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SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1915.

Radio-gram of distress: \$ 9 9

Baseball fans are not the only ones who have an acquaintance with high balls.

After the Frank and Becker cases are disposed of—well, we'll reserve the announcement.

We suppose divorced women think they belong to the cream of society because they've been through the separator.

Advertiser of Kaiser Goes to Nerve Clinic—Headline. A man who would offer advice to the Kaiser must have some nerve.

A Scottish judge is in favor of shooting men who shirk their work. It is well for that judge he isn't elected by the people.

It is reported that the governor has sent deputies to Charleston to enforce all the laws. Charleston will be surprised to learn that there are such things as laws.

Suppose it is all right to credit the anti-Semitic critic who says Annie Ketterman's latest costume is out of sight—The State. Yes, so long as she's in the swim.

Dispatches state Italy forestalls von Hindenburg by crossing the frontier. Hindenburg us the Russians crossed the Prussian frontier, forestalling the Herr General, but where are the Russians now?

Members of the Belgian cabinet who accompanied W. W. Rorer, editor of the Anderson Intelligencer, are getting out one of the best of the papers in the State.

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NOW OR NEVER.

Some of the progressive people of Anderson have expressed themselves as desiring to see North Main street between Earle and Federal streets, graded down before it is paved.

The Intelligencer thinks that this should by all means be done. It will add much to the beauty of Main street. It is now a fine street. With its trolley cars, interurban trains, innumerable electric lights, court house, beautiful store fronts, and multitudes of people, it is a street of which any city might justly be proud.

One thing is both sure and certain. If it is ever to be graded, it must be done before it is paved. For that could never be done afterwards except at an expense that would make it out of all reason.

If it is ever to be done, it must be done now. In all public work we must remember that we are not building for ourselves nor for today.

THE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Intelligencer calls attention to the Sunday church announcements which appear in this morning's issue, it being decided that it was best to have them inserted on Saturday instead of Sunday morning.

Attention is also called to the International Sunday School lesson which appears along with these announcements. This exposition of the lesson is by E. O. Sellers, D. D., acting director of Sunday school, course of Bible Moody institute, of Chicago, Ill., and will appear every Saturday.

One of the most beautiful views to be had in all America is to be had from the top of Glassy Mountain, in Greenville County. Some of our people rave over scenes in the Rocky Mountains and neglect to visit places in their own State equally as beautiful as any to be seen in the Rockies.

—Gaffney Ledger. We don't wish to get Col. DeCamp in bad with his church, but will he explain to us what he has been doing around Glassy Mountain, which is in the heart of the Dark Corner's moon-shining district.

TIME GETTING SHORT.

So far but one school district in Anderson County has taken advantage of the act to require school attendance, adopted by the last legislature, and the date on which the county board would have to order an election on the question, were the election postponed for, is a short time off—Tuesday June 8.

In that district by petition of a majority of the qualified electors in that district, which eliminates the necessity of an election. In districts where a majority of the qualified electors do not petition for the law to be made apply to that district, an election on the question can be ordered by the county board for that district upon petition by one-fourth of the qualified electors of the district.

The point is that those persons living in school districts where it is doubtful if a majority of the qualified electors would sign a petition asking for the new law to be made applicable to that section, have but a short time in which they might get at least one-fourth of the qualified electors to petition the county board to order an election on the question.

Compulsory education can be secured and enforced in any school district only through the cooperation of trustees, teachers, patrons, pupils and taxpayers. In any district petitioning for compulsory education, under the second and third means of providing for the enactment of the law in that district, the election must be held on the second Tuesday of June in any year. Those districts that do not take advantage of the law now will not be given an opportunity of voting on it again under a year.

The only way the law could be made applicable in a district between June of this year and June a year hence, is, according to our understanding of the law, by petition of a majority of the qualified electors of the school district.

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Birth Control League In War on N. Y. Penal Code

(Grace Phelps, in New York American.)

