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To Confer in Washington.

After rejecting Paris, Chefoo, Geneva, and The Hague, the warring powers of the far Orient have decided to conduct their peace negotiations in Washington. This decision is significant of many things, especially for the people of Washington.

It is, first, a demonstration, not of the wisdom alone, but of the success, of the Administration's neutral course throughout the hostilities in Manchuria. The people of America have not been neutral. Their sympathy has all been with Japan—the exceptions merely pointing to the practical unanimity of American thought. It might have been better if this sympathy had at times been more mildly expressed. Russia has long looked on this country as her friend, she is supposed to have proven her friendship in works, and the United States has recognized the relationship of friends by succor to the Russian people in time of famine. But however much the citizens of our country have stood with the one side and against the other, the Administration has so borne itself that in the critical event of locating the conference Russia found the American Capital entirely acceptable. That Paris and Chefoo should have been rejected will surprise no one, but Geneva and perhaps The Hague are in another category. Japan feared the influence in those two cities of European politics and it is, to repeat, a fine tribute to the present Administration of the American government that Russia did not object to Washington as similarly predisposed against her.

The second significant aspect of this decision lies in the fact that it poises the United States impartially between the so-called "concert" of Europe and the correspondingly so-called "Yellow Peril." There is about as much danger to fear a "concert" between half a dozen powers which antagonize each other at every opportunity as there is to fear an inundation of the rest of the earth by a people weakened in war, crippled in trade for the time being at least, and to the extent of 400,000,000 a lifeless mass. Whether the powers of Europe are in concert or discord, however, and the rest of the world in peril of the Asiatic, or not, it is still true that, save for America and Great Britain, every great nation belongs with the one group or the other. And this selection of Washington, with London excluded as the capital of an ally to one of the combatants, signifies that America is preeminently the great neutral.

The third significance will be found in the heightened prestige of America as a diplomatic force. Secretary Hay has contributed more, probably, to raise his country to a post of diplomatic power than any other American, and this event is only another link in a long chain. But it is the most important link, also, and it was manufactured not so much by the fine process of diplomatic firing in kilns as by the ruder means of welding on an anvil out in the open where all the world might see. The effect of this prestige will surely be to expand our trade and ease the ways of Yankee commerce throughout the world.

The fourth signification is that this conference will bring to us for our study and observation here in Washington a group of genuinely great men. Their proceedings will be fraught with grave importance. The conference will be assuredly the most important diplomatic negotiation of modern times. It is something to be the capital of a great commercial power, but it is something quite as desirable to be the capital of a great power for peace among nations, and this is the distinction which the selection of Washington for these meetings puts upon our city. It will, in all probability, lead to many other meetings of similar character, although hardly of equal import.

Finally, it is significant to us all—Russians, Japanese, Americans and everybody else—that the honest, manly effort of a third nation to end strife between two of its neighbors has been rewarded with success. The American President's course has been so disinterested, so generous, so humane, and, above all, so impartial, that had he not succeeded the cause of straightforwardness in diplomacy might have suffered a severe setback. That happening would never have disheartened either the President or the people of the United States, but it would have postponed, to the world's great disadvantage, its progress toward that day when diplomatic intercourse between self-respecting nations shall be as honest and as square as the intercourse of commerce between self-respecting citizens.

The Poor and $1,800.

A practical charity—allied to the playgrounds movement and, like it, close to every citizen's home—appeals to Washington for $3,500. About half of that sum has been subscribed. The question now is: Will this charity lapse for the sake of $1,800?

The usual answer to that question will be: That depends upon the charity. Well, the charity is a regularly organized system of summer outings for the poor. As many children as can be accommodated are given a holiday in the country at a camp, appropriately called "Camp Good Will." Last year 600 youngsters rolled in the grass, drank "real" milk, and breathed fresh air by this means. Then, as many mothers and children as can be accommodated are given free car rides in afternoons and evenings far into the country. Rest and strength and—better than either—encouragement were thus extended to 18,000 persons last summer.

Does this needed $1,800 depend upon the charity? If so, it is as good as raised.

Secretary Hay and the dove of peace are home.

