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AMUSEMENTS TODAY.

Salt Lake—"Dorothy Vernon of Haddon
Hall."
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Grand—"Nettie, the News Girl."
Lyric—"A Fight for a Fortune."

WEATHER FOR SALT LAKE.
Fair.

PROGRESS TOWARDS REVISION.

From Washington comes a summary
of the proposals relative to the tariff
which are said to have been submitted
to President Roosevelt by the tariff
standpaters. We are told that the
suggestions set forth that there shall
be no revision of the tariff nor any
tinkering with the schedules until after
the next national election; second,
the appointment, by the next congress,
of a commission to investigate carefully
all matters pertaining to the tariff and
to suggest such changes as may be
deemed advisable; third, a positive
pledge in the Republican national plat-
form of 1908 to pass a new tariff law
at a special session of congress to be
held in the spring of 1909.

To those who are in favor of im-
mediate revision of the tariff, and who
believe a majority of the voters of the
country does favor immediate revision,
there does not seem to be much hope
in the propositions named. It should
be remembered, however, that the sug-
gestions come from the standpaters
themselves. It is their first sign of
weakening, their first admission that
there is need of tariff revision, or that
there may be need of revision at some
future period. It is a decided acknowl-
edgment of the strength of the revision
sentiment.

Only a little while ago the standpat-
ers were declaring that the present
schedules should not be touched, either
now or at any future period; they were
attributing whatever measure of pros-
perity the country is enjoying to the
tariff, and asserting that disaster would
immediately follow any tinkering. It
is barely possible that the present atti-
tude of the standpaters has been taken
with a view to letting themselves
down gradually. They may within the
next month of two announce a willing-
ness to proceed with this much-needed
work.

At noon on the fourth of March next
a new congress will take control of leg-
islative affairs. Several of the strong-
est standpaters, including Babcock of
Wisconsin, will not be in the next con-
gress. An effort is already under way,
headed by the Massachusetts delega-
tion, to induce the president to call a
special session at the close of the pre-
sent session for the specific purpose of
talking up the tariff matter. It is to be
hoped that the effort will be successful.
The work for revision must not be
halted until revision has been accom-
plished.

SAFETY BEFORE SPEED.

The Burlington railway has inaugu-
rated an experiment that will be
watched with considerable interest. On
the theory that people who travel pre-
fer safety to speed, an order has been
issued that under no circumstances are
engineers on passenger trains to run at
a higher speed than sixty miles an
hour. This though the physical condi-
tion of the road is as good as that of
any line in the country. Speedometers
are to be installed in the locomotive
cabs in order that engineers may keep
themselves within the maximum limit.
Now if somebody had suggested, even
no longer that a quarter of a century
ago, that an order would ever be issued
to hold the speed of trains down to
sixty miles an hour he would have been
regarded as a lunatic, for the reason
that few would have believed it possi-
ble to attain such a speed, however
good the roadbed. Now it is a well
known fact that many trains in this
country, when behind time, travel at a
higher rate than a mile a minute. En-
gineers simply drop down grades in or-
der to make up time, and the perform-
ance is a dangerous one.

There is a mail train that scoots
across the country at ninety miles an
hour, and does it day after day. The
speed is unsafe, of course, but the pub-
lic demands the rapid transportation of
its mails. Railroad men say that
people want to be transported rapidly
themselves, and that this accounts for
the modern tendency to increase the
speed of passenger trains. The Burling-
ton is going to find out whether or not
this is true.

Three statements in the circular to
operating employees are interesting. One
of them is: "The first consideration

should be given at all times to the
comfort and safety of the passengers."
Another is: "There is no railroad which
will not ride improperly and uncomfort-
ably if run over at a too high rate of
speed." The third: "The engineer who
can make the required time at the
lowest maximum rate of speed is the
man who excels as a runner."

The passenger earnings of the Bur-
lington will quickly show whether or
not the public likes the new way of
going business. Certainly the average
man is going to take the fastest train
he can get, regardless of other consid-
erations. The idea is to get there as
quickly as possible and trust to provid-
ence for the rest. However, it would
seem good to make a railroad trip com-
fortably, to be able to sleep soundly in
a Pullman berth and to feel sure that
the possibility of accidents has been
reduced to a minimum.

