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Daily Calendar of American History

November 6. 1782—George Washington re-elected President. 1814—General Jackson occupies Pensacola. 1869—President Lincoln re-elected.

The Salaries of Firemen

The Pay of the Rank and File Absurdly Inadequate.

The ordinary fireman receives but \$50 a month. This seems like a large salary, perhaps, to his relatives in the country...

Out of this \$50 a month the fireman must pay from \$15 to \$20 a month rent, if he chances to have a family and wants to live within reach of them...

The entire fund for the maintenance of the Fire Department is miserably inadequate. The rapid growth of this city, the territory which it occupies, the value of the buildings scattered over this large area...

Prohibition Movements. Since the beginning of the so-called temperance movement, which was really a movement toward total abstinence...

Another Automobile Horror

The Chauffeur Responsible for the Accident Says the "Power Freeze."

An automobile accident of unusual horror took place in New York the other day, and the chauffeur of the guilty machine gave as an explanation the statement that the "power freeze."

The result of this particular freezing of power was the murder of a tiny child, the wheel passing over its skull, and the serious injury of a mother and a two-year-old girl baby.

It is not too much to say that a few more accidents like this will result in a general conviction that automobiles in crowded cities are as dangerous as mad dogs, if not worse.

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A Tenement Which Is a Horror

How a New York Woman Made a Tenement Building Both Pleasant and Profitable.

The sale of a tenement known as "Buttermilk House," in New York, under certain peculiar restrictions, has brought to light some interesting facts about the possibility of combining philanthropy and profit in New York city.

This tenement was bought for \$22,000 by a woman, over twenty years ago. She did not approve of the methods of running tenement property sanctioned by religious and unreligious property owners of that city.

The property, in spite of restrictions which bind the owner not to lease any part of it for a saloon or a dive, has now sold for \$34,000. Obviously, most people would have thought they were not making a living if they had not made that building pay its percentage on \$34,000 instead of \$22,000.

Confidence is expressed that New York is not going to the dogs, after all. This is no news; the ticer was never supposed to belong to the canine genus.

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Questions and Answers

The Board of Charities. To settle a question between two friends, please inform me how much salary is paid to officers of the Associated Charities Association.

The Plumed Knight. Why was James G. Blaine called "the plumed knight"? WILLIAM J. LEE.

Deaths From Typhoid Fever. Can you tell me what the rate of deaths by typhoid fever was last year? DOCTOR.

English and Celts in United States. What percentage of the foreign population in the United States are English-Tonic born, and what per cent Celts? D. E. S. B.

Medical Students. Can the Times help me out in deciding on a profession, I have tried everything, nearly, except medicine. Now, will the Times tell me how many medical students there were in the United States last year, so I may see what chance I have in that direction? TROUBLE.

Railroad in Hands of Receivers. How many railroads went into the hands of receivers during the first six months of this year, and how many miles of track did they aggregate? HARRIS.

Average Cost of Articles. If bought at wholesale, what was the value of articles used by the average person during the year of 1902? BUCK.

Oldest Catholic Prelate. Who is the oldest Catholic prelate in the world in active service? BEN.

First Insurance Society. When was the first life insurance company started, and where? INSURANCE.

In a Lighter Vein. Just About. Jean—I won 25 cents at poker last night. Ethel—You don't mean it? What did you hold—four aces?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

For a Chaser. She—Oh, captain, isn't it lovely here—the rocky shore with crags and pinnacles, crowned with mighty trees, and then, on the side, the water? He—You bet! That's the way I like water.—Boston Globe.

How She Found Out. "Yes, for a year and a half she was in doubt as to whether she loved him enough to marry him or not." "And how did she succeed in finding out?" "There was another girl who got to acting as if she wanted him."—New York Herald.

No Room for Breathing. "Jack Starr wouldn't remain at my reception. He said he didn't have room to breathe." "I suppose he must be wearing one of those new corset wais for men."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Favorite of Fortunes. "Gummy thinks he's a child of Destiny." "Why?" "Ain't ye heard? Yesterday he found a plucked half dollar, and today he passed it off on a street car conductor."—New York Evening Sun.

Allegory of Good News and Bad News. One time certain one said: "He is a gentleman and a scholar." "Three years later, by accident, he heard of it for the first and only time." "Another day other one said: "He is a boobyish." Before sunset ninety-seven persons had told him.—Newark News.

