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ably. If he cannot get beyond Cape Sabine next August, he would stay and try again a year later. Should his way be blocked further north, but on this side of his objective point, the same policy should be pursued. He should be permitted to wait until just the right chance presents itself if it does not come the first time. Peary has the indomitable spirit which led him to say that he would "fight it out on that line if it took all summer."

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—Little hope is entertained in Russia that important reforms will be contained in Monday's Imperial ukaz. Courtiers have been exchanged between Germany and St. Petersburg. General Stoesel's dispatches which reached here yesterday are regarded as a triumph for the Emperor. It is understood that their tone is hopeful. Great preparations are being made for the meeting of the International Commission to fix the blame for the Dogger Bank affair. The report that the Danes would meet at Copenhagen in the spring to discuss peace was denied. Ernest Terah Hooley was acquitted on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. H. J. Lee was found guilty and sentenced to a year's imprisonment. Complaint against the form of presentation of the United States case in the Green-Gaynor hearing before the Privy Council was made by Mr. Asquith and upheld by Lord Halsbury. The British Secretary of War has signed contracts to supply guns of a new pattern to 130 batteries.

DOMESTIC.—Further evidence to show Mormon control of politics in Idaho was given by the Smoot investigation. The election of a polygamist as an apostle. The United States has acquired a tract of land in New York Harbor from a new corporation and will construct an island as an extension of the Ellis Island immigrant station. The Colorado Supreme Court threw out the vote of four Denver precincts, giving to the State legislature. The result of the election in the State legislature. It was announced at Albany that as a result of the bidding on six test contracts for the large canal, the State authorities were convinced that the entire work could be accomplished within the \$101,000,000 appropriation. Six men are reported dead near Ashland, Ky., from drinking wood alcohol. Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. Beckwith and their sons were in Cleveland and pleaded guilty to all federal indictments. The "Troy Times" in an editorial announced the candidacy of United States Senator Dewey. Mr. Black refused to discuss the subject.

CITY.—Stocks closed weak. Nine persons were burned to death in a fire in the steamboat Glen Island in Long Island Sound. The fire had escaped suspicion. The fire brought out the fact that the government does not inspect as to electric wiring. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Republic Club was celebrated at the Marlborough Hotel, and announced it would erect a new structure on the old site in 1907. Three were killed and five injured in an early morning fire in the East 10th Street building. The Earl of Suffolk visited the Tomb, Police Headquarters and the Criminal Courts Building. A supposedly insane man tried to commit suicide by jumping down a man's tracks at Fourteenth Street. A train was stopped thirty feet from him.

THE WEATHER.—Indications for to-day: Snow, followed by rain. The temperature yesterday: Highest, 27 degrees; lowest, 14.

WHEN PEARY NEXT GOES NORTH.

There are indications that when Peary starts for the Arctic regions he will be better prepared than ever before for success. A highly promising feature of his new programme is the determination to equip his ship with more powerful engines than have ever before been used in a mission like his. This should aid materially in realizing his plan to put the vessel into winter quarters somewhere between latitudes 82 and 83. That such an achievement is possible under favorable conditions was proved more than a quarter of a century ago. In 1871 Hall took the Polaris up through the series of channels that lie to the westward of Greenland as far as latitude 82-16. Nares went 11 minutes further in the Alert a few years later. The importance of establishing a winter base so far north is apparent. Hitherto Peary has been unable to force his way through the ice beyond Cape Sabine. Leaving his ship there, he has transported his supplies by sledges to Fort Conger, two hundred miles from the pole. Before making his push out on the ice that overlaid the polar sea in the spring of 1902 it was necessary to reach Cape Hecla, on the northern coast of Grant Land, not more than sixty-five miles distant from Fort Conger in a beeline; but so tortuous was his path that he travelled four hundred miles, and the task of cutting a road much of the way consumed fully a month. That delay proved fatal. The last and most critical stage of the journey was begun when the verbal sun had weakened the still frozen covering of the ocean and had promoted the opening of embarrassing fissures. Peary wisely proposes to put himself in a position which will permit a much earlier departure from the coast when he tries again.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The President and Mrs. Roosevelt are looking forward to a quiet Christmas, but expect to have all their children at the White House for formal entertainment.

A photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin H. Dewar and their twelve children, who live at St. Albans, Vt., was shown to the President to-day. Senator Proctor brought the picture and a letter from Mr. Dewar, in which he said he hoped the President's approval would be an antidote to the ill-will which has been the result of the railroads' reappropriations of race suicide.

The President was informed to-day that the entire Pennsylvania delegation in Congress favored the appointment of Representative Vespaian Warner of Illinois, as Senator-elect, to the committee on the bill for Representative Hemenway called to see that the Indiana delegation was of the same opinion. The President spoke highly of Representative Warner, but said he had not yet received a definite reply from Major William Warner, of Missouri, to whom he offered the place about two weeks ago. It is the general belief that Warner, who is a Senator-elect from Missouri, will give the President his answer.

George F. Curtis, an attorney of Shanghai, China, who has been in this country several months trying to secure the dismissal of Consul General John Goodnow, called at the White House to-day to lay before the President a number of actions pending in the courts. Mr. Curtis was informed that the State Department would take up his latest charge with those he previously presented, and sift the case to the bottom, so that all could have a "square deal."

THE CABINET.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Morton, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, gave a party this afternoon to introduce her daughter, Miss Pauline Morton. The hostess received in white lace, and Miss Morton wore white embroidered silk and carried orchids and lilies-of-the-valley. Assisting Mrs. Morton were Mrs. Dewey, Miss Cannon, Miss Williams and Mrs. J. R. Morrison of Chicago, who, with her husband and son, Lowell Burrh Morton, are house guests of the Navy, and Mrs. E. C. Keady. Mrs. Morton had as aids Miss Elkins, Miss Ridgely, Miss Southernland, Miss Schroeder, Miss Hoff, Miss Hoyt, Miss Miller, Miss Fitch and Miss Gibson, of Boston, a house guest. Despite the heavy snowstorm, the house was thronged throughout the receiving hours, the guests representing official and diplomatic society and practically the entire New-York social circle. The winter party was served to about sixty young people, who closed the evening with an informal dance. Mrs. Morton will give a cotillon for Miss Morton later in the season.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Italian Ambassador and Baroness Mayer de Planches to-night gave the first of a series of dinners for which they have issued invitations. The guests were the Austrian Ambassador and Mme. Hengelmueller, Mr. Grip, the Minister from Sweden and Norway, Mr. Brun, the Minister from Denmark, Count Sala, of the French Embassy, and Countess Sala, his mother; Mrs. Holston, Mrs. John Lyall, the daughter-in-law of Misses Lobel, who are spending the winter with the hostess; Miss de Salmhoff, Count de Chambrun, of the French Embassy; Major McCawley and Signor Montagna, of the Italian Embassy.

NOTES OF SOCIETY IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Glover gave a dinner this evening, when the guests were the young friends of Miss Elizabeth Glover, who married last summer. The Netherlands Minister will take place next Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gaff entertained a dinner company this evening. General and Mrs. Chaffee will give a box party next Saturday night for their son, Adna R. Chaffee, Jr., who will come to Washington that day, accompanied by three of his schoolmates at West Point. Mrs. Chaffee will give a dinner for them on Christmas, and there are enough invitations awaiting them to fill every hour of their holiday vacation.

AN AFFAIR BETWEEN GENTLEMEN.

In the interest of history we feel obliged to lift the curtain again for an instant upon the famous Greene-Lawson conference. We left those two mighty heroes yesterday going peacefully, or at least in armed neutrality, up the elevator to the private meeting which the whole world had awaited with awe and apprehension. What was to take place there we did not know. Since then a high financier of cultivated Boston, where they do everything decently and in order, has issued an official account of the duel, from which we learn that "each gentleman had a perfect understanding of the other's position."

