FROM THE SUNDAY SENTINEL.

FROM OVER THE SEA.

The Next English House of Commons, It Is Thought, Will Be Largely Controlled by the Democracy.

The Russian War Party Advocate the Immediate Seizure of Herat in Afghanistan.

ENGLAND'S FUTURE.

Democracy Making Tremendous Strides in the Little Isle.

LONDON, March 21.—Both the Liberal and Conservative political agents are manifestly preparing for the general election in November next. They almost unanimously concur in reporting that of the present members of the House of Commons almost half will decline to stand for re-election. If this calculation proves accurate the next Parliament will be the product of one of the most thorough political changes ever witnessed in England. The majority of those members of the House who, it is thought, will decline renewals of candidacy, are the older Tories and Whigs. Singular as it may appear, the bulk of these will retire from active politics because of advancing age and increasing physical disability, but they will do so because of the profound discontent at the progress of the democracy of Great Britain. It can not be gainsaid that the most energetic and most effective political missionaries in Her Majesty's dominions for several years past have been Radicals or Democrats.

Old Tories and old Whigs realize this, and they are convinced that the democratic elements will so largely control the next House of Commons as to make the parliamentary methods of position disagreeable to English gentlemen of the old fashion. Hence these gentlemen will "refrain from politics," and from their own standpoint matters will get worse. Political philosophers see plainly that if ever there is to be a real and established democracy in England, its advent will be much hastened by this very disposition shown by these Tories and Whigs to run away and avoid it.

Indications show plainly there is going on in England a steady retreat of conservatism before democracy. The whole tenor of the reports from provincial centers is to the effect that the next Parliament will be radically changed in character; that the number of aristocracy, military and law representatives will be greatly lessened, and the number of commercial men, traders and members of the local bourgeoise in the House will be astonishingly augmented. The Tory agents, in view of the necessity of making a timely recognition of the inevitable, have advised their leaders to adopt an electoral programme based on Democratic lines.

Churchill, the young and erratic Tory member of the Commons, who in a fit of political disgust with the clumsy conservatism of his colleagues abruptly started on a tour of India, has been asked by cable to return to London as speedily as possible to consult with Salisbury, leader of the Tory peers, and with Sir Michael Hicks Beach, reported successor in the Tory leadership in the Commons to Stafford Northcote.

Gladstone is rid of the active political leadership. It seems to be generally believed that he will withdraw from the Prime Ministry and from the Commons at the end of the present session. His family and his close personal friends, it is said, all concur in urging him to take this step. It is known that Gladstone has recently very often expressed a desire to resign the leadership of the Liberal party. Some of the Premier's relatives and family friends are urging him to retire into the House of Lords, where he can continue to serve England by counsel and influence without sacrificing his health and strength, as he must do if he remains where he is.

AFGHANISTAN.

The Seizure of Herat Advocated by the Russian War Party.

LONDON, March 21.—Earl Dufferin, Viceroy of India, has received assurances from the Governments of both Hyderabad and Scinde that each province will be ready to send a contingent to Afghanistan on an advance toward India. A representative from Nizam Scinde and one from the Government of Nepaul will attend the coming conference between the Earl of Dufferin and the Ameer of Afghanistan, Rawalpindi.

It is reported that Russian agents are engaged in distributing money among the disaffected Afghan chiefs for the purpose of inducing them to support Ayoub Khan in a movement to have the latter substituted for Abdurrahman as Ameer of Afghanistan.

The military organ Svet, which reflects the views of the Russian commanders, General Komaroff, General Tchernayeff, and others of the war party of Russia, is at present urging the seizure of Herat before the English can fortify the place. The Svet argues, as Herat is the center of commerce for Khorassan and Turcomania, if England is permitted to hold it, the Russian position beyond the Caspian will be perilous. "Besides," says the Svet, "to allow England to hold Herat would be showing great weakness before the Turcomans." Continuing, this military organ says: "The English must be chased out of Turcoman territory, and the Russian diplomats conceding one inch of ground will betray the interests of their country. England will not risk war for Herat. She knows her defeat may involve India, whereas Russian defeat would mean nothing more than the maintenance of the territorial statu quo."

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

No Prospects of Peace.

