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THIS WONDER AGE.

The other day a man spoke in Virginia, and his voice was heard in far away Hawaii. And it carried over that distance without visible means of support; no wires or cables needed to cover the thousands of miles of land and sea. It was a new application of the wonder of wireless, and the story was first paged and men marveled for a minute that this might be. Yet it didn't create the furor which might have stirred the world at an earlier age. When gun powder was invented, it upset the established order of warfare, and through that the very system was quite awhile ago. Yet it was the last century and this one which have seen the great strides in science and invention. This is the real wonder age. The telegraph, telephone, wireless, aeroplane, typewriter, harvester, submarine, trolley car and many other marvels of the time came into being in the memory of men still living, some in very recent years, and the railroads, and the steamboats are comparatively new. Hence, it is easily demonstrated that this is the wonder age of all times, but the common becomes commonplace, and men no longer marvel long at this or that impossible achievement.

But what has been is at least preparatory to what may be. Man's ingenuity certainly hasn't approached its limit, as new inventions every day are evidence. Some of them, of course, are unimportant, and some correct in theory fail to amount to much in practice, but no one knows what day may see more really revolutionary device. But this much is certain: so familiar has man become with wonders which were undreamed of a century ago, or even a decade, that he will accept the new creation as a matter of course, and nearly wonder in a little while how the world managed to get along without it for so many thousand years. Still, if the childlike gift of wonder is passing, this is still a great age in which to live. So much has been done to contribute to our creature comfort that the average man now knows a life of luxury surpassing that of princes and potentates of old. That is just another wonder among the many of this somewhat glorious present.

A phool is a man who hears something on the curbstone and then spreads it for the truth.

If you have more common sense than you had this time last year you are making fair progress.

It is indeed no snap to be an American ambassador these days. Every one in Europe is representing from five to a dozen countries.

We may not be able to persuade the automobilists to stop at railroad crossings for their own safety, but they should reflect how disorderly it is to litter up the neighborhood with human limbs and automobile scraps.

You may not be able to stir a boy's ambition by telling him he might become a banker or a manufacturer. But just try telling him that if he would fit himself for newspaper work he might get a chance to report the football games.

Thanksgiving proclamations will soon be in order and the American people will have plenty to be thankful for. The day should be celebrated in a manner befitting the existing conditions. Over in Europe, of course, they will not be able to eat turkey or follow the usual mode of giving thanks. The monarchs are not yet ready to lay down their arms and restore peace and happiness to the people.

A real sport never yells a "frame-up."

The secret of success is one that no woman can tell.

Gold ships are convoyed. Passengers should make it a point to take passage on gold ships.

Sometimes it seems there is no romance in attending to one's own business. At least there are some in this city who think so.

It is not unlikely that some day, not far distant, guns will be mounted that are capable of reaching aircraft from the ground and pulling them down.

Next year will not only be the year for candidates to come around, but it is also the year for some fellows to put themselves in position to be "influenced."

Mr. Churchill has been reduced about as much as possible. If the English wish to show further disregard for him, they might burn him in effigy.

It is pretty near time that some congressional aspirants on the democratic ticket were waking up. Remember, the early bird story will have something to do with success. If you want to be a candidate speak up boldly and bravely.

DISCOVERING THE WEST.

Large space is still given in the city and country press in the eastern states to the stories of those who ventured to explore the regions west of the Missouri river during the late summer. Their experiences were so startling that they can talk of nothing else. They seem to think that they are original discoverers of the western side of North America. The rich formerly toured Europe every summer, who had a lodge in the Adirondacks, a cottage at Newport or Bar Harbor, an old castle among the Thousand Islands, a hunting preserve in North Carolina, a model farm up Winchester way, a villa in Florida, a private yacht landing at Long Island, a magnificent residence on upper Fifth Avenue, and who could never stay more than a few days at any one of their places during the year, felt the loss of Europe and some of them actually started out to see the "west."

According to the stories printed in the eastern papers they were astounded when crossing state lines, it was so different from passing from one little European country to another. They say:

"When you cross the boundaries from one state to another state you do not have to bribe the train hands to take your trunks off the train and pile them in a custom house, and then bribe a lot of frowsy, whiskered bandits to pass your baggage, and then bribe a couple of porters to reload your baggage back upon the train; and then, in order to be on the safe side and to avoid complication, bribe everyone else in sight. Nothing of the sort occurs! The train crosses the state line without any excitement whatsoever. Unless there happens to be a station there it does not stop at all."

