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More than one person will remark in the case of Criswell that the "devil got his due."

M. Witte admires President Roosevelt. He merely quotes the consensus of opinion.

A New York woman, according to dispatches, was afflicted with aphasia, and then—she ran screaming from a park where she had been sitting. This is strange, indeed.

Russian and Japanese troops are reported as being active and there are well founded rumors that a terrific battle will ensue. Where, oh where, are the Norway-Sweden controversy, the Moroccan situation, and 50 other matters that have furnished us with jolly good stories in the past!

Some good work is being done by the directors' committee of the Commercial club. An organization conducted along the lines of this body can do nothing but good for a community and we hope that the indebtedness will soon be wiped out by the determined young men upon whom the task devolves and that the club will be in position to resume operations even sooner than contemplated.

The failure of New Orleans to grapple intelligently and firmly with the outbreak of yellow fever there at the very outset has resulted already in the transmission of the disease to another state. An Italian from the very center of the filthy infected district fled from there in fear of the plague on July 20 and reached Tampa, Florida, by rail, the next Saturday. He was "down" with the disease last Tuesday and had his ailment later diagnosed as yellow fever. State Health Officer Porter of Florida reports it as a mild case—but even a mild case may constitute the genesis of a serious epidemic; and the patient's location in West Tampa, where a colony of Cuban cigarmakers is nestled with about as little regard to sanitation as rules in the Italian quarter of New Orleans, is a matter not well calculated to inspire confidence that the disease will not spread there. However, to return to New Orleans, the practical acknowledgement of the Crescent City health officials of their inability to cope with the threatening epidemic and the intelligence that Surgeon-general Wyman of the United States public health and marine hospital service will assume charge is most gratifying. Since the disease was first discovered in New Orleans there has been altogether too much censoring on the part of the health officers of the infected city, and it may be said, with no small degree of certainty, that, never, at any time, have the true conditions been made public. With Surgeon-general Wyman in charge the people may look forward to the speedy curtailing of the ravages of the disease. General Wyman is recognized as one of the foremost physicians in the country, not only among his associates of the medical fraternity of the army, but among those of the professional field who have on more than one occasion shown substantial acknowledgement of his ability. With a large corps of capable men, and every appliance known to modern medical science at his command, General Wyman, we believe, will make short work of the New Orleans epidemic.

The Astorian this morning is worthy of careful perusal. We call attention to the staff correspondence from Seaside and from Long Beach. While it may seem morbid to recall the story of the sad drowning incident at Seaside Friday, we are impelled to say, in support of the Astorian, that even though some of the Portland papers differed with us in their stories that ours was absolutely correct. Our correspondent was on the scene of the accident ere it occurred. It is our intention to have correspondents in every contiguous community of importance. The Long Beach service is instituted this morning. As fast as is practicable we shall select

Sunday Chatter

The Week in Society as Seen by Mademoiselle Yvonne.

This has been an exceptionally quiet week socially—even more quiet than the ensuing week promises to be and considerable more quiet than last week. Of course, the usual number of very informal affairs turned up like the proverbial "bad penny," but of the big receptions, lawn parties and boating functions, there was none. There was not even a wedding, of any importance, so you mustn't expect a great deal from me.

On Wednesday Mrs. A. A. Finch gave a very enjoyable bridge party in honor of her mother, Mrs. J. I. McConnell of Woodland, Cal. The attractive home of Mrs. Finch was beautifully decorated for the affair. In the living rooms nasturtiums and red roses were arranged and in the dining-room pink was the color used. Those present were: Mesdames Flavel, Megler, Patton, George, Harrison Allen, Newman, Tallant, William Tallant, Cherry, Wilson, Thing and the Misses Elmore Tallant and Crang. The prizes were won by Miss Crang and Miss Floretta Elmore, who had the two highest scores.

Miss Thomas, a most attractive girl from Oakland, Cal., is visiting Mrs. C. A. Heilborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson of Fairfield, Ia., are spending a week in Astoria with their many friends.

Mrs. Charles Heilborn has issued invitations to a large euchre party for Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Six-handed euchre was played at the Thursday club this week, when Mrs. Richard Carruthers entertained. Mrs. Norman Marrs won the first prize. About ten members were present.

desirable persons as correspondents with the object in view of thoroughly covering the field and ultimately we plan to be represented at Hammond, Tillamook, Svensen, Clatskanie, Cathlamet, Knappaon, Ilwaco, Seaview, Nahcotta and other places which may furnish news of interest to our readers and not until that time will we consider that the Astorian has reached a proper standard of efficiency, referring more particularly to news of purely local significance. Our telegraphic service speaks for itself. We venture the assertion, vaingloriously, perhaps, that the Astorian today is the most efficient and most attractive daily newspaper outside of the City of Portland. We may supplement this with the further and much broader statement that the Astorian is the only paper in the entire Pacific Northwest, excepting a few large and prosperous dailies in cities of 50,000 or 100,000 people, offering a seven-day service. In this alone, we feel the paper is eminently worthy of the city and entitled to both support and encouragement. As we have often remarked through these columns, these things represent only the commencement. There will come a day and not far off when our telegraphic service will be extended and the popular colored comic supplement will be adopted for our Sunday issues. We pledged to make the Astorian a thoroughly up-to-date newspaper and we are confident the reader will agree we are keeping our word.