THE LONGEST WAR.

A war that had its beginning when
Peter Stuyvesant was bossing the
burghers of New Amsterdam, when the
Pilgrims were just beginning to feel
at home in Massachusetts, when
Charles II was on the throne of Eng-
land, when Murilla Velasquez and Rem-
brandt were putting masterpieces on
canvases, came to an end the other day.
The news was contained in a dispatch
of about fifty words from the Hague.
It informed the world of the close of a
conflict that has been protracted over
nearly two and one-half centuries.

The island of Celebes, in the East In-
dies, was the theatre of the struggle.
The contestants were the Dutch and
the Macassars, the prizes, gold and di-
amonds. Only a thousand of the Macas-
sars were left at the finish. They and
their fathers and their grandfathers'
grandfathers, one generation after an-
other, had fought the invaders. There
was never a time when the stolid
burghers and the yellow natives were
at peace with each other. Always, al-
ways there was war.

But the other day the end came. The
last of the Macassars had been driven
back from the south coast, a little at a
time, fighting every inch of the way.
They made their last stand on a crag
in the crater of an extinct volcano.
Thither they were followed by the
Dutch soldiers, who surrounded the
crazer and threatened the extinction
of the Malays. Then came the surren-
der. Now there will be peace in Cele-
bes. The Malays have been conquered.
They would have been wiped utterly
out of existence if they had resisted
farther. But 243 years is a long time
to keep up a fight. Let us at least give
the yellow men credit for that much.
They must have loved their home right
well to fight for it that long.

How much has happened in the world
since that war began! The first Dutch
soldiers who went to Celebes to fight
knew nothing of railroads or steam-
boats, automobiles, the telegraph, the
telephone, chloroform or other anaes-
thetics. Victoria was born long after
it started, ruled England the better
part of a century and was gathered to
her fathers.
The war of the Revolution was
fought. So were other wars that
changed the maps of the world, while
ever in Celebes white man and yellow
gripped in a death struggle, fought on
and on, forgetting the world, by the
world forgotten. May their peace now
be a long one, for it has been long in
coming.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

It is most difficult to account for
some lapses from the path of rectitude.
Take a recent Kansas City instance.
William C. Anderson had an excellent
position as assistant teller in a big
bank. His home was of the pleasant-
est type, his habits were all that the
most scrupulous could desire, he was
a hard worker and his reputation was
as good as that of any man in Kansas
City. Apparently he was happy in his
employment and his surroundings, sat-
isfied with his salary.

The other day he stole a package
containing \$9,000 in currency and ran
away to Texas. Anderson made little
effort to conceal himself. He went to
one of the prominent cities of Texas,
bought an automobile and was enjoy-
ing himself hugely when he was run
down and arrested. Now he is in Kan-
sas City face to face with a term in
prison. He himself does not know how
to account for his action.

He was not in debt, he had not been
speculating; there was no reason why
he should steal. Yet he yielded to a
sudden impulse and stole a compara-
tively insignificant sum. If Anderson
had wanted to be a thief he could have
awaited his opportunity and stolen ten
or twenty times as much as he did
steal. If he had been a drunkard or a
gambler it would have been easy to ac-
count for his actions. The man, as it
is, is a mystery.

While he was resting the other day
the president dashed off a little paper
on "The Ancient Irish Sagas." We
look for a sterling contribution almost
any time on the subject of mining in
Patagonia, or something equally perni-
cious to the tariff issue.

The rescued miner, Hicks, says he is
the happiest man in the world. But he
surely overlooks the preacher who got
seventeen pairs of slippers for Christ-
mas.

"Larry" Sullivan of Goldfield says:
"You can't saw wood with a hammer."
Let's all try to remember that maxim
during the new year.

Perhaps you'd better begin today
practicing. Otherwise you are certain
to write it 1906 for at least a week.

Niagara Falls will be saved all right
enough now. Secretary Taft is going to
take the question up.

BEYOND WORDS.

Awful Romantic Episode Ends the
Way It Should Have
Done.

(Chicago News.)
I might have known from the half
guilty, half triumphant manner in
which Cecilia floated into the room
what had happened if I had not been
stupid. But when she had drawn off
her gloves I had the fact thrust upon
me.

