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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

CONGRESS.—Senate: An agreement to vote on the arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France at 4:30 this afternoon was reached.

FOREIGN.—A rumor that Captain Robert F. Scott, the British Antarctic explorer, had reached the South Pole was published in London.

DOMESTIC.—Lawrence authorities testifying in Washington denied charges of brutality in connection with the textile strike.

CITY.—Stocks declined irregularly. A Brooklyn girl jumped to death from the roof of a house.

THE WEATHER.—Indications for today: Snow or rain. The temperature yesterday: Highest, 32 degrees; lowest, 24.

IMPRACTICABLE.

Senator Dixon's challenge to the managers of the Taft campaign to unite with him in securing the direct election of delegates to the Republican National Convention is an obvious effort to raise a little electioneering dust.

The chief essential at which Republican policy has aimed since 1873 is the untrammeled selection of district delegates, who make up about four-fifths of the membership of each convention.

Whether the district delegates and the delegates-at-large are named by direct vote or in conventions must depend entirely on the laws of the various states.

state organizations or force them to set aside the legal plan for naming delegates and take up an impromptu extralegal one.

Moreover, in a majority of the districts the machinery of election has already been set in motion. It would be impracticable to try to interrupt it now, since long before the managers could devise a satisfactory scheme for holding primaries in states and districts where no legal provision has been made for them more than half of the delegates to Chicago would have been elected.

CALLING IT BY A Milder NAME.

In his latest "Outlook" article Colonel Roosevelt seeks to conciliate the public toward his recall of judicial decisions by changing its name. He has no objection, he says, to having it called a "shorter and simpler way of amending the constitution."

By the recall of decisions were only a new and easier way of amending constitutions it would possess little or no interest or attraction for the people of most states, since state constitutions are generally easy to amend.

Colony Roosevelt's recall as a means of amending the constitution is also open to the objection that under it the question of constitutional policy, instead of being presented simply and directly to the public, would be complicated by personal and emotional considerations.

Now, if we concede for the purposes of the argument that Mr. Roosevelt's plan does amount to amending the constitution, is it so "simple" a way as its author would make out. To take a concrete example, had Colonel Roosevelt's scheme for the "recall of decisions" prevailed in this state the people might have overthrown the decision of the Court of Appeals against the Walworth compensation law.

THE LATEST "CURE."

It would be unfortunate if the report of a newly discovered cure for cancer, as given in our news columns yesterday, were popularly misapprehended or made the basis for extravagant expectations.

The break in Mr. Borden's majority over the Manitoba bill is ominous of considerable disintegration of the government forces at Ottawa and of reaction against the somewhat extravagant pretensions and delusions on which last year's election was won.

It is decidedly difficult now to keep that heterogeneous body together on any other ground than that one which must of course now be abandoned and which is recognized by most people to have been mistaken.

The combination of French Catholic Nationalists and English or Scotch Protestant Imperialists was obviously incongruous, and was bound to be shaken the moment there arose above the discarded anti-annexationist issue one of those issues of race or creed which are so potent and so lasting in Canadian politics.

AT THE SOUTH POLE.

Confirmation of the report of Captain Scott's arrival at the South Pole would not be at all surprising, since such an announcement has been awaited for some time. Of all the expeditions now or recently in the Antarctic regions, Captain Scott's has from the first been recognized as likeliest to reach the Pole.

By a narrow margin Seattle has voted not to recall its recall of Gill. Setting the women who haven't enough serious work to do to keep them from the mischief of window breaking to the hard labor of darned stockings might be all right in England, but it wouldn't do here, for it would be forbidden under our Constitution as an unusual if not a cruel punishment.

THE ANTHRACITE MINERS.

The demands of the anthracite coal miners upon the operators are practically the same ones that have been presented every three years when a contract between the two has come up for renewal. The main object of all of them seems to be restoring the strength of the union, which has declined almost to nothing since the peace was effected by the commission's findings after the last great strike.

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

The first week of the month has been an unusual one in the churches at Albany. At All Saints' Cathedral the eightieth birthday of the Right Rev. William Crosswell Doane was celebrated and on the same day the members of the Temple Beth Emeth gathered to felicitate the Rev. Dr. Max Schlesinger on his seventy-fifth birthday.

