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IN A KING'S PALACE

AUSTRIA'S RULER AND ROOSEVELT IN AUDIENCE.

Emperor Intended to Return Ex-President's Call, but is Prevented by Sudden Storm—This Compliment Only Extended to Reigning Sovereigns.

Vienna, Col. Roosevelt was received at the Austrian capital Friday in a manner almost like that accorded a reigning sovereign. The punctilious Austrian court, the most ceremonious of those in Europe, had arranged the program and left nothing undone which could emphasize the unprecedented honor being paid the visiting American.

As a special mark of his personal esteem the aged emperor-king, Francis Joseph, received Col. Roosevelt in his private apartments at the imposing Hofburg palace instead of in the regular audience chamber. The monarch, who was attired in an imperial uniform, was extremely gracious to the American ex-president and kept him in conversation for thirty-five minutes. What interesting subjects they found to discuss were not made public, as they were alone and Col. Roosevelt naturally has declined to reveal the slightest detail of the conversation.

Emperor Francis Joseph intended personally to return Col. Roosevelt's call on his way out to the Schoenbrunn castle, where the monarch usually passes the night, and was only deterred from so doing by a sudden storm which broke late in the afternoon. Therefore he was compelled to send his aid de camp. Such an honor as a return visit from the emperor is only extended to reigning sovereigns.

SENATE ON RECORD.

Favors Thorough Inquiry Into New York Legislative Corruption.

Albany, N. Y.: Giving heed to the recommendation of Gov. Hughes, the senate Thursday went on record in favor of a thorough inquiry into all allegations of legislative corruption. It is now up to the assembly to say whether the senate's lead shall be followed.

The resolution directing that the deals uncovered by the Alldis-Conger bribery scandal and the fire insurance investigation be taken up by a special legislative committee with full power to probe into these and other matters must be approved by the assembly ways and means committee before its submission to the lower house.

CRITICISES HIS ACTION.

Colleagues Ask for the Resignation of State Senator Bilbo.

Jackson, Miss.: Concluding their afternoon session with the adoption of a resolution sustaining State Senator Theodore Bilbo by a margin of one vote, the senate late Thursday night adopted another resolution demanding that he tender his resignation and bitterly criticizing his actions in connection with his charges of irregularities during the recent senatorial contest.

The resolution attacks the credibility and character of Senator Bilbo and condemns his charge and statement that he acted in the role of detective as untrue. Concluding, it declares him unfit to retain his membership in the legislature.

Blow to American Divorce.

Windsor, Ont.: A decision has been handed down by Judge M. A. McHugh, of the Essex county court, which denies the validity in Canada of decrees of divorce granted to citizens of the United States in which there can be shown any irregularity on the part of the principals thereto.

Rich Man's Daughter Weds Nurse.

Detroit, Mich.: Ida M. Schmidt, daughter of the late Traugott Schmidt, a millionaire leather manufacturer, and Harris J. Marvin, a general hospital nurse of New York, were married in Detroit March 26, the facts just being known.

Marine Victim of Shark.

Vallejo, Cal.: Letters received here from Cristobal, Panama, state that on March 31 Samuel Barnes, a marine on the cruiser Tacoma, fell overboard and was carried under by a mammoth shark.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$8.05. Top hogs, \$9.80.

Granted a Divorce at 72.

Sterling, Ill.: Daniel McNamara, of this city, aged 72, has been granted a divorce from his wife, aged 65, the charge being desertion.

Wants City to Own Saloons.

Rockford, Ill.: Alderman Ogren, the only socialist member of the city council, has suggested a plan for establishing municipal saloons. A committee has been named to investigate it.

ASQUITH IS SUSTAINED.

Commons Approves His Resolutions Dealing with House of Lords.

London: Amid scenes of excitement hardly paralleled since the Gladstonian home rule debates, the house of commons Thursday night by a majority of 103 recorded its approval of Premier Asquith's resolution dealing with the veto power of the house of lords and heard the premier's declaration of policy for carrying them into statutory effect.

