

The Weekly Independent

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

The Canadians who seized the American tug Telephone would better ring off.

Since the massacres in China the lives of vegetarians are not so long as those of meat eaters.

It is reported that the Comte de Castellane is losing his millions on the bourse. Who said poetic justice was a myth?

The blending of Blenheim with the house that Vanderbilt makes a bit of architecture of which no American is proud.

Russia is evidently bent upon striking out at England, even though it has to be done over the shoulder of Japan or Venezuela.

"Holmes can only be hanged once," says Chicago Tribune. But is there not some punishment for thus murdering the language?

Adrian Constantine Anson, the hero of many a home run, is now appearing in a drama especially built for himself. Clear the way for Capt. Anse.

Corbett announces with a flourish that he has fought his last fight. He will now go right on delivering uppercuts and cross-counters to the American drama.

A struggle between Russia and England for supremacy in China would mean a big boom to the publishers. Such a war would be bound to make many changes in the map world.

When a Pennsylvania married man and a Pennsylvania married woman, each nearly three-score and with large families of children, clope, let us hear no more of the follies of lovers young. Undoubtedly American children will have to look more after their parents. The indiscretions of age are becoming painfully numerous in all parts of the country.

No one could have more clearly or specifically shewn the deplorable condition of affairs in Cuba than did Capt. Z. B. Graham in the address which he read before the Loyal Legion. It would be a weak and degenerate people indeed who did not rebel against such grinding tyranny, and the spirit of true Americanism would be dead did it not sympathize with those struggling to throw off the Spanish yoke.

Miss Annie Redman claims that John Schug, of Berne, Ill., courted her for two and a half years, made her many presents of value, and wrote numerous letters in which he promised to make her his wife, but in July his ardor cooled and in September he wrote her that their relations were at an end. She remonstrated, but to no purpose, and now she has sued him for \$5,000. Queer, isn't it, how some love affairs turn out?

In New York there are cooking schools for men and in several parts of Pennsylvania the former heads of the families are compelled to remain at home and keep the children in line while the mothers attend church. If the new woman keeps right straight on and the lords of creation do nothing but whine their discontent she will soon be looking after everything except the babies and the rest of the household drudgery.

A man in Ohio, who had a grudge against the postmaster in his town, drank whisky and ate onions and then asked for his mail. The postmaster refused to wait on the breathing censor and the man complained to the powers that be. After a careful investigation the inspector decided that the postmaster was justified in his stand. Much interest is now felt as to what action the postal authorities would advise regarding a customer who takes his onions straight.

From Leeds, England, come samples of a species of cloth, and also a sort of cotton, made wholly out of wood fibre, these two woven pieces having all the appearance of attractive articles of their own kind, says an exchange. Both these novel textile fabrics are the result of probing experiments with pine wood and spruce, which have been ingeniously torn to pieces in the first instance and bleached by an elaborate chemical process. After chemical treatment in many ways the wood became a soft white pulp, which is run through perforated plates, the resulting threads being dried by a steaming process. These threads can be woven, and the material is susceptible of taking readily any sort of dye. The fabric can be made at an astonishingly cheap cost; it looks well, and has a certain amount of strength (experiments in this connection are now being carried out), and its appearance on the market, especially in the form of imitation cutlery.

A Chicago argument boasts of a sterilized beer which "nurs" but does not imbriate. The distinction as here made appears suggestive of few sales and small profits. The average beer drinker however for the extreme action and will depend upon the cunning alchemy of time to do the sterilizing.

The indignation of a New Yorker on having to pay duty on antiques made within the past ten years is peculiarly justified. Such a duty hurts the foreign antique makers and it damages the feelings of the American virtuosa.

Talmage in Washington.

Still Interested in New York Affairs—Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars for Charities—What He Thinks of Certain Books.

