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There are unpleasant things in this world than a sufficed coal bin.

This is a great little country, and we have the census figures to prove it.

It is said that a new United States gun is the most powerful. Surely, why not?

A Brazilian revolt has come to be about as serious as a hunting season in this country.

A Maryland man wants a divorce because he is afraid of his wife. But who of us isn't?

Under a new law it is a crime to treat in Tacoma. Tacoma must be the original tightwad town.

A woman gets a place as a wifeless operator because the C. Q. D. heroes are said to be lazy.

They are planning to keep tab on the people who have domestic troubles. Just as if that would stop them!

An advertisement says that every home should have a talking machine. Evidently the man who wrote it is not married.

A man in Michigan dislocated his jaw by laughing over his wife's joke. The reverse never would or could have happened.

A Philadelphia man committed suicide with a safety razor, but so far we haven't heard of a woman cutting her ears with one.

If last summer's keratinum pot were not so heavy it might be covered with velvet and thus become a very stylish hat for your daughter.

What did Woodrow Wilson mean when he told the governors assembled in Louisville that they had come to Kentucky for "stimulation"?

A Minnesota man, just as the undertaker was about to embalm him, set up an electric "Hello, Bill!" Such conduct is almost indecorous.

When the Ohio river takes a notion to fill up and go on a prolonged spree there is nothing to do but stand back and let the old thing have its way.

A St. Louis man has invented a soundless soup spoon. This notable addition to the elegancies of society may be followed in time by the knifeless pie.

It is worth while to designate the exact status of the person who moralizes on the blessings of poverty and does nothing to relieve the curse of poverty?

Now that the long haptin is being assailed by hostile legislators, outraged femininity will probably take to wearing machetes or snickernecks in public places.

A New Jersey girl, advertises that she will not marry any of her acquaintances but wants a stranger for a husband. Doesn't she even want to be introduced to him first?

The man charged with cruelty by his wife on the ground that he made her shave him, is no doubt an innocent martyr. If the facts were known, probably he was merely adopting this means of inflicting a penance upon himself. That he enjoyed the operation is inconceivable.

The otherwise safe and sane citizens of Massachusetts have just finished a three-year-old pool game. Poolman alert! No violent or dangerous to the innocent bystanders is well nigh incurable. Its one redeeming feature is that the victims labor under the illusion that they are enjoying themselves.

The New Jersey mayor who was horsewhipped by an irritated lady appeared before the grand jury to have her indicted for "unladylike" behavior. If she had been content with a tongue lashing he would probably have conceded her the privilege of her sex, but her husband's indignation in addition hurt his feelings too much for meek endurance.

Dr. Lydston asserts that grafting is caused by a germ which makes its primary bite when you get very much occupied with your paper as the conductor comes along for the fare. On that theory the pay-as-you-enter car should act as a sterilizer for that particular microbe. At all events, if the bug can be suppressed the vital question is whether it will cure the more violent cases that take the form of getting on the inside of railroad contracts and reorganization schemes.

Somebody has invented a substitute for the hobble skirt, the new arrangement being alleged to be just as hideous, but less dangerous. However, the element of danger is what makes the hobble skirt interesting.

A gallant New York court holds that a girl cannot be made to give up engagement gifts after the engagement is broken. The cupid of a man triumphs over even his self-conceit if it requires a court decision to convince him that it requires all the gifts she has to console the fair one for his loss.

The supreme court of New Jersey rules that a woman is not responsible for the things she does when compelled by her husband. But where did the court find the woman?

A big ocean liner came into port the other day, and New York, without her wireless outfit, it had been carried away in a storm. And so, as the dispatches put it, the ship was "lost" to the shore as the vessel neared port was cut off. How quickly the wonders of this age become its matter-of-course necessities!

War is threatened between Peru and Bolivia, probably just because neither country has any other trouble of a serious nature on hand.

Germany is taking steps to protect its defenses from the espionage of aviators. Air navigators have been forbidden, on pain of arrest, to come within a certain distance of forts and other military posts. This is a practical warning of the new dangers which are entering civilization. Perhaps in the next great war flying squadrons will be literal facts.

REPUBLICANS TO PUSH MANY BILLS

Determined to Accomplish Much Before They Give Up Control of Congress.

