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Two men swam the Niagara rapids a few days ago. We have forgotten their names.

It is a difficult task in this work-a-day world of ours to preserve the bloom of the peach.

A Cossack who asked for better food has been shot dead. A Cossack should know his place.

The \$50,000 subscribed for Peary's pole-hunting project may properly be referred to as cold cash.

Foolish regrets are dreary relics of the past and forgetfulness the junk man that carries them away.

If Peary is successful, Canada will be bounded on the north as well as on the south by the United States.

Drastic reforms are to be inaugurated by the Chinese government. Look out for graft scandals over there.

The boat rocker has just succeeded in drowning a party of three in New Hampshire, fortunately including himself.

A famous football player has just bought a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. He is still looking for trouble.

In Newark, N. J., caterpillars are bringing 10 cents a quart. Newark must be the headquarters of the axle grease industry.

"Are we to have a revival of honesty?" asks the Rutland (Mass.) Herald. Why not? It would be a most delightful novelty.

Chicago and New York continue to talk about how big they are, while the rest of the country is talking about how bad they are.

It is not known yet whether the decision of the treasury department that camels' hair is wool will be pleasing or displeasing to the camel.

"The Woman of Tomorrow" is the title of a book just announced, but it is all that most of us can do to keep up with the woman of today.

Eighteen Boston tailors have gone on strike, which recalls Queen Elizabeth's salutation to another eighteen: "Good morning gentlemen both."

A Japanese admiral has found that the cruiser Kumrod, late of the Baltic fleet, is a "complete wreck." There is such a thing as doing work too well.

The New York Post refers to Scotty of Death Valley as a golden calf. The editor of the Post must have reasons for believing that Scotty has pawned his gun.

Why should anyone complain about the heat when the telegraph tells us that a large snow bank is still visible on Mt. Jefferson, up in the White mountains?

Philadelphia is certainly getting rapid, with fifty-four divorces granted there in one hour this week. And the recent raid had nothing at all to do with it, either.

It is announced in London journals that the Princess Anna de Karenina desires to sell her titles. We would advise her to advertise in the Pittsburg papers.

Nicola Tesla hints that he has about solved the problem of aerial navigation. This may account for the fact that he has not recently been in communication with Mars.

The season is here when you will betray your social status, according as you decide to slice it off with your knife or just hold it up in both hands and bite it off the cob.

Barber Hens of Kansas City has asked the legislature to change his name. If he will promise to quit cackling his customers will doubtless warmly support the petition.

"The English are not considered a pleasure-loving people," says the London Speaker. If they had been a pleasure-loving people, they would never have got mixed up in that Boer war.

It must be annoying to the czar to have to go poking around the cellar every time when he moves into a new palace to see how much dynamite the energetic revolutionists have stowed away.

Secretary Taft says he was not angry when he wrote that letter to Wallace. Then it is difficult to see how the secretary could fully express himself when angry without plagiarizing Admiral Evans.

Word comes from New York that a woman who married a man there because she thought he was a genius has had him put in an insane asylum. She isn't the first one, however, who has had trouble in discovering the difference.

An octogenarian who has just died in New York is said to have drunk heavily all his life, except nine months during which he thought the city would be bombarded by a Spanish fleet. He evidently was reasonable in his demands for excitement.

"Let us," sings one of the poets, "so hence, the night is now at hand." This would be a good motto for the fashionable man and woman who belong to three bridge clubs, and put in the other four nights of each week at dinner parties and dances and automobile driving.

A boat rocker was almost lynched by a crowd of women at a resort near New York a few days ago. It is to be hoped that the women succeeded in making their earnestness impressive enough to work a cure.

IOWA TO JOIN IN STATE MOVEMENT

The Life Insurance Concerns Will Be Examined.

THE COMMISSION IN SESSION

Chicago Meeting Promises to Result in Investigation—Auditor B. F. Carroll in Movement Which Aims After the Truth—Would Correct Evils.

