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Explosion of the Earth. We frequently hear the theory advanced that the planets and suns explode and that our own earth might possibly explode from pent-up forces within. A high explosive exerts about the limit of pressure capable of being exerted by gases set free and expanded by the heat generated by any chemical reaction. Such a pressure, great as it is, is far too insignificant to explode the earth. Were the whole great molten interior of our globe to be replaced by dynamite and detonated, the explosion would not lift the earth's crust. We have but to calculate the weight of a column of granite of a height equal to the thickness of the earth's crust to see that the pressure of the crust on the molten interior far exceeds the pressure exerted by exploding dynamite. We have seen that the speed of the detonative wave is about four miles per second. The speed of the earth in its orbit is four times as great, declares Hudson Maxim, in the Independent. If, therefore, the interplanetary space of our solar system were to be filled with an explosive mixture capable of being detonated and consumed with the speed of dynamite, and if this were to be set off just behind the earth in its orbit, the earth would not feel it, but would rapidly rush away from the wave of explosion, pass clear around the sun, and come back again to meet it more than six months later. It would take nearly a year for such a detonative wave to reach our sun from the earth. If the earth itself were a ball of dynamite, it would require half an hour to explode; and if the sun were a mass of dynamite, it would require about two and a half days to explode.

New Customs Regulations. With a view to securing greater courtesy and dignity in the administration of the customs laws, the treasury department has issued a series of instructions to inspectors, copies of which will be furnished to each passenger on incoming steamers from foreign countries. For the purpose of customs administration, passengers are divided into non-residents of the United States and residents. This classification has no reference to citizenship. Non-residents are of three classes: actual residents of foreign countries; persons who have been abroad with a fixed foreign abode for one year or more, who elect to declare as non-residents, and persons who have been abroad for two years, with or without a fixed place of foreign abode, who elect to declare as non-residents. Residents include all others. There is no limit to the value of articles which non-residents may bring in free of duty, explains the Youth's Companion, provided they are articles actually accompanying the passenger, and necessary and appropriate for his or her use for the purposes of the journey and present comfort and convenience, and not intended for other persons or for sale. Residents may bring in all wearing apparel and other personal effects which they took abroad with them, if not remodeled abroad to the value of \$100, if the articles are not for sale. Under the new regulations passengers are not required to make oath to their declarations. The offer of a bribe or a "tip" to a customs officer will continue to be held as a violation of the law.

The cottage in East Hampton, Long Island, where John Howard Payne lived as a boy when his father was principal of Clinton academy in the village, will be preserved for many years to come. Its site is needed to make room for a new church, and the cottage was in danger of destruction. An admirer of "Home, Sweet Home" has bought the building—it is more than 200 years old—and will move it to another site and remodel its interior for use as a summer home. The outside will be unchanged, so that those may be gratified who wish to see the place which Payne had in mind when he wrote, "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

After all, it was not shocked modesty on the part of King Edward that led him to leave the theater at Marienbad in a huff. In fact, it wasn't the naughty song at all that offended him, but another which seemed to show disrespect to a local abbot who had been his host at a recent dinner. This is another beautiful vision of virtuous royalty destroyed.

That rich New York young woman who has discarded stockings and other articles of apparel which she deems superfluous probably will make some concessions to the Gotham climate a little later in the year.

That New York wife who is going to allow her husband to get a divorce because he loves another woman may figure that the nearest way to get revenge is to let the other woman have him.

Logansport, La.: A southbound train No. 23 on the Houston East & West Texas was switching near the water tank here about 9:30 Sunday morning, while engaged in uncoupling a car, got his foot in the guard rail, the tank of the engine passing over his body, causing instant death. He was literally cut and ground to pieces.

THE GRISLER KILLING!

Eye Witness Tells Another Story of the Tragedy. Shreveport, La.: Sheriff Flournoy has found a reputable man who saw the stabbing of Martin Grisler of Humble, Tex., who was killed on Milam street, Friday evening. His version of the affair is widely different from first reports. This man says as Grisler flopped to the sidewalk his throat was cut and that he struck at his antagonist, felling him, and that he fell over on him, only to become senseless, rolling to one side. Grisler died within thirty minutes. Grisler was known in thirty minutes. Grisler was known in Houston.

STRUCK BY STRAY BULLET.

Lake Charles Lady Instantly Killed at Her Home. Lake Charles, La.: Mrs. Washington A. Bernard was shot and instantly killed at her home on Clarence street Sunday night, probably by some unknown person who was shooting at a lot of dogs that roam the streets at night in that neighborhood. Several shots were fired, and the lady being aroused, went to the window to look out, apparently just in time to catch a stray bullet. Her little daughter, who was also awakened, saw her mother reel as the last shot was fired, and the family ran to her assistance, but she died immediately. Mrs. Bernard was 42 years old and leaves a husband and seven children. Her funeral takes place at Lafourche.