"No matter how unfit parents may be to have children—mentally, morally, physically or financially—the law forbids the dissemination of knowledge that would lead to family limitation.

"Imprisonment for five years at hard labor and a fine of \$5,000 is the penalty for sending such information through the mails. As a result of the lack of this information there is a fearful waste of humanity; hundreds of homes are broken up; thousands of children die in infancy yearly and numberless women who should be joyous happy mothers of a few healthy children are forced to bear large families in poverty and ill health."

This was the substance of a statement made last night by Mrs. Clara Stillman, secretary of the Birth Control League which is urging the repeal of section 1142 of the penal code. Hundreds of prominent men and women are behind the movement which will hold its first public meeting next Wednesday evening at the Academy of Medicine, No. 17, West Forty-third street.

"I said homes were broken up," Mrs. Stillman explained, "because of the thousands of cases of wife desertion which are the result of ignorance on this subject. The head of the probation bureau attached in the court of domestic relations in Philadelphia recently stated that nine out of ten cases of wife desertion can be traced directly to the lack of this knowledge. The husband is out of work, the wife is ill, they cannot

afford to have more children. It is impossible for them to live a normal married life so the poor fellow is forced to desert his wife and home.

"The conscientious limitation of families means women are coming to appreciate the full seriousness of maternity and the advancement of this idea will make for social as well as individual betterment. Women will not permit children to be brought into this world unless they can be assured of a good education for them, a good environment and a helpful start on whatever career they may be fitted for.

"Knowledge kept from poor. At present the mother who is wise enough to think thus far ahead is at the mercy of quacks or the doubtful information secretly passed on to her by friends. If she is rich enough and obtains this information from her confidential family physician despite the law, but unfortunately the women who need it most are too poor to purchase it. The number of physicians and social workers enrolled in the league testifies to their recognition of the need of the women of the poorer classes have for scientific knowledge on this subject.

"The appalling rate of infant mortality is directly traceable to this cause. Statistics show infant mortality increases proportionately as the number of children in a family increases, the death rate for families of eight children being two and a half times as great as that in families of four children, according to a study made by Dr. Alice Hamilton. So you see, race suicide does not consist in having small families as has been charged, but in having large families."

VINCENT ASTOR'S WEST SIDE MODEL MARKET

Plans were filed last week for the model market which Vincent Astor is to build on the southwest corner of Broadway and Ninety-fifth street, taking in the greater part of the block front, except the immediate Ninety-fourth street plot. The Broadway frontage will be 164.6 feet by 125 feet on the street.

The architects, Tracy & Swartwout, have designed a structure, which in its exterior features as well as interior equipment, will be the most perfect, as well as most attractive, architectural style it suggests the best open-air markets of Northern Italy. Its most distinguishing decorative feature will be a large frieze, four feet in height running around the entire facade, about 290 feet. This is being designed by the mural painter William Mackay, in conjunction with suggestions of the architects.

It will be typical of food products, showing cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens, ducks, and fish in a novel decorative scheme, held in composition by garlands of vegetables and fruit, white toward the receiving entrance will be depicted a procession of market trans-

ports, beginning with the earliest market boats and working up through the evolution of vehicles and ending with a mammoth motor truck. The frieze will be done in agraftito, a permanent picture in colored cements, and it will be one of the most interesting examples of exterior decoration in the city. On the lower or basement floor will be the fish market, on the Ninety-fifth street side, as well lighted as the main floor, as the grade level is much lower than on the main Broadway frontage. In addition, there will be large cold-storage rooms and two forty-ton refrigerating machines. For shipping uses, there will be a wide motor entrance on the Ninety-fifth street side.

On the main floor will be accommodations for about 100 stalls. It will be fitted up entirely of white enameled brick and tile, with the best facilities for absolute cleanliness. Mr. Astor is also providing for the tenants enormous ice boxes and heavy glass counters for the enameled stalls. The building is estimated to cost \$2,500,000 and it is expected to be ready for occupancy in October.—New York Times.