Ready for Emergencies. "Johnnie, I want you to sleep near me tonight. Last night I dreamed that my automobile broke down, and I had to have it brought alone."—Lustige Blaetter.

To Beat the Game. "There's wrong 'round here." "The chap unfair." Who cheats? Hinnah! At solitaire.

There is But one Sure way to beat Fate's game, And that is self-decide!—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Courts and Capitals of the Old World

By THE MARQUISE DE FONTENAY.

Czar's Excommunication. Excommunication has lost most of its medieval terrors, and the public and solemn anathema which has just been pronounced by the Armenian Archbishop Mikhril in the course of divine services at Tiflis against the Czar is likely to have no other result than the punishment or imprisonment of the prelate in question for having incited disloyalty to the crown and for having publicly assailed the monarch.

The action of the Armenian archbishop in question was due to the confiscation by the Russian government of some \$30,000,000 worth of endowments and of property belonging to the Armenian church. Perhaps it is hardly correct to use the word "confiscation." The fact of the matter is that the minister of the interior, M. de Felichov, having discovered that this money, bequeathed, donated, and collected for purely ecclesiastical, scholastic, and charitable purposes was being not only dissipated in the most dishonest manner by those entrusted with its care, but also being used for the dissemination of Armenian revolutionary propaganda, not only in Turkey and in the Balkans, but even in Russia itself, has taken charge of the administration of the funds with the idea of subjecting them to state control and honest supervision, and for the purpose of restricting their application to the religious and charitable objects for which they were really destined.

In one word, the Russian government will not permit the property of the Armenian church in the Muscovite empire to be misused for political purposes, and has adopted effective means to put a stop to the scandal.

Ban Against Napoleon. The last occasion on which a monarch was publicly excommunicated with "candle, bell, and book" was when Pope Pius VII. excommunicated the first Napoleon on June 19, 1809. The bull of excommunication, however, expressly stipulated that it was to be considered as wholly spiritual and solemnly prohibited attacks upon the sovereign against whom it was issued. For in olden times against a sovereign, not only his subjects of all their allegiance to him, but likewise encouraged them to attack him as an enemy of the church, and as an outlaw in the sight of God and man.

The only possible harm that may result to the czar from the excommunication pronounced against him by the Armenian archbishop at Tiflis is that it may encourage some of the prelate's co-religionists to make an attempt upon the life of the Emperor. The experience of the past few weeks have shown that Armenian revolutionists are utterly without scruple when it comes to taking human life, and are easily stirred by fanaticism to the most sanguinary outrages.

At the present moment there is an aged European sovereign, who is undergoing the ban of minor excommunication at the hands of the Roman Catholic Church. Ferdinand is barred.

This is Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria who, by order of the late Leo XIII, was barred from participation in any of the sacraments of the church which he belonged in consequence of his converting his little boy, Boris, from the Roman Catholic faith, in which he had been baptized, to the Greek Orthodox rite. Old King Victor Emmanuel was likewise subjected throughout the last ten years of his life to a sentence of minor excommunication, pronounced against him by Pius IX, for his seizure of the Papal states, and to this day a controversy rages at Rome between the friends of the Vatican and those of the Quirinal as to whether the burly old King really received the sacraments of the church before he died.

In spite of all that has been said to the contrary I am convinced that neither the late King Humbert, nor yet his son, the present King, have been subjected to the ban of the church. For King Victor Emmanuel attends mass regularly every Sunday, and he was not only married by dignitaries of the Roman Catholic Church at Rome, but likewise has had his children christened there.

A Father at Eighty-two. The birth the other day of a son and heir to the Marquis of Donagel, who is eighty-two years of age, is not without a parallel in recent years. Some two or three years ago the late Viscount Bellingbroke provided a surprise of much the same kind to his relatives.

Away back in 1858 he married Helen Mescle. But that union was annulled by the courts on the discovery that the lady in question had a husband living at the time she wedded Lord Bellingbroke, and the two sons which she had borne to Lord Bellingbroke were pronounced illegitimate. From that time forth the viscount's cousin, Canon St. John, of Gloucester Cathedral, was universally regarded as heir to the peerage, and to the entailed property which extends over about 4,000 acres.

The canon was already being hailed as the next Viscount Bellingbroke at the funeral of the fifth lord, who had died at the age of eighty-one, when suddenly the family lawyer stepped forward and announced to the amazed mourners that "the late viscount married late in life, leaving a widow and infant son, the Hon. Vernon St. John, who succeeds to the title as Viscount Bellingbroke."