They declared that "when one comes to a mountain, lake, canyon, geyser or other place of great natural beauty, you find no bad restaurants are scattered about; no booths for the sale of souvenirs and postcards; no clamorous mendicants; no importuning guides; no vociferous cab drivers; no greedy custodians; no insatiable caretakers waiting to be tipped. You may go for days and days without being pestered or muled, or cheated or mistreated, or called hard names in foreign languages. In their quaint, crude unspiciness these people expect payment only for what they deliver, and no more than fair payment for that. It certainly is not in the least like Europe."

It is probable that a great many books will be written about these wonderful discoveries, and they will be more reliable than the tales of the discovery of the River of Doubt.—World-Herald.

BRITISH CABINET CRISIS.

The crisis in the British cabinet is a matter more serious than the mere resignation of Sir Edward Carson as attorney general. While the English papers speak regretfully of his retirement, that would not be a calamitous event by itself. Men have marveled at his ever being made a member of the cabinet in the first place. After his "Ulster revolution" prison would have been a more natural place for him. But there are indications that there is much dissension in the cabinet. The campaign in the Dardanelles, the handling of the Balkan situation, the prospects of conscription, the Anglo-French loan and the relief of Serbia are subjects of more or less animated controversy. Some of these were doubtless responsible for the retirement of M. Delcasse as French minister of foreign affairs.

The removal of Sir Ian Hamilton from command in the Dardanelles campaign does not mean abandonment of that theater of the war. It might have a salutary effect on Greece and Rumania to hint at abandonment, but Russia would not regard such desertion kindly. It was to help Russia that the expensive and so far luckless venture was undertaken. Serbia is in sore need. French and British troops are being hurried by rail and by forced marching through Greece. Italy is clamoring for aid in getting troops to Serbia. Each ally has its own conception of what is the most important theater of the war. Russia wants the Turks, Germans and Austrians kept away from the Caucasus. France cannot forget that Germans are still on its soil. Italy must hold the mountain passes. Serbia is fighting for its life. Great Britain must guard against invasion. It is not strange that there should be friction. The illness of Premier Asquith, however, instead of making matters more acute, may keep the cabinet together. The members may feel a greater obligation to subordinate their personal views because of the increasing serious situation. But the break will be merely postponed, for the differences are irreconcilable.

Wheat and hogs show a decline in prices.

This is the only country now that can sell supplies on time.

Italy may have to soak its paintings to get a \$25,000,000 credit.

If you would avoid a second lesson, heed the teachings of adversity.

The jitney car may eventually disappear, but not the jitney man.

More gold is arriving in New York City than the assay office employees can handle.

Mr. Marshall is wondering whether the president has promised his fiancée to drop "his only vice."

Some people doubt the existence of a hereafter, but they will be sure to recognize the brand when they get there.

These stock market tips benevolently urging people to buy and enrich themselves, are frequently a sign that someone has something he wants to sell.

Bulgaria is now almost in the same position that Belgium was in the early stages of the war—she is the fighting ground for two big antagonists. Pity poor Bulgaria.

At present the Vicksburg Daily Citizen of July 4, 1863, and the Ulster County Gazette, containing the account of the death of George Washington are neck and neck, with presses still running to supply the demand.

President Wilson proclaims Thursday, November 25, as the day in which all those who are able can eat turkey and return thanks, and those who are not can perhaps eat duck, rabbit, or any other old thing they can get hold of, and no doubt feel thankful they are lucky enough in doing that.

Good-bye, Billy. Come again, when you need another stake.

How far back is "the other day," pray tell us?

Some men can stand suspense better than they can stand work.

A large majority of men have a great deal more ambition than ability.

Coal smoke doth not an Indian summer make. Indian summer brings its own haze.

Did it ever occur to you that the flimflammers easiest mark is an old tight-wad?

It now appears that Carranza is the man of the hour in Mexico. But how many hours?

The money given Billy Sunday would feed a whole lot of poor people in Omaha this winter.

Just about the time a fellow captures the fruit of his labor he finds the darned banana is rotten.

The supreme court has declared against J. A. Lee in his libel suit against the Omaha Daily News.

The college sophomores don't bother the freshman any more, as it takes all their time to haze the professors.

