

# The Chief

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RED CLOUD . . . NEBRASKA

A Baltimore eugenicist demands intelligence in love. Impossible!

Have a care for your health. Don't fool with a cold or monkey with a sore throat.

New York has a dog wearing ear-rings. Probably the property of some of the \$100 tippers.

Our idea of ultimate waste of money is buying a \$20 corset because it gives an uncorseted effect.

A New York theatrical manager wants a "married chorus." Most of them are—many times.

There is grave danger that inexperienced young China will fall into the hands of loan sharks.

A man in Vienna collapsed when he learned that he had won \$3,000 on a horse race. At that, he was justified.

Statistics show that there are only 6,534 divorced women in the United States. Where can they all have gone?

An Indian man got his first shave at the age of one hundred—a close shave to come within the century mark.

Having read "Years of Discretion," the son of the author proved that he hadn't reached them by marrying at eighteen.

It is now announced that the English sparrow is fine for food. Watch the market price of sparrows go up from now on.

Odd eyes are all the style in London town nowadays. One of the society leaders must have engaged in a flatfoot argument.

The price of silver spoons has advanced ten per cent. Probably as many babies won't be born with them in their mouths now.

A Cincinnati man employs his dog to awaken him in the morning. Lucky man! Many of us remain awake all night from a like cause.

There's a man in New York who says he can sing 6,000 old songs. It's a safe statement. He'll never find a body to hear him through.

A coon was killed in an Atlantic City hotel. Probably coon hunting will now be taken up as a midwinter diversion by the smart set.

A Cincinnati physician has invented a machine that will do ones breathing automatically. Now will become a reality the man who is too lazy to breathe.

Women are attending court in Kansas City these days to learn how the law is administered. Perhaps they want to get a set of precedents for home rule.

Sir George Birdwood comes to bat with the advice that to become an octogenarian, like himself, none need worry about his health. Most people don't—while they have it.

Kansas City has discovered that very few married men are in its charitable institutions. It may be an unjust inference that the married men are being supported by their wives.

A new nickel is to be minted. There may be the usual criticisms upon the new design, but to the large majority it is not the design, but the quality of nickels which holds vital interest.

A laborer in a Connecticut town recently dug up an iron pot filled with pieces of eight. Must have been buried by a salesman of wooden nutmegs.

One indignant mother says that she does not wish her children taught pottery in schools, as that is what all her friend husband, who does nothing but potter around.

A bill has been introduced at Washington demanding that imitation beer be labeled. Still, there are those who hold that a man who can't tell the real from the imitation doesn't deserve protection.

German scientists declare that a man of fifty is at his best, physically and mentally. It is a little belated, but as another knock at the Oserian theory, it will receive one of the cordial welcomes of the season.

The naval practice of shutting up chickens in the turret of the Kathadin and then firing big guns at it is a highly cumbersome way of killing chickens. It recalls the proverbial "firing cannon at snipes in a high wind."

Some toys are so expensive that it is more economical to set the children up in housekeeping and railroad than to buy the imitation articles.

Between the peace assemblies and war preparations the poor dove of peace, like the perplexed congressman, wants to know where it is at.

The German national aviation fund is over a million and a half. The results from this big amount are in every point of view literally in the air.

## NO PLACE FOR POOR

### Mining at Dawson Available Only to Men With Big Capital.

Pioneer Says There Are Sections of the Yukon That Have Not Yet Been Scratched by Prospectors.

New York.—Henry Pinkert, who used to be a merchant in San Francisco and went to the Klondike in 1897, and has been in business in or around Dawson City ever since, arrived recently at the Breslin. He says there are no mining opportunities in the immediate neighborhood of Dawson, except for men and companies with big capital.

"Dawson is not growing," said Mr. Pinkert. "In the early days there were all kinds of mining right there on the ground for the individual, but now, for a radius of about 50 miles around the town, the territory is so worked out that only big corporations can make money working it, and those have taken up a great deal of the land. The biggest operations in the neighborhood are being carried on by a South African company, which owns or practically controls all the claims within that 50-mile radius that the Guggenheims do not control.

