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Mountains Are Moving.
"The mountains are constantly moving," was the remark of an officer of the Denver & Rio Grande road recently, in speaking of the great landslides in the canyon above Glenwood Springs, Col. "We find from actual experience in maintaining tunnels, bridges and tracks in the mountains that the mountains are moving. It costs a railway passing through the mountains a great deal of money in the course of ten years to keep the tracks in line, and maintenance of tunnels is even more expensive. Drive a stake on the side of a mountain, take the location with the greatest care, and return after a few months. The stake is not in the same location. The whole side of the mountain has moved. This experiment has often been tried, and in all cases the result proves that the mountains are moving. The mountains are gradually seeking the level of the sea."

Clerical Anti-Celibacy Movement.
A clerical anti-celibacy movement is developing in Italy, especially in the southern provinces, and attracts the attention of the Vatican. Energetic measures are imminent to crush the movement. Such a movement is not new in the church. It exists more or less latently in all South America, and several countries of Europe, especially Hungary. An ex-nuncio says the Vatican is obliged to take no notice of the irregular conduct of the Hungarian clergy to avoid a possible schism, and several eminent Catholics are now convinced that the marriage of priests is preferable to the present state of things. It is not likely, however, that the Vatican will at present give way, although the church recognizes the marriage of priests among the 6,000,000 Catholics of Oriental rites.

King Who Dresses Himself.
For all he is a royal ruler, King Christian of Denmark is exceedingly democratic in manner and habit. This octogenarian monarch begins his day's work regularly at 8 o'clock, having already breakfasted on coffee and a roll. Never by any chance does he allow a valet to help dress him. Not long ago he said quaintly to his body servant: "When I have grown old you may help me, but, thank heaven, I can dress myself yet." On horseback his majesty presents a fine, soldierly appearance.

A New Honor for Balzac.
A Parish searcher after facts has made the discovery that to Balzac belongs the honor of having invented the wood block pavement for streets. The first reference to it is found in that author's comedy, "Mercadet," which was played at the Francais, in which Mercadet dilates on the advantage of such pavement, since with wooden blocks in the streets barricades are impossible.

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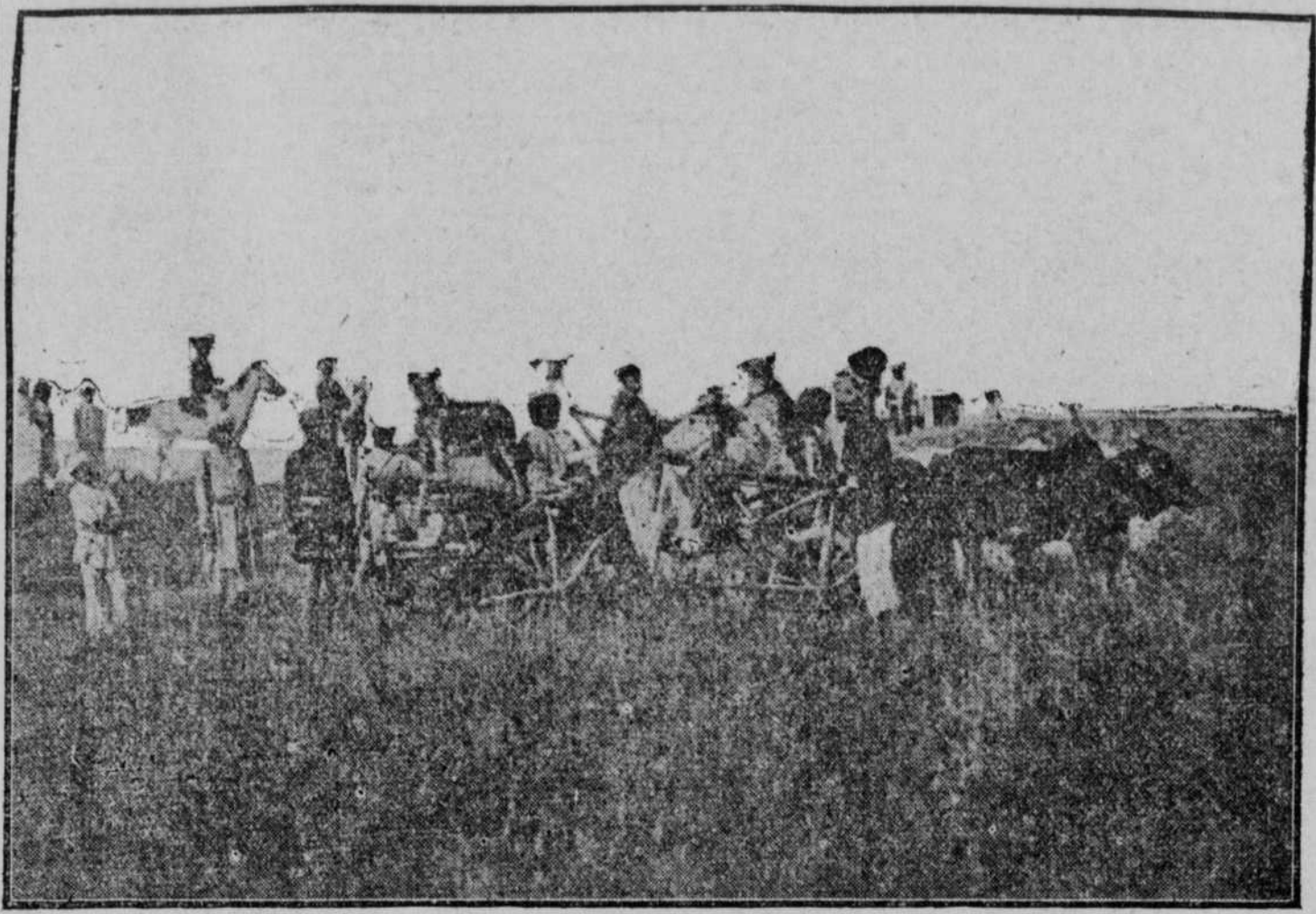
A New Olive Story.
The latest olive story comes from New York. An Irishman who had recently acquired considerable wealth desired to dine at Delmonico's for the first time. As he sat down his attention was attracted by a man at the next table who was reading a newspaper and eating a dish of olives. When three or four had disappeared the newcomer turned to the waiter and said: "What's them he's eating?" "Olives, sir." "Bring me two dozen." When they came the Irishman slapped two of them in his mouth and began to chew. Suddenly he spat them out, stones and all. He looked at the man who was calmly eating away. Then he went over, touched him on the shoulder, and said: "Excuse me, sir, but do you like them things?" "Yes, sir." "You're a liar."