Now, one gentleman's position, as stated over his own name in public advertisements, was that the other gentleman was "a liar, a fakir, a charlatan"; that he was a gentleman whose habit was to "debauch legislation" and indulge in "fool vituperation," "a man to whom honor is unknown."

The second gentleman has also recorded his opinion of the first gentleman. His answer to the first gentleman's picturesque and gentlemanly phrases was a brief but gentlemanly remark: "You know you lie."

On this basis of mutual regard the two gentlemen met. It is pleasant to know that each gentleman has a perfect understanding of the other gentleman's position, whatever that may mean. Are we to understand that one gentleman agrees that the other gentleman's advertised opinion of him is correct, and that the other gentleman confesses the soft impeachment of the Boston gentleman's perfect understanding as far as the two gentlemen are concerned, and as the people in general contemplated it they might feel that the honor of both gentlemen was satisfied. The Boston writer who tells about the perfect understanding of these gentlemen sets a standard which barbarians in the outer darkness of New-York contemplate with admiring wonder.

THE CHRISTMAS TRADE.

The great shopping season of the year has come. It is the time when sentiment stamps economies and the very mercantile agencies testify to the triumph of love. Year by year, for the last generation or two, the movement has grown until at last there really is something new under the sun.

Never before was there anything like the wave of retail buying for others that now comes annually over the civilized world at Christmas time. Every trade measure is staggered by it, and factories work for a year to prepare for it. The women at the bargain counters, the petty purchasers of thread and ribbon and knickknacks, swamp the big stores as well as the little, clear out the wholesale houses, empty the warehouses, keep the factories running day and night. It is the woman's hour. Her pennies and dimes and quarters pile up into the tens of thousands of dollars. Business, scornfully self-centred all the rest of the year, bows its head to her. Not in the store alone is she supreme; nor do even the banks mark the limit of her authority. Her activity becomes a factor in interior and international exchange—though she purchases not a single bushel of wheat nor ties up in tissue paper and red ribbon a solitary steel rail or billet. In splendid indifference to exhibitions of fantastic finance that are extraordinary even for Wall Street, she proceeds with her shopping, until the Wall Street tape itself has to take account of its measure. It is Christmas time, and the shopper—of whom the personification is woman—reigns.

Her reign is beneficent, because behind the woman, the inspiration of her activity, is love. The triumph of woman is also the triumph of love. It is a wonderful thing, to be considered with devoutness and gratitude, that a bit of love and the anticipation of giving pleasure to some one else goes into the purchase of each one of the innumerable articles that now are melting away by the dozens, the scores and the hundreds. A little later and there will be some nervousness, some frantic haste and a fair degree of weariness in the shopping. But as yet it is, for the most part, joyous. Love and pleasure animate it. The Christian spirit has got into trade, and behold! trade—sordid, selfish, grinding as reputation plays it—rolls up greater than ever! If one could look into the heart of the retail business, now so tremendously influencing our economies, there would be seen the image of children's faces. Knowing the throngs that fill the crowded streets, it can be truthfully said that a little child shall lead them.

RAILWAY CHANGES IN TOWN.

The revolution to be effected in its home system by the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad will work out a marvellous change in the state of affairs affecting the operations of a massive trunk line. When the company bought a great deal of property north of the Grand Central Station it became clear that a transformation in its methods above Forty-second-street, on the East Side had been determined upon, and its purchase of the Grand Central Palace property the other day has made it clear that an important revolution is in progress. For a considerable time it has been evident that the old methods were to be abandoned, and it is now obvious that the corner to New-York by the Pennsylvania line, by the Central or the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford will in a few seasons have an experience that the existing routes cannot rival. Not many years ago it seemed probable that the railroads to New-York would adhere to their former methods and there would be no marked progress in travel; but many significant things have happened within a recent period, and the prospects of the railroad companies with respect to the metropolis have suffered a great change.