Before he formally introduced, amid loud cheers by his supporters, his bill embodying the resolutions, Mr. Asquith said the government's existence depended upon the passing of the resolutions into law. If the house of lords failed to accept or declined to consider their policy the government would feel it their duty to advise the crown as to what steps were necessary to insure their policy receiving statutory effect.

Mr. Balfour, leader of the opposition, rose amid a considerable uproar and said that the premier's important statement represented the culmination of long negotiations with the Irish party. The government, he declared, was paying a monstrous price for the budget. The premier had bought the Irish vote at the price of the dignity of the home office and its great tradition, of which he, of all men, ought to be the custodian.

There were hisses and cheers and cries of "dynamite," "traitor" and similar names.

LONG SEARCH REWARDED.

Ohio Father Locates 10-Year-Old Son Near Everett, Wash.

Everett, Wash.: After a search that lasted several years and covered many states, H. L. Peake, acting for I. C. Brewer, said to be a wealthy manufacturer of Sandusky, O., Thursday secured possession of Curtis Brewer, the 10-year-old son of Brewer, and his divorced wife.

Following a faint clue to the effect that the lad was with his mother on the shore of Lake Everett, H. L. Peake came here Thursday and began his search. Accompanied by a deputy sheriff, he went to the Lake Stevens school and identified the boy by an old photograph. A writ of habeas corpus was produced and the boy was brought back to Everett.

According to papers filed in the case, a divorce was granted to Brewer in Cleveland in 1905 with the understanding that he was to have the boy after a specified time. In the meantime the mother fled with the lad, and since then search for the two has been made throughout the United States, Cuba, Jamaica and Canada. The boy and his mother were known here under the name of McIntyre. They made their home on a ranch overlooking the lake for three years.

TRIAL COMES UP IN MAY.

Robin J. Cooper Gets His Appearance Bond Cut to \$10,000.

Nashville, Tenn.: The bond for the appearance of Robin J. Cooper at the term of the criminal court, to answer an indictment charging him with the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack, was Thursday reduced to \$10,000 by the state supreme court, following the action of that tribunal Wednesday reversing the verdict of the lower court which had sentenced the young man and his father to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Pending the action of the supreme court Wednesday on the appeal Col. Cooper and his son were set at liberty on bonds of \$25,000 each. According to the attorney general, the case will come up at the next term in May. Gov. Patterson, whose pardon of the elder Cooper almost immediately after the supreme court had affirmed the sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary caused a sensation, has received about 150 telegrams from his friends indorsing the pardon.

There is no ground for several sensational rumors that have gained currency.

SHORTAGE OF \$63,480.65.

Discrepancies Found in Books of Late Kansas City Treasurer.

Kansas City, Mo.: That William J. Baehr, formerly city treasurer of Kansas City, who died recently, was short in his accounts \$63,480.65 was reported to the mayor Friday by a firm of accountants. The report says the discrepancies found in the books date from April 20, 1908.

From April 28, 1908, to April 19, 1909, a shortage of \$18,000 was carried. The report says the \$18,000 was replaced on the last named date to make the books balance for the annual examination by the auditor.

Baehr, the books show, had used \$6,941 to pay his own tax bills. The report of the accountants says other employees in the city treasurer's office knew of the shortage, although they did not profit by it. One of the exhibits in the investigation is Baehr's check for \$200 which had been returned from a bank marked "insufficient funds." This check, the report says, was carried on the books as cash.

Woman Stricken at Prayer.

Pittsburg, Pa.: As she knelt in prayer while leading a large meeting of the United Brethren church in Wilkinsburg, Mrs. Sarah Goudy, a widow, was fatally stricken with paralysis. She died later.

Miss Morgan to See Lindsey.

Denver, Colo.: Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, has gone to Denver to meet Judge Ben B. Lindsey and study the juvenile court.

Nebraska State News

News of the Week
In Concise Form

LINCOLN GOES DRY.

Enters Upon Second Year Without License—Students Decide Issue.

