

Man a Mite.
The psychological effect of such happenings as that at Martinique is really impressive. In the presence of the working of the earth's crust in that diabolical style everything else looks small. Even the mighty human race, with its ambitions and quarrels, which take up so large an amount of one's attention, tends to shrink to microscopic dimensions. The mind seems instinctively to see that just as there was an earth before the race came upon it, so there could easily be an earth here again without a single human being existing on its surface. The question of a spring bonnet or a summer suit, and the issues of "civilization" generally, can't stand the comparison with such dignity. Proud man simply has to go back somewhere and sit down.—Springfield Republican.

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An Explanation.
"You can't believe half that a man says when he is in love," said the young woman, reproachfully.
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POLITICS OF THE DAY

Trusts All-Powerful.
The trusts and corporations control the Republican leaders and those voters who want tariff revision are read out of the party. High trust prices and wage reduction prove protection does not insure prosperity.

The "Iowa Idea" has been overthrown in the state of its birth, as far as the Republican leaders can do so. At the state convention to elect delegates to the national convention the platform adopted was of the standard order, though there was a considerable objecting minority. The same tactics were employed as in the Republican state convention of Massachusetts, where Senator Lodge told those delegates who were demanding reciprocity with Canada that their piece was in the Democratic party. If the proportion of delegates in either of these conventions that favored tariff legislation are backed up by the same per cent of voters, there are more than enough to turn these strong Republican states over to the Democrats, if they elect to do so.

The business men of Massachusetts to the number of 30,000 are on record against the present tariff; some want reciprocity—the real thing—that will reduce the tariff wall between us and other countries and allow us to trade with them and in return trade with us. Others want free hides and free wool, and nearly all of them demand, like the Iowa farmers, that the tariff protection that allows the trusts to sell their products for enormous profits here and at a much lower price in other countries should be revised, so as to equalize the price here and there. The Democrats will welcome the aid of both the Iowa and Massachusetts Republicans who believe that the time has arrived to seriously take up tariff revision, for it is evident that the too much boasted advantages of the protective tariff are falling of their purpose—prosperity and high wages.

Prosperity since 1902 has been absent from many industries and wages have been gradually decreasing. Nor is that the worst of it, the cost of living still remains abnormally high, so that the purchasing power of earnings is decreased accordingly. The Democrats claim that revising the tariff, so that those articles for which the trusts now demand too high a price shall be admitted free of duty, or at a decreased rate, would reduce prices by fear of competition from similar articles imported from abroad. The protectionists declare that if the tariff is reduced foreign products would be imported and mills and workshops would close and labor be idle. The trusts are now competing in many foreign markets against these foreign products that the protectionists fear, and are evidently underselling the foreigners, or the trusts would not export their products there. To reduce or abolish the tariff on these trust products would not therefore allow the foreign products to be imported here, for the freight and charges alone would be a barrier. Of course, the trusts under a ten per cent tariff would have to reduce their prices 30 or 40 per cent to meet these new conditions and the consumer here would gain that much.

There may be some industries here which would need greater protection for a time and the tariff on articles of luxury would still be continued and perhaps increased. For instance, the tariff rate on diamonds is now 10 per cent; there is no reason why it should not be 50 per cent. The tariff rate on refined sugar is about 50 per cent; there is no good reason why it should not be reduced to 10 per cent, except that the enormous profits of the sugar trust would be decreased. Would that ruin the country or reduce wages?

The platforms of the Republican state conventions adopted this year show that the trusts and corporations have more influence with the leaders than the voters of that party have, for in every state, except Idaho, the platforms declare for protection and for what has come to be known as standard. The Republican national convention will make a like declaration. Therefore those Republican voters who believe that the tariff shelters trusts will for their own salvation aid in the election of the Democratic ticket.

Democratic Chances.
The Republicans have a habit of sneeringly saying, "Oh, the Democrats can't win anything this year, but may be in 1908 there will be some possibility?" Of course, we do not blame them for whistling while walking through a graveyard, but they will tell us why there is not a good chance for Democratic success in this year of our Lord 1904?

Is it because of the post office scandals that the Republicans refused to probe? Is it because of the Senator Burton tangle? (While Burton was prosecuted, did that prove anything in particular?) Is it because Senator Deitrich of Nebraska was vindicated by a jury of other Republicans who were as deep in the mud as he was in the mire? Was it because of the fight in Illinois where a convention broke the record for long-distance balloting? Is it because of the fight in New York between Platt and Odell? Is it due to the fight in Wisconsin whereby La Follette, a Populist parading as a Re-

publican, captured the nomination for governor by force?

If those are the reasons Republicans wish to urge, it may be that we cannot read the signs. Aside from that, it looks very much, to a man up a tree, to a fellow who doesn't have any axes to grind and who has no friends to reward nor enemies to punish, it looks very much to him, we say, like a good year for Democrats.—Washington (Iowa) Democrat.

