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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

England Wants Thibet.

England wants Thibet, though it is almost as fertile and quite as cold as the top of Pike's peak.

Humanitarian Methods.

Deer in Maine are now shot by permission of the game commission with a bullet made of flour paste, soluble glue and morphine. It only stupefies them so they can be captured alive.

Full Attendance.

An educated dog conducted the lesson in a Chicago Sunday school last Sunday, and must have accomplished something no superintendent was ever able to do—secured the entire attention of the school.

Possibilities of Trinity River.

Army engineers report that Trinity river, Tex., can be opened to navigation the year round throughout its length of 511 miles by an expenditure of \$4,000,000. Let the good work of investigating the waterways go on.

Those Revolutionary Foreigners.

San Domingo has applied for recognition at Washington. These revolutionary foreigners seem to be possessed of the idea that Secretary Hay has nothing to do but stand in front of the capitol and introduce new republics.

The Limit Reached.

Before Senator Newlands' bill for the admission of Cuba to the union as a state goes any farther, let it be amended that the admission take place after Cuba has had adequate public schools for 15 years. This country has all the illiterate voters it can stand.

A Queer Contradiction.

The defiant manner in which Tom Horn, Indian scout and fighter, met his death on the scaffold shows there are other motives besides conscious rectitude that enable men to face death with composure. This desperado thought as much of earning the plaudits of his companions by not losing his nerve as a Christian martyr would of dying for a principle. Human nature is a queer compound.

Increase of Number Killed.

The railroads of the United States killed 3,554 persons and injured 45,977 in the year ended June 30, 1903. The total number of accidents, 49,531, cost the railroads \$9,593,977 property loss, as compared with \$7,645,406 for the previous year. The increase in the number killed was 735 and in the number injured, 6,179. These facts are shown in a bulletin just issued by the interstate commerce commission.

What About Uncle Mark?

According to Harper's Weekly, it virtually lies with five United States senators—Mr. Platt, of New York; Mr. Quay, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Cullom, of Illinois; Mr. Allison, of Iowa and Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin—to say at the last moment whether Roosevelt or Hanna shall be put forward as the standard bearer of the republican party. To the uninitiated it might also appear that a sixth senator would have to be taken into account and his name is Marcus A. Hanna.

Pauperization of Heirs.

A man recently died leaving about \$7,000,000 to Harvard outright and less than \$2,500 a year to his children. Harvard has no objection, but the children are yet to be heard from. Some people advocate a law forbidding any institutions to receive more than a fixed per centage of any man's fortune and giving his legal heirs a ratable lien on the rest. This is not exactly feasible, but public opinion should suffice to prevent institutions from prospering by the pauperization of heirs.

Wonderful Gunners.

Did you ever try to shoot at a mark three-quarters of a mile away? If you have you will know that a bull's eye four feet across looks like a fly speck—provided your eyes are good enough to see it at all. Well, on the battleship Indiana the other day with the six-inch rapid firing guns an average of 75 per cent. of hits was made at a range of from 1,400 to 2,600 yards. With the eight-inch guns the score was 87.5 per cent., the firing in both cases being at a rapid rate.

PAID FOR BONDS.

It Was Farm Products That Pulled Trade Balance on Right Side.

Secretary Wilson Gives Some Impressive Figures Showing the Magnitude of the Agriculture of the United States.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The seventh annual report of the present secretary of agriculture has been submitted to the president. Secretary Wilson reviews at length the production and exports of American agricultural products. The increase in the exports of farm products for the half century ended 1901 was from \$147,000,000 to \$952,000,000—550 per cent. The exports of farm products for the closing decade of the last century was over \$700,000,000, and for 1903 over \$875,000,000, an amount second only to that of 1901.

Although the consumption of cotton in this country is greater than that of any other country in the world, yet, in addition to supplying the home market, the south exported last year over 3,500,000,000 pounds of cotton, worth \$317,000,000.

Of grain and products, the export exceeded in value \$221,000,000, and in the supply of animals, meats and meat products, the value of exportation was \$211,000,000.

Discussing the balance of trade, the secretary shows that the favorable balance to the credit of this country is due entirely to the farmers. The balance of trade in favor of farm products during the last 14 years, no year excepted, aggregated \$4,806,000,000. In products other than those of the farm, during the same period, the balance of trade was adverse to this country to the extent of \$865,000,000. Our farmers not only canceled this immense obligation, but placed \$3,940,000,000 to the credit of the nation when the books of international exchange were balanced. He concludes that "it is the farmers who have paid the foreign bondholders."

