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Waterways.

President Roosevelt will spend the better part of next week in the Mississippi valley, partly enjoying "The Father of Waters" and partly talking waterway expansion.

The country knows Fulton chiefly as an inventor. He was more than that; a great deal more. He was one of the foremost workers in behalf of the Erie canal...

The United States has expended comparatively little money in inland waterway improvement, save for lake traffic. The Missouri has been allowed to fill its channel with sand...

Twelve Million Weaklings?

Not only here in Washington, but in other large cities where progressive ideas are welcomed and tested, the physical welfare of school children is coming to be regarded as a matter inseparably connected with the children's moral and intellectual development.

They have been giving this subject due consideration in New York of late, with the results set forth by Mr. William H. Allen, secretary of the New York committee on physical welfare of school children...

But, as Mr. Allen remarks, the "only new thing about the physical defects of school children is not their existence, but our recent awakening to their existence, their prevalence, their seriousness, their neglect, and their cost to individual children, to school progress, to industry, and to social welfare."

The Skyscraper.

We of Washington will read with interest, but without local apprehension, the following by the editor of the American Architect:

We regret extremely the existence of the skyscraper. We resent its intrusion into modern life. We would gladly do all we could to prohibit the erection of another one, but our opposition rests solely on hygienic and artistic grounds.

We accept it as proved that the high building can be erected safely to any height, and that the expenditure of enough money, it can be made safe from fire.

Our Washington highways are not Lilliputian. Our car lines are not congested through the erection of Broodingnagian buildings. All in all, in spite of our wide streets, we have hardly a structure in the whole Capital which New York or Chicago would call a skyscraper.

This situation is the fruit of sensible laws practically administered. The laws had, however, a special

and local inspiration. When the prospect of twenty-story buildings threatened there were already here a dozen imposing, character-giving, generally satisfactory structures belonging to the Government.

We shall probably find, further, that buildings of the greatest height now permitted in the District of Columbia serve every good purpose with a maximum of general satisfaction. It would have been preposterous to ask our business and professional men to be content with three-story, stair-climbing office buildings...

Stiff Medicine But Good.

A measure of the advantage afforded American meat packers by the existing rigor of the law is afforded by a bulletin on "Foreign Restrictions on American Meat," prepared by Frank R. Rutter, of the Bureau of Statistics.

What punishment the great packing houses deserved it is not needful now to determine. It is enough to note that in the face of all their false labeling this Government has been able, by thoroughness of examination and close inspection, to regain the confidence of foreign consumers in American meat products.

There is no reason," says he, "why the stricter control now exercised over all processes of slaughtering and preparation of meat should not induce the leading foreign governments to modify the more serious restrictions and admit American meat on freer terms.

It should appear that Oklahoma may "sway the Presidential vote" as an Ohio statesman predicts, we can imagine that William H. Taft will revise that speech of his advising the people of the new State to wait a few years before they accept admission into the Union.

Wonder if Mr. Knox has thought of the inevitable cartoons if a man from an Iron State hitches his boom to a Crane.

The New York Yacht Club wants Sir Thomas to understand its business is to develop speed. Some other club can look after making vessels seaworthy.

Mr. McClellan now knows how Mr. Hearst felt some little time back.

If Mr. Bryan had charged the Standard with half the things its officials now confess he would have been decorated with a red flag and called an anarchist all over the country.

Those army officers will chuck "Get up" to their horses right willingly.

It's unfortunate Uncle Joe Cannon hasn't a boy in McKinley's first year class.

Suppose it had been General Miles who disobeyed orders from his commander-in-chief and wrote members of Congress for more pay? Just suppose that's all.

Sir Thomas simply aches to name a boat the four-leaf Shamrock.

LATEST VERSION.

Mary had a little man, He took her out to dine, But Mary had no little lamb; Said she: "No lamb for mine." She ordered all from soup to nuts, And finished up with wine.

PROXY LOVE MISUNDERSTOOD BY WIFE WHEN GIRL FRIEND KISSED SLEEPING HUSBAND

Was Dreaming of Young Man on Top Floor, That Was All—She Didn't Care for Him At All.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—It wasn't to be expected that a wife could understand. He, her husband, wasn't bad looking, and she had made the mistake of being chums with Marie Van Zant.

They said they lived in the same house, at 25 West Fifteenth street. It seemed, according to the latter's story, that the girl from Julien's had taken a room there. The fact that she was alone appealed to Mrs. Tolley, and so, as she put it, she made her one of the family.

BEING AN ARTIST.

Furthermore, she had studied art—was at Julien's in the days when it obtained. There is a question whether that was ever the place for a woman to be, particularly a pretty woman. She was



AN UNEXPECTED INTRUSION.