Prosecuting the Trusts.
The exposure of the anthracite coal trust methods, through the investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission, shows exactly what is claimed by the Democrats, that there is a conspiracy in constraint of trade between the railroads and the coal companies. This investigation has not been carried on by the administration, but by a suit of law commenced by a Democrat of national reputation, who when the coal trust refused to exhibit its books carried the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, who decided against the trust.

This victory for the people shows what President Roosevelt and Attorney General Knox might have done to curb the trusts, if they had in good faith desired to do so. Instead of prosecuting the trusts under the criminal section of the anti-trust law, a half-hearted equity proceeding for an injunction against the beef trust is the only legal step that has been taken against the industrial trusts to punish or restrain them.

The beef trust barons have paid no more attention to the injunction than if it had never been issued, and still control not only the principal cattle markets, but dictate the price of meat. The lower branch of Congress under the whip and spur of popular indignation ordered by the Department of Commerce and Labor to investigate the cattle and beef combines, but although weeks have passed, and no doubt Secretary Cortelyou is ardently pressing the investigation, it does not appear to have had any deterrent effect upon the rapacity of the combine. It may be that the arduous labors of Mr. Cortelyou, in aiding President Roosevelt to arrange the details of the coming Republican convention and campaign, have prevented either of them from paying much attention to curbing a trust, which even the administration admits is a bad one.

It has been suggested that the reason President Roosevelt has selected Secretary Cortelyou to manage his campaign was that the evidence he has obtained against the trusts could be used as a club to make them "come down" to the great advantage of the Republican campaign fund. That would be no new plan, for it is charged that Congressman Babcock threatened the steel trust with antagonistic legislation unless that giant combine made a donation to the campaign fund of 1902, when it was much needed.

If the coal trust, the beef trust, or any of the other reputed bad trusts had been persistently proceeded against by the administration and results obtained by forcing them to sell their products at reasonable prices, the suggestion of their connecting with the campaign fund in lieu of prosecution would have no weight. But the fact that no trust or combine has been exposed by the administration, and that a private citizen has had to bear all the expenses of forcing the evidence of the manipulations of the coal trust into public view, certainly allows a sinister construction to be put upon the lack of energy in prosecuting the trusts by President Roosevelt and his Department of Justice.

Business and Diplomacy.
The "open door" into China for which President Roosevelt, Secretary Hay and the Republican party have taken so much credit seems to have something wrong with it. The new treaty provides that the door to China shall be open, but somehow business with that country grows less. Our exports of cotton goods to China are decreasing instead of increasing and will soon be obliterated unless the "open door" is opened wider. The loss is alarming, for while in February, 1903, our exports of cotton cloths were 34,642,500 yards, this year during the same period were only 13,806,444 yards. The trade situation is growing from bad to worse, for in March the shipments dropped to 8,652,392 yards against 37,929,363 in 1903. The month of April was still more disastrous to our merchants, for exports for that month were but 1,041,000 yards against 34,640,141 yards in April, 1903. This sudden and extraordinary loss of trade cannot be charged to the high price of cotton, for the advance in price has been about equal all over the world in consequence of the shortage of the crop or the increased demands.

The millions in southern China must still be using and buying cotton goods from somewhere, for they cannot do without such necessities. But one-sided treaties will not make trade between countries and calling the door to China open for political effect cannot be relied on to increase our business with that country. The "matchless diplomacy" of the present administration is therefore barren of good results as far as our trade with China is concerned.

WAR DURING WEEK.

ACTIVITY OF COMBATANTS ON SEA AND LAND.

Russian Vladivostok Fleet Sinks Japanese Transports, While the Mikado's Land Army Wins Victories in the Vicinity of Vafangow.

When the Bogatyr, 6,750 tons, went on the rocks a month ago the Russian squadron in Vladivostok was reduced to three armored cruisers, the Rossia, 12,130 tons, 20 knots speed, with four 8-inch, sixteen 6-inch, twelve 3-inch guns; the Gromobol, 12,336 tons, 20 knots speed, carrying four 8-inch, sixteen 6-inch, six 4.7-inch, and twenty 3-inch guns, and the Rurik, 10,923 tons, 18.7 knots, with a main battery of four 8-inch, sixteen 6-inch, six 4.7-inch rifles. The three made up a formidable aggregation of warships, combining as they did speed, greater armor protection than any except first-class battleships, and large batteries of medium size guns.

The three big ships crept out of Vladivostok, presumably at night, when they would be less liable to observation. By dawn they were 100 miles out to sea and heading south for the Korean straits, which all Japanese ships carrying stores for the armies in the field must cross.

Wednesday morning, June 15, at 7 a. m., off Iki Island, the Rossia and the Rurik came upon the transport Hitachi, carrying 700 soldiers. The



MAP SHOWING NAVAL MANEUVERS.

Russians signaled the transport to stop, which it did. At 10 o'clock, however, the Japs tried to run for it, but were fired upon by the two cruisers and sunk. Most of its crew and human freight went down with it. The survivors, numbering about 20 per cent, by clinging to the wreckage, managed to reach some of the little islands in the straits of Korea.