They Fear Four States Will Elect Reactionary Senators and Hurt Party's Prospects—Weeks May Lead Taft's Renomination Campaign.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington.—When congress came together immediately following the holiday recess it found itself confronted with a stupendous amount of work which it was necessary to accomplish within a time limit of eight weeks. It is true that the appropriation bills are in pretty good shape for early passage, but there are other matters of legislation which the Republican majority is determined to attend to before the closing of the session, and then there are the Lorimer and the Ballinger-Pinchot matters to be disposed of, both of which are likely to be provocative of acrimonious and long drawn out debate.

The Republicans are determined apparently to secure quickly the enactment of the Longworth tariff commission bill. The present majority party hopes by means of a tariff commission law to cause trouble for the Democrats when they are laying plans for tariff revision next winter. The Republicans hold that the country will object to tariff revision of any kind except in accordance with the recommendations of the tariff experts and that the Democrats if they attempt such revision will meet with rebuke.

Democrats Will Be Cautious.

It is perhaps needless to say that the Democrats do not show any great fear that there is likely to be a fulfillment of the Republican prophecy, but nevertheless they are going to approach tariff revision with a great deal of caution and it is known that they have made up their minds not to do anything until harmony has been secured and every plan has been given the most careful consideration.

The debate on the Longworth bill promises to be one of the most interesting which has held the attention of congress for several years. The measure in a measure it will be a tariff debate, but it will have an interest apart from the customs because of the known direct bearing which the enactment of the measure will have upon the position of postmaster general.

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UNCLE SAM PERPLEXED

The radicals and conservatives of the present minority party have been afflicting recently with every evidence of good fellowship and of well-grounded intention to go head on in the road of accomplishment arm in arm. What the Democrats have heard is that the Democracy of the states of New York, New Jersey, Ohio and West Virginia will select men as United States senators who are known for their reactionary tendencies.

For the sake of adding strength to the next national campaign, the Democrats now in official line here would prefer that men known neither as rampant radicals nor yet as reactionary conservatives should be sent to the senate from the four states named. The Democrats have declared themselves in congress as being members of the real party of progress. On occasion many of them have joined with the insurgent Republicans to secure what they consider to be salutary changes in the rules, and in one or two cases, salutary changes in legislative measures.

These leaders say that the country looks upon the Democratic party as really progressive, but that if four reactionary Democrats are sent from four great states of the Union to represent the party in the upper house of congress the effect will be exceedingly bad and that even with the impetus given by the recent victory the party may have trouble in winning in 1912. Democrats in the Washington service say freely and publicly that the state leaders ought to be guided to some extent by the national events of the past few years and should allow themselves to pledge allegiance to men of a type which thinks that the "clock ought to be set back."

Plan New Attack on Child Labor.

There is a plan on the way to develop which will be again before congress in an aggressive way legislation intended to correct the evils of child labor. Some years ago Senator Beveridge introduced a bill to which he gave the best of his efforts. The idea was to put a stamp on the packages which obtains in many parts of the country of keeping little children at work in the factories for eight, ten and even twelve hours a day.

The method of dealing with the matter which has been proposed is to deny the right of goods made in factories where little children labor to enter interstate commerce. Some lawyers hold that this is not within the power of the national legislature, while others hold to the contrary, saying such an act would not be unconstitutional.

Weeks May Manage Taft Campaign.

It seems to have been accepted as a fact by some of the politicians of both parties that John W. Weeks, a former congressman from Massachusetts, is to be the next chairman of the Republican national committee, succeeding Frank H. Hitchcock, who now holds that office in connection with his cabinet position of postmaster general.

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17 DROWNED IN GALE

CREWS OF THREE BARGES PERISH OFF HIGHLAND LIGHT, MASS.

LIFE SAVERS ARE HELPLESS

Schooner With Crew of Seven Stranded on Barnegat Rocks and is in Danger of Going to Pieces Before Rescuers Can Reach Sailors.

Highland Light, Mass.—While two life-saving crews with lifeboats and other apparatus stood upon the beach powerless to render any aid, the 17 men comprising the officers and crews of the coal carrying barges Treverton, Pine Forest and Corbin, bound east in low of the tug Lykens, were drowned Tuesday.

