

# The Democrat

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The chronic kicker and knocker is public nuisance.

It does not take a cold wave long to outstay its welcome.

Andrew Carnegie says that \$10,000-a-year men are scarce. So are the \$10,000-a-year jobs.

This is the season when the storage egg comes out of hiding, looking as innocent as possible.

Massachusetts leads the nation—in insanity. A record is a record, no matter how it is attained.

Speaking of inconsistency, some men deplore the brutality of football and then attend peace banquets.

As the governor of North Dakota said to the governor of South Dakota, it's a mighty short time between cold waves.

Sometimes we get the foolish notion that it would be easier to get along in the world if we had less philosophy.

Baby in Pittsburg, nine weeks old, was operated on for appendicitis. Some people break into society at an early age.

Perhaps the seventeen-year locusts didn't turn out in force because they had gotten into conference with the groundhog.

A crusade has been started in Baltimore for cleaner money, but most of us are interested in quantity rather than quality.

Alfred Vanderbilt has rented a flat for \$40,000 a year, but he is willing to bet that he is afraid to talk back to the janitor.

It does not speak well for Wilkes-Barre that the man who had a fistful of money to spend had to go away from home to spend it.

In spite of the weather man we refuse to believe that winter really has come until we have read about the clump who skated on this ice.

It may be observed of the man who fell six inches with fatal results that he secured one of the features of an aeroplane ride without the ride.

The explanation that a man has more sugar and sweetness in his system when he is maddened will probably strike the majority as merely fudge.

Another gold field has been discovered in Alaska. As usual it has been discovered when the weather is too cold up there for the average human being.

The canals on Mars are reported to be increasing. Perhaps the Martians have been aroused to emulate the way in which the dirt is flying on the tethers.

An operation was performed upon a chicken to recover a \$300 diamond which it had swallowed. The operation was a failure—from the chicken's viewpoint.

Oligodipsia, described as a lack of thirst, is a new disease that has broken out in New York. This is a warning to gay and festive Pittsburgers to keep away.

A man in Massachusetts voluntarily pays taxes on property which is legally nontaxable. He belongs to that rare class that are willing to be taxed whether to tag fool or hero.

Next to football what is more dangerous than a bargain sale in poultry?

Now another dash is to be made to the south pole. It certainly requires courage, not to say daring, to plan such a trip just about now.

Physicians tell us that mice pie is a cure for insomnia, but we learned at an early age that it was an effective and pleasing cure for hunger.

A clergyman suggests that married men wear wedding-rings that firms may distinguish them. Some women claim to be able to spot a married man merely by looking at him.

The latest thing in the line of clews is the heel print of a burglar in a freshly waxed floor. It is getting so that a burglar doesn't dare to touch anything when he goes forth to burgle.

Two Texans became involved in an argument over religion and one of them was shot to death. He lost the argument, but he is in a position to know more about religion than the winner.

Nature always is compensatory. If the snow brings discomforts to some it also brings pleasure to others; if it spells loss to a few, it brings gain to many; it blows out of work. So, whatever the weather, let it be accepted with a philosophic spirit.

Bandits in California, hiding in the brush, are being hunted by policemen. Now when comment is heard of detectives being up in the air in the pursuit of crime it will mean something very different from its present definition.

The dreadful news comes from New England that mice pie is injurious to the complexion. As a result, the time-honored dainty is being expunged from the young women's colleges, and the fate of fudge is trembling in the balance.

It has been decided that English girls must promise to obey when they get married or the ties will not be legally binding. There seems, however, to be no danger that breaking the promise will invalidate the contract.

A Delaware poultry raiser says that during 1911 his 325 hens laid 36,500 eggs. What is he ever going to do with all the money?

Admiral Melville, observing his 71st birthday, takes a rather pessimistic view of modern life. He thinks we are deteriorating morally, and points to certain much-talked-of dances as expressive of the present generation. We must not overlook the fact, however, that the admiral's dancing days are over.

## HALT SHUSTER AIDS

MAY HAVE TO ANSWER ALLEGED TREASURY IRREGULARITIES.

AMERICAN MAKES A DENIAL

Former Treasurer General of Persia Says His Books Were Passed by Imperial Bank and Proved to Be Correct.

St. Petersburg.—According to a dispatch received by the Evening Vremya from Tehran the Persian government has telegraphed orders to authorities of the towns of Reht and Enzeli, instructing them to hold F. E. Cairns and eleven other Americans who made up the staff of W. Morgan Shuster, former treasurer general of Persia.

Mr. Cairns and his former associates in the Persian treasury department left Tehran on their way home on February 10.

