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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD  
TERSELY TOLD.

### NORTH, EAST, SOUTH AND WEST

Notes From Foreign Lands, Through  
out the Nation and Particularly  
the Great Southwest.

#### RACES FOR THE PENNANTS.

National League.			
Club—	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	60	20	.697
New York	52	27	.554
Philadelphia	50	27	.554
Pittsburg	45	44	.506
Cincinnati	46	45	.505
Cleveland	41	47	.463
St. Louis	39	54	.419
Washington	37	54	.409
Brooklyn	33	61	.397
Boston	27	61	.307

  

American League.			
Club—	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boston	57	37	.608
New York	55	37	.598
Detroit	52	43	.547
Cleveland	41	47	.463
Philadelphia	41	47	.463
Washington	38	55	.409
Chicago	37	55	.402
St. Louis	27	61	.307

Four additional negroes were slaughtered by whites at Slocum, Minneval and Elkhart, Tex., making a total of 23 in two days. The grand jury has met and it is reported that wholesale arrests will be made.

The Statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee, clothed in the uniform of the Confederacy, will be allowed a position in statutory hall in the capitol if the administration has anything to say about it.

Revelations which may mean prison terms for former officials of the Illinois Central and heads of car-repair companies are expected to come to light when the hearings are resumed in Chicago before Master in Chancery Roswell S. Mason.

Dr. Hawley H. Crippen has been identified and arrested. With his companion, Miss Ethel Clare Levee, he was positively identified by Inspector Jew of Scotland Yard. The pair was taken into custody immediately by the Dominion police. Neither offered any resistance nor did either one attempt to commit suicide, as had been feared. They arrived at Quebec shortly after 1 o'clock and were hurried to the police station, where they were locked in separate cells.

The supreme court in Manila, P.-I., rendered a decision upholding the right of the governor general to deport undesirable aliens and denying the rights of the courts to interfere with him in this matter.

With the opening of the merged institution of the Continental and Commercial National Bank, Chicago has an institution third in size in the United States and the largest west of New York. It has deposits of nearly \$167,000,000, a capital of \$20,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits of more than \$13,000,000.

Gen. Charles Dick of Akron, United States Senator from Ohio and division commander of the Ohio National Guard, assumed command of the troops in Columbus on strike duty. Troops have been placed on every prominent street to prevent further disturbances.

John Griffin Carlisle, former speaker of the House of Representatives, United States Senator and Secretary of the Treasury in President Cleveland's second administration, died at his apartments at the Hotel Wolcott, New York City.

After devoting an entire day at Denver, in consideration of the lock-out in force against union miners in the Black Hills district of South Dakota the Western Federation of Miners voted an assessment of \$2 per member to aid the strikers at the Homestead mine, owned by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst.

After the Democratic state convention at Minneapolis had nominated John A. Lind for governor, his son, Norman, announced that his father would not accept the honor. Former Governor Lind is in Everett, Wash.

Warren G. Harding, editor of the Marion Star, was nominated for governor of Ohio on the third ballot by the state Republican convention, after a break contest.

Detroit will not follow the lead of Chicago in its efforts to put the ban on the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures. Police Commissioner Crowl announced that he would offer no objections to the films being shown there.

William J. Bryan has given instructions that the work of improving his farm of 160 acres near Mission, Tex., be pushed forward as rapidly as possible, as he desires to move into his new home with his family in the fall. He gives indication that he intends to make Texas his permanent home.

"Manhunters" and rowdies in Minneapolis, Minn., parks will be spanked instead of arrested. There will be no fast ride to the station, an arrangement in police court, no fine and no workhouse. The edict was issued by Burt Kingsley, chief of the park police.

Associate Justice William H. Moody of the United States supreme court has definitely stated he will announce his retirement from the bench prior to the expiration of the enabling act passed in his behalf by the last congress. This act expires the middle of November.

Capt. Peter Elliston, commanding the Royal Canadian army in the Esquimaux garrison, was shot and killed by Gunner Grant of his company. Grant had recently been punished for a military offense.

Claud A. Swanson, former congressman from the Fifth Virginia district and recent governor of the state was appointed United States Senator by Gov. Mann to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator John W. Daniel, who died June 29.

Col. Roosevelt started on a four-day trip through Pennsylvania, accompanied by Lawrence Abbott of the Outlook. It was announced that the colonel's trip is in conjunction with his work as contributing editor of the Outlook.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says 30 persons were killed and many injured in a railroad accident near Oran, Algeria.

Two highwaymen held up an automobile on Sheridan road and compelled the man of the party, W. H. Wilkerson of Winnetka, Ill., to hand over his valuables. Wilkerson was accompanied by two women when the two bandits climbed into the machine.

