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DUCK SHOOTING ON LAKE OF GENEVA

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GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 5.—The lower market is crowded with people awaiting to see the ducks. The ducks are shot with noiseless electric launches. The ducks are shot with noiseless electric launches. The ducks are shot with noiseless electric launches.

The duck shooting on the lake of Geneva is a most interesting sight. The ducks are shot with noiseless electric launches. The ducks are shot with noiseless electric launches. The ducks are shot with noiseless electric launches.

A SOLID PLEASANT BLOW. Mr. Stately, I've come to find that evening has a lot of good in it. The idea I wish you had given me. Mr. Stately, "And you were really at home, then?" Miss Patricia: "No—Philadelphia Ledger."

HEARST LAWYER TALKS OF STEALTH

Attorney Fox Differs With Judge Parker as to Real Nature of Content—Court May Decide Crucial Question To-Day.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Dec. 5.—After an argument lasting for two hours, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court this afternoon reversed its decision of a crucial question in an election contest between Mayor McClellan and William E. Hearst. It is expected it will decide to-morrow whether void ballots known to have been counted should be thrown out on a recount. On this decision depends the immediate future of the contest, and perhaps its outcome. If the ruling is against Mr. Hearst, he will have to resort to quo warranto proceedings to test the right of Mayor McClellan to office, which will prolong the contest many months. If it is in Mr. Hearst's favor, the contest may be determined by the end of this month. Austin G. Fox's final appeal to the Appellate Division today was the key-note of the Hearst lawyers' appeal. Judge Parker had asserted that they were seeking to obtain by stealth what they could not get by ordinary processes of law. "I would prefer to put the matter in another way," remarked Mr. Fox. "The real question is whether the candidate who has obtained something by stealth can keep it merely because those who stole it for him are judged before the courts as if they were thieves."

LOUISVILLE, KY. GIRL TO WED CAPTAIN SHEVLIN.



MISS ELIZABETH SHERLEY. Whose engagement to Tom Shevlin, captain of the Yale football team, has just been announced.

MOVEMENT TOWARD RATE COMPROMISE

Senator Elkins's Bill Regarded as Concession Determined Upon by Railroads—Roosevelt's Attitude Changed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, Dec. 5.—Following immediately upon the heels of the President's message, in which are set forth in much detail his views upon the great question of railroad regulation, came the first positive movement toward a compromise between the competing parties. This comes in the shape of a proposition of Senator Elkins, which is really a suggestion from the railroad forces of a basis for negotiations between the representatives of the railroads and those who stand in Congress for President Roosevelt's views. The Elkins bill is characterized by that brevity and simplicity for which Senator Elkins is famous. It is the strongest supporter, and in it there is an apparent concession on the part of the railroads, and call for concession from the other side.

SPEAKS FOR RAILROADS. There is no doubt that the Elkins bill interests railroad men, and these great interests stand ready to concede that any rate order promulgated by the Interstate Commerce Commission shall be permitted to become effective immediately upon promulgation, and to remain in force pending the action of the courts. Senator Elkins gave out his bill and a short explanatory statement immediately following the President's message in the Senate. Compared with his message of last year the Elkins bill is a concession of the most important kind. One of the most important of these is that, instead of having the power to establish an absolute rate, he now talks of a "maximum rate," which is a very different thing. The importance of the Interstate Commerce Commission as the only body to exercise this power is also a concession of the commission "for some other body."

It also makes it clear that in speaking of the "maximum rate" he is referring to the body as at present constituted, but holds out the possibility of future amendments which might give the Interstate Commerce Commission the power to establish an absolute rate. The Elkins bill is a concession of the most important kind. One of the most important of these is that, instead of having the power to establish an absolute rate, he now talks of a "maximum rate," which is a very different thing. The importance of the Interstate Commerce Commission as the only body to exercise this power is also a concession of the commission "for some other body."

Five Girls Wait for Xmas At Jacob's Boarding, cor. Locust.

FRANKS KENTUCKY WITHIN AN HOUR OF END

Lexington Horsemen's Headquarters, Scene of Epoch-Making Sales of Thoroughbreds, Is Being Torn Down.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 5.—Lexington is the home of the horse industry of America, and the headquarters of the horsemen of the world. The Lexington Horsemen's Headquarters, a building which has been the scene of epoch-making sales of thoroughbreds, is being torn down. The building was built by Barney J. Treacy, who built the stable and the headquarters of the horsemen of the world. The building was built by Barney J. Treacy, who built the stable and the headquarters of the horsemen of the world.

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SUICIDE MANIA IN THE TWIN CITIES

Nearly One Hundred Persons Have Killed Themselves in Ten Months—Necessity for Stringent Laws About Weapons.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 5.—Self-destruction is a mania in St. Paul and Minneapolis. In the Twin Cities, with a population of nearly a half million people, about 100 persons have killed themselves in ten and a half months. The record of self-imposed deaths in St. Paul and Minneapolis is as appalling as that of Chicago. In the Twin Cities, there are about four times as many as in Chicago, and the number of suicidal deaths is nearly four times as many as those of the two cities of Minnesota.

Effort has been made to diminish the number of suicides in St. Paul by the passage of a law prohibiting the sale of carbonic oxide gas. The law is a concession of the most important kind. One of the most important of these is that, instead of having the power to establish an absolute rate, he now talks of a "maximum rate," which is a very different thing.

EXPLORED PARTY HELD BY YAQUI?

State Department to Ascertain Fate of Americans Who Went to Tiboro Island and Did Not Return.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, Dec. 5.—On the theory that the last members of the Tiboro exploring party are held captive by Indians, the State Department has been instructed to ascertain the exact fate of these missing men. The Tiboro exploring party was sent to Tiboro Island, a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean, to explore the island. The Tiboro exploring party was sent to Tiboro Island, a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean, to explore the island.

A CLOSE CALL. I had a close call last night by Joe. Indeed, it was a very close call. I was in a third-story flat, you know, and for people came to call and I had to sit out in the hall.

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