THE BAITING OF THE BEAR PROCEEDS Apace AT Fort Arthur.

There seems to have been nothing for the Russian garrison and fleet to do but to stay where they were and suffer, taking as many lives as possible for every life they gave. The final death roll of that place will stagger humanity.

THE NAME OF TIZZA DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ONE TO CONJURE WITH AT Budapest as much as it once was.

But the Parliament does itself no credit in turning itself into a bear garden.

WONDERS.

I'm oft inclined to wonder if I should be better off to be a pig. Would meet with any luck at all. Supposing that it tried to crawl. Then, too, I often wonder whether I should be better off to be a pig. Then, too, I often wonder whether I should be better off to be a pig.

THE PUZZLE OF LONDON "TRUTH" recently called for a competition in accounts of a round of golf containing no letter "a" or "u".

I know nothing of golf. Some people do, or pretend to. However, I visit the links for I like to look on. Slow work, yet good for the liver. They hit some kind of spheres into holes on the green, then seek for it. Some find it in them, some do not. Men who win grin. Men who lose hiss everybody. Women who lose despise the she winners. Their verdict is "I'll dress objects," "wonderful things," "I'll drink differently, for at the finish they do a drink or two together in good fellowship, then mizzle-to-dine, not repine.

The cheerful intimacy with which the country editor goes into the affairs of his community is well exemplified in an item from "The Howard (Kan.) Courier." Mrs. Hannah Grover says she has read and heard all her life about being kissed under the mistletoe, but she never saw any mistletoe until after she was married. But she can't let on that she was never kissed until she was married, or even until she was engaged, for we can remember the society she used to live in, and the mistletoe was not an essential element."

"The Texarkana (Tex.) Courier" published this problem in arithmetic for the glory of the State of Texas: "This will help you to figure out just how large Texas really is. If you have a star mathematician in your family tell him the number of square miles there are in the big State, then tell him the population of the globe, then ask him if all the people in the world were placed in Texas and its soil divided out among them per capita, how large would the man's family be who had a wife and two children? When he gets through figuring, then whisper in his ear: 'More than half an acre.'"

MODERN MISFORTUNES.

His arm was quite dislocated, so they say. From having been laid out for four days. For he'd travelled on the "I." And the trouble, so they tell, will be some time in getting it that way.

Next his eyeglass was affected for a spell—Strabismus and myopia as well—For he walked downtown each day. And he'd come to the office in time. Till this dreadful blight upon his optics fell.

And the future has another ill, 'tis said, Which no doubt's already thrilled his soul with grief. He'll most likely lose an ear. Tho' the awful things he'll hear. If he travels on the Subway's noisy bed. (Brooklyn Life.)

A man hopelessly lost in the bush in South Australia for a wandering about for four days, came across the telegraph line between Adelaide and Port Darwin. He had not the strength to go further, but managed to break the wire. He then made himself as comfortable as possible and waited. The telegraph repairers were sent along the line, and they came to the wanderer in time to save his life.

Compromising—Charles—She is suing her late employer's estate for \$5000. Henry—On what ground? Charles—On the ground that on four different occasions he said to her, "We are having fine weather," with the accent on the "e." (Brooklyn Life.)

The London County Council has given notice of the proposed passage of an ordinance that bread shall be made by no other than by weight and that it shall be weighed in the presence of the purchaser. Also that every cart or other vehicle used for distributing bread shall carry weights and scales, which an inspector may test at any time.

Unsafe—Attorney for Defence—One more question, Mr. Plunkett. Have you any prejudice in this case, one way or the other? Defendant—No, sir. Attorney—If you should be accepted as a juror do you think you could render a verdict in accordance with the law and the evidence? Talesman—I think I could. Attorney (after whispered conference with his client)—Well, excuse Mr. Plunkett. (Chicago Tribune.)