Wedded Gamekeeper's Daughter. At first there was a disposition to discredit this assertion, but subsequent investigation showed that six years before his death the late Lord Bellingbroke, being then at the age of seventy-five, had married one of the maid servants employed at Lydiard Park, his country seat. The woman's name was Mary Howard, and she was the daughter of a gamekeeper on the estate. The marriage took place secretly before the register at Bath, on January 5, 1801. The first child, a girl, died a few hours after its birth, and it was not until March 15, 1838, that the boy, the present peer, was born, at Bath. Lord Bellingbroke's wife was not known by his name, but merely as "Miss Howard," and only the lawyer, the doctor and two or three people were made aware of the fact that Miss Howard was really Viscountess Bellingbroke, and the little boy the heir to the title and to the estates of the old viscount.

Miss Howard and the little boy remained living at Bath until the death of the old viscount, who frequently visited them there. But the child had never been to Lydiard Park until the time of his accession to the title, and the old viscount's relatives and neighbors, as well as even the tenants and servants on the estate, were absolutely ignorant of the little fellow's existence, or of the fact that the former housemaid was Viscountess Bellingbroke.

As the legal rights of the child proved unassailable, he is now with his mother in possession of the Lydiard Park estate, and in due course, when he grows up, will take his seat in the House of Lords and perpetuate the name of that celebrated statesman, Viscount Bellingbroke, who played so important a role in politics and in letters in the reigns of Queen Ann, of King George I, and of King George II.

New Secretary for Scotland. The Rt. Hon. Andrew Graham Murray, who has become secretary for Scotland in the reconstructed cabinet of Arthur Balfour, is married to a sister of Sir Archibald Edmonstone, and is therefore a brother-in-law of Mrs. George Keppel, who is well known on this side of the Atlantic, where her husband lived for a time as one of the representatives of Sir Thomas Lipton, Graham Murray is a clever, tactful, and popular man, who, in spite of his independence of character, is a particular favorite at court and who has been well known for many years as a member of the household of the Prince of Wales, holding the position of "keeper of the great seal" of his (the prince's) principality of Scotland.

The title of "Prince of Scotland," created by the King and parliament of Scotland, dates from the twelfth century, differs essentially from the title of Prince of Wales, and is of the same nature as the title "Prince Royal of Portugal," borne by the heir apparent to the Portuguese throne, and the title of "Prince of Prussia," used by old Emperor William during the reign of his elder brother, King Frederick William IV. Graham Murray is descended from an old Perthshire family, is a distinguished lawyer, and has a beautiful place situated on a lovely part of the Tay in Perthshire, near Dunkeld.

Bubbles. The proper thing in hats—heads. A string quartet—four hangmen. Do the quartermaster and his better-half make three-quarters. To have a woman call him "Dear" often makes a man feel cheap. The milkman has been known to deal in watered stock. The hair bleacher makes light of his work. The terms of a woman's will often are "I won't."

You don't always use strong language when another hangs upon your words. Real diamonds are not so easy to stick to as paste ones. Somehow, a girl can't go into society until she has "come out." Decollete gowns are worn a great deal, though there is not a great deal of them. The ceiling decorator often "soars aloft in fancy's realm." There's sure to be a report when the "big gun" of a man is half shot. The householder will not be able to hold it when a cyclone comes along. You don't need charity to look on the best side of a woman; she will keep it turned toward you. The tombstone engraver may not be unkind, but he indoles in many hard words. The would-be aeronaut ought to look up and see "how time flies."

Political Gossip Here and There

Hanna Boom Revived.

Friends of the President no doubt feel some uneasiness on account of the revival of the Hanna boom, produced, of course, because of the unprecedented majority which the Republicans of Ohio rolled up last Tuesday for their State and legislative tickets. Perhaps the President may also share this feeling of unrest, particularly as he knows there is a strong element in the Republican party which has long been waiting for an opportunity to unite upon some one who would be a formidable candidate against him. That there are many Republicans who, while loyal to their party, are nevertheless antagonistic to the President cannot be successfully denied, and nearly every one of these would welcome an announcement on the part of the Ohio Senators that he would be a candidate for the nomination. Ohio, of course, by the action of the State convention last summer, stands pledged to the nomination of Roosevelt, and this pledge was made upon recommendation of Senator Hanna, at the personal request and solicitation of the President. The fact that Senator Hanna strongly opposed such action until appealed to by the President is well remembered.

