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New York Daily Tribune

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

CONGRESS—Senate: The Stated and Agricultural Appropriation bills were discussed.

FOREIGN—The situation in Russia shows few signs of improvement; further strikes are reported from St. Petersburg.

DOMESTIC—Under Attorney General Moody's drawback decision, it is pointed out in Washington, American manufacturers engaged in export trade may obtain practically free raw materials.

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THE WEATHER.—Indications for to-day: Fair and cold. The temperature yesterday: Highest 21 degrees; lowest, 11.

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The New-York Chamber of Commerce is about to issue a report on the foreign commerce of this port for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904.

New-York's relative share in the export trade is undoubtedly declining and must continue to decline. But that decline is due chiefly to natural causes.

port it is still the all important gateway for outbound commerce; and so it will remain, in spite of artificial expedients which seem for the moment to abridge its normal commercial development.

EXPERT WITNESSES.

Among the various bills now pending in the Massachusetts Legislature few are of more far reaching interest than the one which proposes to regulate the employment of expert witnesses in the courts of that commonwealth.

This bill provides, in brief, that unless the court award a larger sum in a given case no expert witness shall receive a larger sum for his services than the ordinary witness fees; that only three experts shall be allowed to testify on either side upon the same issue, except in cases of homicide, and in the latter the court also shall appoint one or more experts to investigate and testify concerning issues requiring expert knowledge and shall fix their compensation, which is to be paid by the county where the indictment was found; and that these regulations shall apply only to witnesses testifying to matters of opinion, as distinct from generally accepted facts or deductions of science.

The necessity for such measure is sufficiently apparent, not only to lawyers, but to every one who has had occasion to study the progress of cases in which expert testimony has played much of a part. Aside from the expense involved, there are many reasons why the extensive use of expert evidence should not be encouraged. In the first place, it is often a question whether so-called expert evidence has, in truth, a genuinely expert value.

"SKYSCRAPERS" IN GERMANY.

If one may judge from a report just made by Mr. Mason, the American Consul General in Berlin, the German government does not look with favor upon a type of building which has become exceedingly common in the United States within the last twenty years.

The buildings for whose construction it was sought to secure the privilege were not to be devoted to business offices, but to be occupied as tenements. The government objected to any increase in the number of the latter, or, at least, of the class designated as "renting barracks."

The conservation of the German government in this matter seems somewhat more strange when it is known that one of the considerations urged in the petition was that a modification of the law would create a new demand for an important domestic commodity.

FINE SPECIMENS OF DOGS.

One week from to-morrow the annual exhibition of the choicest examples of dogs will be seen at the Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Westminster Kennel Club.

riers 91, while of English setters 87 are entered, and of Irish setters 45 may be seen.

Of other classes the leading specimens in the United States will be seen at the Garden, and the number and variety of animals will make the exhibition memorable. It is strange to note that of the pure Newfoundland, once so popular, there will be only 25, and there will be 62 Dalmatians and 54 dachshunds.

FOOTBALL AGAIN.

President Eliot's arraignment of intercollegiate football is sure to attract great attention because both of its source and its severity. With nearly or quite all that he says about the "lesser objections" to the game we are in full agreement, and there is not likely to be much dissent from his estimate of them outside of undergraduate circles.

But there are other objections to the game as it is now played, and, if the practices which Dr. Eliot describes in telling words are as common as he seems to believe, they go far to warrant his sweeping condemnation. But if, while quite as odious as he deems them, they are rare and, moreover, are becoming rarer, as is often confidently asserted, then his indictment does not appear altogether just.

A corner in eggs is a cheerful announcement. After the eggs have been "held up" in the corner for a week or two, will they be marketed as "strictly fresh?"

curling liberal contributions, even to naval defence.

Argentina now has to face a casual South American revolutionary fury.

Naturally, General Stoessel, on his way home, denies that Port Arthur could have held out longer. The world desires to believe him and to have his version of the surrender accepted as the true one. It would not willingly lose a single hero, such as it has esteemed him to be.