"In the days of the gold rush a man would stake his claim, which would run 500 feet. The moment he got that worked down to low grade he was up against a proposition that required dredges and hydraulic machinery to work on a profitable basis. The majority of small claimholders sold out, and some gave options. A few are still holding out for their prices. The government gives a man the right to hold his claim so long as \$200 worth of work is done on it in a year.

"But the situation at Dawson does not end the Klondike for the prospector by any means. I should say that part of Yukon territory is still in its infancy as a gold producer, in spite of the millions that have been taken out. The great difficulty has been getting into the interior. Small boats go up the streams now for hundreds of miles, but still there are regions practically unprospected. In the past few years the Canadian government has helped transportation by subsidizing these craft, and this makes it possible for miners to carry up their grub in the fall and continue their work in the winter. In my opinion, one of these days we shall hear of discoveries up there that will make the Klondike finds seem insignificant. From Dawson to White Horse it is 410 miles and there are numerous regions on both sides of the way that never have been prospected.

## "DOPE" FIEND IS SLY

### Quick Witted and Dangerous Persons Who Use Cocaine.

Many Are Said to Have Become Addicted to the Habit Through a Mere Toothache—Efforts Being Made to Stamp Out Evil.

New York.—Disclosures made before the grand juries of Kings county recently and inquiries at police headquarters reveal that the illicit sale of cocaine has grown so rapidly during the last two years that it stands at the head of the list of drugs which are sold illegally throughout the city. The police record for 1911 shows five arrests and three convictions for selling the drug. Forty-three indictments returned by the grand juries in Brooklyn in the last two months and 25 cases brought into court by Manhattan detectives show that the crusade against the evil is bearing fruit.

Two detectives who have been busy running down illegal sellers of the drug for the last seven or eight years told recently of eccentricities of the victims. "It is a strange thing," said one, "that more than two-thirds of the men who sell the drug illegally are numbered among the victims. Negroes are addicted to the habit to a great degree. In fact, it was in the south that the habit of snuffing the drug first came to light. In New York city there are hundreds who have become victims through a mere toothache.

"In running down those who violated the penal code in selling the drug I have found the cocaine victim to be a quick-witted and dangerous person. I recall one place in particular in lower Third avenue, where I took part in a raid on a saloon, and found four drug users. One had silver buckles on his suspenders and the buckles were in box form and contained grains of the stuff. Another had a seal ring the top of which opened on a hinge and the inside was filled with cocaine. I entered a pool-room near Chatham square looking for cocaine and was sure that the "white stuff" was sold on the premises. I searched for several hours, and finally came upon several books. A hole into the center of the leaves about an inch square was used as a depository for the drug. If the 'hangers on' had not appeared so studious, I believe I would have been completely fooled."

The police of the large cities, from Maine to California, are fighting the evil. In Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Baltimore, Denver, Salt Lake City and San Francisco the increased sale of cocaine has made the police suspicious, and they are trying to discover the medium through which the drug reaches the underworld. The

## INAUGURATING THE PARCEL POST



Postmaster General Hitchcock mailing the first package by parcel post. It was addressed to Postmaster Morgan at New York and contained a silver loving cup, which later will be suitably engraved and placed in the National Museum.

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fourth battle squadron, which is based on Gibraltar. The Dreadnought has been in commission less than six years, and while not considered obsolete is more outclassed by the latest ships than were the pre-Dreadnoughts displaced by her when she was first built.

A few weeks ago the battleship King George V. was commissioned. She has a broadside of no less than 14,000 pounds. This gives her a superiority of 106 per cent. over the Dreadnought, which was only 28 per cent. better than the last pre-Dreadnoughts. The new armored cruisers even are 50 per cent. more powerful than the Dreadnought. No British armored ship is reckoned effective today that has been launched over 18 years.