LONDON, March 21.—In Paris the reports that China has made overtures for peace are discredited. No negotiations, direct or indirect, have, it is said, been opened, and there are no symptoms that the Government at Pekin is intimidated or anxious to secure peace on any terms unfavorable to China. Members of the Chinese Embassy in London express themselves as hopeful for a cessation of the war, but they say it should be brought about by France accepting the territorial concessions formerly made by China in Tonquin without any indemnity. From China direct came reports that the Army of the Empire has been reinforced and put in readiness to assume offensive operations in Tonquin. At Kelung the French remain practically in a state of siege. The war in Tonquin and Formosa, members of the Embassy say, has not perceptibly affected the internal prosperity of the Chinese Empire, although the Tressury of the Imperial Government, it is admitted, needs funds.

The Panama Canal.

LONDON, March 21.—De Lesseps denies the reports from New York to the effect that the work along the Panama Canal has resulted in a failure. De Lesseps says his son Victor, after having visited Panama and made a thorough investigation of the operations along the line of the canal, writes: "Pour moi le canal est fail."

No contractors, says De Lesseps, have, as has been reported, stopped work because the canal company have failed to supply them with money, although one American contractor was refused payment for work because he had failed to comply with the conditions of his contract. "I have no fears," says De Lesseps, "of any stoppage of the work on the canal because of the war in Central America."

Pipe Line Apparatus.

SAUKIM, March 21.—General Graham has received the pipe line apparatus necessary to furnish his army with fresh water supply during his march to Berber. He starts Tuesday to make a permanent advance necessary to secure such occupation of the country as will permit the construction of the proposed railway from Saukim to Berber.

The Mudir of Dongola.

KORTI, March 21.—The Mudir of Dongola is being joined by many friendly Arabs on his march up the Nile toward Hassanyiet. The object of the Mudir's warlike activity is to disabuse the hostile Arabs of the notion that the hot weather will prevent aggressive operations against the Mahdi.

Movements of Italian Troops.

ROME, March 21.—An Italian transport is preparing to embark troops for Massowah. The fourth Italian flotilla for the Red Sea is about starting, and consists of five of the best torpedo boats in the Italian navy. General Ricci, commander of the Red Sea expedition, recommends that the Italian troops be prepared to advance against the hostile Arabs along the Red Sea coast. If it be true that Kassala has fallen, or if the place should fall, the Italian missions will ask King John of Abyssinia to occupy Kerem and the country of Bogos, should the Arabs threaten to invade either.

Libel Suit.

LONDON, March 21.—The writ for a libel suit, which was asked for by Cyrus W. Field against James Gordon Bennett, was refused on the purely legal ground that an action by an alien in America against an alien in France, was not triable in an English court. The action for libel brought by Field against Henry Labouchere, proprietor of the London Truth, for originally publishing what the New York Herald had cabled to it, has a good chance for trial here.

LONDON, March 21.—An Anglo-Russian company has started to compete with the Americans and Australians in furnishing England with meat. The abattoirs of this new concern are located in the center of Liban, and the company calculate to sell in England alone $3,000,000 worth of meat every year.

More Honors for Bismarck.

BERLIN, March 21.—The Sultan of Turkey will send a special commissioner to Berlin to confer the Grand Cordon of the Order of Niehami Imtiaz upon the Crown Prince and Bismarck. Hitherto the honor has been reserved for sovereigns. It is reported that Bismarck will remove Scholz and take the Prussian financial portfolio himself.

Bismarck has advised King Leopold of Belgium against assuming the sovereignty of the Congo State.

British Losses.

SUAKIM, March 21.—Corrected returns of the British losses in yesterday's engagement show 21 killed, including 17 Indian troops; 42 wounded, 16 being of the Indian contingent. The troops in the Zerabs at Hasheen at daylight dispersed the rebels on the neighboring hills. The Berkshire regiment and marines will be left to garrison the Zerabas, the remainder of the troops returning to Suakim.

RED FLAMES

Lick Up a Large Portion of New Jersey's Capitol, With the Records.

TRENTON, March 21.—A large portion of the capitol building burned early this morning. The flames were extinguished after four hours' fighting. The loss will be enormous. The Chancery office, containing all the records of courts of the State, deeds, etc., was destroyed.

