

With apologies to the hen, why is a green hat? Mrs. Langtry is 50 years old—a fact shown only by the records.

With a three-year-old emperor China should have no fear of the sovereign talking too much.

Rockville, Conn., has the distinction of being the first town to arrest an airship for disorderly conduct.

Some one has reported seeing a sea serpent off Newport, but maybe, after all, it was just the back bone of winter wiggling into place.

In prehistoric times, says a Chicago lady lecturer, woman was mentally the superior of man. Is she arguing that something has happened since?

The simplified spelling board wants us to spell it "det." Of course that makes it easier to spell, but not any easier to get out of a spell of it.

A man in Chicago has been ordered by the court not to speak to his wife for two weeks or allow her to speak to him. Which one was the plaintiff?

The daughter of Lombroso is coming to this country to study our prisons. We may be thankful, after all the other fulminations against it, that she isn't coming to study our society.

All the world is ready to admire the taste of the man who fell in love with a young woman and married her because she thanked him when he gave her his seat and when she turned and sat down "her waist and skirt did not separate."

A Philadelphia man left his son-in-law 50 cents with which to buy a rope to hang himself. The beneficiary will probably forego the bequest rather than comply with its conditions, but it is certainly a terrible tale to come from the City of Brotherly Love.

Prof. D. C. Jackson of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been retained by the Massachusetts highway commission to make a report regarding the telephone situation with special reference to the practicability of a reduction in rates and a higher efficiency of service.

The official denial of the Abruzzi-Erkina engagement will shatter a romance in which two continents were deeply interested, and many will refuse to give up the hope that the path of true love may yet be smoothed for the royal lover and the beautiful American girl of his heart.

The recent refrigeration congress in Europe has reminded a student of history that Francis Bacon made the first experiments in the use of snow for the preservation of meat. The people of New Zealand, who have been largely dependent on refrigerated meat, have shown their appreciation of Bacon's discovery by erecting a statue of him suitably inscribed.

A minister recently read a paper before a Congregational church conference in Boston in which he called attention to the fact that in the membership of 56 churches in that vicinity only one child to each church was born during the year. His conclusion was that Congregational families are ceasing to perpetuate themselves and that Puritan stock is dying out. President Roosevelt ought to look into this.

At the recent dedication in Bath of a tablet to Edmund Burke, Whitelaw Reid spoke in behalf of Americans in honor of their best friend in Great Britain. Burke has become almost a national hero in America, and it was he who phrased most eloquently many principles that are part of our tradition. His "Speech on Conciliation" is a difficult piece for schoolboys, but it ought always to be a part of the prescribed reading of young America.

The Ohio-Mississippi coal trade, which persists to-day, is one of the greatest single movements of cargo in the world. From Pittsburgh to New Orleans is 2,000 miles, all downhill. Coal in 1,000-ton barges is rafted into fleets and towed down this distance by powerful steamboats at a cost of less than 75 cents a ton, against a railroad rate of about four dollars and fifty cents—from Pittsburgh to Memphis for 43 cents, against a rail rate of \$2.70.

The president of the University of Illinois has announced that dismissal will in future be the punishment of hazing, which he denounces as a violation of the right of individuality, provocative of public disorder, in its milder forms nonsensical, and in its coarser forms vulgar, brutal, always demoralizing and sometimes dangerous. Hence, he says, the university cannot countenance or tolerate it. Such a stand in the opinion of the Indianapolis Star generally imitated, will soon end the practice.

A Chicago burglar broke into a hospital and took everything but the patients' temperatures, we presume.

Our referendum among the leading personalities of this country on the question, "What is your opinion of the great men of Europe and America?" has resulted as follows: Washington and Napoleon are the greatest favorites, after whom come Hannibal, Caesar and Charles XII. of Sweden. Among the most disliked are Brutus, Cromwell and Darwin.—Nihonjyu Nihonjyu (Tokyo).

Light has dawned in the minds of some managers of the Pennsylvania anthracite companies, and they are said to be planning to open schools in which operatives can be taught by experts how to meet the technical and foreseeable exigencies of their dangerous calling. Better late than never. An ounce of prevention in mining, as in everything else, is worth a pound of remedy, says the Boston Herald. State supervision of obedience to law is necessary, but can be diminished in cost and severity by such action as is now contemplated.