Only nine marksmen in 1,500 policemen! That is a disgraceful and ominous showing. It means 1,491 men turned loose with loaded pistols which they do not know how to use. Better take the weapons away from them, lest they do more harm than good.

American, recognizing England's notable success in colonial government, have sometimes been not a little doubtful of their own ability in that line. It is pleasant, therefore, to hear praise of American rule in the Philippines from an impartial observer, Governor Lamothé, of the French protectorate of Cambodia.

Illinois has fallen in behind Nebraska, Missouri and West Virginia in giving, through its legislature, a vigorous indorsement of the President's railway rate regulation policy.

A London poet makes a timely appeal for "black-coated poverty"—for those "who make no sign," but "who slowly starve and yet make no appealing." That is always a difficult case to reach in a relieving expedition, but it is one well worth reaching, if possible, and securing. The succor, however, must come disguised and in such a way as not to wound self-respect.

General Kuropatkin is being unfavorably criticized in Russia. He may have made mistakes, but it is a good deal easier to sit at home in Russia and say things about him than it would be to go out to Manchuria and do better than he has been doing.

A man accused of bigamy, or, rather, polygamy, is to be confronted presently by fourteen of his "wives." Why not obviate further court proceedings and expenses by simply turning him over to them for judgment and punishment? When they get through with him he would probably "never do it again."

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

Governor Pennypacker of Pennsylvania, who often takes the public into his confidence regarding what he would do if the laws were entirely to his liking, had a chance offered to him the other day to give the world a view of his ideal newspaper.

But now—poor Hippocrene is dry. Where once, with heavenly wings unfurled, Squads of prancing Pegasus Swept up the Burlington Arcade; And if you ask, "Where springs the rill That laves the local Muse's fountain?" You'll find it on the Shattlesbury Fountain.

Where lies the cause that facts are thus? "The public's self is not my friend!" "To let its stomach blunt its heart; For men in these expansive times Don't own a soul as free as freedom." Though earth were black with angels' rhymes, Dine far too well to want to read 'em.

Judge Blank, a justice of the peace from the Kechi Hills of Oklahoma, was called upon to perform the marriage ceremony of a young couple from Arkansas, where ministers usually officiate on such occasions, was at a loss to know how to proceed, but, as "The Chickasaw Express" reports it, he rose to the occasion. He commanded the couple to stand and be sworn as follows: "Do you each solemnly swear that you will obey the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of that State of Arkansas to the best of your ability, so help you God?" The couple nodded assent. The judge continued: "Then by the power in me vested by the strong arm of the law, I pronounce you man and wife, now, henceforth and forever, and you will stand committed until the fines and costs are paid, and may the Lord have mercy on your souls!"

Artificial rubies are produced in France by reducing small natural rubies into a very fine powder, which is melted in an electric furnace, cooled rapidly and crystallized. The product obtained from what was of little value, is comparatively high value. The main difficulty encountered is to prevent cavities and fissures in the crystals. The new process cannot be employed with emeralds and sapphires, as they become discolored by the action of the heat.

Discovered.—Diogenes, lantern in hand, entered the village drug store. "Say, have you anything that will cure a cold?" "No, sir, I have not," answered the pill compiler. "Give me your hand," exclaimed Diogenes, dropping his lantern. "I have at last found an honest man!"—(Chicago News.)

Thomas Melham, of Sioux City, Iowa, had a novel reason for a recent divorce. The Great Northern Railway offered him a good price for a piece of real estate. Mrs. Melham, in Europe, and her husband sent her money to come home and sign a deed to the property, but she did not come. The deed had to be executed, so Melham declared he would get a divorce and then it would not be necessary for his wife to sign. He did so. And he intends to remarry Mrs. Melham at her earliest convenience.

A little dish of broken ice Lay lapping in the sun, And I owned it for my friend, Before her work was done; But when she went to get the ice I owned it for my friend, She found the ice was not what it Had been cracked up to be.

Cardinal Satolli improving. Rome, Feb. 4.—Cardinal Satolli, who has been ill for some time from an attack of influenza, is improving. The Cardinal has received many telegrams of inquiry from Americans, including a number of archbishops and bishops.

