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The Little Stick.

Consistency is a jewel when it points to the path of least resistance—for us; it is the bugbear of small minds when called into play against our interests.

The decision of the Isthmian Canal Commission to buy materials and ships in the markets of the world will raise a very pretty howl from our home producers; it will occasion some foreign mirth at our expense; it will place our colossus, Uncle Sam, in the attitude of straddling political economy, with one foot firmly planted in protection and the other lightly resting on free trade.

The canal must be built; there are the very weightiest considerations of policy and economics demanding its completion at the very earliest date, the subject has been under careful consideration for many decades, the highest wisdom of the country has passed upon the necessity of its construction and its feasibility, and—last but not least—having put our hands to the dredger we must not look back.

It is conceded that the actual labor employed must be foreign. No considerable number of American laborers desire to work in the climate and under conditions existing in Panama. Only our unorganized negro labor could be of any practical utility there, and the supply of that which certainly is not equal to the demand. The result will be the employment of coolies, or of any other labor approximately as effective and as cheap. But to this there will be no objection.

The employment of cheap foreign labor will be approved by all of us, because it suits our convenience, it is the path of least resistance; the purchase of foreign materials and ships will be opposed by the united legions of our protected labor and capital, because they are not satisfied with the inch of protection afforded them in the home markets, but would grab the ell of our extraterritorial endeavors—it is inconsistent, to forecast their watchword.

The world over a government job is a private grab. When the digging of the Panama Canal was decided upon the mouths of many of us began to water for the tidbits and the pickings to be had. Ships and machinery would be needed; the Government must buy them at home, so we thought; we will put the price to our Uncle Samuel as high as he will stand; and, in view of our elective franchise and the power of labor and capital to control the destinies of politicians, the canal authorities will not dare to buy elsewhere.

Common sense demands that the canal be built at the lowest possible cost; private interest will clamor for the rights, save the mark, of our home producers. It must be borne in mind, however, that our home labor and home manufactures are not menaced by the employment of foreign labor or foreign ships and materials in this enterprise because it is an extraordinary development and not one upon the indefinite continuance of which they are entitled to rely.

The building of the canal is for the benefit of the Nation, it is not for the purpose of providing present outlet for surplus labor or unemployed capital. Its object is to insure future security to our national and industrial existence. No one, no body of men, is so ignorant as not to know these facts; it is too much to expect, however, that common sense patriotism, with its we, small voice, will be heard amid the din of interested clamor the commission's decision will arouse.

Perhaps, another view of this decision may be correct. Perhaps, it is merely a little stick to drive our home producers into line with economic conditions and to castigate their inordinate desire to bleed Uncle Sam. Perhaps, the decision is only to be understood in a Micawberian sense and the reservation by the commission of the right to buy in the markets of the world may oblige American producers to give the commission the benefit of their foreign prices.

A Cog in the Wheel.

It may be as well to call attention to the fact that The Times is receiving a number of submitted articles and stories and that in printing them the paper does not intend to endorse every statement they contain or all the conclusions which may be drawn from them. Of course every precaution will be taken to preserve the tone of the paper and to protect its readers; but documents of real human interest, such as the manuscript of The Life Story of a Department Clerk seemed to be, will always be acceptable if as clearly outlined as that, and if the space is not already engaged.

been printed for an opinion to be expressed that one trouble with our "Cog in the Wheel," Phillip, was that at heart he was a thorough bureaucrat, yet he neglected to develop the bureaucrat's self-effacement for the good of the service. His ambition was at all times personal, yet the nature of his day's work was absolutely impersonal. He hoped to reach an elevated position in the service, but he neglected to learn the minutiae of that service. With his talents and disposition the short cut to the Attorney Generalship would have been by way of the county court house and the State Legislature, rather than through the dull details of office work.

The prizes of life do not always come to the man who ascends the ladder rung by rung.

Today's Problem.

One of the anomalies of our age is manifest in the unusual trials and troubles of our very rich men. Since the growth of the great trusts they have not been respected and admired as in former years. Public sentiment clamors at Dives' door. He is harassed by law suits, State uprisings, new laws and general political discontent. And when he reaches out his hand for his paper he finds himself, as likely as not, included in a general indictment pointing to a trip to the penitentiary for a year or two.

In spite of the saying that the world has—so far as human nature is concerned—always been the same, certain large problems have been fought out to partial solution in different periods of history; problems, for instance, as to whether physical might or moral right shall rule; whether we shall worship many gods or one; whether the state, the clan, or the individual shall enjoy certain rights; whether the divine right of kings, or the divine right of the people shall prevail. Apparently this age is concerned with financial problems. It may be that it is to end, once and for all, that most acute one—how large a control of this world's necessities one man may enjoy.