PALMETTO SQUIRS.

If you value the love of your wife, don't brag, don't swag.—Edgefield Chronicle.

Miss Farnum, a sculptor, has made a bust of Lincoln, but the voters did that first.—Greenville Piedmont.

An indignant citizen wants to know what, reasons The Observer has for saying that some Nebraska children begin to lose their beauty after reaching three years of age. Possibly one reason is that at that age some of them don't pay and begin to look like their grandpa.—Newberry Observer.

That bilgewater bunch which met in Mason last Monday and Tuesday were not so handsome as they were stacked up.—Gaffney Ledger.

Russia has a bath train which she uses in connection with her army operations. After the war is over the North Carolina authorities ought to rep' it for a campaign in that state.—Spartanburg Herald.

Dukes, lords, counts, barons and other noblemen in Europe are being killed off so rapidly that the chances for plain, untitled Americans to marry rich girls are looming up fast.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

When the Italian crowds carrying an American flag cried avenged the Lusitania they did not strike the note that awakens response in America. America is not avenging. This country is not after taking vengeance upon Germany, but rather speaking for her rights and the rights of humanity. It is not in a spirit of revenge that the American note was written.—Spartanburg Herald.

Why send Christian missionaries to the dark continent? Europe offers a more promising and inviting field.—Edgefield Chronicle.

The farmer actually pays a premium for bad roads. He pays it in time expended in getting to market in value of drafting animals and the food they eat on the extra hands for their care and handling in increased numbers of vehicles and wear and tear on them, and in the decreased product of land that has less attention and care. If the country had a system of smooth and hard highways it would lessen the loss and prospectively would follow in the wake.—Gaffney Ledger.

GODS AND ENDS.

Maps, charts, or engravings can be made waterproof by coating both sides very delicately with gutta-percha solution.

If wax candles become discolored or soiled they may be restored by being rubbed over with a clean flannel lightly dipped in spirits of wine.

Parrots may be taught to talk by covering their cage in the evening, and then repeating to them slowly and distinctly the words it is desired that they should learn.

In Spain the sovereign comes of age at sixteen.

One hundred years ago the London Times cost 5 cents per copy.

Typical wheat farms in Australia extend from 600 to 1,000 acres, and are usually worked single-handed by the farmer and his family, labor-saving machinery being used in every possible direction.

Napoleon called Constantinople "the key of the world."

If the devils plentifully on the grass after a fair day it is a sign of another fair day.

ABOUT THE STATE.

Strawberry field. Mrs. Dave Jackson, of the Filbert section, has a field of strawberries comprising an area of one-eighth of an acre. Up to last Friday she had sold 285 quarts of berries from the field at an average price of 11 cents a quart, and a large portion of the crop is still to be gathered.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Plan for a fair. At a meeting of some gentlemen held one day last week it was determined that Cherokee county should hold a county fair next fall. The men who have the matter in hand are able to put the fair to a successful conclusion, therefore there need be no uneasiness, but that it will be "pulled off." The only thing that remains is the question of magnitude, and that depends entirely upon the amount of cooperation the people of Cherokee accord them.—Gaffney Ledger.



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NOT RACIAL PREJUDICE

(New York Times.)

The Rev. Madison C. Peters is one of the latest persons mistakenly to attribute the manifestly unjust treatment of Leo M. Frank to race prejudice. This is unfair to the state of Georgia and the city of Atlanta.

Any other man similarly placed would have suffered the same fate. There has undoubtedly been, from time to time, since the case of Frank began to attract general notice, a marked resentment in Georgia against what has seemed to be organized Jewish interference in his behalf. This is perfectly natural and should not be exaggerated. Frank is a Jew and the friends who went early to his support were Jews. He was at the beginning the victim of great outburst of passionate fury caused by the discovery of the body of the murdered girl and a delusion of the police, which has since been wholly dispelled, that he was a degenerate. His arrest was not due to his race and religion.