Later on the same day the Russians came upon the transport Sado, which was also loaded with 700 men. After some parleying this boat, too, was shelled and torpedoed, most of its passengers and crew being killed. The hull, however, remained afloat and finally grounded on the east coast of Oki (or Iki?) Island.

It does not appear whether the Sado was sunk by the Gromobol alone, which was not present during the attack on the Hitachi, or whether the whole fleet reunited and destroyed the Sado. Of the 1,400 Japanese soldiers on the two transports 900 were killed.

Their raid having been successful, the Russians decided to return home again, but they evidently did not wish to risk the straight passage from Korean straits to Vladivostok, choosing instead to make an easterly detour along the coast line of Nippon. Doubtless the Russians hoped to fall in with a few stray merchantmen on their journey.

Campaign on Land.

On land there was a considerable battle, which began in the neighborhood of Vafangow, on the railroad, sixty miles north of Kinchow and Nanshan hill. On the afternoon of Tuesday, June 14, at 1:40 o'clock, the fighting began and continued until dark, the Japanese pushing the Russians back for some miles. After the cessation of firing, under cover of darkness, a Japanese column occupied Fuchau, flanking the Russian right.

In the morning the fighting started again. The Russian general, Baron Stackelberg, tried to turn the Japanese right flank, but at the same time the brigade which had been sent to Fuchau during the night struck him on his right and crumpled him up. At the same time the main Japanese body, marching up the railroad, struck him in the center, and he was forced to retreat to the northward. The Japanese captured fourteen quick firing guns and 300 prisoners. The total Russian losses are about 2,000, while the Japs acknowledge only 1,000 casualties. As at the crossing of the Yalu and Nanshan hill, the fate of the day was largely determined by the wonderful Japanese artillery practice. In the Vafangow engagement the numbers engaged were about 35,000 Russians and 40,000 or 45,000 Japanese.

The Japs engaged in this fight were not a part of General Oku's second army, which is concentrated around Port Arthur, but were attached to General Nodzu's third army, which landed some while ago at Takushan. When Stackelberg pushed south, menacing Oku's rear, Nodzu moved westerly from Takushan and struck Stackelberg in the flank, rolling him northward.

Some elephants have been known to live two hundred years.

WHY HOT WEATHER MAKES WOMEN NERVOUS



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Miss Mary Burns, 28 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, N. S., writes: "Having used Peruna for indigestion and stomach trouble and to build up a broken down system with the very best results, I am pleased to state my experience with this excellent medicine. I had been troubled with stomach trouble and poor digestion for some years, and although I tried many remedies and dieting, nothing seemed to restore my health until I used Peruna. In three months I had entirely recovered my health and strength."—Mary Burns.

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Not a High Price.
At a recent charitable function in Washington Senator Patterson donated \$10 to the cause. The delighted ladies were profuse in protestations of gratitude and never failing remembrance. Later some one asked the price of a rose. "Five dollars," said Miss Alice Roosevelt, quickly. "Isn't that high?" gasped the astonished buyer. "No," replied Miss Roosevelt. "Senator Patterson gave twice that for a simple forget-me-not."—New York Times.

AN UNEXPECTED CALL

Which Placed a Clergyman in an Embarrassing Position.
A distinguished Episcopal clergyman was once called on to officiate at a fashionable summer resort church, and, finding only a short surplice and no cassock in the vestry, was very much disturbed at the thought of having to appear in a vesture that to the frivolous would look like a white shirt and trousers. But a happy inspiration came to him. Why not wear one of his wife's black petticoats? The portion that would show below the surplice would look exactly like the regulation cassock, and no one would ever be the wiser. So he hurriedly went one of his ushers with an explanatory note to his wife in the hotel, and in the nick of time the petticoat arrived.

The makeshift turned out to be a perfect success, and no one at a distance could tell that he was not wearing a cassock. After the close of the service he decided to go out to the body of the church without taking off his robes, in order to greet some friends. And he was soon the center of a group of fashionable women, when an Irish maid from the hotel came up and in a loud voice said to him: "Ter riverence, the missus sint me after her petticoat that ye do wearin', an' I wuz to wait till ye take it off."—New York Tribune.

In Swedish towns the average marrying age of males is 30½ years and of females 27½.

Suggestions by Dr. Hartman.—How to Combat the Nervous Depression Incident to Warm Weather.

Nervousness is very common among women. This condition is due to anaemic nerve centers. The nerve centers are the reservoir for nerve vitality. These centers become bloodless for the want of proper nutrition.

This condition is especially noticeable during the warm season. Every summer an army of invalids are produced as a direct result of weak nervous systems. This could easily be overcome by the use of Peruna. Peruna strikes at the root of the trouble by correcting the digestion. Perfect digestion furnishes increased nutrition for the nerve centers. Perfectly digested food gives these reservoirs of life a vitality which creates strong, steady nerves, and in this manner fortifies and nourishes life.

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The Conversational Playgoer.
"I know nearly all the operas by heart," said Miss Heaviswell.
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Jill—Isn't he extravagant?
Bill—Oh, no; it was a bill some fellow sent him for groceries.—Yonkers Statesman.

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