Two explosions of gas occurred in the Quartermaster General's office on the first floor, at the northwest corner of the State House at 3 o'clock this morning. The explosions were followed by flames that shot through the windows. In ten minutes the apartments were in ruins. The flames followed the steampipes to the floor above and quickly set fire to the offices of the Clerk in Chancery. From these the conflagration extended to the geological museum on the third floor. In this there were many valuable state relics, but the most valuable had been sent to the New Orleans Exposition a month ago. The battle flags were rescued by the firemen at the risk of their lives. The sword and saddle of General Kearney were destroyed. The fire then moved back toward the dome, and it looked as though the Supreme Court-room, Chancery Court-room and legislative chambers would have to go. Books and documents were removed hastily from the offices of the Comptroller of the State Treasury and Secretary of State. The fire was finally checked at 7 o'clock, although the engines are still playing on the ruins in order that access may be had the chancery vaults, where exceedingly valuable papers relating to thousands of estates are kept. The vaults were not burned, but are believed to be full of water, which will cause almost as much damage as fire. The loss will not fall below $100,000. The part destroyed is the facade of the original State House, built in 1795. Only the museum, Quartermaster Gore's office and Chancery Office were completely destroyed, and other departments were somewhat damaged by water. The Chancery and Supreme Court-rooms and Senate and Assembly chambers remain intact. The entire building is worth $500,000, with a liberal insurance on the structure.

The Langdon Hotel, Chicago, Burned—Several Lives Lost.

CHICAGO, March 21.—At 8 this evening fourteen fire engines poured water into the Langdon Hotel, which was a mass of flames. The fire originated in one of the lower rooms. At the time the restaurant of the house contained 100 guests at supper, and as many more were in the rooms. The people in the restaurant had no trouble in getting out, but several persons in the upper rooms had very narrow escapes. The flames spread with marvelous rapidity, and before the second alarm was turned in the flames were bursting through the rooms. A general alarm was given half an hour after the fire broke out, but all the engines which could be brought to play upon the flames could not get the fire under control. Mrs. Belknap, an elderly lady, was killed by jumping from the fourth story into the alley. Subsequently a cry was raised that the walls were falling, and that Bullwinkle's Fire Insurance Patrol men were inside the building. A portion of the south walls were seen to totter and then it came down with a crash.

Two members of the fire insurance patrol barely escaped the tumbling bricks and timbers, and two others were pinned fast, but after strenuous efforts were finally extricated, the legs of both being severely bruised. Patrolmen A. Jones and John Walsh are believed to have been suffocated beneath the wall, as no trace was found of them up to a late hour. Policeman Marks saw two domestics at one of the second-story windows after it was supposed all the inmates had been rescued. He rushed up the burning stair case, and a few moments later appeared dragging out both women, who had been rendered unconscious by smoke.

The hotel, which is a total loss, was erected immediately after the great fire. While substantial looking on the outside it has been called a fire-trap. It was formerly known as the Burdick House, then as the Crawford and recently the Langdon.

WERE THEY POISONED?

A Sensational Rumor Growing Out of Two Sudden Deaths in Camden.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—A sensation was caused in Camden, N. J., to-day by a rumor which was widely circulated to the effect that Joseph W. Sellers and his wife, who died suddenly a few weeks ago, had been poisoned. The suspicions of foul play were aroused among the relatives by a peculiar chain of circumstances which seemed to point to Mary Bowyer, colored, who had been employed as cook in the Sellers family for a period of eleven years. Mrs. Sellers died early in February and her husband was soon after attacked with similar symptoms and died suddenly. Mrs. Fortiner, who had been employed as nurse, was also taken seriously ill and narrowly escaped death.

After the funeral of Mr. Sellers, his only child was adopted by Daniel Packer, Jr., of Woodbury. Mary Bowyer, the cook, who had professed great affection for the child, went with him to the Packer family on a visit. Early last week all the members of the household, except the cook and child of Mr. Sellers, were seized with alarming illness and violent retching. A physician pronounced it a case of arsenical poisoning. Under medical treatment all the family have recovered, except Mrs. Packer's mother, who is still suffering from the effects of the poison.

Dr. Snetcher, who attended Mr. Sellers, said he had not observed any symptoms of poisoning, death, in his opinion, having been the result of typhoid fever and nervous prostration. It is understood that the bodies will be exhumed and a post mortem held to determine the cause of death.

