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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—The Dutch cruiser Gelderland seized the Venezuelan coast guard vessel Aliz near Puerto Cabello, in the Venezuelan Gulf, and towed her to Willemstad, not a shot was fired from the vessels or the forts.

DOMESTIC.—Reports of the Secretary of Agriculture, Chief of the Bureau of Manufactures, and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the Director of the Mint were made public at Washington.

CITY.—Judge Taft, discussing the proposed trial of Panama, said he planned to start during the last week of January and to be gone twenty-one days.

THE WEATHER.—Indications for to-day: Fair. The temperature yesterday: Highest, 34 degrees; lowest, 27.

ORIGIN OF THE CATTLE PLAGUE.

In spite of the energetic efforts of the state and national authorities to stamp out the foot and mouth disease which appeared in Western Pennsylvania and New York a few weeks ago, new cases are reported from time to time.

OUR NEW JERSEY NEIGHBORS.

Some exultant comment was made a few days ago upon the fact that a foreign ocean steamer of considerable size had for the first time come up to the docks of Newark, N. J., without lighterage, just as it would have come to the docks of New York, thus making that city an actual seaport.

practically out of the question, it would be interesting to ascertain how long they are to be considered in any way a menace to healthy animals. If the vitality of the bacillus could be learned, a helpful clue to further quarantine measures would be afforded.

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existed in New York for many years. But with the exception of one or two in the wholesale drygoods district they were confined to the Russian quarters of the East Side and Harlem. A kosher hotel has now been opened in the residence district for the accommodation of families and tourists.

Meanley—No sir; I don't believe in paying fancy prices for live clothes made to order. Now, here's a suit I bought ready made for \$25. You'd believe it? It cost me \$15 for it, and I wouldn't give it for \$10.

"A wine drinker to the end" says in a letter in the "Columbian Gazette": "The consumption of wine has undoubtedly decreased in Germany and Austria, where Gaudininger has been enmeshed on the territory of wine, who take their men and play their game of chess behind the back glass, consider themselves superior to their beer drinking neighbors, and there will always be enough of these to support the wine trade and make wine culture profitable."

"Did your ancestors have a family tree, Mr. Maguire?" "Family tree, is it, ma'am? One of me ancestors called 'em 'intire privilege of the Garden of Eden.'"—The Bits.

GATHER FOR CONVENTION.

Yearly Meeting of National Civic Federation Begins To-day.

The annual meeting of the National Civic Federation will begin to-day at the Hotel Astor. Members of the federation and speakers at the various meetings were gathered at the hotels yesterday, while to-day and to-morrow many others will come for the big dinner to-morrow night.

The discussion on Tuesday, under the direction of the welfare department, will be devoted to wage earners' sick, accident and death insurance; pensions, employers' liability and the salary law evil. Some of those who will take part are Dr. Lee K. Frankel, of the Sage Foundation Fund; Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston; James O'Connell and Major A. E. Piorkowski, representing the Friedrich Krupp Company, of Essen, Germany.

NEW YORKERS PLAN ALLISON SHAFTS.

Iowa Society to Erect Monuments in Honor of the Late Senator. Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 13.—Two monuments in honor of the late Senator William B. Allison are planned by the Iowa Society of New York, one to be erected in Washington and the other probably in Des Moines, according to a letter received by General Granville M. Dodge to-day from James S. Clarkson, president of the society.

POE CENTENNIAL ON JANUARY 19.

Bronx Societies Take Lead in Arranging for Commemorative Exercises. Active preparations are under way for the observance of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe on January 19.

The North Side Board of Trade will issue a commemorative pamphlet and the Bronx Society of Arts and Sciences is planning an all day programme. Its Poe centenary committee has asked the Board of Education to have readings and recitations from Poe's works in the Morris High School and in the public schools of The Bronx, and to have public lectures on that evening devoted to Poe. It also has dedicated a bronze statue in Poe Park, opposite Fordham College, at 11 a. m., and to hold commemorative exercises in the New York University, which is near the Fordham home of Poe, and the Aqueduct, which was his favorite walk, at 3:30 p. m.

The Authors' Club intends to hold memorial meeting on January 23 in honor of Poe. Professor Trent, of Columbia University, will deliver an address. Friends of the United States Military Academy and admirers of Poe are joining to erect, by subscription, in the library of the Academy, a memorial to Poe near the Saint-Gaudens's memorial to Whistler.

MORE LITERATURE FOR BLIND.

New System of Printing Will Make Cost of Books for Sightless Much Smaller. "What is to be known as the New York system of 'point' reading for the blind has been perfected by William B. Wait, principal of the New York Institute for the Blind, and B. B. Hinton, the superintendent of the American Printing House for the Blind, at Louisville. By cheapening the cost of printing such literature the system is expected to permit many blind persons to purchase reading material at a very low price.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONGESTION AT 42D STREET.

Widening of Fifth Avenue Said to Make Crossing by Pedestrians More Difficult. To the Editor of the Tribune: Sir: Forty-second street is now one of the principal streets of the city, and if left to itself, promises to become more important every year. It is used at all hours of the day and every day throughout the city, and a congestion at Fifth Avenue and 42d street some afternoons between 3 and 4 o'clock during the five winter months.

