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NO CORRUPTION, SAYS CUMMINGS.
Among those who have appeared before the congressional committee investigating political campaign contributions is Hon. S. Cummings of Connecticut, former chairman of the democratic national committee, and it is interesting to note, following the unproved statements made by Governor Cox about the fund being raised by the republicans for the present campaign, what he has to say regarding such matters.

Mr. Cummings declared that he did not know of any manifestly excessive sums that have been collected, or any other than those testified to by Chairman Hays of the republican committee and he did not believe that the raising of such a sum would indicate any corrupt purposes. He believed that the addition of another million would be a higher limit than he would fix but he admitted that the democrats had spent \$2,500,000 in the last campaign which was over and above the amounts expended by state committees, and he agreed that any means of raising other funds for their own use.

Asked as to whether he agreed that with Mr. Hays that his fund does not indicate any corruption, he replied that he would find no evidence of corruption in the republican plan for raising campaign funds and added that his own organization was attempting to raise funds by the same method used by the republicans.

Thus it becomes quite evident that Governor Cox has not convinced the former chairman of the democratic national committee that the statements he has made are true. Ex-Chairman Cummings said by any means opposing Governor Cox but he is of course, realizing that Cox has proved nothing. The indulgence in a wild lot of allegations doesn't establish facts and when it is declared that the democrats are resorting to the same methods the republicans are in the raising of funds the wind is taken completely out of Governor Cox's sails by a leader in his own party whose testimony was given to a democratic member of the investigating committee.

A DESTRUCTIVE STORM.
What the elements can do when they get started and work in unison is well illustrated by the havoc that was wrought by the storm of Tuesday afternoon through Connecticut. Southeastern Connecticut appeared to escape much of the fury of the storm but the losses that were sustained through the central and northwestern part of the state were the largest of the season. The combination of wind, hail and lightning bolts worked perfectly for destructive effect and many have seen life taken, crops badly damaged and other property destroyed almost in a twinkling. Whether the estimates as to the loss sustained approach anywhere near accuracy it is evident that it was a decidedly bad storm for Connecticut and it is just as likely that early estimates will have to be raised as it is they will need paring if anywhere near approximate figures for the total damage is ever obtained.

While electrical storms with heavy rainfall always mean damage or expense of some kind this came at a time when it proved unusually destructive for the tobacco plants. In the morning the tobacco fields of the state were in especially fine condition. The crop promised to be large and the harvest would probably have been nearly over in the next fortnight. As the result of the storm heavy losses have been sustained on that and other crops and it is a question whether insurance will come anywhere near replacing the loss.

the breaking away difficult. Nevertheless it is not reasonable to suppose that when other sections of the country are experiencing hardships as the result of such conditions that they are not going to pay serious attention to meritorious propositions for overcoming them. The St. Lawrence river development plan makes a strong appeal to a large section of the country. Thus far there have not been raised objections which are sufficient to overcome the good points in the opinion of those who are going to be benefited. It means the raising and spending of a large sum of money, but with no other prospect of an equivalent relief it is natural that approval and help should be given the idea.

WRANGLER'S POSITION.
That the reported success of the bolshevik forces over those led by General Wrangel in southern Russia is sufficient grounds on which to denounce the recognition that was extended to the government of France can hardly be maintained. Just how serious the reverse is does not as yet appear. It is true that it comes at a time when General Wrangel has been making some important advances and when his new government is bound to undergo a severe test, but there is nothing as yet to show that the anti-bolshevik leader will not be able to retrieve his losses. At least there does not appear to be anything in this single defeat that insures the breaking down of his entire campaign.

It is to be appreciated, as General Weygand, who has been giving the Poles the benefit of his military knowledge, says, that the soviet government of Russia is still possessed of a large number of men and plenty of fighting spirit, all of which makes it possible to carry on extensive operations provided it is possible to get and transport the necessary amount of supplies. The serious blow dealt by the Poles is bound to act as a handicap. How long it will take Russia to recover even should there be no favorable result of the efforts to make peace with the Poles is problematical.

It is plain, however, that if peace terms are arranged with Poland that the bolshevik will then be able to concentrate their attention upon the remaining trouble spot in the south, even as it has been able to do on previous occasions when other opponents who promised to be successful were quickly wiped out.

Whether the reverse experienced by General Wrangel marks the beginning of concentrated action by the soviet forces will be revealed in due time. That he faces a tremendous task even with the aid given him by the French navy and the recognition extended by France is perfectly evident but one reverse is not enough to dampen his spirit or to cripple his army unless it be much more disastrous than reports indicate.