THE CRAZE.

Dr. Talmage on Roller Skating—Not Yet Ready to Join the War on It.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, who has just returned from a Western tour, was asked to-day for his views about roller skating.

"Roller skating?" said he, "why, I've just returned from the headquarters of roller skating-dom—Richmond, Ind.—and the people out there are fairly crazy about the sport. I spoke to the proprietor of one of the largest rinks in Richmond, and he told me roller skating was the most innocent, enjoyable and beneficial amusements imaginable. I have read some of the objections of brother clergymen that have been printed, and although I don't say I agree with them, I don't want as yet to collide with their views—not until I have investigated the matter thoroughly. The striking-out motion—and here the Doctor pushed the roller arm-chair behind, while he stood and struck out with as graceful a movement as the most adept whirler—develops the lower limbs better than anything else I know of.

"Speaking of roller skating reminds me that I did ask that Richmond manager about how affairs were conducted, and he told me that the least unwarranted gallantry was a signal for the ejection of the offender from the rink. This is at it should be, and I guess our managers here in Brooklyn are fully as particular as to their patrons as they are out West. Will I visit the rinks? Well now, that is a suggestion, and I will in a few days go to every one of them and see for myself. Try on the rollers? No, I think not: I have some regard for my bones yet."

MISS MADISON.

The Mystery of Her Murder Not Yet Solved—Arrest of an Accused Young Lawyer.

RICHMOND, March 21.—The excitement here over the Fanny Lillian Madison mystery is so great that the officers who arrested Thomas J. Cluverius in King and Queen County, charged with her murder, deemed it prudent to bring him to the city in a private vehicle instead of on the train. The case against young Cluverius rests entirely on circumstantial evidence, which daily accumulates. The aged father of the girl is still in the city. Her body, since it was found floating in the city reservoir, has lain in a little chapel here. One of the father's first acts, after recovering from the shock, was to purchase a handsome coffin, and upon this he had placed a silver plate, with the words "At Rest." He has shown a determination to aid the officers in their efforts to find his daughter's murderer.

Cluverius is a young lawyer of Plymouth, King and Queen County. The dead girl's father says that there he was not looked upon by intimate acquaintances as her beau, but that they have been on the best of terms from childhood and were much attached to each other. Fanny knew, according to her father's understanding, that that Cluverius was affianced to a young lady in King and Queen County. Cluverius was a frequent visitor to Mr. Madison's house, and in the last few years was in the habit of stopping there on his way to court. In August last he stopped there and inquired for Fanny, and was informed that she was staying at Mr. Joseph Walker's, who lived near by. Cluverius went there and remained that night and the following day. During there was no one in the house except Miss Madison's aged grandfather, Miss Fanny and Cluverius, Mr. Walker being away on his farm. At the next term of court, Mr. Madison says, Cluverius shunned him. He thought it singular, and so expressed himself, because before this the young man had always greeted him very cordially.

The fact that the post-mortem indicated that the girl would have become a mother in two months is deemed of importance in making up the case against the young lawyer. All, however, that has been discovered against him so far is that his name was found on a scrap of paper, which the girl tore up and threw in the hotel waste-basket, and that he was in the city at the same time, and left on the morning of the day her body was found in the city reservoir. He has yet to be connected with her at the reservoir. A gentleman's watch-key was found there which had been torn from a chain.

Cluverius was a law student at Richmond College for years ago. He went there by the nickname of "Smiling Moses," as he was continually smiling. He is pleasant mannered, about twenty-two years old, has a light-colored moustache, and is of slight build. He was arrested while eating supper, and at once employed Speaker H. R. Pollard, of the the Virginia House of Delegates, and the Hon. A. Brown Evans, a prominent lawyer, as his counsel.

The authorities have sent to Bath County, to the family in which Miss Madison was governess, for her trunk. One of her friends here avers that she had a number of letters written by a young man of whom the informant speaks as Miss Madison's beau. She says she also had his photograph.

Detectives are now trying to trace Cluverius's movements while he was here. It is known that two men met Miss Madison while she was at the hotel on the morning of her murder. Cluverius says that he can account for every hour he was here. He is very cool. He denies that he saw the girl during her stay in the city. What caused Cluverius's arrest was the finding of a note in the girl's room at the hotel addressed to him and reading as follows:

"I will be there. Please wait for me."