With the most perfect organization ever known in the city, district or state, the "drys" won their contention at Lincoln Tuesday by a majority of 900 in a total vote of practically 10,000. At every polling place business and professional men who thoroughly understood the election laws and armed with positive proof of whatever they undertook, watched the voting, and wherever they made a challenge they made it stick. From two to four automobiles were used in each ward, and so absolute a tab was kept that the checkers for the "drys" could at any time tell the number of wet and dry votes cast. There was no disorder and the police for the first time enforced every provision of the Australian voting law. The "wets" also had an effective organization.

The size of the dry majority is credited largely to the university student vote, which has been active in the canvass and maintained a perfect working organization.

When E. S. Johnson, a traveling man, proposed to vote, claiming that he made his headquarters at one of the local hotels, it was shown that he had a family living at Kansas City and he was told by Chief Malone that if he attempted to vote he would be thrown in jail. Johnson went to the polling place twice during the day but did not vote.

Several university students were challenged on the ground that they received a part of their support from home and were not residents of Lincoln. The students swore in their votes and this may be made the basis for a contest.

NEW AINSWORTH CHURCH.

Methodist House of Worship Dedicated Free of Debt.

Bishop John L. Uelsen, of Omaha, dedicated the new Methodist Episcopal church at Ainsworth on Sunday. The bishop preached powerful sermons morning and evening, and Rev. J. B. Carnes, D. D., superintendent of the Long Pine district, gave an address in the afternoon. There were fourteen baptisms in the afternoon. Several united with the church.

The sum of \$2,200 was needed to meet all claims. Many were afraid that the money could not be raised, but the way in which the bishop easily secured the funds was a surprise to many. The dedication service was held in the evening. The new church is valued at about \$8,000. The audience room is 30x50 feet. It has inclined floor, circular assembly chairs, art glass windows and a fine choir loft adjoining the pulpit. The assembly room is 20x30 feet. The vestibule is 10x10 feet. In the basement is a large dining room, a commodious kitchen. The whole church is to be lighted by electricity. This is one of the best churches in northwestern Nebraska. Rev. Vincent R. Beebe is now serving his second year as pastor.

EQUAL TO EMERGENCY.

When Prisoners Fire Jail, Orders Them to Work or Perish.

Seizing an opportunity when Sheriff Quinton was away and the deputy sheriffs were busy, prisoners in the Cass county jail at Plattsmouth, it is thought, set fire to their quarters, believing the jailer's wife, Mrs. M. E. Manspeaker, would at once open the doors. Instead the plucky woman stood at the bars and ordered the men to put out the fire or perish, which they did with dispatch. When the alarm she sounded brought the fire department there was no blaze.

The sheriff was absent taking Arthur Brann, convicted of horse stealing, to the penitentiary at Lincoln. The deputy and jailer were in the country attending a sale. It is believed that Fred Ossenkop, sentenced for ten years for murder, incited the prisoners to the revolt.

Company F Disbands.

At a recent meeting of the members of Company F in Madison the company decided to disband. This action was brought about on request of Adjutant General Hartigan and Major Charles Fraser of this city has notified the officers at Lincoln of the action of the company.

Bitten by a Coyote.

Lee Galloway of Beatrice was severely bitten on the right hand by a pet coyote Sunday evening. Galloway was petting the animal when it suddenly sunk its teeth into his hand.

John Forman, a youth 14 years old, who is charged with stealing a horse at Lincoln, Neb., a week ago, was arrested at the farm house of Edward Johnson, five miles northeast of Pickrell, Tuesday evening and lodged in jail.

Hospital Formally Opened.

The Mercy Sisters of Omaha have formally opened the hospital at Reliance under the name of "The Mercy Hospital."

FIREMEN PREPARE FOR MEET.

York Will Entertain Visitors in Bes. of Style in July.

At a recent meeting of the York fire department the matter of the state tournament was discussed and the date was fixed for July 26, 27 and 28. It is ten years since what is acknowledged to be the best tournament ever held in the state of Nebraska came off in York. On that occasion the firemen and citizens united to make the affair a success and the event was been a standing advertisement for York through all these years.