They will be required, the newspaper dispatch adds, to answer for irregularities which, the Persian officials allege, have been discovered in the accounts of Mr. Shuster while he acted as treasurer general.

Southampton, Eng.—W. Morgan Shuster, who was shown the dispatch from St. Petersburg, asked the order for the detention of his associates in Persia, said.

"I know nothing of this matter, but presume that it is a continuation of the campaign of the Belgian officials to foster M. Mornard's candidacy for the treasurer generalship of Persia by carrying favor with the Russian government and by attacking the Americans."

"My accounts were balanced to a cent with the Imperial bank of Persia, when I left on January 11. I regard the charges as absurd on their face and purely political."

## NO INVASION IS PLANNED

State Department Assures Mexico U. S. Does Not Contemplate Intervention to Suppress Revolts.

Washington.—The state department, in a circular letter to all diplomatic and consular agents, emphatically denied that the United States was contemplating intervention in Mexico to suppress the many revolutions which are raging there.

The circular expresses the good will of the United States toward the Madero government and declares that Mexico's internal affairs are of no concern to this government.

The American government demands nothing save the protection of all Americans who are in the southern republic.

American representatives in Mexico have been instructed to circulate the note freely among the newspapers to correct the impression that the United States was only awaiting a good chance to invade.

## FIRST ARREST IN BOMB PLOT

Clarence E. Dowd Is Taken Into Custody at Rochester, N. Y., as an Ally to the Bombers.

Rochester, N. Y.—Clarence E. Dowd of Mansfield, O., alleged to be implicated in the McNamara dynamite conspiracy, was arrested here by deputy United States marshal W. H. W. Dowd, who was taken to jail awaiting a hearing.

This is supposed to be the first arrest under the indictments recently returned at Indianapolis.

Dowd is a business agent of Machinists' union, Local 93. He is thirty-five years old and came to Rochester from Mansfield, O., in January.

The warrant was sworn out before United States Commissioner George P. Keating of Buffalo. Typographical union leader J. J. Dowd, who is alleged to be an ally of Dowd, is all the deputy marshal appeared, and all attempts to learn particulars of the arrest at the federal building here were met with silence.

## U. S. AND HONDURAS CLASH

American Marines Are Landed When Congress Declares Valentine Syndicate Contracts Cancelled.

Puerto Cortes, Honduras.—A clash has occurred between United States and Honduras authorities over enforcement of a government decree directing representatives of W. S. Valentine to surrender to the government authorities the wharf and other properties held under lease by the Valentine syndicate.

Seventy-five marines from the U. S. gunboat Petrel landed and seized the wharf and railroad. Honduran troops then were ordered to stop all trains. The governor has fled a protest.

The congress of Honduras has declared that all contracts made with Valentine are canceled. The congress directs the president of the republic to take possession of the wharf and other properties immediately on behalf of the government.

Boerner Murder Trial On.

Chicago.—William J. Boerner, former organizer of Chicago Typographical union No. 16, has been placed on trial before Judge Michael L. McKinley here for the murder of Rush V. Denon, a non-union printer.

Richeson Recovers From Illness.

Boston.—For the first time since he appeared in court a month ago and pleaded guilty to the murder of Avis Linnell, Rev. C. V. T. Richeson was allowed yard liberty at the Charles street jail.

Commits Suicide In Jail.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Stanley Kehlhofer, aged thirty-three, a twenty-day prisoner at the jail here, hung himself in a room at the Hotel Gerard. A year ago Mr. Kehlhofer made an unsuccessful attempt to take his life.

Earl Grey as a Banker.

Ottawa, Ont.—Earl Grey began his career as a London banker with the opening of the British Bank of North America, of which he is chairman. The capital is \$10,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 is subscribed.

Big Fire in Montgomery.

Montgomery, Ala.—Fire which raged in the heart of the business district entailed a loss of nearly \$100,000 to four firms. The flames originated in an upper story of the building occupied by a furniture company.

Man 85 Dies at Funeral.

Cheboygan, Mich.—Overcome with grief, Michael O'Donnell, eighty-six, dropped dead in church while attending the funeral of a friend. O'Donnell was one of the wealthiest farmers in this section.

## J. J. HILL BEAT TRUST

INFORMS STANLEY COMMITTEE OF GREAT ORE LAND DEAL.

Declares He Gave Property Worth More Than \$4,000,000 to His Associates.

Washington.—J. J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railroad, testified before the house steel trust investigating committee.

