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The trotter Red Pepper ought to win a few heats down the circuit.

Wireless telegraphy we have now. Shall we ever have wireless politics?

W. K. Vanderbilt's new yacht the Tarantula is said to be a regular stinger.

The tailor-made woman is often more or less ashamed of her husband, the self-made man.

King Edward is rapidly losing flesh, so henceforth a slender form will be good form in loyal London.

The name of the new cup defender appears to have been selected from a hat by some blindfolded person.

Spain would like to raise the Maine in order to ascertain the cause of the explosion. Better let sleeping dogs lie.

A tax on bachelors would only even things up. The married men already have their backs on the bedroom floor.

Even if you are not a Christian Scientist, you may find the absent treatment a pretty fair cure for love-sickness.

is threatened between Guatemala and Salvador, but the American consuls may succeed in separating the combatants.

Somebody asks: "Can the universe last forever?" That's another one of the things that we propose to let posterity worry over.

A revolution has broken out at three different places in Uruguay. It is understood that two men and a boy are involved at each point.

This is not the first time the Turk has heard the powers talk of tying a can to him—a fact which may account for his present lofty calm.

By means of an "acousticon" the deaf are now made to hear. The new age of miracles wrought by science promises to rival those of the "age of faith."

That St. Louis get-rich-quick man who carelessly left \$246,000 where the courts could get possession of it must have been a new hand at the business.

Mr. Marconi promises to send messages across the ocean for 1 cent a word. Wireless telegraphy is going to be a big thing for the down-trodden millionaires.

According to vital statistics, the baby born in 1903 has nearly three times a better chance of living than it would have had 50 years ago. Now is the time to get born.

It is said that the Czarina is largely responsible for the reforms that have been started in Russia. If this is the case it is to be hoped that the lady will keep on talking to him.

Mrs. Madeline Wynne's theory that a woman should forget she is a woman may be a good thing, but it is one of those good things of which it would be very easy to get too much.

It is pleasant to be able to announce that by the action of Assistant Secretary Taylor Mr. and Mrs. Hagob Avildan, nee Ouchgaradashien, and Asador Avilkian are once more "in our midst."

The civil war in Honduras was started by a girl who was jilted by the president-elect. Yet some of the reformers think woman isn't playing a large enough part in the affairs of the nations.

A singular feature of the turf syndicate investigation is that nobody seems to have made any money in the transactions. The investors lost heavily and the syndicates claim to be bankrupt.

Andrew Lang complains that the world isn't reading anything but newspapers. As the world has patronized liberally Mr. Lang's prodigious output the complaint seems a little unreasonable.

Patient waiters are no losers. The state of Vermont is to become namesake of a new United States battleship bigger than any now afloat. At this rate what will Rhode Island get a few years from now?

J. Pierpont Morgan, throwing confetti and serpentinas from a balcony at the carnival masqueraders in Havana, makes a pleasing picture. He has not been hitherto regarded as a playful, sportive character.

Prince Henry of Prussia suggests as a motto for the automobilists: "Love thy neighbor as thyself." We might add: "His children, his manservant, his maidservant, his ox, his ass, his dog, his chickens and all that are his."

King Edward and Queen Alexandra, with three of the children of the prince of Wales, went to see Buffalo Bill's wild West show Saturday, just like other people, not because they cared for it, you know, but so as to take care of their grandchildren.

Resume of the News.



From the Capital.

Representatives of foreign nations in Cuba are probably doing what they can to discredit the reciprocity treaty with the Cubans.

Polish wheat, heralded in some quarters as "corn wheat," is said by the agricultural department to be of no particular value.

Maj. Gen. E. P. Hughes has retired from active service. He turned over the command of the department of California to Maj. Gen. MacArthur.

The Alaskan boundary commission will meet in London early in November instead of in May. Secretary Root could not well go in the latter month.

Immigration records promise to be broken for the spring months. March is 24,000 ahead of the month last year. The immigrants are of a higher class also.

George L. Williams, superintendent of the Leech Lake Indian school, has been transferred to a like position at the Pottawatomie Indian school in Kansas.