THE WOMAN MILITANT.

Those militant women, Those ladies, gadabouts, Who think that good actions Are more than good looks, Are busy these days In the present, and ways Of smashing the windows And bursting the doors Of all public buildings, Of houses and stores, And throwing their bricks and mortar at men. And getting arrested, And at it again.

MATERIALISM A HANDICAP.

To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: Dr. Schurman's wonderfully excellent paper on socialism in last Sunday's Tribune cannot be disparaged or adversely criticized and made to appear as the half-thinking product of a socialist teacher.

COLONEL C. M. DEPEW RETIRED.

Albany, March 6.—Colonel Chauncey M. Depew, who in active military service was judge advocate of the 6th Division, National Guard, and Lieutenant Colonel James H. Story, who was inspector of the 3d Division, have been placed on the retired list by Adjutant General Verbeck, revising the list of supernumerary officers over sixty-five years old.

transaction seems profitable enough on both sides. To get the most out of our children is a great deal more important than to get the most out of our trees.

HOLD-UPS.

More Numerous and Brutal Because of Sullivan Law, One Man Decries. To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: The ugly thing about the hold-up as practiced nowadays is that the highwayman almost invariably blackjacks his victim as a preliminary to separating him from his money or valuables, whether he resists or not.

THE DEATH PENALTY.

To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: There are some sweet and beautiful passages in Holy Writ concerning the treatment of an enemy when we get him cornered. If he is hungry, feed him and so on, attempting thereby to change him to a friend, or make him ashamed of himself, according to his temperament.

BI-LINGUAL ADVANTAGES.

To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: This country would fare better if the French was promoted, making America a bi-lingual rather than a mono-lingual country. It is absurd for America to make a fetish of English, for English is manifestly not its mother tongue.

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should understand that the new system of care is intensely technical and must be carefully tested by high professional authorities before it can be brought into general use.

"Mike," said Fludding Pete, "dis idea of recillin' judges sounds like a good 'ting to me. Sure, I'd like to be brought before a brand-new judge every trip. He's more apt to be sympathetic."—Washington Star.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, March 6.—President Taft was in his office only the first half of the day, but saw a number of callers, many of whom called to discuss the political situation and to assure him that his chances of renomination are growing stronger every day.

THE CABINET.

Washington, March 6.—The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh have issued invitations for a dinner on Friday evening. The Attorney General and Mrs. Wickersham will entertain guests at dinner on Wednesday, March 13, and the Secretary of Commerce and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan will entertain guests at luncheon on Friday.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

Washington, March 6.—Among the more important dinner parties the ambassadors have planned for the Lenten season are those of the Italian Ambassador and Marchioness Cusani on March 9, which is in honor of Miss Taft, and the dinner on March 20, with the German Ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff as hosts.

IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

Washington, March 6.—Several interesting entertainments for the delegates and members of the National Civic Federation, now in session here, have been arranged and the coming to the capital of so many well known persons in Lent has given unusual interest to the season.

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People and Social Incidents.

of New York, will make short acquaintance. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Noyes entertained at dinner to-night in compliment to Miss Frances Hodges, whose engagement to Lieutenant Acher was recently announced.

The second of the Wednesday roller skating classes was held at the Arcade this afternoon, diplomats and persons from resident and official society attending in large numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Henry, of Philadelphia, who came to Washington to attend the dinner given by the British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce on Monday night and a dinner with the Rev. Charles Wood and Mrs. Wood as hosts last night, have returned home.

NEW YORK SOCIETY.

Mrs. Frank S. Witherbee will give a dinner this evening at her house in Fifth avenue. Alfred Chapin also has a dinner to-night at his house, in East 57th street.

Mrs. Walter Cutting, who has been ill for some time, left the city yesterday for Lakewood, to remain a fortnight. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Juliana Cutting.

Mrs. Henry Burden gave a dinner last night in the ballroom of the Hotel Gotham. The decorations were pink roses and carnations. The guests, numbering fifty, included Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. Anson E. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. J. Macaulay Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Janeway, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Dexter.