Mrs. Francke, the French aviatrix, was seriously injured during a flying exhibition near Sunderland, England. Her aeroplane fouled a flagstaff, turned turtle and fell from a height of 30 feet. A boy spectator was killed by the falling machine.

For the ninth successive time, Chas. H. Moyer was elected president of the Western Federation of Miners in session at Denver. Moyer's only opponent was John H. Matthews of the Butter Mill and Smelters' Union. Moyer received 265 votes; Matthews 30.

Charged with having attempted to blackmail the Rev. Father Theodor Stenmans, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Gretna, a New Orleans suburb, Joseph Conrad, a New Orleans architect, is under arrest in that town.

More than 150 society folks in Joplin, Mo., are suffering from ptomaine poisoning, believed to have been caused by eating ice cream made from impure milk. Some were seized with cramps after dining in their homes, and others became ill in fashionable downtown eating establishments.

Furious over fancied insult, Giovanni Restelli shot and killed his mother and H. E. Hardwick, and wounded three other persons seriously at Quincy, Mass. Restelli fled. The police are scouring the town in an effort to capture him.

In an inspired article Le Matin, of Paris, declares that the plan of Secretary of State Knox for an American protectorate in Liberia will prove unwelcome to France and other European powers.

An anarchist plot to murder the Dowager Queen Margherita was discovered in Milan on the tenth anniversary of the assassination of her husband, King Humbert, who was slain at Monza on July 29, 1900.

William H. Berry, former state treasurer of Pennsylvania, was chosen on the first ballot as the candidate for governor on the Keystone (a third party) ticket by the delegates at the convention in Pittsburg.

William Frisch, for 25 years managing editor of the Baltimore American, is in Mercy hospital, Baltimore, suffering from serious injuries, as a result of being run down by a taxicab.

A \$50,000 fund has been left for the founding of a home for the destitute and crippled children at 46 Park avenue, Chicago, according to the provisions of the will of William B. White, of Highland Park.

From clothing found in a bathing beach dressing room, at Chicago, it is believed that James R. McNally, a New York lawyer, was drowned while bathing. Police are dragging the beach in search for the body.

A theft of \$2,000 worth of jewelry and wedding presents from H. Chandler Egan, former amateur golf champion, and his bride, a daughter of James McNally, of Rand, McNally & Co., was made public. The theft occurred on a train while the couple were returning to Chicago from their honeymoon.

Clews indicating that Joseph Connor, the embezzler who escaped from the Elgin, Ill., insane asylum in an auto with two women, had gone to Chicago and is in hiding were found by the Elgin police.

Revenue officers raided an opium still in a Chinese den in the heart of Kansas City and seized \$25,000 worth of opium.

Census returns from Rock Island, Ill., made public show the population to be 24,325. This is an increase of 4,842 over 1900.

Marion, Ill., has the population of 7,092, according to census figures made public. In 1900 Marion had 2,510, and in 1890, 1,338; a gain of more than 220 per cent.

According to information brought to Mobile on the steamer Bodo, sympathizers of Gen. Manuel Bonilla attacked the barracks of the Honduras government at Puerto Cortes. Gen. Moren, the leader of the revolutionists and the commander of the barracks both were killed.

Trailed over the country for two years and finally apprehended through a package mailed from Chicago, Fred A. Archambault and his "affinity," Nellie Taylor, of Mangum, Okla., were arrested at San Antonio at the instance of Mrs. Archambault.

Capt. James Osborn, friend of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, discredited polar explorer, announced that the rival of Commander Peary in the north pole phase was within a stone's throw of New York's newspaper offices and that there would be started a defensive magazine article in his behalf.

## Natural Gas in Louisiana

United States Geological Survey Investigates Reported  
Discovery of Petroleum and Gas Northeast of the  
Known Productive Fields.

Washington, D. C.—Members of the United States Geological Survey have recently visited several localities in Louisiana to investigate the reported occurrence of petroleum and natural gas east and northeast of the known productive fields.

Bogalusa, Washington Parish. During the last five years natural gas has been noticed in water wells drilled near Bogalusa, and more than a year ago gas bubbles that left iridescent films of oil on the surface of the water were observed in Bogalusa river. Samples of this gas collected in glass jars smelled like the crude petroleum of Southern Louisiana. These samples and others mentioned below were analyzed by the United States bureau of mines.

This sample contained no higher hydrocarbons than methane, and no hydrogen sulphide, olefines, or carbon monoxide.

