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ARS A RUFF'S PERIL.
Bluff, Ark., Dec. 1.—Following the night struggle against the enmity of the Arkansas river the citizens of Pine Bluff renewed the apparently hopeless struggle Tuesday. The fate of property aggregating \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 seems to be in the balance. All teams that can be pressed into service have been secured and are hurrying willow and pine logs to the river bank, where hundreds are working hard weaving mats and pushing them into the river, hoping to form a temporary barrier against the flood. Unless this service checks the river, Jefferson hotel, the courthouse and other buildings are almost sure of destruction when the crest of the flood reaches this point. There is also the probability that if these buildings go and the river remains unchecked nearly the entire business portion of Pine Bluff is in serious danger of destruction.

A section of land north of the courthouse was slowly moving toward the river Tuesday morning. The kitchen of a residence slid into the river. No one was injured. Several warehouses along the bank, which have been partly wrecked, are tottering, and new sections may take a plunge at any moment. The entire river front is cracked and unsafe even for pedestrians.

Secretary of War Wright has been appealed to for permission to change the course of the river.

A message from the war department refused permission for citizens to cut a new channel for the river and property owners must rely on bush "fascines" to protect the river bank. The river is rising fast and a stage of thirty feet is expected by Thursday.

TWO DEATHS REPORTED.

Break in Natural Gas Mains Cause Factories to Close Down.

Guthrie, Dec. 1.—Flood conditions in this part of the state continue to improve and the Arkansas, Caney and Verdigris rivers are falling steadily. So far two deaths have been reported, but there have been a number of narrow escapes.

John Sullivan, a section foreman, drowned in Black Bear creek near Red Rock. A. J. Whitney, secretary and treasurer of the Farmers' Union mill at Guthrie, drowned while leaving the mill on a raft.

As a result of a washout early Tuesday morning, which caused a break in natural gas mains supplying Oklahoma City and Guthrie, both cities are out of fuel and practically all factories are closed. Street car service is suspended until a change is made enabling power houses to burn coal.

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Mexican Government Making an Effort to Take Him from Muskogee.
Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 1.—The Mexican government is making a strenuous effort to get possession of the person of Colonel Ezequiel Diaz Guerra, who is locked up in the Federal jail at this city. Guerra, if conveyed to Mexico, will sacrifice his life for the part that he has been taking in the revolution in that republic. He is now under \$1,000 bond to appear in court at San Antonio, where he must answer to the charge of offending against the neutrality laws.

In the jail with him is his nephew Juan Costa, who swears that he will stick by the old man through his trouble, and who is also a sympathizer of the revolutionists.

Costa is charged with resisting an officer at the time Guerra was taken into custody at Wilburton, Okla.

Guerra is charged with attacking his government in an article in San Antonio newspapers and of attempting to filibuster. When he heard that a warrant was out for his arrest he fled the state and was arrested at McAlester with his nephew. He says he will fight to the end before the Mexican government will get him.

Numerous Christmas Trees.

New York, Dec. 1.—The first consignment of Christmas trees from the big Canadian forests arrived here Tuesday. There are two carloads of over 2,300 trees. They were consigned to George A. Blank, 101 Park Place, who is the principal dealer at this city in Christmas trees. He has contracted for fifteen carloads more from Canada.

A large portion of those received are being transhipped, 200 going to the Dallas, Tex., market and others to Charleston, S. C., and Florida ports by coastwise freight steamers. One tree was shipped to Chile, South America.

American Cruiser Arrives.

Port au Prince, Dec. 1.—The American cruiser Des Moines came into port. Her presence augments the force of foreign sailors and marines that were landed for the protection of Port au Prince, and particularly foreigners, in case of an engagement between rebels and troops of the government, which is apparently bound to occur in a very short space of time, the results of turning loose on the city disorganized and undisciplined soldiers. The arrival of the Des Moines was preceded by that of the French cruiser Dugues Tourin and the American cruiser Tacoma. The British cruiser Scylla and Italian cruiser Pieramosca are expected shortly. With their advent the foreign elements feel much more secure.

It is reported that General Simon, leader of the revolutionary movement, is at Petit Goavie, about thirty miles to the west of Port au Prince. He has an army of 6,000 men, well armed with good rifles and well provisioned. He has also several pieces of mountain artillery and some machine guns. He is expected to reach Port au Prince Thursday or Friday.

Second Fall Breaks His Neck.