Everybody knows that the illustrious divine, who made the Brooklyn Tabernacle famous throughout the world, has recently been called to a pastorate in Washington. His church is the First Presbyterian church of that city, and



Dr. Talmage

while in former years a very prominent institution, it latterly had been favored with but small audiences, composed principally of men and women who remained loyal to the old church even though now surrounded largely by business houses. A marvelous change, however, has suddenly come over this time-honored landmark, and to-day the First Presbyterian church of Washington, owing to the wondrous eloquence of its newly installed pastor, is every Sunday besieged by multitudes, many of whom stand there frequently hours in advance of the opening of the service in hopes of being able to wedge their way in somehow or other, and to listen to the matchless eloquence of America's foremost pulpit orator.

People all over the country are wondering whether Dr. Talmage, in moving to the National Capital, and in exchanging his Brooklyn residence for a house in Washington, has actually divorced himself from all connection with the east. Dr. Talmage was recently interviewed on this subject by a reporter of this paper, and the reverend gentleman said that as long as his editorial chair had two legs in New York and two legs in Washington he could never be considered as having severed all his connections with the metropolis. "The Christian Herald," he said, "with its wide circulation, is a tremendous power for good," and as long as the Lord gave him health and strength he would write for that paper—in fact, he would be in his editorial chair at the Bible House more frequently now than ever. Continuing, the genial preacher said: "There is no paper in America that wields a more potent influence for good than The Christian Herald, with a circulation of nearly two hundred thousand copies weekly. Nothing but death shall separate me from it. Dr. Klopsch, its proprietor, is a man of extraordinary enterprise. This year besides printing The Christian Herald every week in beautiful colors, a veritable enchantment for the eye, he offers as a premium a complete library, consisting of ten splendid volumes, full of interest and full of entertainment, with an elegant bookcase, delivered free of all expense, together with the paper itself, fifty-two times, for the moderate sum of \$2. Hereafter let no home in America be without a library.

I asked Dr. Talmage whether he could recommend the library to people who contemplated securing it, and he said unhesitatingly, "I know every book. They were carefully and thoughtfully prepared, either specially written or compiled by most eminent literary men, and there is not a weakling among them."

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Just then Miss Talmage came in to call her distinguished father to dinner, and the interview ended.

Remember the address, 888 to 895 Bible House, New York City.

Deserve It. The editor of the Spirit-town Blizzard, as a sudden inspiration came over him, "in our sanctum, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 3 p. m. last Tuesday, of sticky paper, 1,227 Bies. Their death has caused a gloom over the whole community." The next day thirteen of the most reputable citizens of Spirit-town went to the Blizzard office and ordered their papers stopped.

An Indiana man has fallen heir to \$10,000,000. It is feared that this will so boom the gold brick industry as to put the price beyond the reach of the average hoosier.

Little Practice in That Line.

A Chicago man in Lexington, soon after Garfield's death, was talking of the mangling of the surgeons, when one of the Kentuckians present remonstrated against the terrible treatment and its results. "Well, a Kentucky surgeon would have done no better," said the Chicagoan. "You are right, sah," replied the other. "Kentucky surgeons know nothing about treating wounds in the back, sah."

Professor Newcomb of the United States naval observatory at Washington has for his assistant a woman, Miss Hannah F. Mason, a graduate of Vassar.

THE SAME OLD GAME.

TURKEY SCHEMING TO DESTROY CONCORD.

False Reports About England Being Made to Russia and About Russia to England—The War's Washpits Said to Be Ready for Immediate Action.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 6.—During the past twenty-four hours there have been frequent cabinet councils at the palace and several exchanges of communications with the representatives of the powers, but no decision seems to have been arrived at by the porte on the subject of the firmans demanded by the powers for the passage of extra guardships through the Dardanelles. The dilatory policy of the palace people is continued, apparently in the hope that some hitch will occur which may put an end to the accord of the powers.