Virginia, "the Mother of Presidents," has an adopted son.

The Bostonian who expresses surprise that Washingtonians never demand the right to vote evidently hasn't been introduced to Dr. Robert Reyburn and Major E. B. Stocking.

Bat Masterson protests that he's being exaggerated as a man-killer—which may mean that Bat wants to lose his job.

Now that Washington has been selected as the seat of the peace negotiations, we will lay aside the Big Stick and take up the hammer and the knife.

Then, too, Count Cassini can settle down to reduce to weeks and days his famous problem, "The war will go on until it ends."

The old advice about drinking being a dangerous thing in hot weather is not what supports the beer gardens.

Idaho boasts a banker ninety-seven years old and says he's the oldest in the business, but his age will look like youth compared to that of some of the others when they complete their penitentiary terms.

Hundreds of European tailors have gone on a strike. From a weather viewpoint, this is the best time for them to do it.

Secretary Shaw's new policy of fining his clerks ten days' pay for smiling at girls is a cheap way of paying into the deficit what came out of it.

Down in Texas the other day an officer killed a private with a bottle, which is another argument for the return of the canteen. A mushy thing like a canteen wouldn't have hurt him.

Washington's baseball thermometer is as low as her weather mercury is high.

Students of a Filipino law school have sent congratulations to the Mikado on the Japanese victories, and Representative Hull thinks the boys don't love the Stars and Stripes.

More fever on the isthmus. Good thing we didn't take more isthmus.

We should not ridicule Panama because her navy consists of one steam yacht—think how the Beef trust has held up the Department of Justice with the same implements, and Canada at the other end.

An Indiana woman who was determined to commit suicide took poison and then called a doctor. She died.

Tom Watson's argument with Booker Washington as to whether the Latin or the African race is the better doesn't bother Booker so long as he's not classed with the Populists.

It will be noticed that Grover Cleveland's last magazine article was about something that couldn't talk and hold conventions.

"Speak well of everybody," said Andrew Carnegie to the newspaper men, thus proving that he still thinks dukes are nobodies.

The American hen was worth nearly $300,000,000 last year—but the Democratic rooster is still in the thirty-cent class.

"Who is John Wesley Gaines?" Ask John. Apparently, if he told all he knew about himself, somebody would crown him king or throw a bomb at him.

Kentucky's feud crop will about equal her liquor crop this year.

Detroit granted fifteen divorces in half an hour the other day, thus offsetting the rush of June brides and June money.

"The Chicago strike will end from inanition," sagely remarks a Western paper. Sounds good, but is it as effective as ammunition?

The cry of the scientists that the toothbrush is dangerous from microbes is disturbing. Examine your fork every meal to see if it will bite you.

A chemist in Germany claims that he feeds his hens in such a way that the iron in the eggs is increased, thus making them medicinal. Any old duck can eat pins and nails, but what digests them?

Herbert Bowen admits having made an employe act as a spy, thus taking only a diplomatic view of things.

That Yonkers (N. Y.) alderman who wants $25,000 damages because he was accused of having solicited a bribe stands a good chance to be put out of the union.

"Let our object be our country, and nothing but our country," said Daniel Webster, and now the grafter says, "Let our easy mark be our country, and that will be enough."

In reply to the claim that dressing sealskins "is the only monopoly England now has," we would suggest her success in making fools out of certain rich Americans.

IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

—Photos from Paine Studio.

MRS. ELEANOR ELIZABETH HYDE, ELBERT LEWIS HYDE.

Whose Home Wedding at the Residence of the Bride's Aunts Last Evening Was an Exceedingly Pretty Event.

JUSTICE FULLER GOING TO MAINE

He and His Daughter Will Spend Summer in Sorrento.

SOCIAL GOSSIP OF THE DAY

Family of Assistant Secretary of War Leaves City for Murray Bay, Canada.

Chief Justice Fuller and Miss Fuller closed their home on F street yesterday and left the city for Sorrento, Me.