Des Moines, Aug. 4.—Western insurance officials aroused by the disclosures as to the condition of the Equitable, Mutual Reserve and some other eastern life insurance companies, have determined upon a combined and systematic inspection of all eastern insurance companies that the interests of policyholders in their states may be safeguarded and proper precautions taken to protect their interests.

A conference of the insurance commissioners and officials of several of the states was held at the Auditorium in Chicago on Wednesday. State Auditor Carroll attended for Iowa and will participate in the examinations. Commissioner Folk of Tennessee started the movement and has received the co-operation of Auditor Carroll and Commissioner Host of Wisconsin in making it a success. At the first meeting of those participating in what the insurance companies have seen fit to designate as "the interstate insurance raid" it was decided to start the movement with an investigation of the big Equitable of New York and the Mutual Life, that a true statement of conditions may be secured and placed before the public. The idea is to give the good and the bad as it is found that the companies may profit or lose by the examinations as they deserve. The probabilities are that the report will be a joint one participated in by all of the representatives and put before the public over their signatures.

The Metropolitan, Prudential, Pennsylvania Mutual, Connecticut Mutual, Wooster and other eastern companies were mentioned and will be examined as fast as it is possible to get to them.

The participants in the meeting were: Auditor Carroll, of Iowa; R. E. Folk, treasurer and commissioner ex-officio of Tennessee; H. R. Prewitt, commissioner of Kentucky; W. R. Vandenberg, commissioner for Illinois; Thomas D. O'Brien, commissioner for Minnesota; Zeno M. Host, Commissioner for Wisconsin; James W. Barry, commissioner for Michigan; J. J. Brinkerhoff, actuary for Illinois; A. J. Vorys, superintendent for Ohio.

Other states will be permitted to participate in the examination through their departments upon making application, it not being the intention to limit the membership of the committee or to bar any one desiring to join.

MUST PAY PENALTY.

Renewal of Incorporation Almost Prohibited by Capitalization.

Des Moines, August 3.—The trust companies of the state are face to face with one of the biggest problems of their existence. A large number of the companies were organized about twenty years ago at a time when there was no fee for capital stock. It thus came about that many of the companies incorporated for capitals they never expected to use, some going as high as five million dollars.

If they reincorporate they will be compelled to pay a fee on all this capital, amounting in the case of \$5,000,000 more than \$5,000. This is prohibitory in the case of many of the companies while to call a meeting of the companies and recall and reissue the stock will be almost as large an expense.

SALOON MEN CONTEST.

Engage Attorneys and Prepare to Fight Back Mule Collections.

Des Moines, Aug. 3.—Des Moines owners of liquor storage plants who have been notified by the tax ferrets to appear before Treasurer Murrow and pay mule taxes for five years back, aggregating \$30,000, have stated their determination to contest the case.

Attorneys Clark & McLaughlin have been engaged by the liquor men. Preparations are being made to show Treasurer Murrow that the saloon men should not be held. In case they decide adversely the case will be appealed to the district court at once.

Saloon men claim that the tax is a discrimination. The tax ferrets base their action on the recent decision of the supreme court.

THREE WOMEN KILLED.

Mrs. Laible and Daughter Meet Death On Track.

Waterloo, Aug. 4.—While driving across the Milwaukee tracks near Freeport, a fast freight struck the wagon in which were riding Mrs. William J. Laible and two daughters, Grace Laible and Gladys Brine. All three were killed. The horse was also killed and the buggy was torn into kindling.

The accident happened about 6 o'clock in the evening. No blame has been attached to the trainmen though the investigation is not yet advanced. Trainmen are aroused over the accident. Sunday a man was killed at the same town by the Illinois Central. Each train was numbered 72.

He Found His Wife Dead.

St. Louis, Aug. 4.—Mrs. A. J. Thompson was found dead by her husband when he went home to dinner. Mrs. Thompson had not been feeling well for some days. She was down town doing some trading about 11 o'clock and when Mr. Thompson went home a few minutes before 12 o'clock he found her lying on the bed dead. Mr. Thompson, who is proprietor of a grocery store in St. Louis, was also married but a few weeks.