The ambassadors do not attempt to deny that the accord of Europe is liable to be disturbed at any moment and it is to attain this that the Turk is working assiduously, night and day, with all the skill and subtleties of Eastern diplomacy. Irritating rumors about the "real designs" of Great Britain are taken to the Russian embassy by the agents of the porte and annoying insinuations concerning the "ultimate aims" of Russia find their way, through the porte's agents, into the British embassy. In turn, the French ambassador hears sly reports about the doings of the German ambassador, and vice versa.

So the game continues, with the Turk still ahead in spite of the efforts of an apparently united Europe. The ambassadors have notified the Sultan that another change of ministry would in no way alter the determination of the powers to take any action they may think advisable. All of the Turkish ministers are guarded and all are in fear of their lives, not only dreading assassination at the hands of the Armenians, but standing in great apprehension of being summarily dealt with by the Sultan, who is known to be irritated beyond any previous degree at everything and everybody.

There are more rumors than usual in circulation to-day regarding the massing of Russian troops on the Turkish frontier and the gathering of a Russian fleet near the Bosphorus. Indeed, it has been reported that several war vessels have been sighted off the Black sea coast of Turkey and nobody would be surprised to see Russia's extra guardships steam into the Bosphorus at about the same time that Great Britain's extra gunboat passes the Dardanelles.

United States Minister Terrell has received a note from the porte that new and more rigorous orders had been sent to the Turkish officials in the disturbed districts to take every precaution necessary to protect all foreigners and their property and assuring him of the safety of the American missionaries at Caesarea.

A dispatch received here today from Marash says that the American missionaries there (the Rev. and Mrs. Lucius O. Lee, Miss Harriet A. Lovell, Mrs. Etta D. Marden and Miss Meda Hess) are safe and confirms the story that the mission buildings were attacked by the Turkish troops.

The situation at Bitlis causes renewed anxiety among the missionaries, as many alarming reports of rioting and bloodshed are in circulation. Efforts are being made to obtain accurate information on the subject.

REED'S CONTEST PROJECT

Two Committees Talked of to Push the Case Through.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Speaker Reed is considering a plan to divide the work on contested election cases by forming two election committees in the House. This plan, if adopted, would greatly facilitate the work of disposing of the contests before the House and would give to the contestants who may be found to be entitled to seats for which others now hold certificates their rights sooner than they might obtain them otherwise.

There are thirty-two contests on hand, and they will furnish much work for one committee. The business of this committee corresponds largely to that of a court, as it hears all the evidence in every case and then votes upon it and reports to the House.

It is said that the question of economy counts with Mr. Reed in the matter, for when a member is unseated the salary for the position during the time that the contest was pending is paid to both of the claimants, as well as the expenses of conducting the case before the committee.

The general opinion among the House Republicans appears to be that this Congress will be conservative in unseating the thirty-two members whose seats are contested. The Republican majority is so large that there is no need to strain a point in unseating anyone.

ANDREWS & CO. FAIL.

The Noted Chicago School Furniture Company Forced to the Wall.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—The sheriff to-day took possession of the school furniture store and factory of A. H. Andrews & Co. At 1:45 o'clock the company made an assignment in the county court to Frederick A. Halbrook, its secretary. The assets were given as between \$600,000 and \$800,000, and the liabilities between \$250,000 and \$100,000. The company employed 100 persons in the manufacture of its goods.

Havemeyer a Baron.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A cablegram was received in this city last night giving official notice of the resignation of Theodore Havemeyer, consul general of Austria in this city, three weeks ago, because of the pressure of his private business affairs, after holding the position for twenty-five years. The cablegram announced, further, that Mr. Havemeyer's successor, Franz Stueckinger, would present to Mr. Havemeyer a patent of nobility from the Emperor, Franz Josef, conferring the title of baron, already borne by him.

SPEAKS OUT FOR CUBA.

Senator Call of Florida Argues for Reel Recognition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—When the Senate met to-day Mr. Mills of Texas introduced a bill for the coinage of the silver in the treasury and Mr. Chandler of New Hampshire one for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 15 1/2 to 1 when England, Germany and France should pass similar laws.