Kenilworth wants it understood that an electrical storm is either thunder and lightning or horses and telegraph wires.

Although Jimmy Hyde swears the can-can was not danced at his fancy dress ball, it's hard to persuade his stockholders that he's walking the chalk-line now.

Lillian Russell now says her constant companion is Marcus Aurelius. She has had enough experience with easier marks.

Following the Chicago strike commission's suspending its sittings it is thought the Chicago wagon drivers will suspend their drivings.

The New York Gas Company has cut its dividends 2 per cent. Buying votes in the Legislature was a dividing business.

In the world of letters: Senator Platt and Herbert Bowen.

"What makes the plain girl pretty?" asks a Philadelphia paper. In Philadelphia the problem is up to the gas works.

Although Secretary Taft has been lifted off the lid, he's still lifting the lid to the late unpleasantness in South America.

Nobody has yet suggested that the double fare charged suburbanites may be used for putting vestibules on the winter cars.

Among the celebrated causes: Pat Crowe's gaws.

It is barely possible that Herbert Bowen's charges put on the invisible corset as soon as they were obliged to wear the peek-a-boo waist.

When Eogestvensky writes his book on "Coal Mine Where I Have Been," Lnevitch may put out a companion novel on "Cold Feet And Hot Times."

The Big Stick is doing business in the same old hand.

Missouri has a State board of arbitration. Such a mullah State needs it.

Bishop Potter speaks well of the stage. He always did take kindly to the limelight.

The Panama canal workmen's complaint that they don't get enough pay suggests that Uncle Sam ought to dig up the coin.

The discovery by a Denver man that old age is no bar to love may help Mae Wood in her suit against Senator Platt.

It is now said that opium smoking killed a young New Yorker the other day. The gentlemen who wanted to arrest people for the murder were evidently indulging in a pipe dream.

London publishes a magazine to teach the prevention of premature burial. What the Lincoln (Neb.) people need is one to prevent premature preaching.

Germany is said to be a great exporter of toys, but that's no reason for her doing the race suicide stunt with the tariff schedules.

A soprano named Maye has sued a man because he said her voice was cracked. He'll probably put up the defense that he's broke.

Jimmy Hyde says Knox is behind him in his desire to have Cortelyou head the Equitable. The Postmaster General will think there have been entirely too many knocks back of the Equitable's head.

The announcement that the Beef Trust's secrets are out occasions no surprise. They've been out in Canada some weeks.

The Kaiser explains that, when he was reported as saying the Russians were drunk, he really said they were punks. The words sound very much alike in Dutch.

Governor Montague has been given another ovation, which was a risky experiment, considering what a short time ago his head got the swelling out of it.

IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

MORTONS SAILING DOWN POTOMAC

Will Return From Cruise Next Thursday.

JUDGE HOWERY AGAIN HERE

Personal Gossip of Diplomatic Corps and People Prominent in Washington Society.

The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Morton left here Sunday for a cruise down the Potomac on the Dolphin. They will return Thursday. Among the members of their party were Mrs. Slater, Miss Williams, Miss Pauline Morton and her guest, Miss Ames, of Chicago.

Judge Charles B. Howery, of the Court of Claims, and Mrs. Howery have returned to Washington after a winter spent in Florida and the spring at Atlantic City. After a visit here, they will go to Canada for the summer, and at the opening of the Court of Claims in the fall Judge Howery will assume active duty on the bench, from which he has been debarred by illness for over a year. He is now in a fair way to permanent recovery.

Baron von Sternburg, the German Ambassador, and Baroness von Sternburg will sail for Europe the last of this month to spend the summer. They will return in time to spend October at Lenox, where the German embassy, with Baron Busse, as charge d'affaires, will be located.

Friends of the Spencer family in Washington have received invitations to the wedding of Miss Sara Means, and William Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spencer, which will take place June 2 at Mt. Kisco, N. Y., the country home of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Layne, uncle and aunt of the bride. Miss Means was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, and assisted at the large reception they gave for the railway congress.

Superintending New Home.

Justice of the Supreme Court and Mrs. McKenna will remain in Washington late this season to superintend plans for their new house to be built on Connecticut avenue above Dupont circle.

M. des Portes de la Fosse, counselor of the French embassy, and Mme. des Portes de la Fosse and their family will sail for Europe June 8.

Consul General to London and Mrs. Aobert J. Wynne have returned to Washington to settle their private affairs and to remove their young family to London. Mr. Wynne will also be one of the chief witnesses at the pending trial of the alleged Postoffice conspirators. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wynne are getting a hearty welcome from their friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Barber took their son, Le Drot, Langdon Barber, to West End, N. J., in a private car yesterday. Mr. Barber came from New York to accompany him.