There had been other crimes of violence in the neighborhood which had gone unpunished, with the result that indignation and apprehension had been aroused. This was a particularly horrible case, strongly moving the sympathies of the community for the victim and inspiring great wrath against her supposed slayer. Within two days the people of Atlanta were convinced of Frank's guilt, largely because of local newspaper rivalry in the sensational treatment of the case, and the circulation against him of charges of moral delinquencies, since disproved, which were based on falsehoods that were not used by the prosecution as evidence when his case came to trial. When Rabbi Marx, who knew him well and esteemed him highly, came forward in his behalf, when the members of the local branch of the B'nai B'rith, of which Frank was an officer, tried to use their influence to change the public sentiment, there was an outcry against what was characterized as Jewish interference. The friends of Frank in Atlanta, despairing of overcoming the implacable hostility in their environment, appealed to their own friends in other states, naturally to those of their faith. It was no easy task to convince them that a great injustice had been done, but their sympathy was at length manifested. Thereafter, false tales were circulated in Georgia of sums of money contributed for Frank's succor, with the inevitable result.

The feeling against Frank, before his case had developed to that stage however, was not due to racial prejudice but to that extraordinary concatenation of circumstances of which as it seems now to people of all creeds throughout the country, he was the innocent victim. The Atlanta newspapers, the judiciary, the bar, the police and the people were all involved in a web of their own weaving which began with righteous indignation caused by an infamous crime and was strengthened by falsehood and misunderstanding. In the circumstances, a fair trial for Frank was out of the question. A monster iniquity was imagined and condemned by public opinion without a hearing. The passion of the community cooled in time, but no voice was raised for Frank. No public man, no lawyer, no newspaper in Georgia was willing to be the first to admit that the state might have made a grave error. It seemed that the honor of the community and all its officials were so deeply involved that Frank might have been hanged to save a state from the disgrace of confessing that it had been persecuting if not a man of assured innocence, yet one whose guilt had never been proved, against whom no evidence had been presented that ordinary circumstances would have been regarded seriously in a court of law.

The anti-Jewish feeling, however, was no longer a dangerous element. But as the Georgia newspapers refrained from discussing the case, persistently maintaining a policy of silence, only faint echoes of the excitement it had caused throughout the country were heard by the people most closely concerned. Their hostile mood prevailed until today, when evidences were noted that belief in the guilt of

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ODDS AND ENDS

A Great Admiral's Mistake.

Lord Fisher is undoubtedly a great admiral, but one of the best of reasons why a great admiral should not be entrusted with naval administration even in time of war can be found in the remarks attributed to the First Sea Lord:

What are Cabinets to me? My business is to kill Germans enough to prevent Germany from winning this war. To kill Germans is the affair of seamen and soldiers, not of parliaments and cabinets. Therefore I will work with neither Churchill nor Balfour as the head of the admiralty.

"To kill Germans" is the immediate affair of seamen and soldiers, but wars that are carried on by democracies are won by governments, by parliaments and cabinets. In spite of Lord Fisher's theory to the contrary, civilians are generally better administrators than sailors and soldiers, although sailors and soldiers seldom think so.

We know from our own Civil War experience that Grant would have been an abject failure in Stanton's office, and that Farragut would have rendered a sorry service as secretary of the navy. Kitchener would probably have served Great Britain much better in the field than in the war office, and Lord Fisher on the bridge of a dreadnought might have been more helpful than he has been in the admiralty. The place to "kill Germans" is at the front where the Germans are.

Most Primitive Race.

