

# The Democrat

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Life is getting to be just one blamed "probe" after another.

Jack Frost is outclassing all the fly and mosquito swatters.

Aviators prefer to fly where the ground is not frozen hard.

Rodgers, the aviator, does not think his record will stand long. It will for all of us.

A cold wave is on the way. Have you thrown up intramurals in the coal bin?

If the head of a feminine jury is a forewoman, each of the others should be a juror.

If China develops a republic it will have to reform its spelling and adopt civilized letters.

Some of these days a cold wave will come along that will live up to the advertisement.

Pittsburgh is now legally entitled to the H. H. It will make Pittsburgh any better let us all be joyful.

The coal sellers and the clothiers are plainly getting into the good graces of the weather man.

The commercial travelers are planning an abridgement of hotel stays and are inuring themselves to hard looks.

China was 2,000 years in waking up, but after she got her eyes open she certainly did show energy and speed.

New York's budget for 1912 will be \$187,200,000. The city should be able to buy a lot of government for all that money.

By migrating from one summer resort to another a Los Angeles woman claims to have scored 212 offers of marriage.

The approach of winter has its drawbacks including early Christmas shopping and the meeting of congress.

A young actor has married a widow said to be worth \$15,000,000. How did he do it—milk baths, divorce or lost diamonds?

"The rosy-cheeked country girl is a myth," says Dr. Woods Hutchinson. Regarding the rosy-cheeked city girl he said nothing.

Philadelphia's new popular song is entitled "Bending Over Bender's Benders." It is not popular, how ever, in New York.

A close calculation shows that 30,000,000 apple eaters in this country eat 30,000,000 barrels of apples to eat this year, and every man is expected to do his duty.

A "telephone snipe" is a man who habitually uses other man's telephone at no other expense to himself than a "thank you." He flourishes, perhaps, because he is not a game bird.

Fire fans—men who always run after the fire apparatus—have formed an organization. Next should come a society of men who stand for hours watching workmen excavate for a new building.

Having paid \$35 for a machine guaranteed to make perfectly good greenbacks out of blank paper, a St. Louis man was indignant at the outcome. He is one of the kind that are born every minute.

The bridegroom who had his wedding trousers fished on his way to the nuptials can console himself with the thought that the wife is now prevented from wearing them.

Boston women want the marriage service amended. The changes that they are in favor of are not mentioned, but it is safe to presume that they want to amend it in their favor.

An eastern suffragette, defending trousers for women, suggests two suits of clothes a year is sensible. The old man probably would like to see a proportionate reduction in hats.

A new standard of marital happiness has been established by a Chicago couple who revised the usual promise. The husband agrees to give his wife all his earnings and to allow her to be boss of the family, while she promises to let him buy his own cigars and to feed him well. The promises are not romantic nor even picturesque, but this couple are proving their constitutional right for the pursuit of happiness on a practical working basis.

Luther Burbank has turned out a thornless blackberry bush. The completion of the square pea is the utility that is eagerly awaited.

A contest between a meat and vegetable diet showed the vegetarian to have gained fifteen pounds. Why he was worried by the market price?

A world trotting goat with an insatiable appetite for cigarettes is visiting Boston. We do not know of any better use for cigarettes than to feed them to that goat.

As soon as the Chinese emperor gets old enough to read, if he ever does, he will find that he has written a number of extraordinary edicts.

Rudolph Sze, a Chinaman, has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Class club. This may be regarded as another slap at the Manchus.

An eastern boy has attained majorcy without having drunk, smoked or kissed any woman not one of his family circle. The reward, a gold watch, seems trifling.

Now if some woman would only leave a man a hundred thousand or two for giving up a seat in a street car it might really promote the cause. Courtesy reserved for Pullmans is too rare.

Women who attend the First Methodist Episcopal church in Ithaca, N. Y., have agreed to remove their hats during services so that the men will no longer have an excuse for remaining away. All will be well if the new plan doesn't serve to keep the women away from church.