The two trained nurses who have been in constant attendance for ten months were of the party. His wife as well as his parents are earnestly hoping that the sea air will do for him what his native climate fails to accomplish. Mr. and Mrs. Barber will take their old servants with them to their new home, which has been rented at Belmont, and will close Belmont for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Denegre, who came to Washington from Hot Springs to attend the Chevy Chase horse show, are en route for their summer home at Manchester, Mass.

General Miles has returned from Boston to pass some time with his daughter, Mrs. Keber, at her home on N street.

Off to Atlantic City. Miss Rosa Shea, of 1919 Seventeenth street northwest, left town this morning for Atlantic City.

Ed Butler, special representative of the American Stove Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting friends in this city.

Miss Sophie Siebert will join her brother, Ed, in his country place, Langsien, Va., next week.

Max Weyl, the well-known local landscape artist, is enjoying a most delightful stay at the home of Charles Henry, Zealandia, Asheville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Goldenberg and brother, Dave Goldenberg, of Baltimore, sailed today from New York, on the Kaiser Wilhelm II for three months' trip abroad. They were most kindly remembered by their friends with gifts and flowers.

Mrs. S. Bieber and daughter, Mrs. Harry S. Wolf, are in Atlantic City for a couple of weeks, at the Lorraine Hotel.

Mrs. Elias Raff returned yesterday from a two weeks' stay at Atlantic City.

TAKAHASHI TO BE GUEST OF HONOR

The Japanese minister, Mr. Takahira, will give a dinner Thursday in honor of Mr. Takahashi, member of the Japanese house of peers, who arrived in Washington today.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Van Reyepen will entertain a dinner party for their daughter, Miss Van Reyepen, and Baron Serge Korff, her fiance, Thursday, and Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell will entertain for them May 22.

Dr. Hupp, secretary of the Association of American Physicians, entertained a large dinner party last night at the grounds of Colonel Truesdell's home in Columbia road and Nineteenth street, will furnish even a more attractive setting than the spot of the past year, for the many amusements and attractions always offered at this most popular fete. Should bad weather prevent the program being carried out, the fete will take place about the next fair day.

LAWN FETE FOR HOSPITAL BENEFIT

This is the date for the annual lawn fete given by the board of lady managers for the benefit of the Episcopal Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital. The grounds of Colonel Truesdell's home in Columbia road and Nineteenth street, will furnish even a more attractive setting than the spot of the past year, for the many amusements and attractions always offered at this most popular fete. Should bad weather prevent the program being carried out, the fete will take place about the next fair day.



Mlle. Lucienne Denis. Her Marriage to Ensign Orle Walter Fowler Will Take Place This Afternoon at 4 o'Clock in St. John's P. E. Church.

NAVY MAN WEDS A FRENCH GIRL

St. John's Church Scene of Pretty Ceremony.

MARRIED IN BRIDE'S HOME

Miss Fanny R. Jackson Becomes the Bride of the Rev. Frederick H. Havenner.

DISTRICT BRANCH STARTS A NATIONAL RED CROSS

A District branch of the American National Red Cross has been organized with John B. Henderson as president. The District of Columbia branch is the first to fulfill the requirement of the recently organized American National Red Cross Association that a membership of 100 must be enrolled before a charter can be issued. Admiral Van Reyepen, chairman of the central committee, wrote Mr. Henderson a letter congratulating him on his success in organizing a local Red Cross society.

MISS UNSCHULD'S PUPILS GIVE EXCELLENT RECITAL

Pupils of the University of Music and Dramatic Art held their commencement exercises last night in the Washington Club, when a program of unusual excellence was given. Among the departments which figured in the exercises were piano, theory, music history, piano teacher training course, harmony, vocal and dramatic art.

DOWN ARMOR AVENUE WAY.

Pickanunny—Uncle Ephim, what's a tin weddin'?

Uncle Ephim—An wedding, chile, if de boy in de neighborhood find out, it's comin' off.—Chicago Tribune.

SCIENTISTS FIGHT GREAT WHITE PLAGUE

Plan of Campaign Against Tuberculosis to Be Considered at Meeting of Experts to Be Held in Washington This Week.

Leading physicians and scientists from all the principal cities of the United States will gather in Washington this week. The occasion is the first annual meeting of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, to be held in the assembly hall of the New Willard Hotel on Thursday and Friday. Sessions will be held in the forenoon, afternoon, and at night, and on Friday night a "subscription" dinner will be given. The program includes papers and discussions upon every phase of tuberculosis. Those interested are confident the meeting will be an important step in the direction of stamping out the dread disease.