Justice Clabaugh of the District of Columbia supreme court has been appointed chief of the court to succeed Judge Bingham, retired. Ex-Senator Pritchard of North Carolina will have Clabaugh's place.

Makers of oleomargarine that have colored their product by the use of a substance in the cotton seed oil that was almost impossible of discernment, are now to be prosecuted by the treasury department for the tax on the colored article.

The Institute of American Architects is endeavoring to have the treasury department put up for competition plans for all buildings to be erected. Thus far the office has called for competition on buildings costing \$100,000 and upwards.

The president has issued an order which will shorten the terms of many prisoners in the United States penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. These men had been transferred from Ohio and New York, and had consequently lost their good behavior time which the laws of those states give, but which the United States does not.

The officials of the land office are very much surprised at the strenuous objections that have been made to the plan of reorganizing the Minnesota land districts. The action of Representative Steenerson in protesting against the location of the new office at Cass Lake is particularly surprising to the officials. Steenerson was one of the members who participated in a conference at the land office here, and at that time made no objection to the new office going to Cass.

Casualties.

James Bond, a real estate dealer, was burned to death while trying to put out a fire at Dowagiac, Mich.

A 100-pound tank of ammonia exploded in Fulton market, Chicago, doing \$100,000 damage. Two men were overcome by the fumes.

Robert M. Baker of Worcester, Mass., and John B. Kenerson of Roxbury, Mass., freshmen at Dartmouth, were drowned while canoeing.

Julius B. Clay of Paris, Ky., was accidentally shot and killed by his wife while they were at target practice. He was a son of Cassius M. Clay.

R. K. Larchide of the track team of the University of Indiana was accidentally struck in the head and killed with a twelve-pound hammer at Louisville.

Fireman Watson was killed and the engineer injured by the overturning of their engine on the cut-off across the north arm of Salt lake at Ogden, Utah. The track had sunk where there is an apparently bottomless quagmire.

Four men were badly burned by the explosion of a twenty-pound keg of powder in the mines of the United States Gypsum company at Batavia, N. Y. A miner attempted to touch off a small quantity as a joke and the keg became ignited.

Notes From Abroad.

Cuba intends to raise the battleship Maine at her own expense.

Surgeons in Paris have succeeded in uniting the severed carotid artery of a man whose throat was cut.

J. Pierpont Morgan is said by a British museum officer to have spent a fortune for bogus works of art.

King Edward has expressed a wish to make a trip on the Shamrock III, in the English channel before she sails for the United States. It is expected that the challenger will be taken to Portsmouth for this purpose.

The Austrian-Hungarian government is supporting a powerful financial and commercial syndicate which is arranging to establish an Austro-Chinese bank at Tientsin with a capital of \$4,800,000 to develop Austro-Hungarian trade in the far East.

Countess d'Onigo, a miserly reclus, was murdered several weeks ago in her home near Treviso, Italy. The murderer, now a prisoner, has confessed the crime, declaring it was committed in a frenzy of rage at the countess because of her refusal to give him a meal or money for his starving children. The police found in the bedroom of the countess bank notes aggregating \$1,000,000.

The London Times has made arrangements for a regular wireless telegraphy news service from the United States.

The German government's intention to abolish the provision of the law excluding Jesuits from Germany, announced in the reichstag by Chancellor von Bulow recently, will not be realized.

The Norwegian storting rejected by 75 to 45 votes the proposal of the customs committee to impose a 5 per cent ad valorem duty on machinery. The house agreed to place a duty on live cattle.

It is reported that Lady Granville Gordon, whose recent confession on the witness stand in London caused a sensation and led to the cancellation of her orientation at court, is en route to the United States.

It is stated that the pope wishes to reward Cardinal Rampolla for his services, and therefore, while still retaining him as state secretary, will at the next consistory appoint him acting vice chancellor of the holy see.

Crimes and Criminals.

A. L. Beiding was hanged at Portland, Ore. He murdered his wife, mother-in-law and Frank Woodward last July.

Fire of incendiary origin at Tyler, Tex., destroyed a row of two-story brick houses and most of their contents. Loss \$200,000.

Convicted of breaking into jail at Texarkana, Tex., to see if a friend of his was confined there, Louis A. Monette was given two years.