About People and Social Incidents.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, Feb. 4.—President Roosevelt received an invitation to visit Montgomery, Ala., today from a delegation which called under the escort of Senator Pettus, Representative Wiley and Secretary of the Navy Herbert. The President told his visitors that he would be glad to include Montgomery in his itinerary when he took his southern trip some time before the close of his administration.

William D. Murphy, of New York, called at the White House to-day to make final arrangements for the President's visit to New-York on the 13th and 14th. Representative Sibley, of Pennsylvania, who is one of the strongest opponents of railroad rate legislation, called to talk with the President about another subject. "If the President is convinced that both the Senate and House want more time to look into this rate problem," said Mr. Sibley, "I do not believe that he will call an extra session to force it down our throats. The President is growing bigger and broader every day, and I do not believe that he would allow pique to influence his acts."

Among the other callers at the White House were Representative Aiken and Finley, of South Carolina, who came to talk about a judgeship in their State; Governor White of West Virginia, who introduced his brother, W. E. White; and Secretaries Morton and Shaw, Attorney General Moody and Commissioner Garfield, who took up affairs pertaining to their departments. President Roosevelt was the guest of honor to-night at a dinner given by the Boone and Crockett Club, a national organization of hunters of big game. An interesting feature was an illustrated lecture by Dr. William Lord Smith, of Worcester, Mass., on the hunting of big game in Corea, Manchuria, Java, China and Persia.

THE CABINET.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Hitchcock entertained the Chinese Minister, Senator and Mrs. Burrows, Senator and Mrs. Alger, Admiral and Mrs. Van Rye, Commissioner and Mrs. Leupp, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Chatard and the Third Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Peirce at dinner to-night. Secretary Metcalf of the Department of Commerce and Labor is confined to his room at the severe cold. His illness is thought not to be serious, but his physician advised him not to expose himself.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The guests of the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand at dinner to-night were the Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft, Senator and Mrs. Clegg, Senator and Mrs. Fairbanks, Senator and Mrs. Kean, General and Mrs. Chaffee, General and Mrs. Gillespie, Justice and Mrs. Loring, of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mr. Longworth, Colonel Raspooff, of the Russian Embassy; Major von Etzel, of the German Embassy; the councillor of the French Embassy and Mme. des Portes de la Foese, and Captain Fourmier, military attaché of the embassy. The German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg went to New-York to-day, to remain until Wednesday.

NOTES OF SOCIETY IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Senator and Mrs. Elkins gave a dinner this evening for the Governor of West Virginia and Mrs. White and the Governor and Mrs. Dawson. Invited to meet them were Senator and Mrs. Scott, Representative and Mrs. Dayton, Representative and Mrs. Woodard, Representative and Mrs. Dovenor, all of West Virginia; Representative and Mrs. Dalzell, Mr. and Mrs. Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Livingston and ex-Senator Davis, of West Virginia, father of the hostess. Mrs. John R. McLean gave her usual Saturday dance to-night for the dancing class of which her son, Edward, is a member.

NEW-YORK SOCIETY.

Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry's dance at her house in East 81st, will be the chief entertainment of note in the week which opens to-day. On the same night there will be a subscription dance at the St. Regis, organized by Mrs. Hilbourne Roosevelt, Mrs. William M. Benjamin and a number of former members of the Junior Cotillions. Stowe Phelps will lead the cotillon, and a number of dinners will be given in connection with the affair, the hostesses afterward taking their guests to the St. Regis.

Mrs. Arthur Murray Dodge has asked a number of her friends to her house, in East 33rd-st., on Saturday evening next to join her in the celebration of her fiftieth birthday. Mrs. Dodge is a daughter of the late Governor Marshall Jewell, who was for a time Minister to the court of St. Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown Potter, who have been in Mexico and in the South since their return from their honeymoon abroad, are booked to sail for Europe and Egypt on Tuesday. They will be accompanied as far as Paris by several of Mrs. Potter's Richmond friends.

The Duke and Duchess of Manchester and their two children are at the Hotel Royal Polonaia, at Palm Beach, for the season.