Reviewing the magnitude of agricultural production, after giving the figures of the most important crops, Mr. Wilson states that the value of all farm products, not fed to live stock, for 1903 considerably exceed their value in the census year, when it was given as \$3,742,000,000.

According to the department's inventory of farm animals for January 1, 1903, the value of horses was over \$1,000,000,000, and of mules nearly \$200,000,000. The value of cattle of all kinds considerably exceeded \$1,300,000,000, of sheep \$168,000,000, and of hogs \$365,000,000.

Secretary Wilson reports a satisfactory development of the beet-sugar industry. In 1896, 29,220 tons of sugar were made and a year ago 220,000 tons. Careful estimates put the present crop at about 260,000 tons. The growing of seed in the United States of a superior quality is assured. He concludes that the industry is now well established.

An increase of nearly 20,000 is shown in the number of places receiving forecasts by telephone without expense to the government, thus securing a rapid extension of weather information among progressive agriculturists.

DEAD IN AN EXPLOSION.

Near Carthage, Mo., Two Employees of Powder Plant Were Killed and Others Seriously Injured.

Carthage, Mo., Dec. 1.—A part of the Independent Powder company's plant known as the mix house, located five miles southwest of Carthage, blew up at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, instantly killing the two mixers, Lester Ridge and Bert Cobb, and seriously, if not fatally, injuring Joe Gabney, Elmer Bowers, Henry Sumner and Charles Newton. Ridge and Cobb recently came here from Emporium, Pa.

This is the fourth explosion at the Independent plant within a year. Three months ago four men were blown to pieces and five injured.

GEN. BROOKE TESTIFIES.

Former Governor of Cuba Says Gen. Wood Was Guilty of Insubordination While on Duty There.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Maj. Gen. Brooke, retired, former governor of Cuba, yesterday gave testimony before the senate committee on military affairs which charged insubordination against Gen. Wood. At the close of Gen. Brooke's testimony a member of the committee said that it is probable Gen. Wood will have to return from the Philippines and testify.

Crocker Wants Bryan Again.

London, Dec. 1.—At the conference between William Jennings Bryan and Richard Crocker in London Wednesday, Mr. Crocker strongly urged Mr. Bryan to strive for the democratic nomination for president again. He assured Mr. Bryan of his utmost support.

Brooklyn Academy of Music Burned.

New York, Dec. 1.—The historic Academy of Music, the largest theater in Brooklyn, was completely consumed yesterday by fire which is believed to have been caused by an explosion in the building. The loss was estimated at \$300,000.

BOODLING AT GRAND RAPIDS.

Ex-City Attorney Salsbury's Confession Creates a Tremendous Sensation Because of the Persons It Implicates.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 1.—The confession of ex-City Attorney Lant K. Salsbury, in regard to the notorious water scandal in this city, was told yesterday for the first time in court at the preliminary examination of State Senator David Burns, and it has created a tremendous sensation on account of the number of prominent persons it implicates, in addition to the 17 officials and former officials who were arrested on bribery charges ten days ago. Six separate water conspiracy deals were on in Grand Rapids at one time, according to Salsbury's sworn testimony, each gigantic in its size and all calling for the use of a boodle fund.

ANOTHER COUNCIL COMBINE?

Grand Jury at St. Louis Inquiring into Methods of Granting Franchises by the House of Delegates.

St. Louis, Dec. 1.—The grand jury has summoned Andrew Gazzolo, speaker and a number of other members of the house of delegates, for the purpose of investigating the methods involved in the granting of franchises by the present house. Fifteen members of the present house of delegates, it is alleged, are members of a combine organized to control the proceedings of that body.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW UPHELD.

United States Supreme Court Passes on the Kansas Statute Relating to Public Work.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The United States supreme court has affirmed the constitutionality of the eight-hour law of the state of Kansas regulating labor on public works. Justice Harlan said in handing down the opinion of the court that if the statute is mischievous the responsibility rests with the legislators and not with the courts.

Wants to Go to Congress.

St. Louis, Dec. 1.—In a letter received yesterday from Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt by Miss Zoe Akins, daughter of the chairman of the republican state central committee, Mrs. Leavitt announced that her artist husband, William Homer Leavitt, has decided to remain at Humansville, Mo., where the couple have been guests since their marriage, and next year seek the republican nomination for congress in the Seventh district.

Pardoned Through Alice Roosevelt.