SAFETY FIRST.
The news of the day has within the space of a short time carried several stories regarding fatal elevator accidents due to broken cables, failure of safety devices to work or mysterious conduct on the part of the lift which no one seemed able to explain. Elevators in large buildings are depended upon almost exclusively for getting to the upper floors. In the course of a day they carry a large number of people and there is every reason why every possible means of protecting life should be taken.

In the latest instance where the elevator dropped ten stories, killing two and injuring 16 others, due to the breaking of the cable there is illustrated the danger that exists every day for those entrusting their lives to such carriers unless there is conscientious attention given to the inspection of such mechanism for the disclosure of defects or the damaging results of wear. That this elevator could have passed inspection within a recent period seems almost impossible. It does not appear that it was overloaded or that it was being operated in anything but a proper and careful manner, and yet those who depend upon it put themselves into a death trap because of a cable which due tests should have shown was not in condition for such service, if reports are true.

That the affair will be the subject for an investigation is to be expected. There is no reason to believe that the actual conditions were which caused the fall but the responsibility is clear. It makes no difference what the conveyance is, where service is being rendered for humanity there cannot be too much care exerted in behalf of safety. Whether there were devices to check the car dropping under those conditions it does not appear, but elevator cables should be so weak that they snap when doing the work for which they are intended. Wherever elevators are employed safety first should stand out prominently.

MEDITATIONS OF BRUNO

Sunday night—this is always a distracting day—a regular forest of shiny black shoes tramping around our living room floor and Marianne far too busy to pay the usual attention to me. I wonder if human being ever stop to realize that we dogs judge them from their feet up instead of from their head down? I particularly dislike one pair of shoes that comes here. They are extremely pointed, for one thing, and the shiny silk ankles above them attract me horribly. Some day I fear I shall have to bite them—just a for fun bite like the kind I give Marianne on her arm, but a real nip. Because the points kicked me once and I didn't deserve it. I was just nosing around the big chair to find Marianne's hand and edged back of the shoe.

When I yelped he begged pardon in a terribly concerned voice and not away with it, too. I glared at him and growled deep in my throat all evening and he told her I was too dangerous a beast for her to have about. He says airdales must have been absent-mindedly created by the gods and he is not sure of it. I never miss my curves. The only time Marianne forgets to rub my head when I put it under her hand is when she reads letters. She forgets letters every day.

Tuesday—"You should be ashamed of yourself!" is what the lady, who is Marianne's mother, said when Marianne threw the bunch for fun bite like the kind I give Marianne on her arm, but a real nip. Because the points kicked me once and I didn't deserve it. I was just nosing around the big chair to find Marianne's hand and edged back of the shoe.

Pointed Toes came in the evening and Marianne thanked him for the lovely roses and I grinned some more because I know where they were—in the fireplace in her room. I find I can make him horribly nervous just by lying down in front of him with my nose on my paws and staring at him without winking. He makes me think of a chop that has not been cooked quite enough. When I do bite his ankle I shall attack from the back where it hurts worse.

Wednesday—I was out in front this afternoon when Pointed Toes drove up in one of his cars, and though I didn't do a single thing but stand and look at him he switched at me with his cane. When I went inside I happened to see the car because nearly every one who takes Marianne for a ride takes me, too. But when they came out he said in surprise. "You MOTHER!"

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Weasel Paid His Board. The farm houses in northern New Hampshire are usually built with two to three back rooms which are used to keep food and milk in summer, but are too cold for winter use. One day early in the winter, Mrs. Emerson heard a strange little barking sound in her back battery, as a room of this sort is called. She opened the door quickly and was just in time to see a slim, white animal with beady black eyes dash under the open space beneath the big cupboard.

"Well, I declare," she said aloud. "If a weasel hasn't come into the house, I must try and get him to stay, so that he will frighten away the rats." Taming a weasel is rather a difficult matter, but Mrs. Emerson was patient. Every day she took her new boarder out something to eat, and left it on the buttery floor. She worked very carefully and quietly and after a time induced him to come out while she was in the room and snatch his piece of bread or doughnut and draw it away under the cupboard. After a time he became comparatively tame for a weasel, and one morning snatched his food from Mrs. Emerson's hand, and finally he would notify her that he was hungry by giving his queer little bark at the buttery door.

He paid his board by driving the rats away, and long before the winter was over, their scurrying had ceased in the partitions of the old house. As the days commenced to lengthen, the weasel's coat began to turn brown, showing that spring was on its way. One day in March the weasel failed to appear for his lunch. He did not come the next day or the next, and Mrs. Emerson knew that he had once more gone to seek his living in the great out-of-doors.—Our Dumb Animals.

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