FOR INAUGURATION

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT PLANS GREAT MILITARY DISPLAY.

MAJ.-GEN. BARRY WILL COMMAND

Troops Fresh From Cuban Service to Lead Parade—Blue Jackets Also in Line.

Washington.—President Roosevelt has drawn up plans for giving President-elect Taft the biggest military display ever attendant upon a presidential inauguration.

These plans, which are now being developed by the army and navy, include the presence in Washington for purposes of parade and review of several thousand soldiers fresh from the evacuation of Cuba and almost an equal number of blue jackets from their world.

The army will be headed by Maj.-Gen. Barry, commanding the Cuban army of pacification, and his entire staff. The navy section of the parade will be headed by Rear-Admiral Sperry and all the admirals and captains of his fleet.

FLEET LOSES TWO MEN.

Electrician and Fireman of Battleship New Jersey Fall Into the Sea.

Colombo, Ceylon.—The American battleship fleet, on its homeward voyage, will reach here Sunday. The following wireless message announces the progress of the fleet:

"The fleet at 8 p. m., December 10, was in latitude 5.26 north, longitude 88.15 east. Will arrive at Colombo at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Perfect weather. Speed ten knots. The Georgia left the fleet at 10 p. m. of December 9 for Colombo at a speed of fourteen knots, having on board a case of smallpox, which, however, is not serious. The health of the rest of the men of the fleet is excellent.

"Stawick, fireman, and McDonald, electrician, of the battleship New Jersey, fell overboard the evening of December 8, owing to a defective line. McDonald was rescued, but Stawick was not recovered, although a thorough search was made for him.

"Otherwise, the trip from Manila has been uneventful. There has been much tactical maneuvering daily."

ROOSEVELT TO HIT BACK.

"Bullets" for Congress if It Rebukes Him for Secret Service Message.

Washington.—"President Roosevelt never shoots in the air," said a member of congress Saturday to another who was asking if there was any thought that the president had bullets as well as powder to fire back at the house and senate if they should rebuke him in a resolution savage enough to bring a quick fire response.

The belief is that the president has material which is contained in official but unpublished reports, which, if made public, would cause consternation in some fairly high places.

It is not to be conceived that Roosevelt wants to use this material if he has it, but, for the thousandth time, it must be said he is a fighter, and will hold that self-defense does not consist merely in parrying.

One of the most prominent representatives said Saturday that he had no doubt at all that there could be a response from the White House to any assurance that congress might inflict, and that he believed some men would be hurt.

Gen. Simon Takes Gonaves.

Washington.—A force of 200 men which landed from the Haytian gunboat took without resistance the town of Gonaves, Hayti, and established authority there in the name of Gen. Simon, according to latest information received by the navy department from Commander Shipley of the cruiser Des Moines, now at Port au Prince, who is in charge of the American naval forces on shore at Gonaves.

New Skyscraper Planned.

New York.—Helms of Marshal Field are planning a Fifth avenue skyscraper to cost \$7,000,000. Designs have been completed for a 16-story structure to cover the block on the east side of Fifth avenue, from Thirtieth to Thirty-first streets. The building could be used as a great department store or as a general mercantile structure for many tenants.

Hydrophobia From Eating Sausage.

Winchester, Pa.—The authorities Saturday are conducting a rigorous investigation into the death of John Van Horn, 8, and his sister, Mabel, 16, who, the doctors state, died of hydrophobia as a result of eating frankfurter sausages. Three other members of the Van Horn family are seriously ill. The grocer who sold the sausages disclaims all knowledge of the case.

H. C. Pierce Trial in March.

Austin, Tex.—District Attorney James Hamilton says that owing to a large docket the trial of H. C. Clay Pierce of St. Louis, head of the Waters Pierce Oil company, charged with false swearing, will not be held until some time in March.

Mother's Surgery Fails.

New York.—Peter Rickhardt's mother tried to adjust the bones of his arm, which he broke skating a month ago. No surgeon was called and the boy died from the neglect.

Woman Shoots Burglar.