M. F. Skinner of M. F. Skinner & Co., dealers in municipal and electric railway bonds, has disappeared from Boston, leaving behind a record of alleged forgeries.

Casimiro Ciccone, the aged Italian who was thought to be a principal in the alleged gigantic insurance frauds recently perpetrated in New York, is dead at Pittsburg.

In the arrest at Chicago of Former County Surveyor Louis Enrich and E. C. Deuser, an attorney, postal inspectors believe they have put a stop to a great land swindle.

Dr. A. P. Taylor, president of the Industrial Mutual Deposit Investment company of Lexington, Ky., was found guilty on the charge of embezzling funds of the company.

A special from Skaguay says that Lieut. Charles Faulkner has been arrested on charges of financial irregularities. He is a son of Former United States Senator Faulkner of West Virginia.

Harvey Williams, the negro who assaulted a thirteen-year-old girl at Bluefield, W. Va., narrowly escaped lynching. The mob tore the jail to pieces, but the prisoner had been spirited away.

Herman Bowman Esher of Chicago, a student at Yale university, killed himself by shooting at the Manhattan hotel in New York. He thought he had consumption and would live but a short time anyway.

Samuel E. Spyker, a member of the Huntingdon county (Pa.) bar, was arrested on complaint of Special Bank Examiner Walter E. Mason, on the charge of being jointly connected with Vice President George B. White, who is now held on the charge of wrecking the National Bank of South Pennsylvania at Hyndman, Bedford county.

D. F. Reardon, a groceryman of Lynn, Mass., was called out of bed by a telephone ringing between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning, and received a message that some one had all he wanted now, but would return later and get some other things. He thought the man was trying to be funny at his expense, but when he reached his store he found that the cash drawer had been robbed.

General.

Creator, the leader of the famous Royal Italian band, is said to be insane from unrequited love.

George Ploppert of Pottsville, Pa., lived two years with a broken neck and a fractured spine without knowing it.

Rumor has it that Congressman Babcock desires to be the next chairman of the Republican national committee.

Dr. John P. Wood of Coffeyville, Kan., the oldest physician in the United States, is dead, aged 101 years.

The machine-firing gun, the invention of Dr. S. N. McLean of Cleveland, fires 250 times without pulling the trigger.

The choir of the Grace Methodist church at Kokomo, Ind., struck for higher wages, but its place was soon filled with new singers.

Wireless messages have been sent without difficulty between the Armour downtown offices and the packing house at the stock yards in Chicago. The plant will be extended to the Armour houses throughout the West.

A private letter from a high railroad official of Mexico says an American syndicate, believed to be the Harriman interests, are negotiating for the purchase of the properties of the properties of the Consolidated Railroad of Yucatan, embracing all the roads in that state.

A Frenchman has written a polite letter to the chief of police of Chicago requesting that his runaway wife be returned to him at Toulon. He has no sentimental motive, he says, "but needs her in his business."

TALKS ON TRUSTS

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SPEAKS ON THAT SUBJECT AT MILWAUKEE.

SPENDS THE DAY IN BADGERDOM

OUTLINES THE STEPS TAKEN BY CONGRESS TOWARD SOLVING PROBLEM.

LAWS PASSED ARE EFFECTIVE

WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE EXTENDS A WELCOME TO THE PRESIDENT.

Milwaukee, April 6.—President Roosevelt was the guest of the Milwaukee Merchants and Manufacturers' association at a banquet at the Plankinton house last night, the occasion being the grand climax of the president's ten hours' visit to Milwaukee. Covers were laid for 530 representative citizens.

The president sat in the center of a long table with other guests of honor. At his immediate right sat United States Senator Joseph V. Quarles, while E. A. Wadhams, president of the Milwaukee Merchants and Manufacturers' association and toastmaster of the occasion, was seated at his left. After the banquet had been served, Toastmaster Wadhams introduced President Roosevelt, who responded to the toast "The President of the United States." President Roosevelt took this occasion to give his views on

The Subject of Trusts.