Money For Iowa School.

Mt. Pleasant, Aug. 4.—Word has been received here that Rev. H. T. Hesse of San Jose, Cal., has donated \$50,000 to various Western institutions throughout the country. It is believed that Iowa Methodist institutions will get a good slice of the amount.

GREAT FLOTO SHOWS COMING.

"The Circus Beautiful"—Bigger and Better Than Ever.

Des Moines, August 1.—The awe-inspiring spectacle, "Mysterious India," so prominently announced this year by the Great Flo-to Shows, is unique in circusdom.

With the aid of tradition, history and imagination some fairly adequate scenes of ancient splendors may be formed and then all pale into insignificance before the glories of Mysterious India, dazzling America's millions with the splendor of the Oriental glittering, gleaming, bejeweled throng. Magnificent royal chariots drawn by genuine Arabian stallions, "steeds of the Black Eagle Feather," Herds of elephants and camels, carrying Bikaners, warriors in chains of armor, sacred cattle and brilliant carts of golden plush, bullocks covered with silverappings, and conveyances drawn by elephants, camel teams and natives direct from India all take part in this glittering entrancing spectacular production.

This one single feature which opens a long and praiseworthy program requires the expenditure of more money and the employment of more and various kinds of people than would cover the entire outlay of many so-called circuses.

Two exhibitions will be given here, and in case of inclement weather, the waterproof tents insure perfect protection and comfort. Don't forget the date, August 11.

DES MOINES NEGROES MAKE BOLD HOLD-UP

Des Moines, August 4.—Over \$900 was the haul made by two negroes who entered a business office in the heart of the downtown district during broad daylight yesterday afternoon and perpetrated the boldest robbery committed in years in this city, leaving S. T. Roberts, their victim, insensible on the floor, and making their escape before the affair was discovered.

The amount secured consisted of \$415 in cash and two checks aggregating over \$500, which Mr. Roberts was preparing to take to the bank. The holdup occurred in the office of the Des Moines Building company at 320 Locust street, in which Mr. Roberts was alone at the time. The office is in a one story brick building just east of Ninth street on the south side of Locust, immediately in the rear of the saloon on the southeast corner.

Mr. Roberts had been footing up his account preparatory to going to the bank and had placed the two checks, \$390 in currency and \$25 in gold, in his bank book, which he had placed in his pocket, and was just starting to leave the office when the two negroes suddenly entered the door and walked to the back of the office, where he was standing. The men had evidently been watching him through the window and had seen him place the money in his pockets. The negroes entered, demanded the money, proceeded to take it, and then, with a blow, rendered Mr. Roberts insensible. They have disappeared. There is no clue.

AMANA SOCIETY TO RETAINS ITS LIFE

Iowa City, Aug. 2.—Judge O. A. Byington, in the district court of Iowa county, yesterday handed down his decision in the suit brought to end the corporate existence of the Amana society, the largest communistic organization in the world. His decision was for the defendant society. The suit was brought by the county attorney at the demand of Mrs. Sarah Wilson. It was fought throughout, with a former judge of the district court on each side as attorney, Judge Wade appearing for the society and Judge Fairall for Mrs. Wilson.

The decision is a lengthy one. The history of the society is reviewed from its organization in Germany in 1718 to the present. Its real name is "The Community of True Inspiration." The Community emigrated to the United States in 1843, first settling in New York, but coming to this state in Iowa. The testimony was reviewed, showing the mode of life, as published at the time of the trial. Briefly stated, in consideration of the surrender of his property and the donation of his labor, each member is assured a living, including care and support for minor children. Religious observances consist of daily prayer meetings. The children are educated by the society.

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HEAVY HARNESS HORSES AT FAIR

Des Moines, Aug. 4.—State fair entries for the twelve finest horses in the world, so considered, were received yesterday by Secretary J. C. Simpson of the state agricultural society. The two heavy harness six-horse teams, which won first and second prizes at the International Live Stock show in Chicago last winter have been entered in competition. They are the champion Pabst team, owned by the Pabst Brewing Company of Milwaukee and the Swift and company team of Chicago.