Salisbury, N. C.—Mrs. W. C. Feaster, a member of a prominent family, was awakened by a burglar in her room. She opened fire on him in the darkness and he made a hasty exit, leaving behind him blood spots, which gave evidence that at least one of the shots had taken effect.

Love Worth \$2,500 Won Away.

Lancaster, Pa.—Anna M. Hauck was awarded a verdict of \$2,500 in her suit against her neighbor, Rose W. Chaney, for alienating her husband's affections.



\$52,000,000 FOR ARMY INCREASE

MOST OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WANTED FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS.

ALSO COAST DEFENSE NEEDS

Organization of Militia Force of 350,000,000 Recommended—Increase Last Year Was Nineteen Thousand.

Washington, D. C.—In his annual report Secretary Luke E. Wright of the war department estimates that an increase of \$52,000,000 in the appropriation for the coming fiscal year will be necessary, principally for improvement of rivers and harbors. The expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, were \$130,706,447.99, and Secretary Wright's estimate for 1909-10 is, in round figures, \$189,000,000. The appropriation for 1907-8 was \$137,635,847.50.

The increase asked for is largely for river and harbor work, and other public work of a civil character, for which purpose about \$24,000,000 is asked. Of the balance, about \$10,500,000 is an additional estimate for the support of the army, military academy and the militia. For military public works, such as fortifications, arsenals, military posts, etc., the estimates call for an increase of \$17,500,000.

Secretary Wright especially recommends an addition of 612 officers to the army, and also approves a policy for the elimination from service of all officers who fail to maintain the requisite standard of efficiency. Both of these propositions were before congress at its last session, and will be strongly urged this year.

Strength of Army.

During the past year there has been an increase in the actual strength of the army of 19,168, making the present strength 4,116 officers and 68,512 enlisted men, a total of 72,628. Of this number 63,102 are serving in the United States, 12,101 in the Philippines, 4,905 in Cuba, 1,102 in Alaska, 611 in Porto Rico, 256 in Hawaii, with 551 troops en route and officers at other foreign stations.

The secretary submits an estimate of \$500,000 to enable the signal corps to take up military aeronautics.

He recommends that the general scheme of national defense shall provide a force of organized militia of approximately 350,000 men, 300,000 of these in combination with the infantry, cavalry and field artillery of the regular army, to constitute a field army of 400,000 men.

Congress is asked for a considerable increase in the appropriations for investment in permanent military plants, such as gun and mortar batteries, fire control at fortifications, electrical installations at sea coast fortifications, searchlights for harbor defenses and other accessories of coast defense, preservation and repair of fortifications, repair and protection of defenses at Pensacola, Fla., and New Orleans, La., defenses of Galveston, Tex., armament for fortifications, fortifications in insular possessions, and additional land for military posts. These various items in connection with permanent military plants call for increased appropriations of \$18,868,927, of which amount about 80 per cent is asked for coast defense works, for which about \$9,500,000 is required for the United States and \$5,400,000 for the insular possessions.

Mad Dog Scare in Shelbyville, Ill.

Shelbyville, Ill.—Mayor Knecht has issued a proclamation ordering all dogs shot or muzzled for thirty days. A dog supposed to be mad was shot after he had bitten several other dogs. The dogs that were bitten have been killed.

Steps on Match; Is Fatally Burned.

Evansville, Ind.—Mrs. John Rapp stepped upon a match, setting fire to her clothes and was fatally burned. She was ironing when the accident occurred.

Bonaparte to Quit Public Life.

Baltimore, Md.—Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte indicated that he would not be a member of President Taft's cabinet, when, in response to an inquiry on the subject, he said that after March 4 next he positively would retire from public life.

Ruef to Be Sentenced December 19.

San Francisco, Cal.—The pronouncing of sentence upon Abraham Ruef, convicted of bribery, was postponed by Superior Judge Lawler until next Saturday, December 19.

CARRIE IS "BOUNCED."

Proprietors of Public Houses Unceremoniously Fire Mrs. Nation Out.

Dundee, Scotland.—The reception Mrs. Carrie Nation of Kansas is getting from the keepers of public houses here is the worst she ever experienced. Many times she has been "bounced" unceremoniously and ungraciously from "pubs" into the crowded street, where mobs jeered and cheered her piously.