The nitrogen content of this gas is so great as to lead to the belief that much of it is produced by the decomposition of vegetable matter under water near the surface of the ground, but the presence of oil indicates also that part of the material came from considerable depth.

Bayou Sara. A posthole dug on the bank of the Mississippi near Bayou Sara emitted a strong odor of oil, and when this hole was deepened below the level of the present Mississippi river silt the odor became much stronger, and gas, which could be burned, bubbled up continuously. Chemical analysis of material collected here showed it to be crude oil, and the depth of which it comes, together with the occurrence of natural gas, shows that it is a definite seepage of oil similar to that noticed a few miles to the southeast, at Deerfoot, where, however, a well sunk more than 2,500 feet gave no further indications of oil or gas.

White Castle, Iberville Parish. About three miles southwest of the town of White Castle a well drilled for water several years ago to a depth of 187 feet showed considerable natural gas. In fact, the gas blew the tubing out of the ground. A well driven to a depth of 50 feet alongside of the first one gave a flow of natural gas sufficient for lighting three or four houses, and a pipe line is now being laid for that purpose.

On test, the oil shows no trace of sulphur, and has no odor of petroleum. Analysis of the gas shows an excess of carbon dioxide, but not the usual high percentage of nitrogen characteristic of gas resulting from the decomposition of vegetable matter buried in the Mississippi silt.

About eight years ago an old water well 30 feet deep, three miles southwest of White Castle, showed gas bubbles which also yielded films of oil. In the last eight years three test wells have been drilled in this neighborhood. The first, drilled 294 feet, made a good showing of natural gas; the second, drilled 542 feet, showed gas and traces of oil at 290

feet; the third struck a log at a shallow depth and was abandoned.

During 1909 another well was drilled to a depth of more than 2,300 feet. Traces of oil were encountered at 700 feet, but no considerable amount of gas below 200 feet. At 2,300 feet salt water was struck and the well was abandoned. During the same year a well was sunk 1,300 feet at the sugar house in White Castle, but gave no significant indications of either oil or gas. A careful examination of the logs of all wells drilled for gas, oil or water in this region in recent years will be necessary to determine the probability of obtaining a supply of gas sufficient for practical uses.

Grosse Tete, Iberville Parish. Nearly all the water wells drilled near Grosse Tete to a depth of more than 80 feet show natural gas, which in several wells has had sufficient pressure to blow the tubings out of the ground. During the examination made by the surveyor one of these wells, drilled a year ago, was cleaned of its accumulated mud by flushing and immediately produced gas of sufficient pressure to throw water about 20 feet from the top of the well casing.

Monroe, Ouachita Parish. A year ago a well was drilled at the edge of the city of Monroe for a water supply. It tapped natural gas at 1,400 feet. At a point slightly below this the drill went into salt water, yielding a large supply, which still continues and fills a public swimming pool. The strata below the salt water is comparatively dry, containing traces of oil in gumbo at 2,300 feet, at which depth the well was abandoned. A second well is now being drilled at the city waterworks, in the hope of obtaining sufficient natural gas to replace the coal used for the city's electric lighting and for the municipal electric car line. Considerable natural gas has already been obtained. A well of large dimensions, if sunk at least 3,000 feet, might obtain gas in this locality.

Tallulah, Madison Parish. Natural gas and traces of oil were found at a depth of about 500 feet in drilling the city water well at Tallulah, but the quantity was very small. Seepages of gas and traces of gas in many water wells have been reported also from Lake Providence, about 20 miles north of Tallulah.

Ruston, Lincoln Parish. A well drilled for the city water supply in Ruston showed seepages of oil, and a little gas. It is reported that large natural gas seepages occur about 25 miles northeast of Ruston, near Marion, Union parish.

Further Examination Needed. The indications of natural gas in the regions visited have been sufficient to arouse much interest and to induce the expenditure of considerable money, but further operations should be delayed until the state makes a thorough examination of the geologic structure of the region.

#### Public Roads Must Be Protected.

Tallulah.—District Attorney J. B. Snyder, in a letter to the public, has called attention to the fact that there is a statute, known as act 188 of the session of 1906, providing for the protection of the public roads and highways throughout the state by prohibiting their use as drains for water derived from artesian wells or other artificial sources and providing penalties for the violation of the law, and warns them that the law will be strictly enforced. During the past year or two, or since the introduction of rice growing, a number of irrigating plants have been installed in the parish, and attention to the act is called so that the roads will receive proper protection from overflows from the irrigation ditches.