Mrs. Oliver, wife of the Assistant Secretary of War, left Washington this morning for Murray Bay, Canada, where later she will be joined by her daughters, Miss Elizabeth Oliver, who is in the Adirondacks, and Miss Marion Oliver, who is visiting Mrs. Joseph H. Choate, jr., at her place on the Hudson. Mrs. Choate, who is a daughter of Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Oliver, will also spend a part of the summer with the family at Murray Bay, where they are neighbors of Justice and Mrs. Harlan. The Oliver home in this city will be kept open all summer for the accommodation of the Assistant Secretary, who will be kept here all summer on account of the absence of Secretary Taft.

Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, wife of the American ambassador, gave her first "at home" in London yesterday afternoon, and is said to have received a notably large and prominent number of people. Those desiring invitations to the Pilgrims' dinner to be given in honor of the ambassador have so increased in number that the event will take place at Claridge's, where there is a much larger banqueting hall than at the Savoy, where the dinner was to have been given.

Senor Fredrico Gamboa, first secretary of the Mexican embassy, has been promoted to the rank of minister and appointed to Gautemala. Senor Gamboa is well known here where he and his wife were exceedingly popular. Senor Jose F. Godoy, minister to Guatemala, has been ordered here to succeed Senor Gamboa, as charge d'affaires, until the arrival of the newly appointed ambassador next fall.

Roger K. Wetmore, son of the Senator and Mrs. Wetmore, will leave New York today for San Francisco, from which point he will take a steamer for the Philippines. He will make a tour of the world, which will occupy about a year's time.

Off to Deer Park.

The Haitian Minister and Mme. Leger left Washington yesterday for their summer home at Deer Park. Their nieces, the Misses Bourke, will be their guests for the season.

Mrs. Southerland and the Misses Southerland left their Washington home yesterday for a week's visit near New York, en route for Magnolia, Mass., where they will pass the summer.

Prof. Newcomb will sail for Genoa on his summer vacation next Saturday in the Konig Albert. He intends to spend a month or more in a walking trip through the Alps.

The many Washington friends of the Rev. Thomas A. Cooke, of Dayton, Ohio, will be interested in hearing of his election to the rank of archdeacon in the Episcopal diocese of eastern Kentucky.

Mr. Cooke is well known in church and social circles of Washington, having been assistant rector of the Church of the Ascension, on Massachusetts avenue, in the early days of his ministry.

While here he married Miss Hume, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hume, of Massachusetts avenue.

The Silver Leaf Dramatic Club entertained the members of the Mystic Shrine yesterday on their delightful excursion to Marshall Hall. Several selections were rendered, closing with "Dixie" and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Breslan have removed from the Carlyle and have taken an apartment at the Stratford.

ROBERT ANDREWS WEDS MRS. ALLEN

Pretty Marriage Celebrated in Bride's Home.

OHIOAN WINS WASHINGTONIAN

Two Descendants of Old Virginia Families United at Walnut Spring. Other Social Matters.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Amende, 2566 University Place, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday at noon, when their daughter, Mrs. Mary A. Allen, was married to William Robert Andrews, a young attorney of this city, the Rev. Dr. Moore, of Foundry M. E. Church, officiating.

The bride was attended by Miss Virginia Andrews, a sister of the groom, as maid of honor, and the best man was John Miller.

The bride wore a handsome traveling gown of pearl gray with gray and violet chiffon hat to match, and carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses. The maid of honor was gowned in white embroidered mull, with white picture hat and carried a shower bouquet of pale pink carnations.

Only the relatives and a few intimate friends were present at the ceremony, and after a wedding breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews left the city for Atlantic City. They will be home after August 1, at 86 R street northwest.

Hyde-Meyer.

Miss Eleanor Elizabeth Meyer and Elbert Lewis Hyde, of Cleveland, Ohio, were married last evening at the home of the bride's aunts, the Misses Greisheimer, 118 R street northeast, by Dr. Taliaferro Thompson. Prof. Koester played the Lohengrin wedding march.

The bride, wearing a handsome lace gown and carrying a shower bouquet of Bride roses, and white sweet peas, was attended by Miss Jeannette Kennon as maid of honor, who wore a dainty flowered mull and carried La France roses and pink sweet peas. Herbert A. Meyer, brother of the bride, was best man.