At the battle of Trafalgar the 27 British ships averaged 27 years from the date of launching. The Victory herself was 50 years old.

Boboled Cupid's Aid. New York.—Cupid was a member of the party of forty youths and members from the fashionable section of the Bronx who went sleighing. When the party returned four of its members announced their engagement.

## DREADNOUGHT OUT OF DATE

### British Ship of That Name Assigned to Fourth Battle Fleet—Was Built Six Years Ago.

London.—How fleeting is the glory of the modern fighting ship is illustrated in the case of the British battleship Dreadnought, the building of which, as a result of the report of the British naval attaches who accompanied Admiral Togo's fleet in the first naval battles in the Gulf of Pechili against the Pacific fleet of Russia, caused a revolution in battleship construction.

This once proud vessel is now considered so far out of date that she is being removed from the first battle squadron and assigned to the

## MORE SCHOOLS IN RUSSIA

### Czar's Policy Gives Impetus to Popular Education—Big Gain in Last Fifteen Years.

St. Petersburg.—Popular education in Russia is making rapid strides in advance; so much so that the next statistics of people who can neither read nor write, not long ago officially estimated at 60 per cent. of the total population, will certainly indicate a notable decrease. In the last fifteen years public instruction has immensely improved.

The existing system of state schools was founded in the second half of the nineteenth century, when the edict of the abolition of serfdom appeared. Until the year 1860 Russia only had 4,977 public schools. When, in 1864, the zemstvos were established, the number of schools increased rapidly and at the end of the sixties there were in Russia 22,770 schools with 1,140,915 pupils.

Under Alexander III. popular education made further advances, and at the end of his reign the number of schools had reached 43,285 with 2,970,000 pupils. Under the present czar educational matters have received increased attention. Thus the schools opened by the zemstvos were granted a state subsidy of \$190 for every fifty pupils, while the teachers got increases in salary.

At the present time there are in Russia 100,295 elementary schools and 6,180,510 pupils. Of these schools 56,910 have been opened under the reign of Nicholas II, the present czar.

In the same period the number of industrial schools has risen from 1,233 to 2,748. A teacher in the state schools now begins on a salary of \$172 a year. After five years he draws \$200, after ten years \$220 and the maximum is only \$270 a year.

## HEN TRIES TO HANG ITSELF

### Conscience Stricken Because It Failed to Lay Its Share of High-Priced Eggs.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—Mary, the pet hen of Miss Hannah Mace of North Tarrytown, attempted suicide. Miss Mace gravely insists that Mary was conscience stricken, because, at the high price of eggs, she had not been able to contribute her share.

The hen flew up on a wire fence, and, then, sticking her head through one of the holes, jumped off. There she was slowly strangling to death, when her owner, attracted by the other chickens cackling and making a great noise in the yard, ran out and rescued her pet.

To a reporter Miss Mace said: "Mary was hit by an automobile some months ago, and since that time she has not been able to lay any eggs."

"Mary became despondent, and for a week I have noticed a far-away look in her eyes. She didn't care about her appearance, and her feathers were left uncombed. Finally she began to starve herself, and when she could not stand it any longer she just tried suicide."

## Social Forms and Entertainments



### How to Act at a Reception.

Will you please answer the following questions in regard to a reception?

How is punch or frappe served? Should one shake hands with those who serve it and with those serving in the dining room?

Do they have some one to show you around and introduce you to those you have not met? If not, do you introduce yourself?

Tell me some of the pleasant things to say to those receiving.—Greenhorn.

Punch and frappe are served from a large bowl in small glasses. It is not necessary or customary to shake hands with anyone except those in the receiving party.

There should be several intimate friends to look out for and introduce strangers to at least two or three persons, thus putting them at their ease. Under certain conditions you might introduce yourself.

It is impossible to write out in detail pleasant things to say. Express your pleasure at being present and, of course, remark that it is a charming affair, or words to that effect.

### For a Huntsman's Party.

I wish to entertain a party of huntsmen and would like you to suggest the table decoration and what refreshments I should serve. I expect to have them in the evening and thought a Dutch lunch would be nice.