Singular Classmates.
In this land of innovation the sight of a father and son earnestly seeking an education at the same institution of learning can hardly be regarded as unusual. The University of Pennsylvania has on its rolls two such students. Hernet Medoff, the father, is 44 years of age, and Joseph Medoff, the son, is 25. Both will be graduated in the same year. The father is taking a three-year course in architecture, and the son is taking the arts and science course.

THE BLOOD.
The blood is life. We derive from the blood life, power, beauty and reason, as the doctors have been saying from time immemorial. A healthy body, a fresh appearance, and generally all the abilities we possess depend on that source of life. It is therefore the duty of every sensible man to keep the blood as pure and normal as possible. Nature, in its infinite wisdom, has given us a thermometer indicating the state of the blood, which appeals to our reason by giving notice of its impurity. Small eruptions of the skin, to which we scarcely pay any attention, headache, ringing noises in the ears, lassitude, sleeplessness, are generally a sign that the blood is not in its normal state, but is filled with noxious substances. These symptoms deserve our full attention. If more attention were paid to those symptoms, and steps taken to remove them, then many illnesses from which we suffer would become unknown and the human body would become stronger and healthier. Attention therefore should be paid to those warning signs, and the blood can be purified and poisonous substances removed from it by the use of Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops, discovered more than 60 years ago.

It is when one man asks for justice and the other demands the lion's share that the road to honest and honorable adjustment is blocked.

CHEETAHS AND CARTS



Hunting with the cheetah has been the sport of centuries in India. The animal is conveyed to the field in a low car without sides, hooded and chained like hunting-birds in the days of falconry. Deer and antelope are the game stalked by this "hunting leopard." The sport would be considered rather tame by the huntsmen of Europe or America, but is popular in India.