Marie Van Zant was interested in the artist on the top floor, back. But she was—all that came out in the court—she didn't even know him. But, odd as it may seem, she proceeded to make love to him by proxy.

LOVE BY PROXY.

liable there to get advanced ideas, unconventional ideas—which is exactly what she got. Her painting, likely, didn't amount to much. She brought no specimens to court; but one wouldn't be far wrong

In surmising that her work be a weak imitation of that of some man she had admired. But, as has been said, none of this was in evidence. All that appeared in court was Marie Van Zant, with the tears dimming her gray eyes, and Mrs. Arthur Tolley, bent on revenge.

It was his habit every afternoon to take a nap about 4 o'clock. It was while he was taking one of those naps, unguarded as it may seem, that Marie Van Zant was left alone in the room with him.

Love by Proxy.

Mrs. Tolley didn't know, and perhaps no one else in the house knew, that



GOV. HUGHES A HERO OF FAIRBANKS CLASS; BOLDLY RESCUES WOMAN

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Governor Hughes is today ranking in the class of Vice President Fairbanks and William Jennings Bryan for feats of heroism. Mr. Fairbanks' saving of a waitress drowning in a lake, and Mr. Bryan's rescue of a maid from an automobile are almost forgotten, while Governor Hughes has performed an act of bravery that is fresh in the mind of the public.

WIFE OPENED WAY FOR HUSBAND THIEF

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Certainly Mr. and Mrs. John Scofield, a hardworking and industrious couple, have been helped. For months Mrs. Scofield has been going out by the day washing and ironing in the homes of the wealthy at Nutley, N. J., even cleaning offices and stores to earn an honest dollar.

ROBBERIES INFEST WESTERN ISLAND

DENVER, Col., Sept. 27.—The Surveyor General of the United States has just been called upon to furnish some way in which the United States can take cognizance of the existence of a "robbers' roost," or hiding place for thieves and all manner of big and little bad men, on an island of 100 acres at the mouth of Matanus creek, on the Grand Pasnate avenue, and, good, helpful man, took care of the children. But at night, when he knew the little ones were in their fond mother's embrace, Scofield worked, too.

LOUISIANA HUNT.

That hunt which the President is planning to make in the Louisiana bush is not expected to be a record-breaker in the number of pelts taken. In fact the President said as late as Wednesday that he did not expect to get either bear or wild pig on the expedition, but he does look forward to a very pleasant camping trip into new territory, and seventeen days of open air life amid novel surroundings.

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PRESIDENT'S MAIL CHOKED BY PLEAS TO BE CANDIDATE

Loeb Answers That His Chief Has Not Changed Mind.

Will Learn Sentiment of People on Coming Western Trip.

Every mail is bringing to the White House letters from the President's admirers in every part of the country, urging him to flip precedents to the winds and run again. Almost every visitor makes the same demand upon the Executive, telling him that if he would see his policies put through in Congress and in great departments of the Government, he must keep the helm himself.

The letters of the third-termers are answered by Secretary Loeb, who tells them that the President has not changed his mind on the subject since he made the declaration that he would not run again. The Secretary ends these letters by quoting the statement: "In private conversation, the President tells his visitors that he does not expect to again be a candidate, and asserts that there is no reason why he should run."

Meet Many People on Trip.

During his coming trip to Canton and the Mississippi valley the President will come in contact with thousands of men whom he has never seen before, as well as with other thousands whom he has previously met and consulted. With many of these he may have but a word, in person, while at some stopping places he will be able to see and talk with them only in a collective way, in crowds, but wherever he goes, the President will feel the pulse of the people and be certain to ascertain the sentiment reaches. A personal visit, no matter how short, to the sections of the country the President wishes to gauge, gives him a clearer idea of the real sentiment of the people than the most exhaustive reports of his political advisers.

Will Sum Up Situation.

In the last few months he has traveled over a great deal of territory. Last spring he made a tour into the middle Northwest. Before he started to Oyster Bay he made two visits to the Jamestown Exposition, and during the summer went up into New England. After his trip to Canton and down the Mississippi he will, therefore, have a very fair notion of how the cat is going to jump in the States, east of the Father of Waters, and up and down the great valley.

To Make Many Speeches.

Besides the political features of the trip there will be the economic phase. In every city the President will visit except Canton, where he goes to pay homage to the memory of his father's predecessor, he will make a speech with a definite purpose. His ripostes upon Federal regulation of trusts and railroads will be given utterance, and Representatives in Congress from the districts in which he speaks will find it to their interest to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

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Washington Beautiful And Library Wonderful

Noted French Politician Says Capital Surpasses New York, and He Is Interested in the Workings of Different Departments.