Mrs. Butler Williamson, sister of the late Mrs. August Belmont, who has been living at Colorado Springs for a considerable time, is now here for the first time in nine years.

Delmonico's was the scene last night of a dance given by the Saturday Evening Dancing Class.

DINNER FOR POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Entertained at Merchants' Central Club.—Postmaster Wilcox Going to Washington.—An informal luncheon was given for Postmaster General Wynne yesterday by Wilbur F. Wakeman, at the Merchants' Central Club, Broadway and Broome-st. Among those present were Charles A. Moore, president of the Tariff League; Postmaster Wilcox, T. M. Ives, David L. Einstein, Colonel William Barbour, J. D. Julliard, A. J. Corder, F. J. Hitchcock and T. Z. Cowles.

TO FORM YALE ALUMNI COUNCIL.

New-Haven, Conn., Feb. 4.—It is understood that at the meeting of the Yale Western clubs, to be held in Chicago next Saturday, after a discussion of the subject of the proposed Yale Alumni Council, the preliminary steps will be taken toward the organization of that body. As proposed by President Hadley, the alumni council is to consist of a representative from each alumni association containing one hundred or more members. The council will consult with the Yale corporation on subjects of university interest, and make a report at the general alumni meeting in Yale commencement week.

MONSIGNOR BARRETT HONORED.

Rome, Feb. 4.—At the request of the priests of the Diocese of Brooklyn, Monsignor J. I. Barrett, secretary to Bishop McLaughlin of Brooklyn, has been appointed by Pope Pius a domestic prelate to His Holiness. Bishop McDonnell and Monsignor Barrett will leave here to-morrow, and expect to pay a visit to Lourdes. They will sail from Liverpool for New-York on February 10.

founded by Mrs. Philip J. Sands and now managed by Mrs. Charles R. Huntington, Mrs. E. Morgan Grinnell, Mrs. Hilbourne Roosevelt and Mrs. J. H. Higginson. The next dance of the series will be given on February 18.

The Hon. Hugo Barling is booked to sail for England on February 15. His marriage with the widowed Lady Maghera will take place on March 1 at Cranborne, Dorset, where her brother, Lord Shatterbury, has his country seat, St. Giles's House.

Mrs. M. Orma Wilson's dinner on February 14 will be a dinner à la carte. It is to say, the women present will have their hair dressed in such a fashion as to enable them to represent some historical character. It will be followed by a dance.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Waterbury are at Alken with their daughter, Miss Elsie. The latter's fiancé, Gouverneur Morris, is also staying with them. No date as yet has been set for the wedding.

Among the many dinners set for this week are those given by Mrs. Astor on Tuesday, and by Mrs. Richard Gambrell on the following evening. On Thursday Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock entertains a large party at luncheon. Mrs. Albert Gallatin also has invitations out for a dinner at her house in Gramercy Park on Tuesday, and afterward will take her guests to the dance of the third Junior Cotillon at Sherry's.

A large number of entertainments have been arranged for Valentine's Day, including a dance given by Mrs. William E. Ingham at Sherry's, Mrs. M. Orma Wilson's dinner dance at Sherry's, and Mrs. Henry F. Shoemaker's theatre party, followed by a supper and dance at the St. Regis. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker and Miss Blanche Shoemaker sail immediately afterward for Europe.

It is on Wednesday week that the wedding of Miss Alice Jay Sands to Edgar M. Church will take place at All Souls' Church. Miss Sands is the third of the daughters of the late Philip Sands, who was a well known member of the Union and Knickerbocker clubs, and his widow was Miss Elizabeth Beck. Another of Mrs. Sands's daughters is Miss Anna A. Sands. Miss Sands will have her sister, Miss Ruth Sands, as her maid of honor, and Miss Daisy Hollins and Miss Eunice Terry as her bridesmaids. The Rev. Dr. William M. Grosvenor, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, will perform the ceremony, and afterward Mrs. Sands will give a reception. The newly married couple will at her house in East 62d-st., Edgar Church is a Philadelphiaian. He served in the Spanish war as a member of a battery from the Quaker City. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania about ten years ago.