## FAIL TO GET STAY

U. S. SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO GRANT PACKERS DELAY IN CRIMINAL CASE.

FINAL STEP TO AVOID TRIAL

No Opinion is Handed Down, Chief Justice Contenting Himself With 20 Mine of Announcements. That Meat Mergers Motion Was Refused.

Washington.—The United States Supreme court refused to grant a stay of proceedings to the packers under indictment in Chicago on charges of violating the criminal sections of the Sherman anti-trust act. This means that the ten packers must go to trial. The court's decision was the final step in the long legal contest to avoid trial at this time. Shortly before they were first cited for trial on November 20 nine of the indicted packers sought to have the United States circuit court at Chicago release them from custody on the ground that the Sherman anti-trust law, under which they were indicted, was unconstitutional as a criminal measure, particularly in view of the recent interpretation of the law in the Standard Oil decision. The circuit court refused to release them and an appeal was taken to the Supreme court. Chief Justice White individually refused to grant a stay of trial until the Supreme court could review the proceedings before the circuit court. Attorneys for the beef packers asked the full court to grant the stay and to release the defendants on bail.

Chief Justice White announced the decision of the court. No opinion was handed down, the chief justice contenting himself with the mere statement that the packers' motion was refused.

**SOCIALISTS LOSE AT POLLS**

Women in Los Angeles Vote for First Time and Help Re-Elect Mayor Alexander.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Returns from the municipal election indicate that Los Angeles women, for the first time since their enfranchisement by the state legislature, retained in office Mayor George Alexander and the entire good government ticket, by large majorities.

Job Harriman, Socialist candidate for mayor, who polled 20,000 votes at the primaries against 16,000 for Alexander, is defeated by 20,000. The enormous counterbalance is attributed to the heavy vote of the women and the connection of Harriman with the McNamara case.

The Women's Progressive league rallied to the appeal of Mayor Alexander and put into the field an army of 2,000 trained workers, captains and lieutenants of precincts who entered every effort to bring out the entire voting population.

**HALT CHORUS GIRLS' TRIAL**

Severe Illness of Millionaire Hotelman Plaintiff Causes Postponement of the Case.

New York.—The trial of Ethel Conrad and Lillian Graham, show girls, for the shooting of W. E. D. Stokes, millionaire owner of the Hotel Ansonia, was postponed owing to the illness of the plaintiff, who, his physician said, could not be tried by a severe attack of heart failure.

John Bloom, superintendent of the Varuna apartments, in which the shooting took place, testified that after he had conducted the two girls into an adjoining apartment, Miss Conrad said: "Let me take the blame, I have nothing to live for."

"No," Miss Graham said, "I'll take the blame. I meant to kill him."

This is the first testimony tending to show that either girl had suggested that they had shot to kill.

**ITALIANS WIN BIG BATTLE**

Drive Turks Into Desert After Capturing Oasis—Coast Nearly Is Cleared—Losses Heavy.

Tripoli.—After a severe battle, in which both sides are reported to have lost heavily, the Italian forces, 20,000 strong, occupied the Turkish military camp on the oasis of Ain-Zara near Tripoli. The victory is regarded as decisive.

Regular Turkish troops, aided by Arab, defended the oasis for several hours, but were forced to flee into the desert, abandoning eight cannon, many tents and provisions.

From the fact that the battle has forced the Turks away from the coast and cut off their supplies and from the cases around the city, where they are under a siege, it is believed a general battle cannot much longer be delayed.

**German Captain Held as Spy.**

Portsmouth, England.—Heinrich Grosse, a captain in the German merchant marine, was arrested on the charge of being a spy and arraigned at the police court here. The magistrate remanded him without bail.

**Miss Evelyn Dean Wedded.**

Greenwich, Conn.—Miss Evelyn Katherine Dean, daughter of the late John E. Dean of Chicago, and Charles Francis Kehoe of New Rochelle, were united in marriage at Stony Ridge by Rev. Harry Alley.

