

Bessie, dog mascot of Engine Co. 30, N. Y., has lain down on job since company discarded horses and got auto wagons. Bessie wont follow it.

Congo, 14-foot python at Central Park Menagerie, N. Y., suffering from ptomaine poison from ci-devant water rat.

500 miners in Derbyshire district, England, went on strike today. First of the 1,000,000 men expected to be on strike by March 1.

175 soldiers at school for non-commissioned officers, Potsdam, Germany, poisoned. Authorities blame anti-militarists.

Ethel Harrigan, 21, daughter of J. B. Harrigan, general manager of Des Moines Traction Co., eloped to Boone, Ia., yesterday and married Oraland Holland, 23, clothing clerk.

Papa Harrigan, who is by way of being a big bug in Des Moines "society," is frothing at the mouth today, and otherwise making an ass of himself.

Gov. Dineen will determine tonight whether extra session of the legislature is necessary to remedy defects in present laws following decision of the supreme court, which places appropriation measures in jeopardy.

Rep. Henry, of Texas, said today that Roosevelt was a "decoy duck of Wall street."

And 97 years ago today Napoleon returned from Elba.

Hiram Johnson, governor of California, and talked of as running mate for Theodore Roosevelt, said at N. Y. today: "If the

people nominate, the choice between and Roosevelt is already made."

But the people wont nominate, Hi.

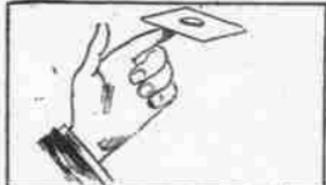
Senator Cummins, the one man in the U. S. who feels downright good about Roosevelt's announcement this morning, today introduced a bill for federal control of "Big Business", by a "Trade Commission."

Cummins, who will get the delegates from his native state, Ia., is real tickled over the Roosevelt-Taft break. He thinks it will help Cummins out.

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Card and Penny

Place a small coin on a playing card and poise the card on the point of the forefinger of the left



hand. Then with a sharp flirt of the forefinger and thumb of the right hand, against the edge of the card, you can drive away the card and leave the coin balanced on your left forefinger.

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"Every time the baby looks at me he smiles," said the father. "Well," half laughed the mother, "it shows he has some sense of humor."