The live stock show at the state fair this month will surpass anything in previous years. The entries closed this week. Application have been received for thirty more stalls for horses than the fair management can supply, and the applications for double stalls for cattle will exceed the number by over a hundred.

The horse show will be an all-Iowa affair. Of the several large breeders from outside the state who provided the big show of two years ago, none are represented in the entries for the fair of 1905.

HEAVY FIRE DAMAGE.

Davenport, Aug. 3.—Fire of unknown origin yesterday morning completely burned the building occupied by the Minrich Crockery company, wholesalers, and L. B. Guy Crockery company, retail. The loss is \$40,000. At two o'clock yesterday morning the fire also destroyed the Volquarison wooden shoe factory with a loss of \$7,000. No insurance.

Foul Tip Killed Catcher.

Hedrick, August 1.—Struck over the heart by a foul tip while catching behind the bat, Ed. Payton was killed, clutched wildly at the ball, tottered and fell to the ground in a faint. When assistance reached him he was dead. Payton was participating in a game between the Highland Center team and a team of farmers at Nasby Corners.

GRATEFUL TO CUTICURA

For Instant Relief and Speedy Cure of Raw and Scaly Humour, Itching Day and Night—Suffered Months.

"I wish you would publish this letter so that others suffering as I have may be helped. For months averted sores covered my face and neck, scabs forming, itching terribly day and night, breaking open, and running blood and matter. I had tried many remedies, but was growing worse, when I started with Cuticura. The first application gave me instant relief, and when I had used two cakes of Cuticura Soap and three boxes of Cuticura Ointment, I was completely cured. (signed) Miss Nellie Vander Wiele, Lakeside, N. Y."

Honeysuckles and the sweet girl granadines bloom simultaneously.

Don't open your mouth and swallow everything you hear—unless you are foolish and don't care who knows it.

General Bliman Martson, a once famous New Hampshire lawyer, was attending court at Dover, when a young attorney made a motion that was denied by the court. The young man remonstrated against what he thought was the wrong ruling of the judge. So vehemently did he remonstrate that he was fined ten dollars for contempt of court. An old attorney took the matter up, and he was fined a similar sum. Still another, who thought he stood a little better with the judge, endeavored to straighten the matter out, but he too enriched the coffers of the State by paying a "steep" fine for contempt.

VOICE FROM ARKANSAS.

Cleveland, Ark., July 31st.—(Special)—Nearly every newspaper tells of some wonderful cure of some form of Kidney Disease by the Great American Remedy, Dodd's Kidney Pills, and this part of Arkansas is not without its share of evidence that no case is so deeply rooted for Dodd's Kidney Pills to cure.

Mr. A. E. Carille, well known and highly respected here, tells of his cure after nearly a quarter of a century's suffering. Mr. Carille says:

"I want to let the public know what I think of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I think they are the best remedy for sick kidneys ever made.

"I had Kidney Trouble for 23 years and never found anything that did me so much good as Dodd's Kidney Pills. I recommend them to all sufferers."

There is no uncertain sound about Mr. Carille's statement. He knows that Dodd's Kidney Pills rescued him from a life of suffering and he wants the public to know it. Dodd's Kidney Pills cure all Kidney ills from Backache to Bright's Disease.

More women could go in for voice culture if they could buy things for a song.

"Poor old Henpeck leads a dog's life with his wife." "Well, why on earth don't he apply for a divorce?" "He says he wanted to, but she wouldn't let him"—Ex.

"By the way, what has become of Grown's book, 'One Hundred Short Cuts to Wealth,' that he was working so hard upon last year?" "Oh, Brown finished the book all right, but was unable to raise money enough to have it published."—Judge.

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EVER TREAT YOU SO?

Coffee Acts the Jonah and Will Come Up.