Musical Concert.

Covington, La.: The concert given by Mars' Orchestra from the west gallery of the Southern hotel Sunday afternoon was one of the most delightful musical treats this community has ever had. Besides the thirty members of the orchestra there were about 300 visitors and guests who thronged the hotel and taxed its capacity to the utmost. Seats had been prepared on the lawn for several hundred auditors, but the heavy rain of the previous evening rendered the grounds so damp that the large dining hall was thrown open to the company.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the local high school have taken steps to relieve the pressure in several of the grades which are so badly overcrowded, so that all who apply for admission can be accommodated. Principal Mathews is to be congratulated upon the way he has handled the present situation, and now that the local school board has shown its willingness to be liberal in meeting the exigencies of the case, it is thought the enrollment will take a big jump upwards.

CAMPTI.

Superintendent Aswell Delivers Address at School Dedication.

Natchitoches, La.: An educational rally and school dedication was held at Campti yesterday. Hon. J. B. Aswell and Judge C. V. Porter delivered addresses along educational lines. The school building that was dedicated just west of the center of this little city on a prominent eminence in the center of a beautiful five-acre bermuda lawn. Mayor Prothro, who is also a member of the local school board, presided. Miss Hale opened the exercises with a piano solo, and later on rendered a vocal solo. There was a large attendance of patrons and pupils, who sowed much interest and enthusiasm in the cause. The school will open Sept. 30, with Prof. Bliss as principal and Miss Echer Raphil as first assistant. The second assistant is to be appointed. Miss Hale is music teacher.

Boy Brakeman Killed.

Natchez, Miss.: Frank Mayes, the 1-year-old son of J. D. Mayes, of Hazlehurst, was killed Sunday morning in an accident at Ferriday, La. Young Mayes was employed as brakeman on the New Orleans and Northwestern Railroad, and was making a coupling when he was caught between the drawheads, crushing his body. He died five hours later. The body was brought to this city and taken to an undertaker's parlors. The boy's father was summoned to Natchez by telegraph, and arrived Saturday evening. He left with the body of his boy. Young Mayes was a boy of steady habits, and was very popular with all who knew him.

Opelousas, La.: W. S. Grazeo, of New Orleans, formerly of this city, was here all day Saturday consulting with his friends relative to the question as to whether he would become a candidate for the office of auditor of public accounts, a position which he satisfactorily filled up to the last election. While he met with much encouragement here, it is not certain as to what course he will adopt. He left here for Crowley.

\$15,000 Fire at Franklinton.

Franklinton, La.: Fire destroyed the mercantile establishment of M. M. Magee and the residence of Gordon W. Goodbee here Saturday morning at 1 o'clock. Magee's entire stock of goods was totally destroyed. All of Goodbee's household goods were saved.



CAN PLACE ALIENS

THREE STATES NEED OVER A MILLION SETTLERS.

POSITIONS FOR 256,400 PERSONS

Bureau of Immigration Will Distribute Circulars in Several Languages Setting Forth Opportunities.

Washington, D. C.—Torence V. Powderly, chief of the division of information of the bureau of immigration, has made an important report showing the nature and extent of the work of the division since its establishment two months ago.

Already the division has information certifying that places can be provided for 256,400 men, women and children at wages ranging from \$3 per week to \$3.50 per day. From the commissioners of agriculture of three states comes the information that an aggregate of 1,020,000 settlers on lands are needed in their states. Through correspondence complete and accurate details for the placing of these settlers are now being obtained.

It is proposed to distribute this information in circulars and pamphlets printed in several foreign languages in order that incoming aliens may have the direct benefit of it.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

Minnesota Business Man Is Charged with Killing His Mistress.

Winona, Minn.—Adolph Munson, who is a business man of Albert Lea, was arrested Monday night on the charge of murdering a woman with whom he had been living. Her name is Mrs. Clifford Julian, and it is said that she came from Iowa. During the dinner hour Monday night at the Commercial hotel the guests were startled by a pistol shot on the second floor. Mrs. Julian rushed from the room, blood streaming from her breast and shouting, "my husband has killed me." An investigation showed that the woman had been shot through the heart. She died while being taken to the hospital. Munson declares that the shooting was accidental and that the woman killed herself.

GETS \$29,000 FROM SCHMITZ.

Lawyer Says That's the Reason He Defended Frisco Mayor.