A reception was held after the ceremony in the prettily decorated house, after which the newly married couple left Washington for their wedding journey.

Crittenden-Judd.

Miss Annie Franklin Judd, the only daughter of James H. Judd, of Culpeper county, Va., and Fisher Henry Crittenden, of Fauquier county, Va., were married Wednesday, June 7, at Walnut Spring, the beautiful home of Mark Pulliane, uncle of the bride. After the ceremony a reception was held, and a dainty supper served to the numerous guests. The dining hall and reception rooms were handsomely decorated with potted plants and garlands of cut flowers.

The bride wore white crepe de chine, a bridal veil fastened with orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of Bride roses.

After an extended trip to Richmond, Norfolk, Newport News, and Atlantic City, Mr. and Mrs. Crittenden will make their home in Fauquier county, Va., at the ancestral home of the groom.

Clark—Crichton.

A wedding of much interest in this city is that of Miss Elizabeth Crichton, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Crichton, and William H. Clark, of New York, formerly of this city, which took place yesterday at Ravenswood, the country home of the bride's family at Berkelev Springs, W. Va. The bride is well known here, having spent much time with her sister, Mrs. Snowden Ashford, since the death of her mother three years ago.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. E. Shaw, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Miss Kennedy, of New York, the maid of honor, wore white crepe de chine and carried yellow sweet peas. Miss Tomlinson, of New York, and Miss MacLennan, of Washington, bridesmaids, wore Korean gold crepe.

The bride was given away by her brother, Dr. McPherson Crichton. Her dress was of liberty satin, trimmed with old rose point, and a veil of the same. James Crichton was best man.

The house guests at Ravenswood included Mr. and Mrs. Snowden Ashford, Miss Barrow, Miss Higgins, Mrs. Madison Brown, and Malcolm Crichton, of Washington; Mrs. Robinson, Philadelphia, and Mr. Dunning, of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Albert, of Baltimore, attended the wedding.

Robert A. Rollins, of Washington, and Miss Mary A. Acres, of Alexandria, were married Wednesday night by the Rev. J. P. Stump at the residence of Mrs. Margaret Green in Alexandria.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. David, son and maid, are located at Fairfield for the summer.

Miss Estelle Peyser is in Newport News to be present at the graduation exercises of her niece, Miss Maud Garner.

Everett Iseman, of Manning, S. C., who has been at the Maryland University in Baltimore, is spending some time here.

Victor Strasburger and daughters, Misses Rae and Irma Strasburger, of Norfolk, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Strasburger.

BOSTON BUYS TEXAS WOOL.

AUSTIN, Tex., June 16.—The Concho district spring wool clip, amounting to more than one and a quarter million pounds, was yesterday purchased by Boston, Mass., firms. The consideration is in the neighborhood of $300,000.

SCOTT-DUNN ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Dunn have announced the engagement of their daughter Hildreth to George Cole Scott, of Richmond, the wedding to take place in the early autumn at the home of the bride's parents at Hot Springs, Va.

Miss Dunn made her debut last winter, spending the early season here under the chaperonage of her grandmother, Mrs. Dunn, of 1745 Rhode Island avenue, and later going to New York, where her parents had a house for the season.

Mr. Scott is prominently identified with the social life of Virginia and a member of the Commonwealth Club, of Richmond, and the Deep Run Hunt.

DOLLY MADISON CHAPTER MEETS

Dolly Madison Chapter, D. A. R., held its regular monthly meeting at the home of its historian, Miss Lida C. Tulloch, 937 Rhode Island avenue, at 4 o'clock, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles B. Bailey, vice regent, presided, after business of chapter they spent a social hour, music on the Cecilian, "Columbia" being our patriotic air. After light refreshments were served, they adjourned the meetings until October.