A Dutch supper would be suitable, for men always like plain things with few frills. Why not have a camp kettle with flowers for the centerpiece, with small ones filled with salted nuts at each plate? It would be fun to have a regular camp supper—broiled bacon, eggs, baked potatoes, flapjacks and sirup, with coffee. This would be a decided novelty and very informal. Ask the men to come in huntsman's garb and the ladies in shirtwaist suits. You might have a fish and game dinner.

### A Valentine Reception.

The junior class of our high school is going to give a reception to the seniors on February 14. How soon before the reception should the invitations be sent out? What could we serve for refreshments? We do not desire anything very elaborate—about two courses. Could you suggest a pretty way for decorating the table,

which will be square and in the center of the dining room, while the guests will be seated along the walls?—Ruth.

Just as soon as you read this get out your invitations, for young people have many engagements at this season. For refreshments get your baker to make to order heart-shaped patty shells to be filled with cream oysters; decorate with hearts cut from carrots with vegetable cutter; have heart-shaped sandwiches. Then have pink ice cream, cut heart-shaped, with a gilt arrow sticking in it. Have the table powdered with tiny pink hearts laid on in heart outlines, surrounding a heart form filled with flowers. The tinsmith will make it.

### As to Wedding Expenses.

What expense should the groom bear in the preparation for his marriage? Also what should the bride or her people?—E. S. T.

The only expense borne by the bridegroom is for the carriage that takes him and his best man to the church and himself and bride away. He buys the wedding ring, bouquet for bride and attendants and usually gives his best man and ushers favors and, of course, pays the marriage fee. The bride's family entertain the wedding guests and meet all other expenses.

### Duty of Groom's Parents.

When a couple become engaged is it necessary for the groom's parents to send cards or any message to the bride's parents, they having as yet no acquaintance and not residing near enough to each other to exchange calls?—Martha.

### Wedding Refreshments.

What would be the proper refreshment for a two o'clock wedding, and should a bride wear a veil? The wedding is to be in June.—Genevieve.

Chicken salad, sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and wedding cake with coffee will be the proper outlay, just the same as for an evening wedding. By all means a bride should wear a veil. It is the one and only occasion a girl has that privilege and she should avail herself of it. What is sweeter than a June bride? June is the month of roses and of brides.

### For a Handkerchief Booth.

Will you please send me suggestions for a handkerchief booth for a church fair, to be all in white?—Chairman.

Have the attendants wear handkerchief caps and aprons; make balls of handkerchiefs by stringing from the center and hang round the booth. They can be cut off as sold. For a background use white crepe paper, dipped in thin mucilage and then covered with diamond dust.

MADAME MERRI.

## Fancy Dresses for Carnivals During the Winter Season



The first child pictured wears a Folly dress, a species of carnival costume; or, if you prefer, April fool. It would look well carried out in pale yellow, blue and white; the skirt of yellow nylon would have a tunic of pale blue faced black with white, the triple alliance being equally carefully distributed in the construction of the corsage and cap. A folly stick is carried in the hand.

The boys' costume should be made of some cotton material, the edges slit up into long points, while one black and one red stocking adds to the general demonish appearance, and also the close-fitting little skull cap, with its ears and horns, the latter fashioned out of cap wire closely covered. Turning out a dress of this description at home provides an in-

credible amount of interest and fun, and incidentally brings forth all manner of resources hitherto undreamed of.

The dear little milkmaid speaks for herself, a suggestion that could be successfully carried out for a child from six years upwards. The intention is frankly picturesque, and especially designed to be carried out in the most inexpensive washing materials. A flowered mercerized muslin for the bouffant tunic, and a thin striped cotton for the skirt, a soft white muslin kerchief and cuffs imparting the daintiest of touches. The three-legged stool and milk pail are necessary accessories, the latter carried on the head, which is picturesquely tied up in a silk handkerchief, the ends knotted under the chin.