Carrie has been shocked to find tea drinking so common in Scotland, where, in deed, an amazing quantity of the beverage is consumed at all hours of the day. She classes tea drinking with the morphia habit, and has added it to her crusading repertoire.

The police have not acted on the request of one public house keeper, who wants her prosecuted for breach of the peace in entering his place of business.

Brayfield Hearing December 16.

Benton, Ill.—The trial of Dr. B. F. Brayfield, of Mulkeytown, indicted by the Franklin county grand jury upon charges of murder and forgery, growing out of the mysterious death of R. F. Parrish, at Mulkeytown, last March, has been set for Wednesday, December 16, and it is thought the case will be given a final hearing at that time.

State's Attorney Hickman has announced he will direct the coroner to have the body exhumed and a thorough examination made. The body was interred in a metallic casket.

Cromwell Hid Panama Facts.

Omaha, Neb.—"The reason that the country does not know who were the stockholders of the American Panama Canal Co. and the French Panama Canal Co. is that William Nelson Cromwell blocked all the efforts made by the senatorial committee to gain this information," said Senator J. H. Millard of Nebraska Wednesday. Millard was chairman of the senate committee at the time the investigation in the Panama affair was made, and is better acquainted with the situation than any other senator.

Deneen to Enter Farm College.

Urbana, Ill.—Governor C. S. Deneen is to become a student of the agricultural college at the state university of Illinois. He will attend the state school during the short course which begins in January and will seek special instruction in cattle and corn judging.

Decisions of the governor to become a scientific farmer is the result of his attendance at the Illinois corn show in Springfield.

Cremated in His Home.

Freemont, Ohio.—In a fire at Woodville early Thursday Dr. G. Barnes, a veterinary surgeon, was cremated in his home. An old man named Crane was rescued from his home adjoining, but the building was destroyed. The postoffice was badly scorched and was saved only by great effort on the part of the fire department.

Pardon for Magness Refused.

Media, Pa.—Mrs. M. Gorman Magness daughter of the late Senator Gorman, whose husband was convicted of desertion from the navy and whose wife was sentenced to a year's imprisonment at Portsmouth, was denied a pardon by the president for her husband. Secretary Newberry reported adversely on the application.

Lords Own Brewery Stock.

London.—An illuminating commentary on the defeat of the licensing bill is furnished in a list published showing that sixty-two of the peers who helped to reject the measure are owners of brewery shares.

Mexican Oil Refinery Burns.

City of Mexico.—A dispatch from Minatitlan, Isthmus of Tehuantepec, says the big oil refinery of S. Pearson & Son, Limited, at that place has been damaged by fire, resulting from an explosion.

Hansbrough Is Operated On.

Minneapolis, Minn.—United States Senator Hansbrough, who was operated upon for a mastoid tumor in the ear at Asbury hospital, is reported as resting easy and his condition is quite hopeful.

Pipe Her Comfort at 107.

Oxford, Mass.—Mrs. Catherine Suay has just celebrated her one hundred and seventh birthday anniversary. Since she was 10 years old she has smoked, and her pipe is her only comfort.

RUEF SILENT ON VERDICT

FORMER "BOSS" OF SAN FRANCISCO MAY HAVE TO SERVE 14 YEARS.

HENEY WAS IN COURT

Judge William P. Lawlor Will Pass Sentence on Convicted Man and He Will Be Taken to Penitentiary.

San Francisco, Ca.—Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, convicted Thursday of bribery, may have to serve fourteen years in the penitentiary for his crimes. The trial came to an end after being in court 105 days, of which 70 were actual trial days. Ruef had nothing to say following the verdict. The jury was out 24 hours, and police and detectives in the court room stood guard to quell a demonstration that they knew would follow a verdict of guilty.

Francis J. Heney, special district attorney, was in the court room for the first time since he was shot down, November 13, by Morris Haas, a liquor dealer, who committed suicide in jail by shooting himself with a small revolver, which was secreted in his shoe. Heney was in charge of the third Ruef trial. The trial just finished convicted Ruef of bribing former Supervisor John F. Furey.