A clergyman who pursues his noble calling in a country parish in Iowa, tells of his coffee experience:

"My wife and I used coffee regularly for breakfast, frequently for dinner and occasionally for supper—always the very best quality—package coffee never could find a place on our table.

"In the spring of 1896 my wife was taken with violent vomiting which we had great difficulty in stopping.

"It seemed to come from coffee drinking but we could not decide.

"In the following July, however, she was attacked a second time by the vomiting. I was away from home filling an appointment, at the time, and on my return I found her very low; she had literally vomited herself almost to death, and it took some days to quiet the trouble and restore her stomach.

"I had also experienced the same trouble, but not so violently, and had relieved it, each time, by a resort to medicine.

"But my wife's second attack satisfied me that the use of coffee was at the bottom of our troubles, and so we stopped it forthwith and took on Postum Food Coffee. The old symptoms of disease disappeared and during the 9 years that we have been using Postum instead of coffee we have never had a recurrence of the vomiting. We never weary of Postum, to which we know we owe our good health. This is a simple statement of facts." Name given by Postum Company, Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book "The Road to Well-Being" in each pkg.

TROOPS OF TWO STATES MAY CLASH

Mississippi and Louisiana Governors Are Angry.

QUARANTINE CAUSES TROUBLE

Mississippi Soldiers Invade Louisiana Soil—Gov. Blanchard Says Soldiers Must Be Removed at Once Or He Will Take Steps to Protect State.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 2.—A special to the Commercial-Appeal from Baton Rouge, La., says:

A clash between the Mississippi and Louisiana authorities over quarantine regulations is imminent. A private dispatch was received in the city yesterday stating that Mississippi soldiers, employed as quarantine guards, had invaded Louisiana with arms and that boats were patrolling the mouth of the Rigolets and Pearl river off the Louisiana coast to prevent boats from leaving.

Governor Blanchard directed Brigadier General Perrault of his staff and Captain J. W. Bostwick, commanding the state's naval militia, to investigate and report.

Governor Blanchard also telegraphed Governor Vardaman of Mississippi:

"Have reliable information that Mississippi quarantine guards, armed and equipped with revolvers, are patrolling the Louisiana side of Lake Borgene canal preventing any boat from coming out. This is an unarrantable usurpation and invasion of Louisiana waters and our attorney advises me to ask you to wire proper authorities in Washington at once to intervene or take the matters in hand yourself."

Governor Blanchard then telegraphed to Governor Vardaman of Mississippi:

"Have information that Mississippi patrols have forbidden fishermen from fishing in Lake Borgene and are now guarding exit of Lake Borgene canal preventing boats from coming out. Is this by your orders, or those of health authorities in your state? No such state of affairs can be tolerated. You have a right to prohibit boats landing on Mississippi shores, but not from navigating lake, sound and gulf channels which are navigable waters of the United States."

New Orleans, August 3.—The fever situation showed no material change during the day, and the few foci shows that it is not spreading with the rapidity of former years. Of the daths four were in the Emergency hospital, four in the original districts and three in the charity hospital.

Governor Blanchard has ordered Captain Bostwick of the naval brigade to impress the fleet of patrol boats of the oyster commission into service, and arm them and patrol the waters now in possession of the Mississippi health authorities from coming out. Is this by your orders, or those of health authorities in your state? No such state of affairs can be tolerated. You have a right to prohibit boats landing on Mississippi shores, but not from navigating lake, sound and gulf channels which are navigable waters of the United States."

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Tokio, July 30, 7 p. m.—The following dispatch has been received from the Japanese army headquarters:

"Our independent cavalry which entered Rykoff (on Sakhalin island, forty-five miles northeast of Port Due) July 27 withdrew on finding order in the city unfavorable to its occupancy. Our army, intending to crush the enemy's forces before they retreated from the eminences west of Rykoff commenced to advance at 5 a. m. of July 28. The van, together with an independent body of cavalry, advanced by forced marches, taking and dislodging the enemy holding the northern extremity of Rykoff and rushed into the town. Confused street fighting ensued, but the town was completely taken at 8:30 a. m.