The "North Pole natives" alluded to by Captain Amundsen in a recent lecture were discovered by him while he was navigating his little craft, the Gjoa, through the Northwest Passage in 1903-07. He christened them "Nechilli," and considered them to be the most primitive race on earth. No white man had ever before invaded their icy fastnesses. Consequently they were ignorant of the use of iron. Their fishing implements were long spears, fashioned out of reindeer horn. They knew no other method of procuring fire than that of rubbing two pieces of wood together. They were, in short, still in the stage of civilization reached by our ancestors of the Stone Age. So cut off were they from others of their kind that they imagined their tribe was the only one in the world, and displayed the utmost astonishment when told of populous countries far to the South, where neither ice nor snow was. The Gjoa and her crew they thought to have dropped from the moon, and the first Nechilli to come aboard felt the deck masts, boats, oars, all the while whispering to one another in amazement: "How much wood there is in the moon—how very much!"

Snakes Win Her Divorce.

(The Indianapolis Star.) Testimony that a box containing about forty live, squirming, twisting, wriggling snakes was placed in the sitting room of the home of Mrs. Grace George by a sister of her husband, Fern George, now said to be in Chicago, obtained a divorce for her in superior court. Mrs. George alleged her husband was guilty of cruel treatment.

Mrs. George, in her testimony, did not mention the snakes, but her mother did not hesitate to tell about them. Her son-in-law, she said, told her that his sister had arrived at his house to spend the winter, accompanied by her pet snakes. There were about forty of the reptiles.

Judge Clifford said that snakes might constitute an element of cruelty if kept about the house, and he thought that with the other testimony to the effect that George had struck his wife and had a habit of breaking the dishes, constituted grounds for a divorce.

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The Paradox.

The measure of the difference between the destruction of the British battleship, "Triumph" and the British merchant ship "Lusitania" is the difference between war and murder.

How singular it is that a naval power capable of a feat so gallant and audacious as the torpedoing of a battleship surrounded and protected by numerous other fighting ships in the narrow Dardanelles can be guilty of sinking without warning a defenceless ship bearing defenceless women and children.

How strange that a naval power so effective in action is so impotent to defend its good name and honor! How remarkable that Grand Admiral von Tirpitz is blind to the truth that his submarines can not torpedo the Sixth Commandment!

The Human Touch.

The world optimists are sometimes rewarded with a glimpse of the brighter side of war, and instances of sunlight in the storm—the human touch in the inhuman strife—are not uncommon. The Indianapolis News finds evidence of this brighter side in a recent story from the trenches—the story of a song, as reported in L'Illustration of Paris.

"A French general in the forest of Argonne told a junior officer that he wanted a snapshot of the German trenches. The line of trenches was but 20 yards away. As he was arranging his camera he chanced to whistle the air of a popular German song, of which two lines, translated, are as follows:

"In the valley below. Ah, how glorious it is there!" "Then from the German trench opposite came the concluding couplet, whistled in the same key: "Ah, it is so glorious there."

The story says that five Germans, with their heads above the trench, were singing and, looking at the man with the camera, they called out, "Good morning, comrade!" And the salutation met with hearty response from the French side, and then they withdrew, to wait and watch for signals to blur the brightness of that "Good morning" with bullets!

But the smoke of battle can not dim the home lights that shine down on the trenches; the human touch is felt there in all the strength of brotherhood.

What the War Game Teaches.

(News and Courier.) It is impossible for the man without technical knowledge to understand in detail the significance of the war game which has just been concluded by the Atlantic fleet. The public will observe with some misgivings, however, that the war game resulted in the success of the invaders. Theoretically the enemy fleet succeeded in wresting a portion of the defending fleet which came in contact with it and then proceeded to seize a base and land troops in the neighborhood of Chesapeake Bay.

If the war game is worth anything at all, this theoretical success of a theoretical enemy must be of some practical significance. It is interesting to note that the failure of the defending fleet is attributed largely to its deficiency in speedy scouts and to its lack of powerful armored vessels of high speed. The invading fleet succeeded in its object because it kept it fully advised of the defenders' movements and because it had plenty of swift and powerful battle-cruisers which were able to elude the slower dreadnoughts of the defenders. If the naval authorities had deliberately designed and carried out the war game in order to make it an argument for the building of scout cruisers and battle-cruisers, they could not have demonstrated more impressively the need of adding vessels of these types to the navy.

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