The barges were driven ashore on the Peaked Hill bars and within a few hours had gone to pieces.

A 50-mile gale directly from the north was blowing and made the Peaked Hill, on the knuckle of the cape, the worst kind of a lee shore.

Two bodies were thrown up on the beach, both with life preservers on, which were stenciled "Treverton." The Treverton was the largest of the three and carried a crew of six men, with Capt. F. I. Brown of Lincolnville, Me. in command. The Corbin carried a crew of four men and was commanded by Capt. C. M. Smith of Philadelphia. The Pine Forest, which was the smallest of the tow, and carried four men, was commanded by Capt. M. W. Hall of Provincetown.

The Lykens, after losing her tow, was finally compelled to steam into Provincetown.

It was impossible to launch any lifeboat, for the bars at this end of the cape are double and sometimes triple, and the outer bar was a tumbling mass of cross seas which not even a lifeboat could have kept upright.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Signals from the members of the Barnegat life-saving crew at sea established the identity of the vessel that stranded off that station as the Harold B. Cousins, Capt. A. C. Williams, of St. John, N. B., bound from Portland for Washington with a cargo of laths. The schooner carried a crew of seven men.

It is feared the Cousins will go to pieces before wrecking tugs reach her.

SUES SALARY LOAN SHARKS

Five Companies Made Defendants in Actions Brought to Stamp Out New York Evils.

New York.—Suits against five new salary loan companies were started under the supervision of the Russell Sage Foundation.

This is part of a country-wide campaign to put out of business every unscrupulous money lender in the United States and to establish a series of honest loan societies, which will comply with the law and lend money without extortion.

There are 400 chattel and salary loan companies in Greater New York.

The war on the loan sharks, who have been feeding the tyrod of New York out of \$5,000,000 annually, has been under preparation by the foundation ever since its establishment. The foundation estimates that the annual business done by loan sharks in New York is \$30,000,000. Of this about \$5,000,000 is taken from the public in defiance of the law.

WILLS BISHOP WHITE \$10,000

Michigan City, Ind., Prelate Gets Share in Estate of Mrs. Peabody of Boston.

Boston.—Bishop John Hazen White of Michigan City, Ind., is to receive \$10,000 from the estate of Mrs. Mary Lathrop Peabody of Boston. Requests totaling about \$700,000 to churchmen and charities are contained in her will filed at Dedham.

The Episcopal church receives the largest amount. The children's hospital and its affiliates get \$50,000 each.

Bishop Weller of Fond du Lac, Wis., receives a bequest similar to that given Bishop White, and Nashotah college in Wisconsin gets \$25,000.

PUBLIC CENSURE FOR SIMS

Taft Orders Naval Commander to Be Reprimanded for His Speech at London Dinner.

Washington.—President Taft Tuesday decided that Commander W. S. Sims, a United States naval officer who, at a recent dinner given in London by the lord mayor of that city, declared that if Great Britain ever were seriously threatened, she could depend on "every man, every dollar, every drop of blood" in this country, should be publicly reprimanded.

"His offense has been so conspicuous," said the president in his letter to Secretary of the Navy Meyer, directing the reprimand, "that the action of the department in reprimanding it should be equally so."

WORKS IS MADE SENATOR

Sacramento, Cal.—Judge John D. Works, progressive Republican and member of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league, was elected United States senator to succeed Senator Frank T. Flint, present incumbent.

Mrs. Matthew S. Quay Dies.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Mrs. Agnes Barclay Quay, widow of Matthew Stanley Quay, for years United States senator from Pennsylvania, died at her home in Sheld's Station Tuesday. She was stricken with apoplexy.

Free Woman in Killing Case.

Detroit, Mich.—Mrs. August Govare of Mount Clemens was Saturday acquitted of complicity in the killing of Sheriff Matthews of Macomb county at the Govare home December 1, when he called to serve a complaint on August Govare for a misdemeanor.

Original "Hello Bill" Dead.

Philadelphia.—William G. Meyers, past grand exalted ruler of the Order of Elks, and said to be the original "Hello Bill" of that organization, died here Saturday.

Bear Out of Lehigh.