New York, Dec. 1.—In obtaining the pardon of "George Galbert," a convict, who in reality is George Caldwell, a member of a prominent Kentucky family, President Roosevelt for the fourth time has used his influence to aid the Caldwell family. His friendship for the Caldwells and their relatives is said to be due to the influence of his daughter Alice, who is a friend of Katharine Caldwell, sister of George.

Two Students' Lives Lost in a Fire.

Webster City, Ia., Dec. 1.—At an early hour yesterday morning the main building of the Jewell Lutheran college burned to the ground. Two students are dead as a result. The loss will be \$25,000. The dead are: Burton Melang, of Williams, Ia., and Julius Peterson, of Redwing, Minn. The fire was not discovered until the blaze was well under headway. The building is outside of the fire limits.

A General Snow in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 1.—The first general snow of the year visited Kansas yesterday. Last night snow was falling throughout the eastern and central portions of the state and the temperature was getting lower. The wheat, which was in excellent condition, is now covered with snow and can withstand any cold weather that may come.

List of Football Casualties.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Nineteen lives were lost on the gridiron during the season of 1903. One boy was driven insane from injuries. Thirteen players were severely injured, some of them being disabled for life. The number of minor but painful accidents goes into the hundreds and the list of the severely injured necessarily also is incomplete.

Editor Howe for Congress.

Atchison, Kan., Dec. 1.—It is believed that E. W. Howe, editor of the Atchison Globe, will enter the First district race for congress against Charles Curtis. Howe has never been known as a republican.

Acquits Oklahoma Editor.

Cordell, Ok., Dec. 1.—After being out 18 hours, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Editor White, of the Cordell Beacon, charged with murdering James Johnson.

Many Horses and Mules Burned.

Warrensburg, Mo., Dec. 1.—Shock's livery barn, 29 horses and 42 mules burned here. Snoddy's machine shop and the M. E. (south) parsonage, also burned.

Oklahoma Milliner Kills Herself.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 1.—From Leger is reported the suicide by shooting of Miss Vera Plummer, aged 23, employed as a milliner in Leger.

OFFER A FREE SITE.

Colombians Ready Now to Make Generous Canal Terms.

Gen. Reyes in Washington and Says His People Are Afire with Zeal for the United States to Build the Waterway.

Washington, Nov. 29.—That the republic of Colombia grant to the United States all the canal concessions provided for in the Hay-Herran treaty, but absolutely free of cost, is the proposition which Gen. Rafael Reyes, envoy of Colombia to the United States on a special mission, brings for the consideration of the officials at Washington. Gen. Reyes arrived Saturday. He said: "You will readily admit the propriety of my refraining from discussing my mission which is of a confidential character, but of the offers which Colombia is ready to make I desire to say that my energies and those of my followers will be devoted to the granting of the canal concessions to the United States without the payment of a cent. Even at this Colombia will be the gainer."

"You can further say," continued the general, "that all Colombia is afire with zeal for building of the canal by the United States and that the unfortunate political troubles which were the sole cause of the treaty's death before the Colombian congress have entirely disappeared. We want the canal and I have come to Washington to see what the people of the United States are prepared to accept. I come with instruction from the president of Colombia direct. Feeling is running high and there is indignation over the events on the isthmus. We can and will put down the rebellion if not interfered with from the outside. So tense is the feeling and so national the spirit of determination to bring the isthmus back into the republic that President Marroquin will have no trouble in raising an army twice the size necessary to put down the disturbance. Such an army can march overland to the isthmus, the opinion of ill-advised persons to the contrary notwithstanding."

AVENGED DEEP WRONG.

Frank T. Dunton, of Sedalia, Mo., Shot Down the Betrayer and Murderer of His Daughter.

Sedalia, Mo., Nov. 30.—Frank T. Dunton shot and killed Emil Meyers here yesterday afternoon. In August last Dunton's daughter committed suicide, leaving a note charging Emil Meyers with her betrayal. The father was not at home and did not return until Saturday night. Yesterday morning he interviewed two women who knew of Meyers' relations to his dead daughter, went to the church of the minister who preached her funeral sermon, went home to dinner and then walked to Meyers' home, called him out and told him that he wanted to hear his side of the story of the girl's death. Meyers got mad and made a threat and Dunton shot him three times.

TROOPS ARE NOT NEEDED.