Less than three months are left in which to make preparations for the event, so the firemen will soon be actively at work and they will have the hearty co-operation of the whole city.

THE ADVENTISTS SPEAK UP.

Adopt Resolutions Denouncing Liquor Traffic.

The Seventh-day Adventists of Lincoln went on record Sunday night as against the open saloon at a meeting held at their church on Fifteenth and D streets. Resolutions adopted at the close of the meeting were as follows:

"Whereas, The liquor traffic is a menace to the peace and welfare of the home, a burden to the state, a curse to the community, and is sapping the moral foundation of society, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we hereby express ourselves as unutterably opposed to the liquor traffic, and in favor of municipal, state, national and worldwide prohibition."

Nebraska Pioneer Dies.

Major John T. Crofts of Omaha, aged 96 years, a resident of Nebraska fifty years, and a veteran of three wars, died recently from an illness dating back to last February, at which time he contracted a cold while present at the laying of the cornerstone of the Douglas county court house at Omaha. He was born in Boston and was an intimate friend of Fletcher Webster, son of Daniel Webster.

Holdrege Man Dies in Alaska.

Word has been received of the death of Ernest Peterson of Holdrege, far in the interior of Alaska on the 24th of February. The deceased had gone to Alaska in search of fortune, but could not endure the hardships of the Alaskan interior and died of rheumatism. The body was interred in the frozen earth a short distance from Valdez.

Nebraska Land Sells Well.

A record-breaking sale of Nance county land occurred last week at Fullerton, when a quarter section of land that was sold one year ago for \$80 per acre, was again sold for \$115 per acre. The land lies on the south side of the Loup river, about three miles from town, and was bought by George Fleece.

Farmer Has Accident.

H. C. Carman, a well known Johnson county farmer, is suffering an injury to his head. A small piece of gas pipe fell thirty feet from a tower and struck Mr. Carman on the head. At first it was feared he had been seriously injured.

Big Price for Hog.

Probably the highest price ever paid in Johnson county for an unpedigreed hog, bought for market, was one day last week when L. A. Hanks, buyer at Cook, paid Sam Wilson, farmer and stockman, \$69 for a single porker. The hog weighed 690 pounds.

Narrow Escape From Death.

Dr. Claude Watson, of Nebraska City, while riding in his automobile, had a narrow escape from being killed. He lost control of his machine and it skidded, turned turtle, falling on him, breaking his left shoulder and bruising him badly.

Will Make Tour of Europe.

J. W. Wilson, president of the First National bank at Polk, accompanied by his wife and son and Mrs. Calmar McCune of Stromsburg, will leave soon on a six weeks' trip through Europe and the British Isles.

Cook for Blair Postmaster.

Word has been received in Blah from Washington that Wesley J. Cook has been recommended for reappointment as postmaster, and Mr. Cook is feeling on easy street.

Suffers from Ptomine Poisoning.

Michael Curtin, a resident of Sterling, suffered ptomine poisoning from eating canned corn. For a few hours he was in a serious condition.

A School of Instruction.

A school of instruction for the census enumerators of Beatrice and Gage counties was held at Beatrice last week by Phillip H. Bross of Wahoo, census director for the Fourth district.

Accused of Selling Beer.

A complaint has been filed against W. C. Peterson of York, who keeps a restaurant in the north part of that city, charging him with selling beer. He was placed under \$200 bonds.

THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

The regulation step of the British army is 120 to the minute.

Salmon, pike and goldfish are said to be the only fish that never sleep.

Peanut cake seems to be supplanting cottonseed cake as the preferred food for Swedish cattle.

Last year the geological survey fixed prices on 2,598,521 acres of public coal lands and classified 10,857,572 acres as non-coal land.

An all-rubber automobile wheel has been patented, rigid at the center and with the hardness lessening gradually until the circumference is reached.

The Paris Gaulois says that a British Catholic whose name is not stated has given the Pope \$100,000 with which to establish a Bible institution.