He said he was not expecting any note from her. It is expected that the watch they found in the reservoir bank will play an important part in clearing up the mystery, and accordingly the officers, when they arrested Cluverius, looked at his watch chain particularly. They saw that he had attached to the chain a short pendant, but no key. When he reached this city this pendant had disappeared. He said in response to questions that he had left it at home. The officers say it disappeared on the way to Richmond. When he was arrested he had on his person a package of letters addressed to himself from ladies. They were from different correspondents, and of a very tender nature. On the outside of one of the recipient is requested not to break the seal unless he will make the most sacred vows not to divulge its contents. The envelope was opened by the police, and the letter bore evidence of having been perused. It was from a young lady in the prisoner's county, and was of a devoted nature.

Cluverius expressed surprise when he was arrested. He admitted that he had read in the papers of the finding of Miss Madison's body. His friends indignantly deny that he is capable of such a crime. They have ample means.

KNIFED TO DEATH.

Two Colored Stone-Quarry Hands Dispute Over a Drill and a Murder Results.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 21.—A horrible murder occurred here this morning. Henry Everett, colored, was stabbed and almost instantly killed at the stone quarry corner of Pine and McNairy streets, by Allen Hubbard. The two, with many other men, were employed in quarrying; a few minutes previous to the tragedy Hubbard had laid aside a drill he was using and taken one belonging to Everett. Everett, who was working on a ledge above, handed Hubbard another drill, asking for his own. Hubbard replied that he could not get the drill, whereupon Everett said that he would take it. Hubbard told him that if he did he would cut his heart out. Everett replied that if Hubbard could cut quicker than he could to come on.

Hubbard ran around and up to the ledge and stabbed him with the knife in the region of the heart, the blade entering between the sixth and seventh ribs and inflicting a wound several inches in depth. Everett begged Hubbard not to cut him again and caught the latter by the arm, but Hubbard disregarded the entreaty and plunged the knife first into his left temple and then into his back. The wound in the temple was half an inch deep. Everett fell back dead, and Hubbard immediately fled toward the southwestern part of the city, followed by several fellow laborers.

Deputy Coroner Adams was notified of the murder, and proceeding to the scene of the crime, hold an inquest. R. H. Jones, W. H. Beach, Theo. Haslam, Thomas Consaline, Frank Freil, Edward Grundy and J. N. Tanksley were summoned as jurors, and West Griggsby, Reuben Patton, Alfred Moore and Lel. Patton as witnesses. Deceased was lying in a pool of blood, and presented a sickening sight when viewed by the jury. The examination of witnesses developed the facts as related above, and a verdict in accordance therewith was rendered. Everett was about thirty-five years of age, and Hubbard several years younger. The murder was wholly unprovoked, and caused deep indignation among workmen and the friends of the dead man.

His Death Song.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 21.—Last evening Mr. H. B. Plant, of New York, capitalist, railroad man, and President of the Southern Express Company, was coming down the St. John's River from Sanford on the steamer Debary. Accompanying him were several officials of his various companies, including Colonel F. E. Whitfield, of Mississippi, a distinguished public man of that State, and the attorney of Mr. Plant's corporations.

When nearing Palatka the party had gathered around the piano in the saloon, and Colonel Whitfield, who was a vocalist of much power, was entertaining with songs the gay party of ladies and gentlemen. Suddenly, after singing a plaintive ballad with unusual tenderness of expression he turned, faced his audience, grew pale, tottered in his seat and without a word fell dead. His remains, accompanied by his wife, reached the city this morning and were forwarded for interment to his home in Corinth, Miss.

Colonel Whitfield was reckoned next to Mr. Lamar as the most eloquent man in Mississippi, and the brightest political hopes were entertained for him by his friends. His death is felt keenly by Mr. Plant and the officials of his various corporations.

Rheumatism is primarily caused by acidity of the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, and thus cures the disease.

SENTINEL SPECIALS.

The Roller Craze—Discovery of Coal.

Special to the Sentinel.

