



IAMS' VILLIARS (44994). One of Iams' Wide-as-a-Wagon Black Percherons.

Our illustration is from the largest importing establishment of draft and coach horses in all Nebraska—"The Home of the Winners"—that of Frank Iams, St. Paul, Nebr.

Villiars (44994) is a black Percheron, three years old, wt. 2,680 lbs. He is wide-as-a-wagon kind, with two good ends and a middle—in fact he is as big when he lays down as when he stands up.) He is so wide that a wheelbarrow will pass between his front legs, and a four-foot door will barely let him back out through. He has a 14-inch clean, hard, flinty bone; he has big dashing style, and a very bold way of going. He is a steam engine in motion, and he moves like a whirlwind. He is royally bred, "approved and stamped" by the European government, as all of Iams' stallions are. Every certificate shows the brand of "free entry" from the United States custom officials. (And many stallions imported do not have this brand and are not full bloods, although they are registered in the Stud Books of Europe.

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News of the Week

Civilization in the Philippines seems to be advancing along the following course: The soldier, famine, pestilence, the franchise hunter, a new money standard and the banker. All of which, according to Teddy, is pure philanthropy.

A huge solar motor has been in actual operation at Boston for several weeks. Steam is generated by the concentration of the rays of the sun upon a boiler, by a system of powerful reflectors. A small saw-mill has been successfully worked. The French are using solar motors for irrigation purposes in Algeria. Perhaps some method may be invented to do away with the coal operators who cannot furnish enough coal to keep the people of the United States from freezing.

The law requiring candidates to file sworn statements of election expenses has been as everybody knows, considerable of a farce. It has, however, proved amusing in the case of some very conscientious men. One New York man, a candidate for a county office, in filing his statement including an item of fifty cents which he said he paid his wife for getting up five mornings and making the fire.

Lawyers of high standing are declaring that the destruction of the Venezuelan navy before war was declared was an act of piracy upon the high seas. If the Monroe doctrine does not cover piracy by European governments in American waters it needs amendment.

President Baer solemnly affirms that "the scarcity is not due to a combine holding up coal." Then please tell us what is the cause of it. Coal is scattered in unlimited quantities all over the United States. There are plenty of men willing to dig it out of the earth. There are railroads fully equipped to haul it to market. Why don't we have coal?

The second court-martial for the trial of Major Edwin F. Glenn assembled in Manila the other day. The formal charge against the major is that he unlawfully and wilfully killed seven prisoners of war to the preju-

dice of good order and military discipline and in violation of the 62d article of war. Generals Chaffee and Smith have both been summoned to appear as witnesses and must go all the way from the United States. A snip will be sent to Samar to bring other witnesses. This trial is likely to cost something and many months will elapse before a verdict will be rendered.

The horrors of child insurance with which the old world has had so much experience and which has been almost totally suppressed there, is in full swing in this country. That many hundred little babies and other children are murdered in this country to get the insurance cannot be doubted. It is worse than savagery to allow child insurance. American Medicine, published at Philadelphia, in an editorial article speaks of this inhuman business as follows: "According to report there are as many as 75 societies in one of our eastern cities operating under a law which requires no report to the commissioner of insurance, no surplus, and in which no age-limit is fixed. It is said that 240,000 children are insured in this city. Some companies issue policies on infants one month old. There is the most urgent need that legislatures should at once enact laws that will stop the abuses of child insurance. It is already hard enough for the innocents to live without putting a premium upon neglect and murder." It is only to be expected that a city that would allow corruption to exist to the extent that Philadelphia has, would also allow murder of innocent babes for the insurance placed upon them. No one should be astonished at any sort of crime committed in Quay's domain.

The dailies continue to talk about the reduction of the army and sneer at anti-imperialists, when every paper one takes up contains a government advertisement calling for enlistments. These calls for new recruits, while Teddy is reducing the army, makes the whole thing a little worse than a farce.

A most horrible famine is prevailing in Russia, especially in Finland, where no crops at all have been raised. In that portion of the empire, as well as in several other provinces, it is an-

nounced that there is not food enough to feed the people longer than until Christmas. Vegetation has so entirely disappeared in large districts that thousands of dead wild birds have been found that have starved to death.

Congress appropriated \$500,000 to enforce the anti-trust law, but it did not provide for the impeachment of the present attorney general, so there will nothing come of it.

Silver has been going up again a point at a time and at this writing it is 48 3/8. It will probably be at 50 in a few weeks. The scare that the sudden fall in price gave to manufacturers all over the world who sell goods to silver standard countries prompted the trust that fixes the price to call a halt. Instead of helping the gold idea to popularity, it had exactly the opposite effect. It was plainly seen that a further fall in the price of silver would ruin the oriental trade of all Europe and America.

The new tariff law enacted by Germany largely increases the duties—in fact in most cases doubles them—on all kinds of provisions. The high tariff men in this country in denouncing this action of Germany, which will seriously curtail our export trade, abandon the arguments that they use when they advocate a high tariff for this country. Then they say that "the foreigner pays the tax," but in this German case they say that the people of Germany have to pay it and not the foreigner. They declare that the increase of duties by the German government will add an average of \$27 per capita per year to the cost of living to every adult, and an average of \$18 per year to every child over 5 years of age in that empire, and that the working population will be reduced to a diet of black bread and beans. A tariff in this country, they say, works directly opposite to that and protects and enriches labor.

The Venezuela muddle has got to a point where Great Britain agrees to arbitration without any guarantee on the part of the United States, and Castro will abide by the decision and pay. Germany will arbitrate if the United States will guarantee the payment and specify the time when the money will be handed over. Italy will agree to anything that suits Eng-

land and Germany. France, which had made an agreement for arbitration before the war broke out, thinks she comes in as preferred creditor. The rest of the world has not been heard from. It is announced, unofficially, that President Roosevelt has agreed to accept the position of arbitrator.

One of New York's "400" last summer while playing golf got dissatisfied with his caddie and knocked one of the boy's eyes out with his golf stick. A jury recently rendered a verdict of \$6,000 damages which the dude golf player will have to hand over.

The anthracite investigation still proceeds and from what has occurred it is evident that there is going to be a divided report. Judge Gray, the chairman, is constantly making decisions and remarks that plainly show that his sympathies are with the operators. He refused to hear evidence concerning the extortionate railroad charges and as to who paid the lawyers who profess to appear for the scabs or non-union men.

Dr. Hillis came to Chicago from his Brooklyn church and delivered a sermon devoted to attacks on organized labor of the utmost bitterness. The most extreme positions ever taken by plutocracy in regard to the creation of wealth and its distribution were defended by him. Some of the most fervid mammon worshippers are to-day to be found in the high-priced pulpits.

It is said that the house committee on merchant marine will report a bill to suspend the coastwise navigation laws for thirty days. The effect of this would be to permit tramp steamers and other foreign vessels to engage in the coastwise commerce of carrying coal to Boston, New Haven and other ports where a fuel famine prevails. The navigation laws of the United States are about as barbaric as any set of statutes ever enacted and they were enacted by New England influence. It is a sort of poetic justice that that part of the country should so severely feel their effects that their representatives in congress are loudly calling for their suspension. Everybody in the east is demanding the repeal of the duty on coal, but your Uncle Mark says, "No. You must stand pat and let well enough alone."