**Effort to Get Job Disastrous.**

New York.—Max Plutkin, a coat and hat maker, in his eagerness to apply for a job he had found advertised in the work column of a Jewish newspaper, tripped and fell heading down a flight of stairs and will probably die from the effects of his fall.

**Big Opium Den Raided.**

Philadelphia.—More than a score of Chinamen were arrested and thousands of dollars worth of opium confiscated in a spectacular raid on Chinatown by government agents.

**Doom Reno Divorce Joke.**

Cleveland, O.—Governor Odell of Nevada is quoted in an interview here as saying that the Reno divorce law has become obnoxious and that he will attempt the coming winter to secure a more rigid divorce law in Nevada.

**Iowa Editor Dies.**

Mason City, Ia.—Sam G. Sloane, former editor of the Charles City Intelligencer and at one time president of the Northeast Iowa Editorial association, died at Adel.

## JOHN D. RESIGNS

ROCKEFELLER IS OUT AS CHIEF OF STANDARD OIL.

J. D. Archbold Succeeds Him—Majority of Officers and Director Sever Connection.

New York.—John D. Rockefeller has resigned as president and director of the Standard Oil company and is succeeded by John D. Archbold as chief of that corporation.

A majority of the officers and directors who for years have been associated with Mr. Rockefeller, in the control of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey also handed in their resignations. These included: William Rockefeller, vice-president and director; C. M. Pratt, vice-president; William C. Rockefeller, assistant treasurer; H. C. Folger, Jr., secretary and assistant treasurer; Directors E. M. Flieger, L. J. Drake and E. T. Bedford.

Mr. Archbold, the new president, also resigned as vice-president. The board of directors is reduced from fourteen to nine members.

Two new vice-presidents were elected. They are A. C. Bedford and W. C. Teague. The other vice-president, A. Moffett, remains in office.

Mr. Rockefeller and his associates at the head of the Standard Oil Company of New York also resigned. H. C. Folger, Jr., was elected president of this company.

All the officers and directors of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey as previously organized resigned from the boards of the various subsidiary companies on which they had been elected. Their successors will be elected at the next meetings of these companies.

**TAKES ACTION ON PASSPORTS**

President Taft Officially Asks Russia to Alter Its Policy Against American Jews.

Washington.—After months of uncertainty the United States government has taken up with the Russian government at St. Petersburg the question of passports for American Jews in Russia and the obligations upon Russia embodied in the much discussed treaty of 1832.

President Taft is awaiting a report from American Ambassador Guild at St. Petersburg, which, if it comes, will be discussed by the cabinet at its regular session.

If it does not indicate a willingness upon the part of the Russian government to consider the question, Mr. Taft would recommend to congress legislation that would accomplish the end desired.

**ELIOT'S KIN JARS HARVARD**

Grandson of Former President Appears in Student Dining Room With Emma Goldman.

Cambridge, Mass.—Classic Harvard had the shock of a lifetime when Samuel Atkins Eliot, Jr., grandson of the late President, Charles Eliot, took Miss Emma Goldman, the noted lecturer on anarchy, to dinner at the Harvard Union.

Seated with the pair were several other students, and the party said the attention of the other diners.

Miss Goldman commended the stand Mr. Eliot had taken in opposition to the Harvard corporation in the Panik-hurst controversy, and promised him the support of the party should the issue be given up largely to the discussion of two subjects, the tariff and reciprocity, subjects so nearly akin as to be almost one flesh.

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## JOHN BULL AND MRS. JOHN BULL



She Has the Old Man on the Run Again.

## CONGRESS BEGINS

LEADERS PREDICT THAT SESSION WILL BE BUSY AND INTERESTING.

**LAW AND POLITICS MIXED**

Proceedings May Make and Unmake Presidential Candidates—Trusts and Tariff Legislation Occupy Chief Place.

Washington.—The senate and the house of representatives, composing the regular session of the Sixty-second congress, began what promises to be the liveliest session in recent years.