Yesterday afternoon there was another meeting of the Badminton Club at the 12th Regiment Armory, in 62d-st. The club has a membership of about one hundred and fifty, with Oakley Rathbone as president, Amory S. Carhart vice-president, Ashton de Peyster secretary, and Howland Peit treasurer. The membership roll includes Mrs. Frederick Gallatin, Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Miss Sophie Langdon, Miss Anne Sands, Miss Constance Pratt, Miss Augusta, and Miss Ella de Peyster, and Miss Louise Ward McAllister.

It is to-morrow week that the twenty-second annual Bench Show of the Westminster Kennel Club will open at the Madison Square Garden, and many well known people figure among the exhibitors that the affair promises to monopolize a good deal of the attention of society.

At Sherry's on Saturday next the St. Valentine's Kettledrum in behalf of the Samaritan Home for the Aged will take place in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, under the patronage of Mrs. Richard Irving. There will be dancing and music and amusements for children.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Charlotte Tucker, daughter of Mr. H. Tracy Tucker, of Rutherford, N. J., to the Rev. John Russell Mowbray.

The German Ambassador and Baroness Speck von Sternburg have arrived in town for a few days' stay.

THOMAS LOWRY'S DAUGHTER TO WED.

Minneapolis, Feb. 4.—The announcement of the engagement was made to-day of Mrs. Mary L. Robinson, daughter of Thomas Lowry, president of the "Soo" Railroad and Republican National Committeeman, to Dr. Gustav Schwyzer, a well known Minneapolis surgeon. The marriage will not take place until the return of Mr. and Mrs. Lowry from their European trip. Mrs. Robinson was born and bred in Minneapolis, and is known to everyone. Dr. Schwyzer, while he has lived in the city for several years, a comparative newcomer. He is Swiss by birth, and his education was received in foreign universities.

PANIC AT METHODIST COLLEGE FIRE.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Feb. 4.—The main building of the Wesleyan University, at Buckhannon, was totally destroyed by fire to-day. A panic resulted among the 400 students, and several were compelled to jump from the third floor window into a net. Two were slightly injured. The fire originated in the boiler room.

APPOINTED TO YALE PROFESSORSHIP.

New-Haven, Conn., Feb. 4.—Charles F. Sherman, of West Springfield, Mass., a graduate of Yale '96, has been appointed to the chair of Roman Law in the Yale Law School, to succeed the late Professor Albert S. Wheeler.

BARON KANEKO GIVES DINNER.

Baron Kaneko entertained at dinner a number of friends last evening at the Metropolitan Club. Among them were Charles S. Fairchild, Charles Lanier, Perry Belmont, ex-Major Lewis Morris K. Jessup, Colonel McCook, Major Louis L. Seaman and Henry Clews.

HEAVY TAXPAYERS AT GREENWICH.

Greenwich, Conn., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—The assessors of the Town of Greenwich have just completed the taxbook for 1904-05 and filed it with the Town Clerk. They have had the hardest and most unsatisfactory job of fixing real estate values that any Board of Assessors ever has had here, and they are glad that their work is over. So many New-Yorkers come to Greenwich, and are willing to pay any price asked for farm land, they may fancy that the assessors are puzzled to know what value to place on the land for the purpose of taxation.

E. C. Converse, of the United States Steel Corporation, is the largest holder of Greenwich land, and owning 486 acres, which is assessed at \$23,000. Other taxable property assessed at \$23,000, B. C. Benedict owns 10 houses and 93 acres of land, which are rated by the assessors at \$200,000. Robert M. Bruce owns 10 houses and 13 acres of land, assessed at \$20,188. H. O. Havemeyer has 5 houses and 142 acres of land, valued at \$20,500. Joseph Milbank has 1 house and 10 acres of land, assessed at \$20,000; William Rockefeller, 6 houses and 23 acres, at \$21,500; William J. Smith, 22 houses and 694 acres of land, at \$22,250; J. Kennedy Taylor has 5 houses and 111 acres of land, at \$22,000. Nathaniel Withersall has 4 houses and 21 acres of land, at \$24,100.