It is proposed to turn part of the roadway of 42d street into a tunnel at Fifth Avenue, which will make it as objectionable as Park Avenue, between 40th and 42d streets, nominally to benefit this afternoon use of Fifth Avenue. It is said that the purpose is to use the roadway of one of the most important streets in the city to erect statues, a use which will be beneficial only for the gentlemen who are urging this measure.

The congestion at 42d street and Fifth Avenue is largely due to pleasure carriages. That part of Fifth Avenue is as popular for them as the Corso, in Rome, where the horses go at a walk in the afternoon, so that people can see each other. People who are in haste can now cross 42d street at Sixth Avenue at all hours without any delay, except when snow is left there.

It will be possible to make Park Avenue a two-lane thoroughfare from 34th street to 96th street when the New York Central has finished the bridging over that avenue, below 86th street. In fact, that avenue is 140 feet wide for most of its length. Madison Avenue could be made more useful by taking some of the sidewalk or by taking fifty feet off the easterly side. If fifty feet were taken, a bridge could perhaps be built in that avenue from 41st street to 43d street, which would make a good grade for the avenue. Efforts should be made to take traffic off Fifth Avenue, not to increase it.

The widening of that avenue, which has been started by taking some feet off the sidewalk, brings more traffic there and makes the crossing for pedestrians more difficult. There is already talk of having islands for pedestrians, which will occupy as much space as has been sacrificed in reducing the width of the sidewalks. Those who are urging this measure have no consideration for the pedestrians, who complain now of the excessive traffic in Fifth Avenue and the difficulty of crossing it. G. W. VAN NEST.

AUTOMOBILES AND STRETCARS.

To the Editor of the Tribune: Sir: The automobiles in New York appear to be in league to prevent "the common herd" from boarding streetcars. How often motor cars obstruct the space between curb and track, causing people waiting for a car to lose nerve, temper, trains and engagements! A full list of killed and maimed would in no wise represent the main effects of speeding and carelessness. It is a disgrace that two gentlemen were making futile attempts to board a streetcar and had just dodged a showy automobile, when one of its occupants shouted, "You old fellows, keep on the sidewalk. That's where you belong." It is to be wished that the transit companies would protest against what must be an injury to their business, and that a woman was killed at the Broadway car and street. With an exclamation the conductor asked and held her. An automobile whizzed out of 42d street and turning south barely escaped grazing the step of the car. In contrast to this careful conductor was another whom the same woman encountered going up Broadway. As the car stopped two automobiles, following, stopped to see what was near the car that the woman stepped back. The conductor said brutally, "What 'y' getting back for, are 'y' crazy?" Is it strange that nervous strain is a marked feature in New York life? ONE OF "THE COMMON HERD."

CLEAN NEWSPAPERS.

To the Editor of the Tribune: Sir: The aim of securing newspapers for our homes which shall at all times be free from low or suggestive articles detrimental to morals, offensive to decency and damaging to self-respect, which all aim to be a desirable one. Some might perhaps say that it is possible to enjoy it at all times by simply buying only good newspapers. But, unfortunately, there come periods when overweening public interest and unworthy public curiosity provoke the editors of even some of the best of our journals to overstep the mark and to lay the tender children of the schools, the children of the crinoline, which are revolting even to men charged with the punishment of those who prey upon society. We attempt to escape it, and close our door to it for a short period, only to find that to keep in touch with our usual social or business needs we must continue our patronage of a journal which we are ashamed to bring home. Then our school children of our own must have the objectionable articles and detestable headlines thrust upon their sight in the public conveyances or other places.

Each editor escapes censure by claiming that all his brother editors will surely present the same matter, and he cannot be exceptional. The community—all communities—were shocked by the continued revelations of the Times, and the fact in bold type. We are now promised another of similar character by reason of the approach of certain sensational murder trials, in the course of which, as we have been credibly informed, material more interesting to the prurient mind, and consequently more dangerous to the home and more disgusting to the self-respecting man, is about to be presented in court.

It is believed that good authorities that a respectful protest, presented early enough to the press by men of serious character, representing heavy responsibilities in the care of their own children or children confided to them by the duties of their positions in life, will meet with an immediate and a sympathetic response, resulting in such an editing of this and similar news matter that no harm shall be done by the reading community by indecently offensive suggestion.

The following named gentlemen (the only ones who could be seen on a few days' notice), with the undersigned, have expressed the greatest reluctance as to this question and their desire to see a movement encouraged which will have all readers in bold type. We are now promised another of similar character by reason of the approach of certain sensational murder trials, in the course of which, as we have been credibly informed, material more interesting to the prurient mind, and consequently more dangerous to the home and more disgusting to the self-respecting man, is about to be presented in court.

Noting like a censorship 's thought-of-only elementary principles for the protection of the home are expected to be applied, it is felt that such a censorship would be obtained throughout the whole country. Several editors have already expressed their intention of observing even greater care than in the past over news matter of this kind in their columns. You are therefore asked to give this movement your editorial support, and readers friendly to it are asked to send names and address on postal card to SUPERVISOR WILLIAMS, 117 Murray street. EDWARD R. FINCH, CHARLES F. McKENNA.

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