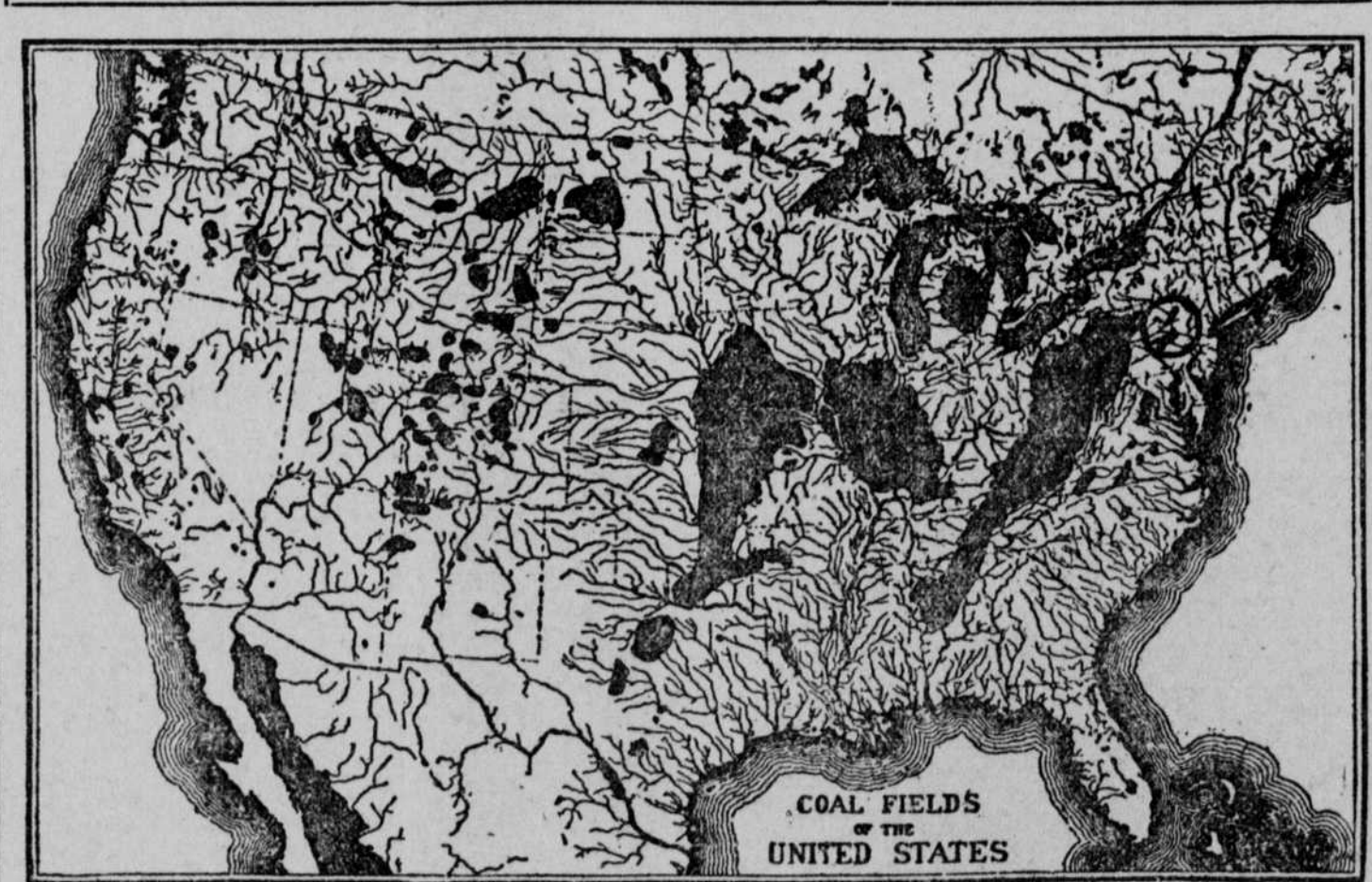
DEBT OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Expenses of Boer War Caused an Immense Addition.
The Boer war caused an increase in the national debt of Great Britain of over \$650,000,000, and the present total of \$3,842,216,930 is higher than it has been since 1876.
The increase in the debt was not, of course, the total cost of the war to England, for taxes were raised on incomes and on luxuries and necessities alike, but the sum mentioned is what future generations will have to pay for the possession of the Transvaal Republic, and the Orange Free State. The Crimean war of 1855-57 only added a trifle over \$41,000,000 to the national debt, and the cost of the other numerous wars, chiefly of conquest in Africa, was by comparison small. Enormous as the debt of Great Britain is, Englishmen say, however, that it is insignificant when compared to the \$4,277,367,985 that the nation owed in 1836, and its population or its wealth and prosperity were not near what they are to-day. Incidentally it may be remarked that England looks to Lord Beaconsfield's investment in Suez canal shares to help in paying off a good portion of the debt. Purchased in 1876 for \$17,660,200, they are now valued at \$139,680,000.

Norwegian Iron Fields.
Discoveries of extensive iron ore fields have again been made in northern Norway, this time in the district of South Varanger, on the coast of the bay of the same name, near the Russian border lines. The discovery was first made some two months ago. Samples of the ore sent to Christiania have been analyzed by the municipal chemist, who pronounces it to contain as low as 0.07 per cent titanium, which is considered a very good indication. The presence of titanium in large quantities retards the melting process of the ore, and consequently reduces its value.

