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We are authorized to announce B. V. Thomas, Jr., a candidate for Congress in this the Third Congressional district, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Primary August 4, 1914.

Grand opera in the "movies" is the next step. Then it will be perfectly correct to ask: "Did you see Caruso as 'Radames'?"

This seems to be the first time in the history of our country that an international crisis received a college education.

That record breaking wheat crop causes us to view with alarm the approaching wear and tear on the few freight cars that the railroads have managed to acquire.

Col. Roosevelt says that the existing maps of Brazil are utterly wrong. It must be awful to have to go around straightening and correcting the universe that way!

American editors have long known just how a war ought to be conducted, but Secretary Daniels is the first one who has had the opportunity to demonstrate his knowledge.

Again that troublesome logical sequence! Everybody admits that gun toting by individuals is bad, leading to battle, murder and sudden death, but when it comes to disarming nations, well—there you are! Or there you are not as the case may be.

A careful circular campaign has revealed that of 58 German cities having populations of more than 80,000, only 5 are without municipal motor wagons, one of these has a vehicle on order. The number of vehicles in each city varies from 1 to 52 per cent, the total number being 570. Of these the fire brigades have 249; street cleaning and watering, 113; and ambulances, 54; the remainder are used for miscellaneous purposes.

It is surprising to learn from The Engineer that the longest stretch of railway in the world without a curve is said to be in New Zealand, where there is a continuous tangent 136 miles in length. Because of its mountainous character, New Zealand is known to be one of the most difficult countries for the construction of railways. Its lines are full of sharp curves and unusually heavy grades.

On her first sea test, which lasted for two days, the new Hamburg American liner "Waterland" of 58,000 tons, the largest ship in the world, is reported to have made the high average speed of 25.8 knots per hour, with the high output of 90,000 horse power from her four turbines. Both her owners and her builders, Messrs. Blohm and Voss, are to be congratulated that the ship has so greatly exceeded her contract speed.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Lloyd-George, of England, presented the annual budget. It estimates the expenses of the government at \$1,029,925,000, and requires an increase of taxation amounting to \$49,000,000. This the chancellor proposes to raise by revising the income tax, and raising the death duties. He also recommends a system of valuation that will separate "site values" of real estate from "improvement values," and give some relief from taxation to those who improve their property.

Reference has been made several times in these columns to the recent erection in many parts of France of large lightning rods,

known as "electric Niagaras," supposed to be efficacious in averting hailstorms. The facility of such devices seems obvious to persons familiar with the mechanism of thunderstorms, of which hail is merely a by-product, yet hundreds of the rods have been installed at great expense. In a recent communication to the National Society of Agriculture of France, Prof. Alfred Angot, director of the French meteorological service, after pointing out the absurdity of the "Niagaras" from a scientific point of view, cited a number of instances in which the rods had signally failed of their purpose. Thus, the large rod installed on the Eiffel Tower has not had any effect on the frequency of hail in its vicinity. In the suburbs of Clermont-Ferrand a big "Niagara" stands on an iron tower 100 feet high. This rod was itself pelted with hail twice in 1912 and four times in 1913; in one storm some of the hailstones attained the size of hen's eggs. Similar cases have been reported from other parts of France.

Neuritis.
Neuritis is the inflammation of a nerve. When the nerve trunk is affected, it causes localized neuritis, or "mononeuritis." When the spreading branches of the nerve—the "peripheral" nerves—are involved the condition is called "peripheral neuritis." Neuritis may be either acute or chronic, and sometimes an acute attack passes into a chronic form.

Many things cause neuritis; but probably the most common cause is an injury of some kind; the nerve may be bruised or twisted, or there may be a continual pressure on it which by an by leads to inflammation. Persons who drink habitually, or who are the victims of chronic disorders, like gout, rheumatism, or various kidney troubles, often an obstinate neuritis from a slight injury that a well person would never notice.

The chief symptom of neuritis is pain in the affected nerve. Sometimes the patient describes the pain as "burning," sometimes as "shooting" or "darting," and sometimes as "boring." But whatever its character, the pain is usually constant. Movement makes it worse, and it is generally more severe at night. Cases that can be traced to some slight injury are likely to get well, but a chronic case may persist for many months, especially in persons whose blood is not in perfect condition.

When neuritis is the result of a direct injury to a nerve, surgical treatment may be necessary. If the nerve has been divided by a wound, it must be brought together and sutured. If it is pinched or compressed by a tumor or an abscess, or a piece of fractured bone, it can be relieved only by surgery. In all cases the treatment of neuritis must include great care for the general health, absolute rest for the affected part, and relief for the wearing pain. Sometimes the sick nerve can be kept at rest by a bandage or a sling; if it cannot be helped in that way, the patient may have to go to bed. Massage is not advisable while the inflammation is high, but is often of service in the later stages of the trouble.

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