The president briefly reviewed the economic conditions which made possible the so-called trusts. He set forth the efforts which have been made in the past to regulate the evil and gave the history of some of the most important suits which have been brought against these combinations, notably the Northern Securities merger, which he dwelt on at some length. The president then briefly outlined the most important steps, legislative and administrative, taken during the past eighteen months in the direction of solving, so far as at present it seems practicable by national legislation or administration to solve, what we call the trust problem.

"They represent," said he, "a sum of very substantial achievement. They represent a successful effort to devise and apply real remedies; an effort which so far succeeded because it was made not only with resolute purpose and determination, but also in a spirit of common sense and justice, as far removed as possible from rancor, hysteria, and unworthy demagogic appeal.

Laws Will Be Enforced.

"In the same spirit the laws will continue to be enforced. Not only is the legislation recently enacted effective, but in my judgment it was impracticable to attempt more. Nothing of value is to be expected from ceaseless agitation for radical and extreme legislation. The people may wisely, and with confidence, await the results which are reasonably to be expected from the impartial enforcement of the laws which have recently been placed upon the statute books. Legislation of a general and indiscriminate character would be sure to fail, either because it would involve all interests in a common ruin, or because it would not really reach any evil. We have endeavored to provide a discriminating adaptation of the remedy to the real mischief.

"Many of the alleged remedies advocated are of the unpleasantly drastic type which seeks to destroy the disease by killing the patient. Others are so

Obviously Futile that it is somewhat difficult to treat them seriously or as being advanced in good faith. High among the latter I place the effort to reach the trust question by means of the tariff. You can, of course, put an end to the prosperity of the nation; but the price for such action seems high. The alternative is to do exactly what has been done during the life of the congress which has just closed—that is, to endeavor not to destroy corporations, but to regulate them with a view of doing away with whatever is of evil in them and of making them subservient to the public use. The law is not to be administered in the interest of the poor man as such, nor yet in the interest of the rich man as such, but in the interest of the law-abiding man, rich or poor. We are no more against organizations of capital than against organizations of labor. We welcome both, demanding only that each shall do right and shall remember its duty to the republic."

AT THE BADGER CAPITAL.

President Roosevelt Talks to Members of the Legislature.

Madison, April 6.—The special train carrying President Roosevelt and his party arrived here at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The president rested on the train until 9 o'clock, when he was met by a party from the state legislature and city officials headed by Gov. La Follette and Mayor Graves and escorted to the capitol. The governor and mayor rode in the carriage with the president.

President Roosevelt entered the assembly chamber, escorted by Gov. La Follette. He was greeted enthusiastically. Lieut. Gov. Davidson, presiding officer of the joint legislative convention, introduced the president briefly.

In his speech President Roosevelt referred to the fact that the state university is located here, and said it was a good idea for students to be brought into close touch with government affairs. The universities, he said, must do more than turn out scholars. They must turn out men and women. He praised Wisconsin university for the high place it has taken in scholarly and athletic pursuits.

SWEPT BY TORNADO

GREAT DAMAGE IS DONE BY STORM IN SOUTHERN INDIANA.

DISTRICT SCHOOL IS WRECKED

ONE CHILD FATALLY AND SEVERAL OTHERS PAINFULLY INJURED.

BUILDINGS ARE TOSSED ABOUT

IMMENSE TREES UPROOTED—DESTRUCTION FOLLOWS IN STORM'S PATH.

Washington, Ind., April 6.—A destructive tornado swept over Southern Indiana yesterday. Great damage was done in this vicinity. The storm came from the southwest, and after crossing White river, swept through the country, carrying barns, houses, trees and general destruction with it. At the Wathen district school forty children were eating dinner. One end of the building gave way and fell inward.

A child named Carrie Smoot was struck by a flying brick and fatally injured and several others were badly hurt. The two-story house of Frank Palmer was lifted entirely off its foundations. Mr. Palmer's barn was totally destroyed and valuable machinery lost. The storm ran through the county, uprooting immense trees and destroying over twenty barns. The old Christian church was blown down.

A number of plate glass windows were broken in the stores, and chimneys, small buildings and trees were leveled. The damage here is estimated at \$25,000.