The two words "busy" and "interesting" as a forecast of the proceedings are used on high authority. In the rush of the opening the comment of the leaders was brief.

It will be an interesting session.—Senator La Follette.

It will be a busy session.—Speaker Clark.

The lower house of congress, for the first time in many years at a regular session, is in control of the Democrats. It may not be necessary to remind the country that the last session was a special one convened by the call of the president, and its time was given up largely to the discussion of two subjects, the tariff and reciprocity, subjects so nearly akin as to be almost one flesh.

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## TOWBOAT BLOWS UP

CAPTAIN AND CREW KILLED ON OHIO RIVER.

Steamer, Shattered into Splinters—Five Hurt; Two May Die of Injuries.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Capt. E. A. Swaney and four members of the crew of the towboat Diamond were killed in an explosion which wrecked the vessel while she was lying in the Ohio river off Avalon, six miles south. Five others were injured.

Two of the men rescued are terribly injured and may die. The boilers let go, but the cause of the explosion is not known.

The disaster occurred near midnight while all the crew were asleep. The big towboat was shattered into a mass of splintered wood and twisted iron and sunk almost immediately.

But for the presence of the towboat Alice and the heroic work of the crew, it is probable that all hands would have perished. The Alice was almost abreast the Diamond when the explosion came.

Alice put out for the wreck immediately and the crew in smaller boats managed to reach the sinking vessel in time to take off five of the crew.

The Diamond was owned by the Diamond Coal company.

**CASH REGISTER IS ACCUSED**

Government Starts Suit in Ohio Charging Conspiracy and Restraint of Trade.

Cincinnati.—United States District Attorney Sherman T. McPherson and O. E. Harrison of the department of justice filed anti-trust proceedings alleging conspiracy in restraint of trade against the National Cash Register company of Dayton, O., its officers and managers.

The government complains that the corporation has resorted to illegal acts to eliminate, stifle and suppress other manufacturers of cash registers throughout the United States, engaged in the business of making, selling and shipping in interstate commerce cash registers and other registering devices.

The government charges that the defendants have waged a violent, cruel and unlawful war of extermination against other competitors, and has driven them out of business, securing thereby about 95 per cent of the cash register business.

**REBELS TAKE PURPLE HILL**

Woo-Sung Troops Drive Imperialists From Stronghold by Brave Attack on Nanjing.

Nanking.—The last position of the imperial troops on Purple Hill has been captured by the revolutionists. Shanghai.—Three thousand Woo-Sung troops made a magnificent ascent up Purple mountain at Nanking. They scaled almost precipitous sides like ants in the face of the fire of the loyalists who fortified the ridge below. It is reported that there were two hundred rebel casualties. The attack on Purple mountain culminated in a bayonet charge, which routed the loyalists and drove them into the city.

**Baby Born With Tooth.**

Akron, O.—The discovery has been made that one of the triplets born to Mrs. Arthur Vandervall of Kenmore came into the world with one tooth. The other babies, two girls and a boy, are doing well.

**Kansas City Gets Pin Men.**

Des Moines, Ia.—Kansas City was awarded the next tournament of the Mid-Western Bowling association at the convention of delegates. George Strotz of Des Moines was re-elected president.

**Saves Life of Millionaire.**

Baltimore, Md.—Capt. Isaac E. Emerson, millionaire, was saved by his wife, when a discharged employe on his estate near Georgetown, S. C., attempted to shoot him. Mrs. Emerson rushed between Capt. Emerson and the man.

**Boy Fatally Shot.**

Goshen, Ind.—Frederick Cregler, fourteen, was shot by Harold Hutcherson, fifteen, firing at target. Cregler diverted the muzzle towards his own breast. Cregler lay sixty feet and fell dead at his mother's feet.

**Goes Blind in Sleep.**

Passaic, N. J.—Cleveland W. Speer, manager of an automobile garage, awoke bereft of sight. Examination by physicians disclosed no abnormal condition and there was nothing to show what had caused blindness.