NAVY YARD BAND WILL GIVE PUBLIC CONCERT

The Navy Yard Band has arranged to give a concert at 6 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the public playgrounds at Virginia and Georgia avenues and Ninth and Tenth streets southeast. S. Brenner, leader of the band, has announced the following program:

"The Stars and Stripes," Sousa; overture, "The Jolly Robbers," Suppe; waltz, "Italia," Calzi; Mexican dance, "Palmetto," Whitney; selections from "Il Trovatore," Verdi; intermezzo, "Iran," Judson; "The Lion Chase," Koeling; "Hearts and Flowers," Tobani; selections from "The Prince of Pilsen," Luders; "Fair Maiden of Seville," Czibulka; "Grand Fantasia," Tobani; march, "Madame Pentleton," Calzi; "The Star-Spangled Banner," Key.

FIVE CHINESE YOUTHS TO STUDY AT WEST POINT

Army officers see in the admission as cadets at West Point of two Chinese boys, Ying Hsung Wen and Ting Chia Chen, the first Chinese admitted there, evidence of a purpose to develop China as a military power.

These two boys will be educated at the United States Military Academy under a special agreement between the Chinese and American governments. The Chinese government will pay the cost of this education.

PLUMBERS' TRUST NOW IN TOILS OF THE LAW

CLEVELAND, June 16.—The investigation by the grand jury into the alleged combination of plumbers has been practically completed.

An indictment was returned charging several well-known men of this city, said to compose the members of the "Plumbers' trust," with violating the Valentine anti-trust law, which makes combinations in restraint of trade illegal.

SHRINERS GATHER BIG SUPPLY OF BACKSHEESH

Excursion to Marshall Hall Nets Goodly Sum for Christmas Charity of the Order.

Washingtonians to the number of 2,600 joined in the annual charity excursion of the Mystic Shriners of Almas Temple to Marshall Hall yesterday, and the event was a success in every particular. Dollars, halves, quarters, and dimes were contributed with such great liberality to all features that the finance committee will be unable to announce for several days the exact amount ralized by the Shrine for the worthy poor of the District.

On the way home the boatloads of tired, but happy, lodge men and their guests were treated to an exhibition of a part of the war game now going on below the Capital—the searchlights from Fort Hunt flashing in quick succession from boat to boat as they proceeded up the river.

List of the Contests.

Athletic contests, in all of which either Shriners or the sons of Shriners participated, formed the leading feature of the celebration. The events, with results, follow:

100-yard run—First prize, Ferdinand Waldman, traveling bag; second prize, D. T. Beatty, one-half dozen fine hose.

50-yard run, for men 190 pounds and over—First prize, J. R. Costinett; second prize, H. R. Warren, hats.

Potato race, for boys under fourteen—First prize, Fred Hermann; second prize, John Gitt, pen knives.

Shot-put—Won by J. R. Costinett, prize, fountain pen.

Three-legged race—Won by Dr. C. A. Stewart and H. A. Newman, prize, umbrellas.

100-yard run, for boys eighteen and under—First prize, Russell Walker, baseball mitt; second prize, Fred Lewis, bat and ball.

Sack race—Won by W. I. Henderson, prize, safety razor.

Hoop-rolling contest—Won by H. B. Walls, prize, pocketbook.

Tug-of-war—Won by Messrs. J. R. Costinett, J. A. Downck, Frank Linthicum, Clarence Longacre, and V. F. Montgomery, prize, two months' free laundry to each member of the team.

Some of the Prizes.

Souvenir spoons, with numbered coupons attached, were sold by the ladies, and at the end of the day the numbers were raffled for prizes. The awards were:

First prize—$15 order on S. Kann, Sons & Co. No. 78.

Second prize—One dozen photographs from Herett Ewing's studio. No. 357.

Third prize—Mahogany rocker from Julius Lansburgh Co. No. 998.

Fourth and fifth prizes—Palms from Schaefer and Small. Nos. 1,117 and 132.

Sixth prize—Aquarium from Schmid. No. 1,150.