"The enemy's main strength, which opposed our right column fled in disorder southward, taking the short route leading to Pareono.

"On July 28 a detachment which was sent south in pursuit of the enemy met the enemy's infantry some 800 strong, at a point six miles south of Rykoff and killed over 200 and captured 500.

"The enemy's strength opposed to our right column was of some 3,000 infantry, and four guns and four machine guns, and that opposed to our left column some 2,000 infantry and our guns.

"The enemy's loss in troops is under investigation.

The following report has been received from the headquarters of the imperial army:

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ABLE TO LEAVE BED.

Admiral Rojestvensky Sits up for First Time.

Tokio, August 1.—Admiral Rojestvensky's condition has made satisfactory progress since the operation was performed on his forehead. He was able to leave his bed and sit in a chair on Sunday. Pains in one foot, however, prevented his walking freely, but no cause for uneasiness exists. The admiral has expressed his sincere satisfaction at the treatment accorded him.

WORK ON PANAMA CANAL ABANDONED

New York, Aug. 2.—The executive committee of the isthmian canal commission have about decided to abandon any attempt at digging the canal until better prepared for the work, cables the Herald's correspondent at Panama. The present sanitation conditions will be replaced by vigorous reforms. Chief Engineer Stevens will live at Culabra or Ancon.

WITTE'S POWERS ARE EXTENSIVE

He Knows the Maximum of Peace Proposals.

HAS THE POWER OF ATTORNEY

Russian Press Advises a Delay in Discussions—Says That Witte Has Proper Plenary Power and Will Guard All Interests.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The Russ, the Novoe Vremya and other representatives of the Russian press counsel patience for the brief interval before the meeting of the peace plenipotentiaries and dwell on the futility of attacking men of straw before it is definitely known what terms the Japanese propose.

The Russ says:

"Witte has definite instructions as to what demands will be absolutely unacceptable and will know what course to adopt if such demands are presented. We are ignorant of the Japanese proposals but will know what they are in a few days. Meanwhile let us wait."

Discussing the supposition that a commission of the powers might be formed to exert pressure for the modification of extortionate Japanese demands, M. Neratoff, the spokesman of the foreign office, in an interview in the Gazeta declares that however much such a proposal might be advantageous to other powers, Russia nevertheless would be the mover of such project, as it believes that all questions connected with the settlement of the war should be decided between the two countries interested. China, he said, had advanced no claim to compensation for losses sustained on account of Manchuria being the theater of war but no such claim would be considered. Discussing the question of credentials M. Neratoff said "M. Witte's powers were greater than M. Witte himself had stated and were equivalent to a full power of attorney, and that "in the conduct of the negotiations the plenipotentiary will appear for the absolute master of the country which had confirmed the trust in him."

Nevertheless, M. Witte, he said, had been instructed as to maximum of concessions and if the Japanese demands exceeded these, there would be nothing to do but break off the negotiations.

The Soviet also declares that China is without standing in court regarding Manchurian damages and that Russia never will pay for the privilege of shedding her blood in a country to which she was called by the "Boxer" outrage.

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MISS ELLA OFF, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

SUFFERED FOR MONTHS

Pe-ru-na, the Remedy That Cured.

Miss Ella Off, 1127 Linden St., Indianapolis, Ind., writes:

"I suffered with a run-down constitution for several months, and feared that I would have to give up my work."

"On seeking the advice of a physician, he prescribed a tonic, I found, however, that it did me no good. On seeking the advice of our druggist, he asked me to try Peruna. In a few weeks I began to feel and act like a different person. My appetite increased, I did not have that worn-out feeling, and I could sleep splendidly. In a couple of months I was entirely recovered. I thank you for what your medicine has done for me."—Ella Off.

Write Dr. Hartman, President of the Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio, for free medical advice. All correspondence is held strictly confidential.

Many who formerly smoked 10 Cigars now smoke LEWIS' SINGLE BINDER STRAIGHT 5 CIGAR