By previous agreement of counsel, that the bill of exceptions be settled later, the court set Saturday, December 12, as the day for pronouncing judgment. The sentence will be pronounced by Judge William P. Lawlor. Ruef became boss of San Francisco in 1901. It was not until March, 1907, that indictments were voted against him. He confessed, May 15, 1907. He came into power following the election of Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, who was a former musician in a theater. Through Ruef's political power, Schmitz was re-elected twice. Rudolph Spreckles pledged \$100,000 to fight graft, and sent for Mr. Heney, but still Ruef denied guilt.

KEIRAN MAY SURRENDER. Friends Say Fidelity Funding Company Head Will Give Bond.

New York, N. Y.—Friends of P. J. Keiran, head of the Fidelity Funding Co., for whose arrest the Pittsburgh police have asked New York, declared Friday he would give himself up shortly. They say the reason he has kept out of the hands of the police is that he has been arranging his affairs and preparing to offer bail. These men insist the reports current that he actually has defrauded churches are untrue and declare when he finally makes his side of the Fidelity company's affairs public many of those who now are making serious charges against him will rush to cover.

\$6,000 FOR BANDITS' ARREST.

Trio Which Robbed Great Northern Mail Car Said to Have Got \$16,000.

Spokane, Wash.—A reward of \$6,000, in which the Great Northern Co. and the United States government share equal responsibility, is offered for the arrest and conviction of the three bandits who held up Great Northern train No. 4 near Hillyard, Wednesday night.

The men have been traced back to Spokane by the sheriff's officers and a dragnet has been laid all over this city and surrounding country.

Contractor Agnew Voluntary Bankrupt.

Chicago, Ill.—John P. Agnew, well-known contractor, 79 Dearborn street, who constructed the Lawrence pumping station and intake tunnel of the city of Chicago, and who is one of the city's best-known contractors, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court Friday.

Bridegroom's Eyes Blown Out.

Amarillo, Texas.—Through the explosion of the gasoline tank of his auto, Voss Brummel, a merchant of Claude, Tex., lost his eyesight Friday. Brummel was examining the tank when it went off, blowing out his eyes. He was married two weeks ago.

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Cape Girardeau, Elizabeth Hinds, 105 years and 5 months of age, died here. She was supposed to be the oldest person in southeast Missouri. She came from Tennessee eighty years ago and has never been out of the county but once, when she visited a son in St. Louis thirty-five years ago.

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MISSOURI NEWS

WALLACE BEGS TO KEEP JOB.

In Argument Against Ouster He Says It Would Disgrace Him.

Jefferson City.—Supreme court met in banc here and heard the argument in the ouster proceeding of Latawah against Wallace R. H. Field of Kansas City opened the argument for Judge Wallace, and was followed by Attorney-General Hadley. Judge Wallace closed the argument, after which a recess was taken.

Judge Wallace in his argument said that he told Mr. Latawah that he would give up the office if he would withdraw his suit when Mr. Latawah requested him to withdraw his motion and let the ouster go, which Judge Wallace stated he refused on the grounds that it would bring disgrace to him and his family.

In closing he made a sympathetic plea that his wife was at a stage of nervous collapse and that it would bring disgrace on his son, who bears his name. He referred to the enforcement of laws in Kansas City, and asked the court not to allow him to be disgraced, as there are just a few more weeks left.

Against Killing Quail. Springfield.—Secretary George T. Tiffin of the State Horticultural society is this week sending out to the various county societies and to the members of the legislature copies of the following resolution passed by the recent meeting of the state society in Springfield: Resolved, by the State Horticultural society, That we deem the destruction of quail in this state as detrimental to the orchard and farming interests, and we therefore ask the legislature to enact a law making it a misdemeanor to kill or sell quail at any time within a period of five years within the state.

Old Soldier Found Dead.

Richland.—The body of an aged man was found in a pasture two miles north of Richland by Mrs. Ed Weico and Mrs. J. W. Press. Indications are he had been dead two weeks. Papers from the pension department found on his person indicate his name to be William A. Griffin. His last pension check had been forwarded from Eudawie, Christian county, and received at Lawing, same county. He was at Newburg on November 23.

Held as "Booze Boat" Pilot.