Petitions from Florida for the recognition of Cuba and from the Legislature of Montana against further issues of bonds were presented.

A resolution offered by Mr. Call of Florida was adopted calling upon the Secretary of State for the correspondence relating to the case of General Sangulilly, an American citizen, sentenced to life imprisonment for alleged complicity in the Cuban revolution.

Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire introduced a resolution declaring that it was the sense of the Senate that it was unwise and inexpedient to retire the greenbacks.

Mr. Call then addressed the Senate in advocacy of his resolution for the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, and for strict neutrality by the United States in the war.

Mr. Call drew a graphic picture of the ruin, misgovernment and barbarous cruelty against which the Cubans were contending. He described the former revolutions and declared that the progress against tyranny made by the native Cubans who maintained that just government must derive its authority from the consent of the governed, entitled them to recognition as belligerents and the neutrality of other nations. He considered it an outrage that the United States should not hold out an encouraging hand to those who were struggling for independence. But, instead of speeding the Cubans on their course, he insisted that this government was actually retarding the revolution, was in fact furnishing aid to the Spanish tyrant. "This government," he said, emphatically, "is responsible for many of the outrages that have been committed. I do not mean to say that the president and his cabinet are responsible, but the attitude of this government, negatively, by not recognizing the revolutionists as belligerents in our ports and territory, is maintaining to-day the power of Spain on the island of Cuba."

In conclusion, Mr. Call described Cuba as the queen of the Antilles, the future center of a confederated republic, that would include all the islands of the West Indies, and called upon the committee on foreign affairs to consider his resolution in the spirit of the United States' forefathers and report it favorably at an early day.

Then at 1:30 the Senate went into executive session and after confirming ex-Senator Matt W. Ransom as minister to Mexico adjourned until Monday.

SENATE COMMITTEES.

Republicans and Democrats Figure on Rearrangement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The Republican Senators met in caucus immediately after the adjournment to-day, and Mr. Sherman, chairman of the caucus, announced the selection of the following committee to arrange the committees of the Senate: Mitchell of Oregon, Teller, Cullom, Quay, Platt, Chandler, Pettigrew, Gear and Pritchard. The committee was confirmed by the caucus, which then adjourned until the committee shall have selected the committees, when it will be called together to take action upon its arrangements.

The Democratic members also held a caucus, there being twenty-six senators present. The caucus decided upon the nomination of Senator Harris for president pro tem, in case the Republicans should decide to attempt to elect one of their number to this office. The caucus also authorized the chairman, Mr. Gorman, to appoint a steering committee to fill vacancies left by those who were not re-elected. This committee is to confer with the Republican committee on committees for the purpose of reaching an agreement as to the committees. There were several speeches on the policy of organization of the committees and all were favorable to permitting the Republicans to take them in case they should decide that they wished to do so. No opposition was developed to this plan. The six members of the old committee who are to constitute a part of the new committee are Messrs. Gorman, Gotchell, Harris, Blackburn, Bierce and Jones of Arkansas.

FITZ AND MAHER.

The Irishman's Manager Agrees to a Fight at El Paso.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Fitzsimmons and Maher are practically matched to fight for the heavyweight championship near El Paso, Tex., on February 12 or 13 next. John J. Quinn, Maher's manager, met Dan Stuart in New York this morning and they soon came to an agreement for a battle between Maher and Fitz for the \$20,000 purse, declined by the retired champion J. J. Corbett, and articles of agreement will be signed outside of the State of New York to avoid legal entanglements. A telegram was sent to Fitzsimmons asking if the date was satisfactory and Stuart expects an affirmative reply.

Addressed by Bayard.

LEXINGTON, Dec. 6.—A banquet was given in the Northern restaurant last night in aid of the pension fund of the Locomotive and Steam Engine men and Firemen's Friendly Society, at which 200 guests sat down. The United States ambassador, Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, presided and made a speech.