PLANNING BIG RIVAL TO THE STEEL TRUST

Two Pittsburg Men Obtain Options on About Forty Sheet and Tin Plate Plants.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 15.—Eugene M. Reilly and M. B. Kelly, of Pittsburg, have obtained options on about forty sheet and tin plate plants that are known as independents, and operated in competition with the United States Steel Corporation. These options do not expire until next September. The promoters will merge the concerns into one company, to be known as the American Steel Company.

This is the third time such a move has been made. The problem is to get away from the high price of sheet bars. The United States Steel Corporation until recently forced the price of sheet bars to \$23 a ton. It is said that on learning of the proposed consolidation of the independent sheet plants sheet prices were reduced to \$24 a ton, the object being to kill the proposed consolidation.

TYPOS' AUXILIARY GIVES ENTERTAINMENT

An entertainment and dance was given by the Woman's Auxiliary, No. 13, Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101, at Masonic Temple, last evening. The entertainment was opened by a solo by T. F. Jones, and the Columbia Male Quartet, singing "The Old Rustic Swing." Other songs followed, and the appreciation of the audience was manifested by the applause tendered the entertainers.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE COURT OF CLAIMS

Joseph T. Watson, private secretary to Joseph G. Bristow, United States Commissioner of Railroads on the Isthmus of Panama, has been admitted to practice before the United States Court of Claims. His name was presented to the court by William T. J. Curtis, of the local bar.

NOTED LAWYER KILLED; RUN DOWN BY A CAB

CHICAGO, May 15.—Julius Rosenthal, a retired lawyer and capitalist of Chicago, died at the Union League Club of injuries suffered by being run over by a cab shortly after midnight. Mr. Rosenthal was seventy-seven years of age. He was for many years leader of the State Bar Association. During the last ten years he devoted the greater portion of his time to charitable work.

divided into three sections, the sociological, the clinical and bacteriological, and the pathological and bacteriological. Each section has its own officers and its own program of procedure. A general meeting will be held each day. The first general meeting will be held at 11 o'clock Thursday forenoon, when the president of the association, Dr. Edward L. Trudeau, of Saranac Lake, N. Y., will make an address. He will be followed by the two vice presidents, Dr. William Osler, of Baltimore, and Dr. Hermann M. Biggs, of New York. In the afternoon of Thursday reports will be heard from the different sections. At night, after an address by Talbot Williams, of Philadelphia, a general business session will be held. A part of the business will be the election of six directors. The entire day Friday will be taken up with the reading and discussion of the papers and reports prepared by the different sections.

CHILDREN, NOW RICH, DISCOVER THEIR FATHER

He Deserted Them as Babes and Now They Abandon Him to Poorhouse.

OMAHA, May 15.—Few stanger cases have been brought to light at the Douglas county poor farm than that of old Gottlieb Felmeth. Penniless and infirm, he has been sent to the poor farm in his eightieth year by daughters who are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. This is the retribution the daughters are taking because Felmeth deserted them when they were babes.

The board of associated charities has endeavored unsuccessfully to arrange with Felmeth's daughters to provide a home for him.

"He's no kin of ours," say they. "When we were infants he abandoned us, and now he is as helpless as we were then, and he deserves no other treatment than we received. Let him go to the poorhouse."

Thirty-one years ago at Menomonee Falls, Wis., Felmeth's wife died, leaving him with four girl babes. The oldest was a tot of five. Felmeth gave one of the children, Mary, to a Milwaukee charitable institution, which found a home for the little one with a farmer living near Waukesha. The farmer has moved away and no trace of the child can be found.

Minnie Felmeth, oldest of the children, took care of her sisters as soon as she was old enough to work, and later married a man of wealth. She is now Mrs. Minnie Marine, of Menomonee Falls, Wis. Annie Felmeth lives in the same town. Bertha, another daughter, was fortunate in marrying into a family of wealth and is now living in Massachusetts.

WOULD AFFILIATE WITH ASSOCIATED CLUBS

The Harvard Club, of Washington, at the University Club last night decided to affiliate with the Associated Harvard Clubs, voting unanimously to apply for membership.

The Associated Clubs is scheduled to hold its annual meeting in St. Louis on May 26 and 27 of this month, and a committee composed of F. W. Hackett and John W. Davidge was appointed to select a delegate to represent the local club there. President Edward Lander, of the local club, was absent last night, and Frank W. Hackett, senior vice president, occupied the chair. Several business matters were disposed of, and Samuel Hill, who is a university overseer, gave an interesting talk, with lantern slides, showing the growth of the university during the past ten years.

THE ANNUAL SEA SERPENT EARLY THIS YEAR.