Columbia.—Charged with piloting a "booze boat" that plied up and down the Missouri river last spring after Boone county went dry, and under indictment on the charge of violating the local option law, H. E. Forgy, a former candidate for the Democratic nomination for railroad and warehouse commissioner, was arrested in Bowling Green, and brought to Columbia.

\$20,000 Home Burns.

Hannibal.—The residence of Charles G. Price, one of the largest in the city burned to the ground with all the contents. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was known as the Price homestead and was located on an elevated site, where it was difficult for the fire department to get. It was valued at \$20,000.

Special for Hadley Inauguration.

St. Joseph.—Arrangements were made for a special train over the Missouri Pacific Railroad to bear to the inauguration of Gov. Herbert S. Hadley in Jefferson City, January 11, some of the leading members of the Republican party in Northern Missouri. Every county in the fourth congressional district will be represented on this trip.

"Adam God" Is Arrested.

Kansas City.—James Sharp, leader of a fanatical religious sect, who recently led his band in a street riot in this city against the police, was arrested near Monticello, Kas. He was asleep under a haystack when the officers discovered him. Louis Pratt, a follower, and Patrolman Mullane, have died since the riot, bringing the total number of deaths up to four.

To Have Own Lights.

Chillicothe.—At a recent meeting of the city council, initiative steps were taken for the erection of a \$50,000 municipal light plant. An Iowa corporation is furnishing commercial lighting here, but there has been no street light five months owing to the high rate charged by the company.

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PLAN TARIFF RAISE

DESIGNS OF "STANDPATTERS" CAN BE PERCEIVED.

Repetition of Action of 1896 is Their Idea—President Taft Must Be the Main Reliance of the People Now.

Washington dispatches say that Mr. Albert Clarke, secretary of the Home Market club, which the country should take notice has established headquarters in Washington in order to look after things during the tariff hearings before the ways and means committee, says that the friends of protection are to be congratulated on the results of the election, announces the Indianapolis News. We should say that that was a statement the significance of which would better appear later. He goes on to say, however, that the obvious meaning of the election is that "the tariff is to be revised on protection principles and brought up to date." Equally the obvious meaning of the election, from the Home Market club's view, is that the emphasis should be put on the "up." Business, Mr. Clarke continues, has revived in consequence of the election, and that there need be no fear as to how the tariff revision will affect industry. It is full early to get to close quarters on the subject, though the admirable Charles Francis Adams manifestly thinks that there is no time like the present for doing anything. But there is simply this to be said: The standpatters will take the election as giving them carte blanche for such a saturnalia on the tariff as the Republicans indulged in after defeating Bryan in 1896, when they passed the precious Dingley bill to take the place of the Wilson-Gorman law.

The people generally have forgotten that the Dingley bill not only advanced rates above the McKinley bill, but that it advanced some rates outrageously under the hypocritical pretense that they were to be lowered in making reciprocity treaties. Mr. McKinley himself was deceived by the standpatters in this. What followed was the ignominious death of all reciprocity treaties and the maintenance of these superexalted rates. Now we are to have a revision which makes Mr. Clarke of the Home Market club rub his hands with satisfaction. Your plain, ordinary citizen may well sit up and take notice!

What we mean to say here as to the time being full early for discussion is this: The ways and means committee, which is prejudiced and packed in advance on the subject, is laying the foundation for another tariff raised and increased wherever any interest wants it so, and if it be not possible to put it through at this session, to have it ready as the basis for negotiation when President Taft comes in. Then will come the time, if ever, that the country will get a hearing. Mr. Taft will stand against the combined tariff beneficiaries or he will not. The people, the consumers, will either get some relief or they will not. Lincoln once spoke of "our tariff housekeeping." It is that. We shall have it with us until a time in the future that need not be reckoned with now.

The question at this time is whether the people are to have a proper measure of relief, and President Taft will be in for a large measure of answer to that question. For the present the standpatters are having it all their own way and are making the premises to suit themselves. But they reckon ill if they leave the people out. The question was not settled, as some of them devoutly believe, by the election. That simply opened it for a beginning.

Tribute Levied on Consumer.

The consumer pays so much tax to the protected tariff baron as the baron secures by right of spoliation under the tariff. The consumer cannot benefit.

United States concerns make steel for less cost than the manufacturers of any