Weatherford, Tex., Nov. 30.—J. A. Tate, who a month ago fell thirty feet from a windmill, receiving serious injuries, fell from a gallery Sunday night, striking the windmill post. His neck was broken. He lay in the rain all night. Death followed.

Cooking With Sunlight.
Sun cooking—roasting and boiling by sunlight instead of coal or gas—has been going on for 300 years. There are sun stoves that roast a sirloin or boil a soup to perfection. They are only used, however, by scientists. A sun stove consists mainly of a mirror—a spherical mirror on a joint. There is also a reflector. The place for pot or plate is so situated that the mirror's rays can be focused on it accurately. A German, Baron Teberhausen, was the first sun cook. He began in 1687 to boil water, and in 1688 he had very good success at baking eggs. Sir John Herschel and Buffon are other famous names associated with sun cooking. In California various sun cooks have boiled a gallon of water in twenty minutes, roasted meat in two hours and poached eggs in fifteen minutes—quite as good time as the ordinary fire makes. An odd thing about meat roasted by sun rays is that it has an unpleasant taste. This is avoided by the insertion of a plate of yellow glass between meat and mirror. In solar stoves the sheet of yellow glass figures—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Queer English Laws.

"No statute law of England ever can be obsolete," a legal journal says. "Once enacted, it continues in binding force until repealed."
If such be really the case, there ought to be some lively times ahead for several classes of the community. For instance, what will builders have to say to the act which penalizes any person who erects a house without attaching to it at least four acres of land? This was one of "good Queen Bess" laws, and it has most certainly never been repealed.

By another un repealed statute, which dates back to the first year of King James I., it is enacted that not more than a penny may be charged for a quart of the best old ale nor more than a halfpenny for a like quantity of small beer. The penalty for each infraction of the act is 20 shillings, so that if it were rigidly enforced it would not need, apparently, a licensing bill to ruin the brewers. Then, again, a Catholic owning a horse is still legally obliged to sell it for £5 to anybody who chooses to offer that sum for it.—London Graphic.

The First Mourning Paper.

The oldest known letter written on black edged note paper as a sign of mourning appears to be one dated Jan. 5, 1688. In Addison's comedy of "The Drummer," 1715, reference is made to the fashion in the words, "My lady's mourning paper that is blacked at the edges." A few years later Allan Ramsay, who died in 1758, speaks in one of his poems of "the sable bordered sheet" as a messenger of sorrow. Mann, writing from Italy to Horace Walpole in 1745, says that it was universally used in Florence at that time. The superior elegance of this Italian note paper, with its narrow margin of black, explains its ready acceptance in this country, where it superseded the quarto sheet with a black border sometimes a quarter of an inch wide. In this way it probably gave an impetus to the fashion. But it is a mistake to suppose, as some have done, that the fashion was introduced from Italy.—London Answers.

Caught Alive.

A New Yorker, a big game hunter of many years' experience, was lion shooting in Uganda. He had excellent luck. Nearly every day he posed in a complacent attitude beside a freshly killed lion, and his photographer snapped him for the magazines.

One afternoon the photographer, who was taking a nap in the hut, was awakened by a loud noise. He rose and looked out. Sprinting toward him from the jungle, hat gone and coat-tails flying, came his chief, and, with audible roars and growls, a huge lion bounded at his heels.

The photographer gazed spellbound at the strange and exciting picture. His chief, perceiving him, shouted: "Quick, quick! Open the door, George! I'm bringing him home alive!"—Washington Star.

Spoiling a Tragedy.

"If you don't marry me," he said desperately, "I shall kill myself."
"And write a note telling all about it?" queried the maid.
"Yes."
"And hold my photograph in your other hand?"
"I had thought about it."
"Well, just wait a minute," she said, "and I'll borrow pa's pistol for you. My, but won't it be romantic!"
But he faded.

The Head of the House.

It is folly to call the husband the head of the house; he is not. It is but a courtesy title at best, since in truth he is but an incident in the home life, while the wife and mother is its whole existence. Literally the sun of domestic happiness rises and sets in the face of the wife and mother.—Clara Morris in Housekeeper.

Not an Advertiser.

"Did you hang up any mistletoe last Christmas?" asked Erastus Pinkley.
"Deed I didn't," answered Miss Miami Brown. "I's got a little too much pride to advertise foh de ordinary courtesies dat a lady has a right to expect."—Exchange.

Suspicious.

Widow (at wash tub)—Are you positive you love me?
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Widow—What's the matter? You haven't lost your job, have you?
Pittsburg Press.

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German Proverb.

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