The sewing class organized by the Colonial Dames of America, which works for Miss Vera Onativita's sewing class, which works for the poor milliners of Virginia, held its meeting yesterday with Mrs. Dorothy Schiff, at No. 22 West 93d street.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Astor on Tuesday, at their house in London. Mrs. Astor was Miss Nannie Langhorne. She is a daughter of Chiswell Daney Langhorne, of Virginia, and a sister of Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson and Mrs. Reginald Brooks, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert V. de Goucoria sailed for Europe yesterday on board the Cedric. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin have booked passage from England for New York, on April 30, on board the Lusitania. On their arrival here they will go to the Plaza.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Egerton Webb and Miss Laura Webb will return to town from Palm Beach at the end of next week. Dr. and Mrs. Preston P. Satterwhite will leave Palm Beach for Washington on Saturday, and after spending three or four days there will come on to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Drexel and William Hude Nulsen are sailing to-day for Panama. Miss Bell Gurnee is also departing for Panama to-day.

Albert Eugene Gallatin, Frederick H. Baldwin and J. F. D. Lanier are sailing to-day on a twenty-six day cruise to the West Indies.

ELECTED TO PHI BETA KAPPA.

Twenty-three Princeton Seniors Receive Mark of High Honor. (By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Princeton, N. J., March 6.—Twenty-three members of the senior class were elected to membership in the local chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, it was announced to-day. Election to this society is the mark of the highest possible scholarship honor.

The men elected were as follows: C. Belknap, New York; W. J. Bratton, Elkhart, Ind.; H. S. Pottsworth, Penn.; S. F. Franklin, Smyrna, Del.; R. E. Fish, Erie, Penn.; J. C. Fitts, Washington, N. J.; S. D. Gammell, Cincinnati, Ohio; F. D. Halsey, Elizabeth, N. J.; R. F. Haulenbeck, Newark, N. J.; O. P. Heyn, Stapleton, N. Y.; D. Horton, Brooklyn, N. Y.; R. W. Johnson, Baltimore, Md.; F. A. Kahler, Buffalo, N. Y.; D. Mathey, Cranford, N. J.; E. J. DeLoach, Pittsburgh, Penn.; F. J. O'Donnell, Mass.; S. P. Steyer, Hagerstown, Md.; L. S. Shultz, Philadelphia, Penn.; H. Steiner, Brooklyn, N. Y.; T. G. Speers, Montclair, N. J.; J. D. Stover, Milford, N. J.; H. J. Sweeney, Trenton, N. J.; and C. M. Wylie, Grand Rapids, Mich.

GAYNOR FOR FARM SCHOOLS.

Mayor Writes to Dr. Bailey in Support of Greenberg Bill. Mayor Gaynor sent yesterday the following letter to Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, chairman of the State Agricultural Board, at Ithaca:

CITY OF NEW YORK.

Office of the Mayor, New York, March 6, 1912. Dear Doctor Bailey: My attention has been called to Assembly Bill No. 87, offered by Mr. Greenberg, and other bills to establish or allow the establishment of schools for the teaching of agriculture. It is very clear to me that the teaching of agriculture in our schools down here supported wholly by the state, the same as similar schools throughout, is a very important matter. I do not know of any other school in this city which will have such schools, as we need them here on Long Island and in this vicinity very much. I am certain I do not need to press the matter upon you, as I know that you are as alive to it as I am and more so.

NEW YORK FROM THE SUBURBS.

For a time the streets of Peking resembled New York's Chinatown during a tug war. Louisville Courier-Journal. New York lends gold to London to relate to Argentina to move crops. The time may come when New York will lend direct. Then it will be the financial centre of the world.—Buffalo News.

Conan, New York's society spy, while mingling in society the other day snatched a costly pair of blue plaid trousers from the back of a chair. He has been previously deconstructed as he is sometimes mistreated, even when they happen to be in New York society.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Those who complain of high prices for food at Broadway restaurants plainly do not know what they are talking about. The proprietors of these places, who are sometimes mistreated, even when they happen to be in New York society.—Chicago Record-Herald.