Judge John Goode, of Virginia, once a member of the Confederate Congress, told of an attack by Poote, of Tennessee, upon Jefferson Davis and General Albert Sidney Johnston after the Confederate defeat at Cloyd Mountain. He said that if Johnston had fought as he ought to have fought, "peace like a wedding garment would now cover our fair land."

Had His Own Doubts—"Say, ma," asked little Willie, after he had been in conjunction with his father, "did anybody ever tell Pa ever told you to be his wife?" "Oh, yes! I had lots of proposals before your father came along." "Well, do you think Pa ever told anything by walking?" (Chicago Record-Herald.)

mother, Mrs. Theodore Van A. Trotter, at her house in East Thirty-seventh-st. Among the other receptions set for the week are, on Thursday, by Mrs. George P. Slade, at her house in East Sixty-ninth-st., for her nieces, Miss Cornelia Merrill and Miss Martha P. Strong; by Mrs. Frederick Pearson, on Tuesday, at her house in West Eighty-seventh-st., for her daughter, Miss Josephine Pearson; by Mrs. Henry B. Hoyt, for Miss Gretchen Hoyt, at her house in East Ninety-fifth-st.; by Mrs. Joseph Uman, on Thursday, at her house in East Seventy-fifth-st., and by Mrs. Beatrice Kinney, on Wednesday, at her house in West Fifty-fourth-st.

Mrs. Clermont Livingston Best gave a dinner dance last night at her house in East Fifty-fifth-st. for her daughter, Miss Anne Best, who has made her debut this winter. Among those present were Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, Miss Charlotte Warren, Miss Dorothy Snow, Miss Edith and Miss Dorothy Kane, Miss Mildred Barclay, Miss Stephanie de Neufville, Miss Annah Ripley, Worthington Whitehouse, Robert Walton Golet, Henry and Warren Robbins, Waldon Peat, Pierrepoint Davis, Henry C. de Rham and Hamilton Fish, Benjamin.

Several other young girls made their debut yesterday, earlier in the day, at receptions given for the purpose. Thus Miss Agnes Keyes was presented to society at a tea given by her mother at her house in East Seventy-fourth-st. Mrs. Keyes will give a theatre party for her daughter on December 23. Miss May Morgan made her debut at a reception given by her mother, Mrs. Bolla B. Morgan, at her house in East Ninety-second-st. Miss Susan Goddard Drake was launched into society at an at home given by her mother, Mrs. Benjamin Drake, in West Eighty-fifth-st., and still another debutante of yesterday was Miss Prottingham, the daughter of Mrs. C. Frederick Prottingham, who gave a reception for her at her house in West Sixty-eighth-st.

Mrs. Lyon Gardner was at home yesterday at No. 67 Madison-ave., concluding with her was Mrs. John Lyon Gardner, who has returned to town from Gardner's Island and who is at her house in East Sixty-first-st. for the winter.

Another "at home" yesterday afternoon was that given by Mrs. George G. Van Schaick at her house, in West Thirty-seventh-st.

Mrs. Benjamin Knower has changed from January 23 to January 21 the date of the marriage of her daughter, Miss Constance Knower, to Henry William Gardner. The ceremony, as already announced in this column, will take place at St. Thomas's Church. Miss Margaret Knower will be her sister's maid of honor, and Miss Caroline Drayton, Miss Constance Pratt, Miss Julia Morgan, Miss Sydney Henop, Miss Elizabeth and Miss Helen Cutting and Miss Antonette Hewitt will be the bridesmaids. J. Laurens Van Alen will officiate as best man. After the ceremony, Mrs. Knower will give a reception for the newly married couple at her house in East Seventy-seventh-st.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sloane have returned from their wedding tour and are at their house, No. 60 West Forty-ninth-st., for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Martin Davies have taken the house No. 116 East Thirty-ninth-st. for the winter.

Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt has arrived in town from Newport, and is staying at the Holland House. Her mother, Mrs. Frederic Nelson, is due here from Europe to-day.

Mrs. Howard Mansfield has issued invitations for a luncheon party on Thursday at the St. Regis, for her daughter, Miss Margaret Tuttle, who is one of the debutantes of the season, and on the following evening Mrs. Arthur Mason Jones has a large theatre party, followed by a supper, and informal dancing, for her debutante daughter, Miss Lydia Mason Jones.

Miss Alice A-kid will sing at Albert Morris Bagby's musical-to-morrow morning, at the Waldorf, and Miss Aelea A-kid will play.

Miss Leiter, Miss Nina Howard, her brother, Suffolk, and Mrs. Flora Bigelow Dodge have left town for Washington, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Leiter.

NOTES FROM TUXEDO PARK.

Tuxedo Park, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Excellent sleighing and skating and other winter sports to-day attracted a large gathering of well known persons to the colony here to pass Sunday. House parties were given by a large number of the cottagers and nearly all the rooms at the club have been engaged. Skating on the Tuxedo Lake is superb. Near the clubhouse a large toboggan slide has been erected, which inclines toward the lake, and it was patronized all day by merry parties. Another toboggan slide has been erected at the north entrance of the park, and it was also well patronized. Another feature of the day was the ice yachting.

The annual New Year's Eve dance at the clubhouse will be largely patronized by the young set, particularly the debutantes of the season, of which Tuxedo's colony has many.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Foster gave a farewell dinner at the club on Thursday evening. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop McKim, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Gibbs Barnwell, Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Kane, Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Devereux and Edwin K. Foster. Mr. and Mrs. Foster returned to town to-day for the winter. James H. Smith came out Friday and is entertaining a large party at Kinegard over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hewitt and Mr. and Mrs. R. Fulton Cutting opened their cottages for the week's end.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Richards entertained at dinner at the King cottage last night. Among the guests were Mr. Charles G. Condon, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Voss, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Deagra and Miss Varnum.

Among others who are entertaining at house parties to-day and dinners to-night are Mr. and Mrs. C. L. P. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Casimir de Rham, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mortimer, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Trask, Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Kane, Mrs. P. Barker, Mrs. Lewis M. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Deane, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fulton Cutting opened their cottages for the week's end.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mortimer will close their Tuxedo cottage next week and go abroad, returning in the spring. Mrs. Pierre Leclaire, who has been abroad for a year, will return the first week in January and will pass the winter in Washington.

Several dinner parties were given at the club to-night by those who came out to spend Sunday. Among the arrivals to-day were Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ronalds, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tams, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. D. Lanier, Mrs. Frederick Eley, George L. Scott, Nathan W. Low, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. De Rosa, Mrs. Eben Wright, Carl Lambuth, Miss Lydia Jones, the Misses Cutting, Miss McCook, the Misses Nease, Frederic Mathews, A. Stewart Walker, Scott McLaughlan, Rudolph Nease, Edward De P. Livingston, Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., A. S. Carhart, Mrs. J. G. Nease and Gordon Douglas.

A CAPACIOUS LOVING CUP.

Friends Give One Holding Seventy-five Pints to David H. Moffat. Denver, Dec. 17.—What is said to be the largest silver loving cup ever made, having a capacity of seventy-five pints, was presented to-day by David H. Moffat, president of the Denver, Northwestern and Pacific Railroad, by his friends in this city. Ex-Governor Charles S. Thomas made the presentation address.

KING CHARLES GUEST OF M. LOUBET.

Paris, Dec. 17.—President Loubet gave a hunt to-day in honor of the King of Portugal at the Forest of Rambouillet. The King, who is a crack shot, had good sport.

MR. HIGGINS REACHES HOME.

Olean, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Governor-elect Higgins arrived home to-day from New-York. He said he would have no announcements to make to-day.