At Oakland City the south wall of the Oakland City Manufacturing company's building caved in and an employe was buried under the debris, receiving fatal injuries.

Child Is Killed.

Alexandra, Ind., April 6.—During the storm and high wind here Oscar Cummings was perhaps fatally injured and his ten-year-old daughter was instantly killed by a falling tree.

Death and Destruction.

English, Ind., April 6.—A tornado three miles west of here yesterday killed Mrs. George Cunningham and crushed the skull of her ten-year-old son by blowing down the house. The path of the storm was 100 yards wide and a mile long. Three farm houses were destroyed and all buildings in its path. A farm hand was fatally injured in a falling barn. Much stock was killed.

EXPLOSION IN A MINE.

Hundred Men Were at Work at the Time but None Were Injured.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 6.—An explosion of gas occurred yesterday afternoon in No. 5 mine of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal company. As soon as the report was sent out the greatest excitement prevailed, from the fact that this mine is one of the most gaseous in the Wyoming valley. There were rumors that fifty men were entombed, and in less than half an hour an immense crowd gathered about the head of the shaft and the usual scenes ensued about the colliery. An investigation began at once and it was found that the explosion was caused by a naked light carried by a miner, igniting a body of gas, and the only damage done was the blowing down of several doors and mine brattice on the inside workings of various chambers and gangways. There were 100 men working in that portion of the mine, and for a time it was feared they were lost. The rescuing parties, however, found them all within a half-hour, and none was burned or in any way injured. Succeeding the explosion there was a slight fire in one of the working chambers, but this was speedily extinguished. The colliery will resume work as usual to-day.

SWINDLE IS ALLEGED.

Three Men Are Said to Have Worked a Fake Race Scheme.

Milwaukee, April 6.—Three well-dressed men, giving the names of John Connor, J. McCarrand and William Henderson, were arraigned in Judge Neelen's court yesterday on the charge of vagrancy preferred by the police, and their cases were adjourned. Back of this charge one of a more serious nature is being developed by the police and the attorney of T. W. Saveland, who alleges that the men swindled him out of \$10,000 on a fake race scheme.

CANADIANS WILL TRY.

Capt. Bornier to Be Started on a Search for North Pole.

Ottawa, April 6.—Capt. Bornier, the Arctic explorer, backed by a deputation of members of parliament and senators, saw Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, yesterday, and asked for an \$80,000 wooden steamer in which to search for the North Pole. The government probably will furnish the boat.

FIRST CLEARANCE PAPERS.

Duluth Will Take the Sultana Out of Duluth.

Duluth, April 6.—The first clearance papers to be taken out in the port of Duluth for the season of 1903 were secured yesterday by Capt. Driscoll of the steamer Sultana. According to the time-honored custom, the usual fee was refunded. She will go to Two Harbors and secure a load of iron ore.

CATHOLIC FORESTERS.

Fargo Man Is Elected Secretary for North Dakota.

Grand Forks, N. D., April 6.—The state court of Catholic Foresters met here yesterday and appointed T. H. Dunn of Fargo secretary to succeed J. D. Hogan of this city, who moves to the state. It was also decided to hold the annual state meeting at Washington, D. C., June 9.

WRECKED A TRAIN.

Mass of Rock Falls on Track—Fireman Is Killed.

Northfield, Vt., April 6.—A mass of rock which fell on the tracks of the Central Vermont railroad, near here, caused the wrecking of the north-bound express, running from Boston to Montreal. The locomotive, with three cars, plunged over an embankment forty feet high. Fireman O'Neil of Northfield was killed. None of the other train hands or the passengers were injured beyond a few slight bruises.

Strike Is Averted.

Massillon, Ohio, April 6.—The delegates from the Massillon district mines have adopted the wage scale submitted by the joint scale committee, thus averting a strike.

Regains His Title.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 6.—Tom Jenkins of Cleveland regained the American heavyweight wrestling championship last night by defeating Dan McLeod of Hamilton, Ont., who won the title from him at Bridgeport, Conn., last Christmas. Jenkins took two straight falls.

Entombed in Mine.

Leipzig, Prussia, April 6.—Eight men were killed and fourteen entombed as a result of a gas explosion in a mine at Ostend.