While the New Jersey suffragists were campaigning all the night before election, the antis seem to have gotten a good sleep so they could work at the polls election day.

A Kentucky suffragette says when women have the ballot married men will not be allowed down town after dark. Will bachelors have to support the entire burden of night life?

In times past when the people of this country were looking for the sensational in politics, they turned their faces toward Kansas for a Mary "Yelling" Lease, a Carrie Nation or a Sockless Jerry Simpson. About all we now have is an occasional "stir-up" by Teddy.

FREE STATE FAIRS.

There seems to be no dissent from the proclaimed fact that Kansas made a distinct success of her experiment in giving a state fair without charging admission at the gates. Agricultural publications all over the land are lauding the success of the experiment, and Samuel E. Lux, president and manager of the fair, declares that it will be less than ten years until every one of the great fairs will be free.

If that be true, doubtless managers of these great educational institutions are everywhere thinking out the possibilities and prospects of this plan.

Under the Kansas plan Shawnee county, in which the Kansas state fair is held at Topeka, levied a quarter of a mill tax, which raised a fund of \$23,000, and the state contributed \$5,000. This gave \$28,000 for use as premiums. The races are self-sustaining, and in the cattle, horse, swine and poultry departments the stall rentals and exhibitors' permits paid the salaries and expenses of the judges and superintendents and the departments. The other expenses of the free fair were taken care of by funds derived from concessions, and they yielded enough to enable the management to pay out \$45,000 in prizes and stakes.

Although Kansas encountered rainy weather for its fair, the total attendance reached more than 175,000. This is about 5,000 less than the total paid attendance at the Nebraska fair.

If we were to take away the funds derived from the gate charge for so large a crowd, it would leave our Nebraska fair hopelessly bankrupt. Not even \$23,000 contribution from the county and \$5,000 from the state would refill the gap. What they might lack of doing so would necessarily have to come out of exhibitors and concessionaires.—Lincoln Star.

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AUSTRALIANS ARE SAID TO LACK RESPECT

Troops of British Dependency in Egypt Are Accused of Lack of Discipline.

WOULD LIKE THEM SENT BACK

Rotterdam, Oct. 23.—A correspondent of the "New Rotterdam Courant," a paper with pro-British tendencies, writes from Cairo:

"The Australian troops brought to Egypt are making far more trouble for the British authorities than all of the pro-Turkish Mohammedan natives. The Australians are splendid soldiers, men of great physical strength and absolutely fearless, but their utter lack of discipline makes them undesirable, if not actually dangerous. Their behavior is so bad that the English soldiers have been forbidden to associate with them. This may be accounted for by the fact that many of them are descended from criminals who were deported to Australia when this far-off continent was still an English penal colony.

"The Australians have no respect for their officers, refuse to drill when they do not feel like it, and spend most of their time drinking and carousing in the low sections of Cairo and the other cities in which they are stationed. Repeatedly they have started to plunder and they even burned down some of the disorderly houses that are frequented by them.

Terrorize Natives. "The population is terrorized by the antics of these undisciplined anti-peasant soldiers and influential native circles have requested their removal from Egypt. Recently two battalions

were sent to Gallipoli and this almost caused mutiny. Some of the men of the transferred battalions protested vehemently and started a riot when their objections were fruitless. Two full regiments were to be sent to Sedd-ul-Behr and Avi-Burnu, but this plan had to be given up, as more serious mutinies were feared.

"The Australians will stay in Egypt as long as it suits them, but the British authorities will gladly accommodate them if they get tired of war and demand to be sent home."

The newspaper states that the article was passed by the British censor with but one or two slight alterations.

FIRE COMMISSIONER RIDGELL ON FIRE PREVENTION

Shows How the People Can Save Money by Being More Careful.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 24.—Citizens of the state can perform a patriotic duty, and at the same time prevent drains upon their pocketbooks by giving the matter of fire prevention a little thought now and then. By so doing the saving can be driven up to from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 a year, in the opinion of Fire Commissioner Ridgell.

In calling attention to the state Friday, November 1, a day which will be observed in the schools of the state, the fire commissioner says that two-thirds of the \$2,000,000 annual fire loss in the state could be prevented.

In making suggestions for observance of Fire day by citizens generally, the commissioner asks for the wholesale inspection of buildings and their surroundings, for the detection of waste or materials which aid the fire demon in his destruction. He suggests co-operative activity between city officials, women's clubs and all civic organizations

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