UNION CITY, Ind., March 21.—The roller skate industry is rapidly absorbing all of the surplus skill and labor of this city, and the number of improvements on roller skates and skate wheels, if patented, will add largely to the revenue of the Patent Office. All classes of amusements are being gradually supplanted by the daily and nightly attendance at the rink, and the religious element are greatly exercised at this new and seductive scheme of Satan, and are at a loss how to counteract it. Mr. W. H. Clark, the manager of the rink, is offering attractions for entertainment that continue to draw full houses.

Young Robinson brothers, of Muncie, Ind., acrobats and gymnasts, gave an exhibition at the rink here last evening on rollers, winning rounds of applause.

A buzz of excitement exists of the discovery of a vein of canel coal about five miles east of here. The find was accidentally made by Messrs Starbuck and Graves while hunting in the forest for an escaped wild cat. So soon as the frost is out of the ground they propose to fully explore and develop the mine.

Connersville Cullings.

Special to the Sentinel.

CONNERSVILLE, Ind., March 21.—Officer Page, of Richmond, arrived here this morning, with the custody of a young fellow named Elbridge Riggs, whom he had followed to and arrested in St. Louis. The prisoner is accused of the theft of $500 in cash from Samuel Lamburson, a farmer in the northern part of this county, for whom he worked last fall. He waived examination and was jailed.

James D. Allison, the Brookville barrister, who is in jail for alleged horse stealing, took a change of venue from the regular Judge. Judge Heller, of Indianapolis, came promptly yesterday, upon telegram, and the trial is going on before him.

H. C. Elfoque's saw mill was partially burned down Thursday night.

The mercury registered four degrees below zero here this week.

Court Proceedings.

Special to the Sentinel.

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 21.—The case of John Ferguson against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for false imprisonment was concluded this morning, and a verdict of $1,000 for the plaintiff was awarded by the jury. Hiram Weddle, against the same defendants, obtained a judgment for $3,200 on the same charge, in the Circuit Court here, about a year ago. It was appealed to the Supreme Court and sent back for trial. There was considerable interest taken in the Ferguson case on the part of the plaintiff's friends.

Logansport Items.

Special to the Sentinel.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., March 21.—George Stewart, the tramp that was so badly burned a few days ago, died at the County Farm yesterday.

Citizens from Delphi are searching the city for Mrs. Harley. It is reported that traces were found to indicate that she had fallen in Rock Creek and drowned.

Rev. A. W. Hawkins, of this city, will resign the pastorate of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to accept a call at Columbia, Tenn.

Acquitted.

Special to the Sentinel.

VINCENNES, Ind., March 21.—The third stage in the Sachs-Hollingsworth trouble culminated to-day by the jury acquitting Mrs. Jim Purrier of the charge of perjury. City Marshall Samuel Rumer will be tried Monday for contempt of court in spiriting away Mrs. Sachs, who was under attachment. Much local interest is attached to the case.

No Trace Yet of Mrs. Harley.

Special to the Sentinel.

DELPHI, Ind., March 21.—After a thorough search of the river to-day by eager hundreds, the news comes to-night that not the least clue of any character has been found of the lost woman, Mrs. Harley. A detective of experience will take up the trail to-morrow, but with little assurance of success. The interest is, widespread and unabated.

Reported Resignation.

PARIS, March 21.—It is reported that Deglero, Prime Minister of Russia, has resigned.

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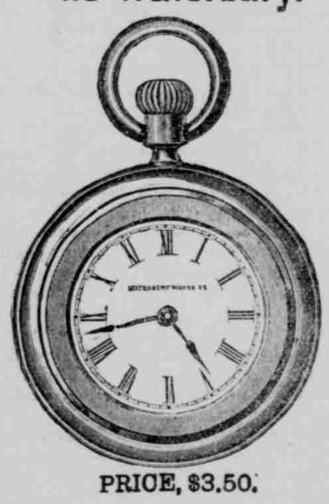

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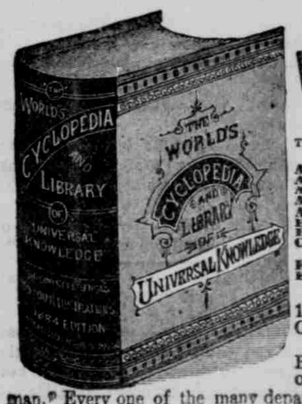

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