#### Editor Goes to Chair of Mathematics.

Washington.—Atwood W. Bittle, principal of the High school for 16 years, and editor of the Washington Progress, has accepted the professorship of mathematics with the Southern Louisiana Industrial Institute, of Lafayette. Mr. Bittle sold the Washington Progress to M. I. Ramsey of Church Point, who will remove his family to Washington and take active charge of the paper.

#### A New Sawmill in Operation.

Talisheek.—The A. D. Crawford Lumber Company has its new sawmill going full blast now. They expect to cut 25,000 feet of lumber per day.

#### Will Appeal to the Unwritten Law.

New Orleans.—Basing their appeal on the "application of the unwritten law to women," the Era Club, one of the leading women's organizations of Louisiana, has called upon all organizations of women to pledge their support to secure the exoneration of Mamie McLoughlin, charged with murder. Miss McLoughlin shot and killed Hugh Smith, a wealthy saloon proprietor, when she met him accompanied by another woman on St. Charles avenue here several days ago.

#### Trying to Regulate Milk Cans.

New Orleans.—Dr. Hamilton Jones, the state pure food commissioner, has started a crusade against the men who ship milk cans from this city to the surrounding country parishes, and has ordered the representatives of the New Orleans Ice Company and the Harris Ice Cream Company to appear before him to explain why they ship out cans that are dirty and otherwise unsanitary. Dr. Jones has been looking into the milk situation of the state very thoroughly, and believes that one of the greatest evils lies in the dirtiness of the cans in which the milk is transported to and from New Orleans.

#### The Hornet's Captain is Arrested.

New Orleans.—Capt. W. O. Moon, master of the converted yacht Hornet, was arrested here on a federal warrant sworn out by the local representatives of the Madriz government of Nicaragua, charging him with violating the United States neutrality laws in attempting to aid in hostilities against a country with which the United States is at peace. Captain Moon was released on \$5,000 bond.

#### A Water Tank Foundation Collapses.

Mer Rouge.—This city is without waterworks, the foundation of the large tank having given way. The engine and pumping outfit were destroyed. No one was hurt. The city will have the plant replaced at once.

#### It Pays to Be Polite.

Rome.—An act of kindness which he rendered an aged man six years ago has brought a reward of \$10,000 to J. Y. Allen, a young man of Homer. While traveling in Texas, Allen met an elderly man, in looking out for whose baggage the former proffered his services. On parting company with Allen, the old man took his name and address, with the declaration, "You may some day be rewarded for your kindness to a stranger." A few days ago the old man died and left \$10,000 to Allen.

## PLANNING THINGS

"Mother," said Lucy, with characteristic impulsiveness, "Jennie Darton is in town for a week or two, and I want her to come out and let us have a good old gossip. I want to ask her before all the other girls learn that she's here, for then she will have so many engagements that it won't be possible to get hold of her. What do you think?"

"Ask her, by all means, dear," answered Lucy's mother. "I always like to see your friends, and I always loved Jennie. Let's have her to Sunday tea."

"That will be lovely, you dear, sweet motherkins!" was Lucy's enthusiastic response. "I'll tell her to come early, so we can have a nice, long talk. You boys," turning to her three brothers, "must make no engagements for next Sunday, unless I tell you Jennie's not coming. And we won't have an elaborate meal, mother. Just tea and thin bread and butter and cookies and little candies—just afternoon tea in the parlor."

"If it's going to be a parlor bun- struggle or a lapfest of any kind just count me out," spoke up Brother Harry, promptly. "None of those shabby things for mine!"

"Me too!" said Ben. "I don't stand for tray-an'-tea-fights," explained Jimmie, "because just as soon as I get a cup of tea in one hand and a sandwich in the other I have to sneeze."

Now, it is Lucy's pride that her brothers, contrary to the habits of some brothers, nearly always are present at her functions, big and little. Further, they make themselves beautifully agreeable and add to the glory of the occasion. So, with a sigh, she capitulated and agreed to have the meal properly set on the table. But she still clung to her basic idea of simplicity, following her mother to the kitchen to discuss the question of food unhampered by masculine suggestions.

"We'll just have cold meat, a simple salad and plain ice cream and cake, with hot tea," she decided. And "I'd just as soon stay to help you out, Miss Lucy," spoke up Angie, the nice colored maid who has been in the family so long that she is almost one of it. "I'd a heap rather stay in and fix things nice than have you give a poor spread."

"All right, Angie," answered Lucy, who detests an ill-served meal and fairly loathes waiting on the table. "Then we can have tea and coffee and the salad served as a separate course, but that's all the difference we'll make. I'm determined on a simple meal. If we decide to have more we'll find ourselves asking a lot of people, and I want a nice, long talk with Jennie. Mother, what kind of cold meat would you suggest?"