Reed Calls at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Speaker Reed was a conspicuous caller at the White House yesterday, and he had a short and pleasant interview with the President on general questions. There were quite a large number of other distinguished callers, including many new members of Congress, who desired to pay their respects to the Chief Executive.

Mrs. Catherine Dery of Monticello, Ill., has heard from her husband, when she supposed as dead for forty-six years. Meanwhile she had married and become a widow.

ANTARCTIC MYSTERIES.

A Region Where Summer Never Smiles and no Explorer Goes.

The Antarctic is a region of eternal winter and unmelting snow, where—so far as is known—not a single plant finds life within the circle and where never a living creature roams. The zoologist is not drawn to the southern circle as he is to the northern, and yet the attractions for him are great, because they have all the charms of the unknown. It is believed that only a few of the hardest birds build in a few of the sheltered corners of the Antarctic, but who knows?

Who can say that deep within those awful solitudes may not be revealed the mystery of the life of the fur seal when he vanishes from the waters of the North Pacific? Or that on some Antarctic continent or island may not be found the priceless remnant of the great auk tribe? We know not, at any rate, what riches or poverty may be there until we go to see. And nobody has yet gone to see—beyond the fringe.

It is a curious fact that no one has ever wintered within the Antarctic, many as have been the expeditions and ships' companies which, compulsorily or voluntarily, have wintered in the Arctic. There has been no need to do so for there has been no possible goal beyond, such as India, which first led our mariners into the Arctic; no scientific romance such as has characterized the quest for the northern pole.

And yet another thing differentiates the Arctic from the Antarctic. In the North there is—unless Dr. Nansen is grievously mistaken—a pole surrounded by water. In the South there is a pole surrounded by land—a polar basin as opposed to a polar continent. While the books and essays, the theories and journals, which have been published concerning the Arctic region, would fill a library, a handful of volumes contains all that has ever been printed of records in the Antarctic.

THE PROFESSOR'S CHICKENS.

His Knowledge of Poultry Farming Was Rather Limited.

This may not be new, but it was new to the reporter who overheard it on a Boston car, so it is likely that there are others who have never heard it. The young man who told it was evidently a collegian, as was his companion:

"I heard a good one on Professor —, of Andover," he said.

"What was it?" queried the other.

"Well, you know he was married during the winter and went to house-keeping just outside the village. Last spring he thought he would add a few hens to his stock; he already had a dog. He set a couple of hens, and in time had two large broods of chickens. He was very proud of them, but in a week or so the chickens began to die. He called in a neighbor to look at the chickens and offer advice. They were certainly a pretty scaly lot of chickens that the neighbor viewed. They were skinny looking and apparently without ambition.

"What did yer feed them?" asked the neighbor, after a brief survey.

"Feed them?" responded the professor, as though he didn't hear aright. "Why, I don't feed them anything. I thought the old hens had milk enough for them."

How They Got Skinned.

In one of his introductory lectures, in a recent semester, the late Professor Hyrtl addressed his hearers as follows: "Gentlemen, you must get possession of skulls. It is impossible to study anatomy unless you have skulls. Each of you must find means, any means, to get a skull." On the following morning he entered his auditorium with a sorrowful face. "Gentlemen," he began, "I fear some of you misunderstood me. You certainly have left no means untied to secure skulls. I noticed that my handsome collection was almost depleted this morning." The students had taken him at his word and induced the servants to divide out the skulls of Hyrtl, which formed one of the chief attractions to medical men in the famous teacher's house.

Ringless Curtain Pole.

In the ringless curtain pole made by an English firm there is an undercut groove in the under side of the pole, in which work a set of metal eyes, which hang out of the opening of the groove, and roll in it on small rollers working in the undercut portion of the groove. It is ingenious and simple, and certainly seems likely to work more smoothly than the ordinary curtain ring.

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