Splendid Tribute to a Wife.
Few men, great or small, have been happier in their married life than John Bright, and the story of his inconsolable grief when his wife, "the sunshine and solace of his days," was taken from him, forms one of the most pathetic pages of human history. "It seems to me," he pitifully said, "as though the world was plunged in darkness, and that no ray of light could ever reach me again this side the tomb."

COAL DEPOSITS OF THE UNITED STATES



This Map Shows the Entire Coal Deposits of the United States. The Anthracite Field is Represented by the Two Dark Patches to the Right of the Map, Inclosed in a Circle.

WEALTH IN OLD VERMONT

Relative Value of Possessions Alone Constitute Affluence.
Up along the White river valley, in Vermont, half way between the towns of Bethel and Randolph, at a little bend in the road, is a watering trough almost hidden in the shadows of the trees which form a natural arch for the highway. A Washington newspaper man was driving along there one day, and tells this story of his experience:
"Just after I pulled up my horse at the trough a farmer came along and stopped. 'Mornin', stranger,' he said; 'how be ye?'
"I be pretty well,' I answered, in the same vernacular.
"Be ye 'quainted round here?'
"Some,' I answered. (I knew about half the people in each of the towns).
"Well, maybe as how you know Jim Jones' folks?'
"Yes, I know 'em.'
"Know Hen' Slack?' he persisted.
"Yes.'
"Ever know Si Rogers?'
"Yes.'
"Know his daughter Sue?'
"Never met her.'
"Sho! Waal, Sue's married now.'
(I observed that that was a very happy circumstance.)
"Yes,' he continued, 'Sue's married now. Married a wealthy man. Very wealthy man. Worth much's hundred dollars.'—Washington Post.

MANY NOBLEMEN IN PRISON.

Aristocracy Well Represented in European Jails.
A Vienna paper states that few people have any idea of the large number of men and women of noble birth undergoing penal servitude on the continent.
It is estimated that Russian prisons alone contain 12,000 aristocrats, while there are several thousand noblemen in the penal establishments of Italy. Two dukes of Notarbartolo are, for instance, at present undergoing penal servitude for life in the Italian prison of La Maddalena for the brutal murder of a young officer whom they had swindled at card playing and who had threatened to denounce them as card sharps.
Among the convicts in a Belgian prison are Prince Charles de Looz-Coswarem, who committed a number of gigantic frauds and one crime of violence, and the Marquis of Varella, for the murder of his own mother.
In France there are several hundred titled aristocrats in prison, and though no statistics are available regarding Austria and Germany, the same state of things is said to exist there also.—London Express.

HIS MOST SUCCESSFUL SPEECH

Senator Depew's Neat Compliment to His Better Half.
Regularly, Chauncey M. Depew must submit to a course of questioning for the benefit of some newspaper or magazine article, or for the adornment of the pages of a work on "Successful Americans."
The senator never yawns or seems bored when this trial comes, but always has a welcome for the interviewer.
"Senator, of all your speeches, which one, in your estimation, do you consider the greatest and most effective?" was asked in the course of an interview.
"I have one in mind, but not a copy of it, for the speech has not appeared in print and never will."
"Will you let me have the facts?" exclaimed the now excited interviewer, scenting a scoop.
"Why, yes," said Mr. Depew, his eyes full of mirth, "my greatest and most effective speech, judging from results, was my speech of proposal, delivered some time before my marriage."

The Railway Beautiful.

The work done by our railroads has been of great value because so widely extended. Those who travel are carried from one spot of beauty to another. In some cases the whole line of the road has been improved by planting choice shade trees and ornamental shrubs. One of our Western roads is lined for several hundred miles on both sides with superb chestnuts and evergreens. The removal of the unsightly and the suggestion of cleanliness about the depots has been especially useful. Improvements become a passion. Near such depots cottages are sure to be neat and yards cleanly. This class of improvement necessarily involves the conventional, and that is not always a bad thing in a village. We can enjoy reading the name of a station in clam shells. Color and contrast are perhaps the main thing. A group of handsome shrubbery, of lilacs or weigellas with plenty of roses, cheers the tired traveler and gives him something pleasant to think about.

Black Monday.

The ill repute of Friday as an unlucky day is shown by some recent statistics to be undeserved. A careful investigation, largely through official channels, has been made into the question in Germany, and as a result it is found that of 9,948 weekly accidents and disasters, such as are commonly attributed to bad luck, 1,674 occurred on Monday, 1,551 on Tuesday, 1,631 on Wednesday, 1,547 on Thursday, 1,638 on Friday, 1,638 on Saturday and 269 on Sunday. The most noteworthy features of these figures, apart from their vindication of Friday, is the uniformity of distribution of mishaps among the six secular days of the week, the difference between the most and the least "unlucky" days being less than one-tenth. The day of most disasters is Monday.