**Charged With Conspiracy.**

Oporto.—Castello Branco, who was minister to China during the days of the Portuguese monarchy, was arrested here on the charge of conspiring against the republic while on a visit to Brazil.

## ASKS STORAGE CURB

SECRETARY WILSON BLAMES SPECULATION FOR HIGH PRICE OF FOODSTUFFS.

SEES PUBLICITY AS REMEDY

Declares Consumer Pays Twice What Farmer Gets for Products—Wants Warehouse Reports So Public Can Judge.

Washington.—"The consumer pays a dollar for food; the farmer gets less than fifty cents of it. Who gets the rest?" That is a question which Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture asked in his annual report.

The secretary does not attempt to answer it. He does explain, in some detail, the results of an investigation his department has just made into the effect of cold storage on the wholesomeness and cost of food. His investigation leads him to recommend publicity for the amount of food in cold storage, just as the department now gives publicity to the condition of crop run month to month.

Instead of food remaining in storage for longer than a year or two years, as a rule, the secretary declares that his investigation showed that "receipts into cold storage" are entirely or very nearly exhausted by the deliveries out of cold storage within ten months.

Long storage is the exception, the secretary asserts. Warehousemen explained to the department that, except for long storage, which is an uncommercial matter. The cost of storage, including storage charge, interest and insurance, is considered as a barrier to long storage.

Cold storage, the secretary reports, has raised the cost of living by increasing the annual price level for butter and eggs.

The secretary says that an examination of the record of prices gives "a suspicion" that there has been a great speculation in some years by the men who keep commodities in cold storage.

He refers to "an apparent mistake" of the storage men in overestimating the consumption of eggs by the public. Exorbitant prices last winter with the result that in the spring the storage men had to sell eggs at remarkably low prices and send abroad the largest amount of eggs ever exported in order to get rid of the surplus.

The secretary declares that the warehousemen ought to be required to send to Washington each month the amount of commodities placed in storage so that the public may be able to judge of the future trend of prices.

The department announces that the corn crop is moving northward by sea selection.

The American systems of renting land are declared to be faulty.

Poultry products for the past year are estimated to have been worth \$750,000,000.

**FOUR KILLED; MANY INJURED**

Collapse of Concrete Building in Indianapolis Brings Death to Many Workers on Structure.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Four men are known to have been killed, and it is almost certain that several others are dead as the result of the sudden collapse of a three-story concrete building in the rear of St. Vincent's hospital.

A number of men, probably twenty-five or thirty, were buried in the ruins. Cries of pain and shouts for help were heard, as legs and arms could be seen moving under the concrete, plaster, scaffolding and other debris.

Firemen, police and others worked frantically with saws and axes to rescue the men in the ruins. The building was being erected for the Prestolite company and is in Harrison street near South street.

**PRINCE CHUN FORCED OUT**

Chinese Regent, Who Has Been Regarded as Stumbling Block to Good Government, Resigns.

Peking.—Prince Chun, the regent, has abdicated, and thus is removed, revolutionary leaders declare, the chief stumbling block in the road toward a constitutional government of China.

In Chun's place two guardians have been appointed for the infant emperor. Pu Yi, they are Hsu Shih Chang, a Chinese diplomat, and Shih Hsu, a Manchu and close associate of the emperor. Both were formerly grand councilors.

Yuan Shih Kai, the premier, is believed to have forced the regent to step down as a concession to the oft-repeated demands of the revolutionists, who have always regarded Chun as a traitor.

**Plunged to Death.**

New York.—Hundreds of persons in Park Row saw an unidentified man drop from the dome of the World building, a height of more than 300 feet and plunge with terrific force on the hood of an automobile. The man was instantly killed.

**Gas Explosion Fatal.**

St. Petersburg.—Two employes were killed and 40 injured by an explosion of gas in the gold-plating department of the Imperial mint. The entire plant was destroyed.

**Two Aviators Killed.**

London.—A double aviation fatality occurred there Friday. Near Scarborough, Yorkshire, Hubert Oxley, an aviator,