

The Democrat

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It is not difficult for a cold wave to wear out its welcome.

There is nothing childlike about the malvolence of infantile paralysis.

Luckily this country raised a large crop, for there is a shortage in French wheat.

Do not despise the humble spud. The crop in one county in Pennsylvania is worth \$1,000,000.

Missouri authorities are going to import Mexican glassless bees. That will be good news for honey boys.

Chicago is to have a new theater designed to attract women. Matinee idols will be its specialty, we infer.

This aviation business is all right. But we do wish that the coal people would quit trying for altitude records.

The toll of death continues. It is a case of nip and tuck between the speeding autos and the dashing bird men.

A Colorado professor says that people get disease germs by shaking hands. La Grippe from the grip, as it were.

A Pittsburgher has invented a "lid by the use of which each man can become his own embalmer. Tell the dead ones about it.

However, speaking of extravagance, it does look foolish for a man to mortgage a useful home in order to buy an ornamental automobile.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson wants to tear down and rebuild New York city. For a long time we have thought it might be improved in that way.

According to a Parisian fashion journal, the old-style hoop skirt will return in twenty years, but even so, we're too busy to worry about that now.

Even if woman is becoming more masculine, as the Harvard man says, very few husbands will care to experiment upon the theme by their happy friends.

Velasquez portrait that has been missing 160 years "has come to light at the country place of the duke of Lanesborough."

Berlin declares war on the deadly hatpin. Kansas City has put the kibosh on fireworks, and Chicago is beginning to round up its crooks. Let the good work go on.

Another expedition has just started from New Zealand for the south pole, proving that there are hardy people who on a cold day do not especially care to sit by a hot radiator.

A pipe that was once used by Sir Walter Raleigh is offered for sale in London. In this connection we should like to know whether Sir Walter ever learned to roll his own cigarettes.

Japan has decided to let the emperor of Korea have a pension. This is generous. It would have been too bad if the emperor had been compelled to open a laundry at his time of life.

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NORTH CAROLINA

ENDORSES TAFT

Southern State First to Get in Line for His Renomination Next Year.

SOME SIGNIFICANCE IN FACT

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By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington.—Since President Taft allowed it to be known some little time ago that he would be a recipient of the credit for his renomination by his party, the Republican state executive committee of North Carolina has appeared first in the field as an endorsement of Mr. Taft's position. It is a curious fact that in almost every instance, as the political records of the last 20 years show, it has been a southern state which has given first a Republican president to succeed himself.

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Shock of Disturbance Which Destroys Inhabitants and Wrecks Cities Felt Throughout World—Casualties Aid to Stricken.

Tashkent, Asiatic Russia.—A violent earthquake lasting 30 minutes was felt at various points in Russian Turkestan. Many buildings were destroyed and there were a number of fatalities, although the loss of life is not yet known.

Forty bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the city of Vyerny, where the shake was most severely felt. Vyerny is a fortified town, situated at the northern foot of the trans-Ili Ala-Tau, about fifty miles from the city of Tashkent, and is a suburb of Lake Issyk-Kul, and from the reports received was the center of the disturbance, which was felt around the world.

At Vyerny great fissures opened in the ground, and in some cases unroofed entire houses before the occupants could escape. A gigantic crack several feet in width extends across the entire market place of the city. From this apparently radiate other cracks which, according to the frightened natives, opened wide enough to permit them to pass.

The terror-stricken inhabitants gathered around the governor's house and were praying for deliverance. With each succeeding shock their terror increased. Men, women and children were speechless with fear and stood rooted to the ground with fright.

At Tashkent, capital of the general government of Russian Turkestan, the shock was also felt. A number of buildings collapsed, burying a number of people in the ruins.

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Father of 31 Dead at 104. Grafton, Mass.—Frank King, father of 31 children, died Friday at his home in his one hundred and fourth year. He was born in Quebec and until last Wednesday had never been ill.

Breaks Long Flight Record. Buc, France.—A new world's record for distance flying was established Friday by M. Maurice Tabouret, who stayed aloft seven hours and 45 minutes, in which time he covered 322.90 miles.

ANARCHISTS HOLD

LONDON AT BAY

Hundreds of Soldiers and Policemen, Horse and Foot, Wage Fierce Fight Against Six Trapped Criminals.

London.—In a nine-hour battle with armed police and soldiers in the very heart of London, five anarchists were killed, three police officers, two soldiers and three citizens were shot and more or less seriously wounded and a number of firemen were injured.

The anarchists, armed with rapid-firing guns, and barricaded in their quarters in a four-story Sidney street building, fought 1,500 policemen and two half companies of soldiers, as well as a squad of artillerymen, for hours.

They were driven, finally, to the roof. The building had been set on fire, either by the police to "smoke out" the suspects or by the men themselves to avoid capture. When the anarchists burst the roof fell, and the anarchists fell into seething furnace.

Two bodies were recovered, those of "Peter the Painter" and "Dutch Fritz." It is believed the bodies of their companions were incinerated.

The women who suffered injury were hurt when the roof collapsed. The dead anarchists are believed to have belonged to a band that was plotting to kill King George V. during his coronation ceremonies. Two of them were suspected of the recent murder of a senator by a burglar in the Houndsditch district.

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