San Francisco, Cal.—Eugene F. Schmitz, San Francisco's convicted mayor, paid J. C. Campbell, attorney for him at his recent trial, \$29,000. The quoting of these figures is the answer that Mr. Campbell made to a sensitive friend as to why he ever let himself get into such a case as the defense of Schmitz.

Woman Wanted for Embezzlement.

Newburyport, Mass.—Miss Bertha A. Goodwin, who has practiced law here and in near-by cities, was placed under arrest Tuesday night at the request of the police of Pittsburg, Pa. The police authorities here were informed that Miss Goodwin is wanted in Pittsburg on charges of embezzlement, and Tuesday night went to her apartments. The woman was not found at the house, but was later discovered running across a field towards some woods, where she was captured.

Mexicans Charged with Murder.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Antonio Villareal, Ricardo Flores Magon and Librado Riviera, alleged Mexican revolutionists, were released from custody by the police on the charges of criminal libel and resisting officers, only to be immediately rearrested on the charge of having murdered an unidentified man and robbing the postoffice at Jiminese, Mex. Antonio Lozano, Mexican consul, swore to the affidavits.

Storm Strikes Chicago.

Chicago, Ill.—An electrical storm swept over Chicago early Wednesday and left a trail of demolished buildings. Telegraph and telephone wires were prostrated and the police and fire alarm systems temporarily put out of business.

Judge David McCulloch Dead.

Peoria, Ill.—Judge David McCulloch, 54 years old, a member of the Peoria bar, died here. Judge McCulloch was a member of the Illinois historical society.

MARRIED MAN, SUSPECTING A RIVAL, SLAYS GIRL.

Victim Prevents Suicide. Young Woman Was Soon to Inherit \$100,000 Under the Will of Her Father.

New York, N. Y.—Draga Giegel, an heiress of twenty years and daughter of a colonel of the Austrian army, now dead, was fatally shot Wednesday night by Julius Hoffman, a married man and formerly a lieutenant of Col. Seigel's regiment. The tragedy was the outcome of jealousy on the part of Hoffman, who, after shooting Miss Seigel, tried to shoot himself, but was prevented by the dying girl. Hoffman and his wife came to America in January, 1906, and the latter worked as a dressmaker in this city. Soon afterwards Miss Seigel, who had lived with the Hoffmans in Austria after her father's death, came to New York.

The wife three months ago began divorce proceedings and instituted a suit against Miss Seigel for \$15,000 damages for alienating the affections of her husband.

Recently Hoffman suspected that he had a rival in the young woman's affections and Wednesday went to her apartment, demanding that she tell him the name of the man who had supplanted him in her life. Miss Seigel protested that she loved only Hoffman. After threatening her with a pistol for half an hour, Hoffman shot Miss Seigel twice and as he told the police, placed the muzzle of the pistol in his mouth, intending to kill himself. Before he could pull the trigger, he says Miss Seigel sprang upon him to stop him and in the struggle that ensued the pistol was discharged and the bullet lodged in Miss Seigel's head, inflicting a mortal wound.

Miss Seigel was taken to a hospital still declaring her love for Hoffman. She would have come into an inheritance of \$100,000 a year hence.

WAR ON MODERNISM.

Churchmen Declare It Is to Be Fought to the Last Ditch.

Paris, France.—Pope Pius X's denunciation of "modernism" marks an epoch in the Catholic church's history, in the opinion of the Roman clergy throughout Europe. From Pope Leo's policy of half measures, the present pontiff has broken away forever. Extending toward the whole world his attitude in the warfare between the church and the French government, his followers point out, Pius stands rather for battle to the last ditch than for any compromise, which, in his opinion, endangers the integrity of the church's dogmas.

CHURCH DRAWS A COLOR LINE.

Ohio Methodists Vote Separate Bishops for Different Races.

Columbus, Ohio.—The Central Ohio conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, in session here, disposed of three most important questions in short order. By a vote of 140 to 17, the conference decided in favor of separate bishops for races and languages. By a vote of 116 to 49, the conference voted in favor of returning to the old time limit as to tenure of pastors with churches. After taking this vote a motion to express it as the sense of the conference that the time limit be fixed at five years was unanimously adopted.

No Change in Moroccan Situation.

Paris, France.—Premier Clemenceau announced Friday night that there was no change in the Moroccan situation. The reply of the Moorish tribesmen to the peace terms of France has been delayed to such an extent that the government entertains but little hope that the various tribes will record their complete submission, and General Druce, the commander of the French forces, is ready to assume the offensive with vigor at any moment.

Greek Legation in Washington.

Washington, D. C.—The large increase in the flow of Grecian immigration into the United States is believed to be the reason for the decision of the government at Athens to establish a Greek legation in Washington. The state department has not been officially advised of that decision.

Lost Woman Found.