Philadelphia.—President George F. Baer of the Reading company Friday resigned as a director in the Lehigh Valley railway. It is said that Mr. Baer does not approve of the course of the controlling interests of the Lehigh Valley.

Kills Wife, Shoots Man, Ends Life.

Omaha, Neb.—Walter Osgood shot and killed his wife, fatally shot Roy Johnson, who attempted to protect Mrs. Osgood, and then killed himself Saturday. The deed resulted from an estrangement between Osgood and his wife.

Jumping Motor Breaks Man's Legs.

Mason City, Ia.—Short circuiting, a motor which started Tuesday, deflected and striking Bryan Way, broke both bones of both legs below the knee.

LORIMER IN DEFENSE

DECLARES HE IS NOT GUILTY, AS COLLEAGUES ATTACK HIS RIGHT TO SEAT.

BEVERIDGE IN OPPOSITION

Indiana Senator Hands Up a Minority Report—Election is Void, Says One of Oklahoma in Resolution Before United States Senate.

Washington.—Senators Owen and Beveridge clashed when the Lorimer case was opened in the senate Monday although both were seeking to bring about the same result, but from a different method.

Senator Beveridge, by virtue of being a member of the committee on privileges and elections which investigated charges of bribery against Mr. Lorimer, gained a tactical victory by filing a minority report attacking the position of his colleagues on the committee who voted to exonerate the Illinois senator.

Senator Owen, however, introduced a resolution to declare the election of Senator Lorimer to have been illegal and void, but he was not permitted at that time to address the senate in its support.

Mr. Beveridge then submitted his report, the conclusion of which was that the election was invalid under any possible view of the law. If the senate so concludes it is our duty so to declare. Therefore I submit the following resolution:

"Resolved, That William Lorimer was not duly and legally elected to the seat in the senate of the United States by the legislature of the state of Illinois."

Before the report was filed Senator Lorimer made a brief speech, declaring his innocence of bribery and the innocence of his friends of any participation in corrupt practices in connection with his election. He announced his intention to be present during the discussion of his case.

The Beveridge minority report reviews the testimony bearing on the alleged acceptance of bribes by four members of the legislature, and the testimony of these men that the bribes had been paid by three other members.

The report declares that it is an undignified fact of conclusive force, that the majority ignores it, that the confessed bribe takers were shown to have had in their possession, in bills of large denominations, unusual daily large sums of money soon after the date when they were to have received the alleged bribes.

This statement is made in reply to the contention of the majority that the men who confessed to having received bribes were not to be believed.

The minority report argues that only a majority vote under the circumstances in the Lorimer case would be necessary to declare the seat vacant. At the same time it declares that the evidence in the case requires the senate to consider whether Mr. Lorimer was informed of what was going on in his behalf. If it were shown that Mr. Lorimer possessed such information, Mr. Beveridge argues that the senate should vote to expel which would require a two-thirds vote.

Discussing Mr. Lorimer's connection with the election, Mr. Beveridge points out that Mr. Lorimer was "a seasoned politician," that he was "on the ground during the session of the legislature." Mr. Lorimer is declared to have been the "intimate" of the men who charged with having been one of the principal bribe givers.

PACKERS LOSE THIRD FIGHT

Federal Judge Carpenter Refuses to Grant Motion to Dismiss Criminal Proceedings.

Chicago.—The indicted beef packers lost their third fight in the federal courts to evade trial on the criminal charges against them when Judge George A. Carpenter, in the United States district court on Monday, held that they could not take advantage of contempt proceedings to have the criminal case dismissed.

The court denied a motion to dismiss the indictments against the packers and allowed counsel for the defendants ten days within which to take the next step in the matter. Unless something unforeseen occurs, the packers will file a demurrer or plead to the indictments.

Judge Carpenter said he was anxious to have the matter proceed without further delay, so that the trial might be concluded before the next summer adjournment of court.

TWO GENERATIONS PASS AWAY

Philadelphia.—Mrs. Anastasia Carey, one hundred and nine years old, died at her home in this city Tuesday, and about the same time Mrs. Rebecca Gilmore, one hundred years and nine months passed away at her home in Camden, N. J.

Wellhouse, Apple King, Dead.