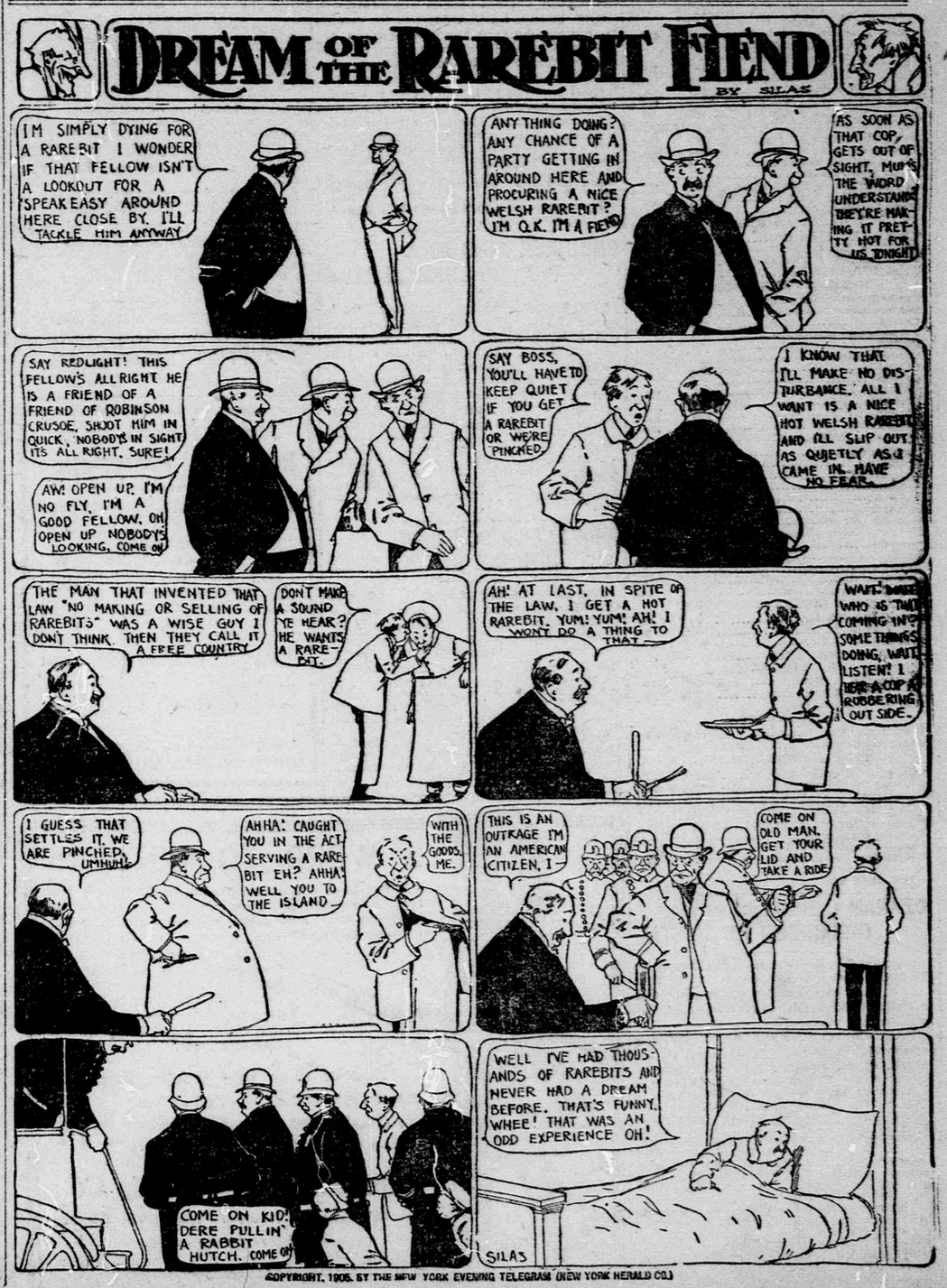
Seventh prize—Flashlight from John C. Rau. No. 1,044.

Eighth prize—Four pounds of chocolates from Elie Sheetz. No. 1,058.

THREE SISTERS DROWNED BATHING IN OHIO RIVER

BRANDENBURG, Ky., June 16.—Hallie, Fanny and Annie Belle Booth, daughters of Dr. Grant Booth, were drowned while bathing in the Ohio river near Crecilius, Ky.

The youngest girl threw her arms about her sisters who were trying to save her.



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