St. Louis, Mo.—Indians and veteran guides of the Grand Canon of the Colorado found and rescued Mrs. Chas. F. Joy, wife of the recorder of deeds of St. Louis, after she had wandered for a day and a night in the forest skirting the rim of Arizona's great chasm.

Child Fatally Hurt by Bull.

Traverse City, Mich.—Selma, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sven Vingsnes, Sutton's Bay, was fatally hurt by a bull. One eye was gored out and the child was internally injured. The animal was kept in the yard where the child played.

Woman Is Strangled.

Chicago, Ill.—Lillian White Grant, 40 years old, kindergarten teacher in the public schools and a University settlement worker, was found strangled to death in bed.

HOLDS 2-CENT FARE LAW CRIME.

Pennsylvania Judge, in Knocking It Out, Uses Strong Language.

Harrisburg, Penn.—The recent fare law enacted at the recent session of the Pennsylvania legislature was adjudged invalid, unconstitutional and void in its application to the Susquehanna River & Western Railway Co., which connects Duncannon and Bloomfield, in an opinion delivered at Bloomfield by Judge Shafer of the Perry county court. The law, he declared in his decree, is a caricature of a legislature, "many of whose members, without rhyme or reason, facts or figures, information or reputation, pledged to perform the act in the name of 'Reform,' and that 'we might say of reform as was said by Mme. Roland of Liberty in the days of the French revolution: 'Oh, Liberty, Liberty, how many crimes are committed in thy name.'"

WILL MAKE ALCOHOL ON FARMS.

Agricultural Department at Work on Experiments to This End.

Washington, D. C.—"I believe a method will be devised whereby denatured alcohol may be successfully made on the farm," said Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. "The department is now collecting all available information concerning the industry and in a few months will issue a report embodying it. Out in the northwest experiments are being conducted to determine the most profitable crops to be used in the manufacture of denatured alcohol. I have confidence that our people will master all the problems that are presented and that denatured alcohol as a fuel for heating and lighting purposes will be a success upon our farms."

ORIENTALS FIGHT AT SEA.

Dozen of Japs and Chinese Wounded; Many Others in Irons.

San Francisco, Cal.—With a dozen of its 150 Oriental passengers suffering from wounds so serious that a number of deaths are expected, and several more in irons the bark Electra reached port Saturday, after a voyage of almost continuous battle between 150 Chinese and Japanese taken on board at Huhagak, Alaska. The fighting began almost before the Electra got to sea, and continued until port was reached.

Storm Drove Huntress Back.

Washington, D. C.—The navy department received a message from the commandant of the navy yard at Pensacola, stating that the converted yacht Huntress, which is manned by a crew of Missouri naval midshipmen, sailed from the yard on the 17th, but was obliged by bad weather to put about, and only Wednesday evening was able to get away again for New Orleans.

Maxim Gorky Reported Married.

New York, N. Y.—That Maxim Gorky and Mme. Andrieva, the woman who accompanied him on his trip to America, are now married, is the news brought by Harold MacGrath, the author, who arrived on the steamer Finland. Dr. MacGrath has his wife spend the summer on the island of Capri, near where Gorky now lives, and he states positively that the marriage has taken place.

Stole Photograph from Queen.

Copenhagen, Denmark.—On searching the house of a telephone workman who had been found guilty of theft, the police found, among other things, a framed photograph of King Christian, inscribed to Queen Alexandra. The man admits having stolen it while working on board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert, during the queen's visit to Copenhagen.

Rules Indians May Cut Own Timber.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin.—Indictments against forty members of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, charged with cutting reservation timber, were nolleed by Judge Quarles in the United States court. It has been held that the cutting of standing timber from reservation lands by Indians belonging to tribes which own such lands is not a violation of law.

Carrie Nation "Disorderly."

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Carrie Nation was arrested and locked up to answer to the charge in the police court of "disorderly conduct." Mrs. Nation refused, when requested by an officer, to stop lecturing to 200 men from the steps of the postoffice department.

Morgan Denies Union Pacific Purchase.

New York, N. Y.—J. P. Morgan authorized a denial that he or the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co. has taken over 600,000 shares of Union Pacific railroad stock from Kuhn, Loeb & Co., supposed to be owned by Henry H. Rogers of the Standard Oil Co.

Japs Spying on Russia.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—A dispatch to the Bourse Gazette from Vladivostok, published Friday, announced that two Japanese officers in disguise have been arrested at Sedanka for spying on Russian troops which were engaged in maneuvers in that vicinity.

River Steamer Burned.

New Orleans, La.—The Mississippi river steamer La Fourche was burned to the water's edge Friday, 12 miles above New Orleans. The cargo of 2,000 sacks of rice was destroyed.