CANNED SALMON.

Pack This Year Estimated at Nine Hundred Thousand Pounds.

The sockeyes have at last materialized in the Straits of San Juan de Fuca in large numbers and are steadily heading up the Sound waters. It is impossible to say as yet, according to late advices from the coast, whether the general run is on or merely a spurt of spawning fish. All reports from the headlands and from the watchers in the Gulf, would indicate that the schools are as numerous as ever, and the usual camp-followers in the way of sharks, porpoises and blackfish, are thick in their train. At this writing the salmon are about off Victoria, B. C., and the new traps of the Capitol City Canning Co., at Esquimault Harbor, are loaded down with fish. The run is late but not abnormally so and there is ample time for the canneries in which such extensive preparations have been made, to make up for much lost headway. Fish Commissioner Kershaw, of Washington, predicts that the sockeye catch this year will not exceed 600,000 cases, or fifty per cent. of the pack of four years ago. Mr. Kershaw assigns as his reason for the falling off as compared with the last big run the fact that 1901 a dam was maintained on the Quenesel river, in British Columbia, which shut off the fish from three-fourths of their spawning grounds. The dam is not in existence now. The fish commissioner,

Mr. and Mrs. James Welch are entertaining Mrs. Turner and her son Howard of Walla Walla.

Dr. Owens-Adair of North Yakima was a guest of Mrs. H. F. Prael yesterday afternoon and proved a most interesting woman. Dr. Owens-Adair for a number of years has been interested in matters of history relative to the pioneer women of the Northwest and has devoted much of her time to research along these lines. She is an acknowledged authority on this particular subject. In the very near future Dr. Owens-Adair contemplates publishing a volume which will contain various papers she has prepared on pioneer women of the Northwest. She is very amiable and while she might well retain the aloofness her distinguished position permits, she rather avoids it and is quite congenial, especially when discussing the topic to which she has given so much study. The doctor left last night for Portland.

Tuesday Mrs. Aubrey Garner gave an afternoon euchre party to which a great many of her friends were invited. Blossoms of white and evergreens were utilized for a most attractive decorative scheme. Mrs. Frank Patton, Mrs. P. L. Cherry and Mrs. George Noland were the happy recipients of the tokens.

Mrs. H. F. Prael entertained several friends yesterday in honor of her sister, Mrs. J. Phair, of San Francisco. Six-handed euchre was played and an enjoyable afternoon spent. Light refreshments were daintily served.

Miss M. Mann of Portland is in this city the guest of Mrs. C. H. Hall.

states, however, that in value this year's pack will be equal to that of 1901, owing to the fact that more attention is paid now to other grades of salmon and that more of them are canned now than in former years. A pack of 900,000 cases as estimated by the commissioner, would be double the pack of 1902 and four times that of 1903 or 1904.

The sockeye run in Northern British Columbia waters this season developed much earlier than in Puget Sound. Salmon were abundant in the Gulf of Georgia even on the 15th inst., and from this source the American canneries at Blaine, Wash., were taking all that they could handle by that date. The San Juan Fishing & Packing Co. took sockeyes at the same date almost down to the estuary of the Fraser. So far the majority of the Northern British Columbia canneries, with the exception of those on Naas Harbor, have packed more sockeye salmon than it was expected to by this date. A statement to that effect was made today by Mr. W. H. Barker, general manager of the British Columbia Packer's Association, who returned recently from a trip along the northern coast.

The run of salmon in southeastern Alaska and central Alaska is late and the pack to last advices considerably short of that to the corresponding time in 1904, according to the San Francisco Trade Journal. The superintendent of the North Pacific Packing and Transportation Co's, cannery at Klawak writes that there are plenty of salmon outside but owing to the unusual dry weather they have not started in. He says that with a change to rain the fish will get in a sniff of fresh water and the run will be heavy.

News has been received by the Alaska Packers Association that two buildings of the Kussloff plant were burnt on July 14, together with 8,000 cases of salmon; other buildings uninjured and principal part of this season's pack on board the ship Llewellyn J. Morse.

British Columbia sockeyes are now quoted c.l. England: Fraser River 1-lb. talls, 22s.; 1-lb. flats, 23s. 6d.; halves, 29s.; squats, 23s.; 6L; ovals, 30s. River Inlet sockeye c.l.f. 2s less than Fraser River. Shipments via rail overland 1s. 6d. per case extra.—Fishing Gazette.

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