Leavenworth, Kan.—Frederick Wellhouse, known as the "Apple King," died at one time the largest apple grower in the world, died here Tuesday at the age of eighty-two.

Boy Bandit Confesses Crime.

Kansas City, Mo.—Raymond Healey, seventeen years old, arrested here, confessed that he had helped rob more than thirty homes in the last month. He said he had confederates, but refused to betray them.

Young Elkins Takes Oath.

Washington.—David Elkins was sworn in as senator of the United States from West Virginia Monday. He is the third generation of the family to represent his state in the upper branch of congress.

Writ Prevents Mayor's Recall.

Seattle, Wash.—Federal Judge Hanford Friday granted an injunction to Frank H. Scooby of Chicago preventing the recall of Mayor H. O. Gill of Seattle. This was the first attempt of this kind ever made in this country.

Shots Wife, Kills Himself.

Philadelphia.—Henry Beckman, a foreman for the Adams Express company, Friday shot his wife and killed himself at their home. Jealousy was the cause of the tragedy.

STRAUS RESIGNS HIS POST

AMBASSADOR AT CONSTANTINOPLE GIVES UP HIS MISSION.

Rumor Says That Rockhill, Minister to St. Petersburg, May Be Transferred to Turkey.

Washington.—Oscar S. Straus of New York has resigned his post as ambassador to Turkey.

It has been known for some time that Mr. Straus intended leaving the diplomatic service, but it did not develop until today that he had actually resigned.

Early in November he was granted leave of absence and during the last two months has been in New York. En route home he indicated his desire of retiring as ambassador to Turkey, but the matter was held in abeyance until a short time ago, when he informally

tendered his resignation to the president. He did not submit a formal letter of resignation, as such action was not necessary.

His leave of absence, which, according to law, was limited to 60 days, expired early in January. By reason of his informal resignation the post at Constantinople became vacant at that time.

William W. Rockhill, the present American ambassador to Russia, is likely to succeed him, although this is by no means certain, as several names are under consideration. The announcement of the appointment of a successor is expected shortly.

CINCINNATI HAS BIG BLAZE

Chamber of Commerce Building is Destroyed, With Estimated Loss of Over \$1,000,000.

Cincinnati.—A fire which will probably exceed \$1,000,000 in the value of the property damaged totally destroyed the Chamber of Commerce building Tuesday night.

The structure contained the Business Men's club, the Louisville & Nashville railroad office, that of Railroad Commissioner E. L. Williamson, and the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. At the time the fire occurred there were about three hundred people in the building, fifty of them being big insurance men from all parts of the country. All escaped safely.

The absence of a high wind saved the loss of the Burnet house, valued at a half million, and McAlpin's department store, valued at two millions.

ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP TRAIN

Masked Men Try to Rob Northern Pacific North Coast Limited Near Seattle.

Seattle, Wash.—An attempt was made by three masked men to hold up the North Coast Limited on the Northern Pacific at Argo, a few miles from here. The train, in charge of the same crew, at the one on which the mail clerk was robbed and shooting of a mail clerk was pulled off last week, at the same place. One of the bandits tried the mail car doors, which were heavily barred. Two climbed into the engine car, but were driven off by Engineer Davidcourt and his freeman, who were armed. The description of the two who tried to capture the cab trolley closely with those of the men in former successful robbery of the registered mail.

HOUSE PASSES PENSION BILL

Suloway Measure Based on 90-Day Service Adopted—Adds \$45,000,000 to Rolla Yearly.

Washington.—The house of representatives passed the Suloway general pension bill by a vote of 212 to 212 Tuesday. The measure grants from \$12 to \$36 a month to all soldiers who served 90 days in the United States army in the Civil war or 60 days in the Mexican war, and who have reached the age of sixty-two years. The bill adds about \$45,000,000 a year to the pension roll.

Railway Loses Big Suit.

Cincinnati.—The United States circuit court of appeals Monday decided against the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad company in a suit for \$3,000,000 damages brought by Mrs. Jean McKeel of Chillicothe, O., for alleged breach of contract.

Widow of G. A. R. Founder Dead.

Bloomington, Ill.—Mrs. Benjamin F. Stephenson, eighty-two years old, widow of the founder