Gen. Bates, After Investigating Labor Troubles in Colorado, Will Return to His Station at Chicago.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The adjutant general has received a telegram from Maj. Gen. Bates, commanding the Department of the Lakes, saying that he has completed his investigation of the labor troubles in Colorado and that he was about to return to his regular station in Chicago. He said that in his judgment there was nothing in the present situation to call for the use of federal troops.

Relief Map of Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 29.—Kansas City will have as its central feature in its building at the St. Louis fair a topographical relief map of itself. It will show every hill and hollow, every bluff and ravine, the rivers, streets, railroads, trolleys and so on. The parks and boulevards will be blocked out in colors, as will the thoroughfares, and the undulating surface of the map will be colored to represent brick, stone and frame buildings, bridges, warehouses and so on.

The Will of Ex-Gov. Drake.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 30.—The last will and testament of the late Gen. Francis M. Drake, ex-governor of Iowa, was produced here yesterday by the Des Moines consistory, of which he was a member. He leaves all his property to his six children, with the exception of \$50,000, which he bequeaths to Drake university, of Des Moines.

Gov. Dockery Appoints a Judge.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 30.—Gov. Dockery has announced the appointment of Alexander H. Waller, of Moberly, as judge of the Ninth judicial circuit of Missouri, to fill the vacancy by the recent death of Judge John A. Hoekaday, of Fulton, Mo., who died recently in St. Louis.

Fire at Neosho Rapids, Kan.

Neosho Rapids, Kan., Nov. 29.—Three buildings, the post office, butcher shop and a general store, burned last night. It is thought the fire was incendiary.

CURIOUS FOOD COMPOUND.

Old Bones, Alum, Flint and Sulphuric Acid for Raising Bread.

Housekeepers have recently been solicited by some of the grocers and by peddlers to try another kind of baking powder—"cheaper and just as good," as they say. This is another scheme of some baking powder manufacturer to get a new brand on the market by offering the grocer a large profit. Housekeepers are not usually much benefited by such changes. Alum baking powders are generally low priced, but they are well known to be detrimental to health. Large quantities of one of them were recently seized in New York, being found to be largely composed of sharp-pointed grains of ground flint and sulphuric acid!

Most of the so-called phosphate powders are mixed with alum. The manufacturer of a phosphate powder has patented the process of making the principal ingredient of his powder from bones digested with sulphuric acid.

Housekeepers do not want such mixtures in their food. They should never encourage peddlers nor admit testers or alleged experimenters in food within their doors, and when buying baking powder should get a brand well known to be made of cream of tartar, which is a healthful product of the grape.

SYNDICATE DINNERS NOW.

Instituted by Young Society Matrons of Philadelphia—Each Guest Selects and Contributes a Course.

A young society matron of Philadelphia has instituted a novel sort of dinner. Ten young women have formed themselves into a sort of club, the mission of which is to give a very elaborate dinner once a month. The dinners are held at the different members' houses, but the hostess provides the servants and the flowers only. The novelty of the club is in the way the food is provided.

Each girl is intrusted with one course of the menu. It is her duty to decide what it shall be and arrange with the cook as to how she wishes it to be served. When all the guests are seated at the table, the butler announces every course by the title of the young woman who ordered and paid for it. There are charming little menus, too, on which is written "Soup a la Marie Wharton," "Roti a la Edith Burden," etc., which show who was responsible for every course.

The interest that is shown in the preparation and eating of these club dinners is very striking. Each girl tries to make her course the best and most popular, and in the evening votes are cast as to which was the most successful course.

Britons Smoking Less.

Figures published by a British tobacco journal show a striking falling off in the importation to that country of foreign cigars and American and Egyptian cigarettes. His has been set off by only a comparatively small rise in the imports of unmanufactured leaf, and there is little or no evidence to show that the British cigars are growing in popularity, the trade paper comes to this conclusion that the people of this country at present are smoking less.



Miss Whittaker, a prominent club woman of Savannah, Ga., tells how she was entirely cured of ovarian troubles by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I heartily recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as a Uterine Tonic and Regulator. I suffered for four years with irregularities and Uterine troubles. No one but those who have experienced this dreadful agony can form any idea of the physical and mental misery those endure who are thus afflicted. Your Vegetable Compound cured me within three months. I was fully restored to health and strength, and now my periods are regular and painless. What a blessing it is to be able to obtain such a remedy when so many doctors fail to help you. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is better than any doctor or medicine I ever had. Very truly yours, Miss EASY WHITTAKER, 604 29th St., W. Savannah, Ga.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced. The testimonials which we are constantly publishing from grateful women prove beyond a doubt the power of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to conquer female diseases.