"There's no use trying to hide a di-
amond as huge as that in a room as
small as this," I helped her out. "I'm
surprised at you, Cecilia. I always in-
tended that you should marry Richard
and now you've gone and got engaged
this summer while you were away! It's
most unfair! I am certain to disapprove
of him, whoever he is, because nobody
on earth is more especially suited to
you than Richard."
"But it was so romantic," broke in
Cecilia blandly, as though that recti-
fied matters. "It was funny, too," she
went on. "Really, you can't imagine
how funny the whole affair was! You
see, I simply wouldn't listen to him.
He was always trying to tell me how
much he cared for me and I got so
skillful in changing the subject or in-
troducing a third party into our little
heart-to-heart chats that the poor man
was righteously desperate. When I
think of it now I can't imagine why
I was so hateful to him."

"He probably deserved all he got,"
I remarked. "I was still mourning over
my blighted hopes in Richard's direc-
tion. Girls can be so aggravating!"
"It was the day before I came away
from the camp," Cecilia went on. "They
had all the luxuries of civilization at
that camp, from bathtubs and five-
course dinners down to bridge parties,
but they lacked a laundry. We had to
get down on our knees to the natives
to get any washing done. By promis-
ing her all my worldly wealth and
bumping my head on the ground three
times whenever she approached I be-
gulled one young woman married to a
well-to-do farmer to attend to my
laundry. She had not sent it to the
camp as she had promised, so that Sun-
day afternoon I slipped out and walked
the mile to her house."

"I found it locked tighter than a jail.
Not a soul was at home. I knew my
white linen skirts and lingerie waists
were lying inside somewhere, neatly
tied up in a bundle, and I simply had
to have them because my trunk went
that evening. I couldn't pry open the
doors with my back comb, because I
tried to do so with disastrous results.
All the windows were locked. That is,
I discovered one in the kitchen that
I could move. It was a little win-
dow and opened only about fifteen
inches. Now, I'm not exactly a fifteen-
inch person, but when I found a
kitchen table and when I found with
the window I set my teeth and took off
my hat and scrambled into that house."

"I introduced my head beneath the
raised window sash, clutched the table
and by kicking hard with my feet and
grabbing with my hands I wriggled in.
Never mind how I looked when I got
it."
"I began to feel a little like a burglar
as I tiptoed around and I felt more
like one when just after I had thrown
my bundle out of the window Hiram
unlocked the back door and came in
and caught me. Hiram was the hired
man. He had never heard of or seen
me before, and plainly he never wanted
to see me again."

"I did not blame him for his disbelief
when I told him my story. He went
and counted the plates, knives and
forks and hesitated when he found that
they were all there. Then he invented
a punishment to fit the crime. He bru-
tally went out again and carefully
locked the door, saying I might get out
as I had come in, and, as for him, he
was going to get the folks, who were
down the road a little way."

"It wasn't so easy to get out. You
see there was no kitchen table outside
of that window to land on. I tried go-
ing out head first and nearly strangled
to death. I tried going feet first and
nearly broke my back. After I cried
a little and put my pins back in my
hair, I tried going out sideways, both
head and feet emerging at the same
time, the rest of me being doubled up
like a jackknife. And at that instant
he—the hero, you know—walked around
the corner of the house."

"I just glanced at him. I was stuck
and could not budge. He looked at my
head, nestling close to my patent
leather oxfords in polite wonder, and
then remarked that he had no idea I
was so limber. He inquired if I did it
often. Then he began to talk in a lei-
surely pleasant way, as though we were
comfortably seated in the wicker chairs
back at camp. Oh, he took his time. He
recharged all the troubles I had made
him from the start, detailed how much
he loved me and deliberately asked me
to marry him. Then he added as an
afterthought, that if I'd be sensible and
say yes, he'd help me out."

"I believe if I had been able I could
have cheerfully murdered him on the
spot. But you see, I wasn't able. I
had begun to cry again, so I said yes
as quick as I could. Then he raised the
wretched window two inches higher
and lifted me out. He—"
"He!" I snapped. "Hasn't the man
a name? Who is this brigand, any-
how?"
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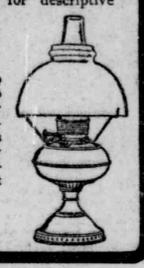
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