"You've quite determined on cold meat?" asked her mother. "I always think at least one hot dish is nice. Creamed chicken or fried veal wouldn't be much more trouble than cold meat, if Angie's going to be here to serve it. And—"

"The young gentlemen, they certainly does love fried chicken," said Angie. "And I could make hot biscuits and strawberry shortcake just as easy as preachin'." And hot coffee certainly does go down fine with fried chicken. And asparagus on toast is lovely with new potatoes, creamed."

"There you are, Lucy!" said her mother. "Now, that's what I call a nice, light meal, and not a bit more troublesome than plain cold beef and potato salad. And when it comes to young men like Dell Jones and Ransom Davis and—"

"I hadn't thought of asking them," put in Lucy, a little coldly. "I thought I told you that I just wanted to have a nice, long talk with Jennie."

"Well, I don't know any surer way of getting a nice, long talk with her than by having other people about to talk to the other people. Jennie knows all those boys, and will love to meet them, and you ought to have some more girls, to provide for the extra men and our own boys. And you could think up some funny limericks for the place cards, and—"

"And have a regular formal dinner, with cards and candles and flower petals in the finger bowls, and all sorts of pretty gimcracks," said Lucy, sarcastically.

"Exactly," cried her mother, with growing enthusiasm. "That's the kind of party I really love, daughter; I dislike these little, spindling leg teas as much as the boys do. There's nothing like a round table, with shaded lights and flowers and plenty of good food, too, to make things go swimmingly."

"You just invite about twenty young people for a week from Sunday, instead of next Sunday, and leave all the rest to Angie and me—all that is, but the limericks for the place cards and the ordering of the flowers. White and green and red would be a good color scheme, and, of course, we'll have the salad and the dessert to match, with olives and salted almonds and pretty candies."

"Run away and write the invitations, and then forget all about the party until it's time to dress for it. We've got it all settled, Angie and I."

Lucy hesitated helplessly for a moment, as she has done before upon similar occasions. For a moment a little frown disfigured her forehead. Then, when she remembered how popular her dinner parties always had been, and recalled how Ransom Davis, in particular, likes fried chicken and strawberry shortcake, the frown melted into a smile.

# WANTS HER LETTER PUBLISHED

For Benefit of Women who Suffer from Female Ills

Minneapolis, Minn.—"I was a great sufferer from female troubles which caused a weakness and broken down condition of the system. I read so much of what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had done for other suffering women I felt sure it would help me, and I must say it did help me wonderfully. My pains all left me. I grew stronger, and within three months I was a perfectly well woman."

"I want this letter made public to show the benefit women may derive from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. JOHN G. MOLDAN, 2115 Second St., North, Minneapolis, Minn.

Thousands of unsolicited and genuine testimonials like the above prove the efficiency of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which is made exclusively from roots and herbs.

Women who suffer from those distressing ills peculiar to their sex should not lose sight of these facts or doubt the ability of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore their health.

If you want special advice write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. She will reply to you as strictly confidential. For 20 years she has been helping sick women in this way, free of charge. Don't hesitate—write at once.

As afflicted with sore eyes, use Thompson's Eye Water

## "PLAY WITH THE CHILDREN"

Fabled Fountain of Youth Could Not Be More Potent Than Association With Little Ones.

"Play with the children!" was the recurrent advice of a wise and successful man. "This will keep your heart young, your viewpoint fresh, your wit sparkling. The child heart is at once the purest and the happiest in all nature; the child tongue is a transfiguring power."

Something of this indubitable power attaches to good stories of those naive and innocent "little ones" scripturally declared specially blessed and potent. The child mind transforms, the child touch lifts to glad laughter incidents and accidents not otherwise worth noting. Witness this little tale of the careful mother to whom came a tiny son all agog over the acquirement of new and forbidden knowledge.

"Mother!" cried the child, baby eyes shining, baby cheeks glowing, "do you know what 'I'll be hornswoggled' means?"

"No, dear," said the mother, solemnly, seizing the opportunity to implant a lesson. "I'm sure I do not."

"Well, I do," was the ecstatic answer, the suggested lesson being utterly ignored. "It means just the same as 'I'll be gol-darned!'"

Qualified.

A prominent western attorney tells of a boy who once applied at his office for work.

"This boy was bright looking and I rather took to him."

"Now, my son," I said, "if you come to work for me you will occasionally have to write telegrams and take down telephone messages. Hence a pretty high degree of schooling is essential. Are you fairly well educated?"

"The boy smiled confidently. "I be," he said.—Independent.

The supply of talk always exceeds the demand.

## Hungry Little Folks

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