There are twenty-one States in the Union whose combined business does not equal that of the New York post office, which is more than the post office business of Philadelphia and Chicago combined.

It is already proposed, with the approval of the mayor, to re-establish the nickel-in-the-slot machine in the cigar stores of San Francisco and to restore the recently suspended privilege of smoking in street cars.

The oil palm is, perhaps, the greatest commercial asset in West Africa. On the palm the African has long depended for food, clothing, shelter, furniture, utensils, tools, weapons, ornaments, medicines and intoxicating beverages.

On a ride of 1,250 miles, at an average of forty-four miles daily, a Russian cavalry officer lost only six pounds in weight, while his horse—nearly twenty years old—lost forty-five pounds. One day eighty miles was covered.

During the last three years there has been a fairly steady increase in the quantity of natural gas used in this country for domestic purposes, a decrease in the quantity used for manufacturing purposes, and an increase in the average price.

Here is a fish story of the 1910 crop published by the St. James' Budget: "While Mr. McRorie, an angler visiting Loch Tay, was fishing in the Killin waters with two rods, two salmon took the baits simultaneously and both were secured. The salmon weighed seventeen pounds each."

Mrs. Gabrielle Mullner is reported to be the author of the proposed city ordinance requiring fire drills in small factories in New York. Mayor Gaynor is said to have told the City Federation of Women's Clubs that if it would have an ordinance drawn up that would hold water he would use his influence to put it through.

Mrs. Martha C. Teller has given \$25,000 to the New York University to endow a free clinic in connection with Bellevue Hospital Medical College. This is the first gift received to the endowment of the free clinic, and it is hoped to increase the endowment to at least \$100,000. The money given by Mrs. Teller is to establish a memorial to the late William H. Teller.

"No one meets such various kinds of people as we do," said a librarian. "You see that little old man over there? He is going through the encyclopedias, one volume at a time. He comes in every day and begins where he left off the day before. He has read through an entire set and is beginning another. Pretty dry reading, some of it, one would say."—New York Sun.

Who invented the postage stamp? A writer in Chamber's Journal points out that the inventor of the "adhesive postage stamp" was undoubtedly Rowland Hill. In 1837 he proposed the use of "a bit of paper just large enough to bear the stamp, and covered at the back with a glutinous wash, which the buyer might, by the application of a little moisture, attach to the back of the letter."

Miss Mary Agnes Cunningham is the first woman to be appointed a member of the school board of St. Paul, Minn. She has taught in the schools of St. Paul for twenty-five years and is the president of the Teachers' Federation. During a fight she conducted for teachers' pensions she saw a good deal of the mayor, who was so impressed by her character and ability that he appointed her a member of the school board.

Turkey's war minister has just ordered forks for the convenience of soldiers in barracks. The fork did not appear in Europe as a common table implement until the seventeenth century, though as early as the thirteenth century gold and silver ones were made for special purposes. The ordinary diner was only provided with a trencher, a napkin and a spoon. For knife he used his own, which he carried about. There was no second trencher, no second spoon. When the several courses came along he exercised his ingenuity and mopped his trencher with his bread.

From time to time various colonies of Jews have actually returned to the holy land. There are records of Jewish settlements there as early as 1170 and in the sixteenth century the city of Tiberias, "where only Jews were to dwell," was rebuilt. But it was not until comparatively modern times that the founding of regular colonies began. In 1878 the ideas of Laurence Oliphant and the Earl of Shaftesbury took definite shape in the purchase of seven hundred acres of land by the Jews of Jerusalem and the foundation of the colony of Petah Tikvah. After the Russian persecution of 1881 large numbers of Jews emigrated and at the end of 1898 there were about five thousand Jewish colonists in Palestine.

SWOPE POISONING CASE ON.

Kansas City Physician Accused of Killing the Millionaire.