Ohio Is Pledged. Friends of the President, of course, contend that the declaration made by the Ohio convention is binding, and that the support then promised must be given. Senator Hanna absolutely controverts the situation in the Buckeye State, and should he decide to become a candidate he would probably be able to secure the backing of the State organization; in fact, he would not announce himself a candidate or permit his name to be used in that connection until it was assured that Ohio would endorse him without any qualification whatsoever. It need not be difficult, however, to rescind the action of this year's convention on the ground that the question of pledging the State to any candidate for President was one for the convention of 1904, rather than the convention of 1903. That would be regarded as a consistent argument, and is probably one that all the wily about the possible candidacy of Senator Hanna is without warrant.

Worry Is Not Warranted. Senator Hanna is not a strikebreaker; when he gives his word it is as good as his bond; he is as loyal to the President as he is to his party, he has never said that he was a candidate for the Presidency; he has never given encouragement to the boom in his behalf; whatever has been done in this direction has been done without his consent. After all is said and done, it is possible, however, that the friends of the President should be somewhat worried over the Hanna boom, there is little prospect that Senator Hanna will enter the race for the Presidency. The Republican party stands pledged to Theodore Roosevelt, and Senator Hanna is probably not likely to induce the party to break its pledges, not even to promote any personal ambition, if he has one, to become President.

To Eliminate Colored Vote. As a result of the Democratic victory in Maryland last Tuesday, the negro vote has possibly been eliminated from politics in that State. Of this there seems to be no room for reasonable doubt. Already the politicians are discussing plans to reduce the colored vote to the minimum, instead of 90,000, and to register voters as to their party. It is probable that within a year or two there will not be more than 5,000 negro votes cast. With all the State officers and a two-thirds majority in both the senate and house of delegates, the Democrats will be able to disfranchise the negroes as effectively as their partisans in North Carolina and other Southern States have done. Several schemes have been suggested, one an educational qualification with the "grandfather clause," as in North Carolina, to enable the illiterate white man to vote, and another the organization of the towns of southern Maryland, where the negro vote is largest, into municipalities, and providing for property qualification which would deprive all save a very small portion of the blacks from the right of suffrage.

Republicans Not Opposed. The Democrats have made the issue in Maryland, and it is confidently expected that they will carry out their purpose in this respect. The division among the Republicans in the late campaign has made it possible for them to do this. There are a great many Republicans in Maryland who would not oppose, but who would welcome a reasonable method of eliminating the colored voter. They realize that the negro is too great a burden to bear, and would gladly make the Republican party a white man's party. They are aware that with the negro vote lost entirely the Democrats would be successful for several years, but they think that eventually—perhaps within four years—Maryland might be made a Republican State. The election last Tuesday plainly showed that with the negro an issue there are thousands of independent whites who will continue to vote the Democratic ticket, although their convictions upon every other question might be with the Republicans. The incoming Legislature will certainly take up the matter of limiting suffrage.

The Drift of Public Opinion. Philadelphia Inquirer: One of the live questions left in New York is, How is Devery going to get back the money he spent on the campaign? Columbus Citizen: An Administration paper, as though it felt a twinge of pre-sight, says that Arthur P. Gorman is desirous of "presenting winning issues for his party." And his desire may be gratified, too. Chicago Journal: As for your Uncle Joe Cannon, he will do a little waterlogging on that surplus on Fred Grant's famous theory that it is easier to handle a surplus than a deficit. Milwaukee Sentinel: Justice Brewer shows a childlike confidence in the average jury that is truly inspiring. Philadelphia Record: The regular Republicans of Delaware decline to attend the harmony convention called by the union Republicans because Adkins remains an issue. Those gentlemen seemed pretty stupid last winter, but they have learned something since they combined with the union Republicans to put one Adkins man in the Senate. New York World: Tom L. Johnson has the reputation of being knowing when he is wrong. He may not know now that he is buried. Boston Globe: In 1903 it will be just forty years since Colonel McClelland's father was the Democratic nominee for President.

Reflections of a Bachelor

Men with brains make big money by marrying. There's many a slip 'twixt the vote and the ballot box. It is mighty hard for a woman to keep from cheering the winning side, no matter whose it is. When a man meets a woman ten years after she refused to marry him he feels like going out and buying champagne for the town. A girl isn't half as afraid to be alone with a man in the dark as she is that somebody might turn the light on from the outside with one of those new-fangled modern improvements. —New York Press.