Senator Auguste Calvet, for fifteen years a member of the French house and one of the most noted politicians of France, who is on a visit to this country for the study of economic conditions, talked last night of his impressions of America and especially of the excellence of our pure food laws.

Senator Calvet, who held interviews in French yesterday with the President and several Cabinet officers, has as the main object of his visit, the introduction of French port brands into the United States, and he informed the President and State Department officials that he would like to see a reciprocity agreement between the two nations that would permit a larger import of these goods.

Senator Calvet was interviewed through Dr. Wiley, of the Bureau of Chemistry, a personal friend, who is engaged in showing him the points of interest in Washington.

Admires Washington. "I am very much pleased with what I have seen of America," said the senator, "and am especially impressed with the native beauty of Washington. In fact, I admire this city more than New York, where I spent several days. Of all the sights seen here today I regard the Congressional Library as the most wonderful. The system upon which you Americans conduct this mammoth institution is wonderful. Its beauty is grand; magnificent."

"I am in America upon an economic mission, studying institutions and methods which may be of benefit to the

French people. I called today upon several of the department heads—Secretary Wilson and Straus and Assistant Secretary Bacon. In all of these departments I found something of interest and help to me. I was also very much interested in your Patent office. Secretary Wilson and Dr. Wiley have explained to me the workings of your pure food laws. The American pure food laws are very similar to those in France, with the exception that they are all more properly under the national Government without the subsidiary establishments conducted through the States individually.

Hopes for Better Reciprocity. Senator Calvet stated that he hoped the conference held with the President and the State officials would result in a better reciprocity agreement between the two governments. He said that the French government was in thorough accord with the suggestion made by Dr. Wiley looking toward an international conference on pure food regulations, and this matter was discussed with the President.

Senator Calvet, while interested in French politics generally, has for a number of years paid especial attention to the subjects of agriculture, live stock and narrow-gauge railroads. He spent several hours in Secretary Wilson's department. Asked concerning his opinion of the President, Senator Calvet apparently went into an ecstasy in French, his remarks being later interpreted by Dr. Wiley, as follows: "He thinks Mr. Roosevelt is 'just right' for a President. I say he is a great fine man. Senator Calvet will leave Washington this afternoon for New York, where he will spend several weeks before sailing for home."

England is Worried Over Child Suicide And Its Fast Spread

By LADY HENRY SOMERSET.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—While in England we are wrangling over the religious education of children, a great object lesson comes to us from Germany as to what it means to withhold this from a child which gives to it, side by side with instructions on visible and material things, the development of its mind toward the real and the spiritual.

The problem of child suicide has grown in Germany during the past year to an extent that is causing grave concern in the country, and the problem is occupying the minds of those who are engaged in the study of children. In the report which has been drawn up by an expert, it is stated that the reason may be found in the fact that "there comes to the child mind the disillusionment of life. The young mind when first brought into touch with stern realities invariably suffers a useful disappointment. Girls and boys alike cherish quixotic and romantic ideas. The schoolboy thinks she will meet her hero. The schoolgirl imagines the world is at his feet. At the first contact with the sordid routine of life they recoil, and in this recoil, which occurs as a usual rule, between the ages of twelve and sixteen, their minds, which are in a delicate, half formed, impressionable stage, may easily be deranged. Common sense has not yet come to their

aid, and the small rebuffs of life sink deeply into their minds."

Now, this, being interpreted, means that the true ideal of life has been withheld from children. Instead of being trained to see that life on this planet is but a part of a great whole which is their inheritance, they are allowed to believe that the incidents of this world are of such supreme importance that failure or success here, according to the standards of the day is the end-all and be-all of existence. If we allow a child's mind to follow its own bent we shall always find that its thoughts wander away into the unseen, which in childhood is as real as the seen; but destroy that, stunt it, nip it, blight it, throw the child back upon the material, and you have the result that the delicately formed mind can bear the pressure no more, and the soul which cannot expand into its native air perishes because hope and ideals have been lost.

The problem which has become so acute in Germany is reaching us, too, and we shall as a nation do well to pause and think whether, in our formal, narrow-gauge, materialistic, exact form religious teaching shall take, we are not robbing the child of that which is the best possession of child life.

Girls Spank Man; Masher Is Dricked Then Given Stave

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This Afternoon's Concert AT SMITHSONIAN GROUNDS

4:10 P. M. U. S. ENGINEER BAND Julius Kamper, Bandmaster.

March....."Brooklyn Bridge Relief".....Egner Overture....."Nabucodonosor".....Verdi Moreau Characteristic....."Vision".....Von Blon Selection....."Trovatore".....Verdi Waltz....."Wedding of the Winds".....Hall Flower song....."Hearts and Flowers".....Tobani Selection....."Mam'selle 'Napoleon".....Luders American Patrol....."The Star-Spangled Banner".....Mecham