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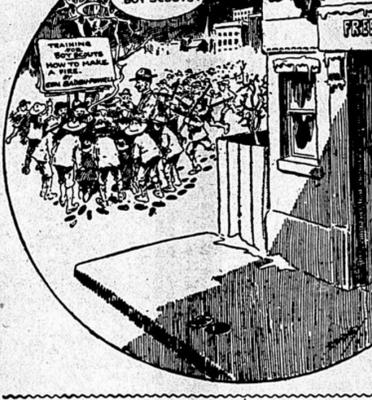
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## CHINA A REPUBLIC

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Only Opposition Displayed Against American Educated Leader For President Comes From Few Mongolian Princes.

Peking, China.—After three centuries of absolute rule the Manchu dynasty has yielded up its power and abdicated the throne of China in favor of a representative form of government. This was proclaimed to the people in three simultaneous edicts.

The only opposition against the democracy, with Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the American educated Chinese, as president, comes from a few Mongolian princes, allies of the old dynasty, who declare that, unless Premier Yuan is chosen president, they will rebel.

The abdication, without conditions, comes as a surprise. The third edict in which the abdication was announced advised the viceroys and provincial governors of the retirement of the throne from political power and instructed them to continue doing their duty and to preserve order throughout the land. It declares that the throne was adopted by the people in 1644, and the race which accomplished it was the same which terrorized western Asia and eastern Europe, under Genghis Khan.

Pu Yi, the infant emperor, who is the last of the powerful dynasty, leaves the throne without a guarantee of safety either for himself or his supporters. It is believed that he will be taken to Manchuria under Russian protection, or, if that fails, they will go to the wilderness of Tartary and find safety on the steppes, where their ancestors have made their home since ancient times.

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## END LORIMER QUIZ

INQUIRY INTO ELECTION OF ILLINOIS SENATOR CLOSED.

Opinion Is Divided as to Sheridan's Ability as Stenographer—Dictagraph Test Made.

Washington.—Hearing of testimony in the senatorial investigation of Senator Lorimer's election is concluded.

Attorney Hanes was given permission to file a brief and also present a plea of res adjudica. Final action by the senate is not expected before June, although the preparation of its report will be begun at once by the committee.

The nature of the plea is that Senator Lorimer's seat was placed in jeopardy once before on the same charge and that the senate decided he was entitled to his title. The defense will plead also that additional evidence of material importance was brought out at the second investigation, and that the present committee has no jurisdiction.

The investigation just ended began on June 20. The committee has been in session 102 days and has examined 180 witnesses. It is estimated that the cost of the inquiry so far as the government is concerned is \$101,000.

Three things engaged the attention of the committee on the last day of its inquiry—tests of the ability of J. E. Sheridan, a stenographer employed by the Burns Detective agency, to take down a conversation heard through a dictagraph; an apology from Milton W. Blumenberg, who lost his position when he denounced Sheridan's notes as "manufactured," and Edward Hines, a witness, and two detectives.

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## PROMINENT PEOPLE

BREAKS AN AVIATION RECORD



## BADEN-POWELL IN AMERICA

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder and chief scout of the British Boy Scouts, who arrived in New York a few days ago to visit the Boy Scouts of America, one of the British heroes of the Boer war, having earned his fame by his brilliant defense of Mafeking.

In fact the history of Baden-Powell's life is packed with incidents of daring. When only nineteen he entered the army, being appointed a subaltern of the 11th Hussars, a crack cavalry regiment and being sent to India.

From India he was sent to South Africa and participated in the Zululand operations in 1885. From there he went to Malta for three years and in 1896 he was ordered to Mafeking and from there made many scouting expeditions to various parts of the country.

Among his feats that stand out in the course of the defense of Mafeking was the engagement on May 12, 1900, when the Boer besiegers, knowing that relief was on the way to the garrison, made their final desperate attempt to storm the town. But Baden-Powell's men, who for months had kept themselves alive on mule soup as a staple diet and locusts as luxuries, after fourteen hours of fighting, out maneuvered and totally defeated the Boers. When Mafeking was relieved five days later the people of this country joined with those of England in hailing Baden-Powell as a hero.

Ever since retiring from the army Baden-Powell has given his time to organizing the boy scout movement, which in England has received official recognition. An army of boy scouts last July was reviewed by King George and Baden-Powell was publicly commended for his work. So popular is the organization that it has spread to every part of the world.

There are 300,000 boy scouts in the United States, it is estimated, and more than 6,000 scoutmasters. Baden-Powell's tour will last six weeks, and he will visit every large city, including Washington, where he will meet President Taft, who is honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America. He will then continue his trip west to San Francisco, whence he will