturedly the other day. Their conversation had reviewed a number of things, and a remark made by the proprietor as his caller was leaving brought up the subject of prosperity in a rather awkward way.

"Business with me has been a little dull of late, I've had only a few callers," he remarked.

The friend smilingly rejoined: "You'll have enough of them in a short time—prosperity's coming right along. Why," he added, enthusiastically, "the next time I drop around, instead of being able to chat with you for half an hour, there'll be so many people ahead of me that I'll take me two hours to get to you—maybe I can't see you at all."

"I hope so," rejoined the proprietor, cheering up over the prospects of renewed business activity.

His caller literally "stormed" out of the office, leaving his erstwhile host in a state of bewilderment as to what had happened.

A POSER.

Mrs. Whim.—You needn't say woman has no mechanical genius. I can do anything on earth with only a hair-pin.

Mr. Whim.—Well, sharpen this lead-pencil with it.

The Symmetrical Figure.

Speaking of that rare gift, symmetry of person, it is more desirable than beauty of feature, because it outlasts youth. The symmetrical figure is perfectly proportioned and articulated anatomy, and nothing is more rare. Be thankful, fair ones, when you have "points," which cause us to overlook any little discrepancy in form.—Exchange.

If you have not much time at your disposal, do not fail to profit by the smallest portion of time which remains to you.—Fenelon