Dr. B. C. Hyde appeared in the Criminal Court at Kansas City to answer a charge of murdering Colonel Thomas H. Swope, a millionaire philanthropist and uncle of the physician's wife. Colonel Swope died Oct. 2 last. His death certificate gave apoplexy as the cause of demise. Dr. Hyde was in attendance. The State avers the physician poisoned the millionaire by administering strychnine to him in a capsule.

The motive for the alleged crime, says the State, was to obtain wealth. By the terms of Colonel Swope's will Mrs. Hyde was to receive a share in her uncle's property and some money. Desiring to hasten the settlement of the estate, and also to prevent the making of certain changes in the will the colonel had planned, Dr. Hyde, the State will attempt to prove, killed the aged capitalist.

The indictment on which Dr. Hyde is being tried is for first-degree murder. Ten other indictments have been returned against the physician. One charges first-degree murder of Christian Swope, a nephew of Colonel Swope, by administering poison to him.

An indictment for manslaughter was voted, accusing Dr. Hyde of negligently killing James Moss Hutton, a cousin of Colonel Swope, by bleeding him. The eight remaining indictments charge the physician with attempting to poison Misses Lucy Lee Swope, Mildred Fox, Sarah Swope, Georgia Compton, Nora Bell Dickson, Stella Swope, Margaret Swope and Leonora Copridge. All these people were attacked by typhoid fever when it was prevalent in the Swope home, and it is averred Dr. Hyde caused their illness. No indictment but one relating to the death of Colonel Swope enters into the present case.

REHEARING IN TRUST CASES.

New Arguments Ordered in Standard Oil and Tobacco Suits.

The Supreme Court of the United States has reassigned for argument the cases of the United States against the American Tobacco Company and the Standard Oil Company. The rearrangement of these cases comes as the direct result of the death of Justice Brewer. This noted jurist died just a few days after the Standard Oil case had been argued. As Justice Moody, owing to the fact that as Attorney General he had directed the suits, was unable to participate in the consideration of these cases, only seven justices were left to give a decision.

How the court was divided in regard to the decision in these cases is still as much a mystery as before the assignment of the cases for reargument. It is believed, however, that the court was evenly divided or almost so, and that it probably was loath to give to the country a decision which was not supported by a majority of a full court. Such a majority would be five members.

The fact that the corporation tax cases were not set for reargument is taken to mean that a decision will be announced in regard to the constitutionality of the law authorizing it within a short time.

SAFE IN POSTOFFICE BLOWN.

Cracksmen Wreck Melrose Park Station and Escape.

Cracksmen wrecked the safe in the Melrose Park (Ill.) postoffice with dynamite at 3 a. m. the other day and escaped with \$500 in currency and \$200 worth of postage stamps. The terrific explosion shook the building, shattered windows and tore away part of the flooring. The entire village was aroused and thrown into excitement. The safe-blowers escaped by boarding an out-bound freight train on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. The Chicago police were asked to search for the robbers and several detectives were hurried to the Western suburb. The cracksmen are believed to be Chicago crooks.

NO TRACE OF COOK FOUND.

Fairbanks Expedition Gains Summit of Tallest Peak in North America.

The Fairbanks expedition to Mount McKinley, the tallest peak in North America, reached the summit April 3, after a climb of one month from the base, it is announced. No traces of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's alleged ascent were found. The expedition, which left Fairbanks, Alaska, Dec. 16, while the controversy over Dr. Cook's disputed ascent was still raging, was financed by August Peterson and William McPhee.

WOMAN KILLS BABIES.

20-Year-Old Mother Slays Her Two Children in Ohio.

"The spirits kept bothering me," is the only explanation offered by Mrs. Rosa Marquardt, 20 years old, of Akron, Ohio, who killed her 2-year-old daughter with a club and so seriously injured her 1-year-old baby that the child's death is expected. The woman was committed to the Massillon State Hospital.

Heavy Fire Loss at Goldfield.

The 850-ton mill of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company was damaged by fire to the extent of \$250,000 in Goldfield, Nev. After an explosion in the refinery, where more than half a million dollars in bullion was stacked for shipment, the fire spread to a huge conveyor that carried flames to the sampling department and stamp batteries.