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THE CATASTROPHE UPON THE SOUND

Early this morning, through driving storm mists, Death glided over the waters of the Sound near Victoria.

Scores cried out for help. The great waves rolled and washed and then, with a sullen surge, closed over steamboat and passengers.

The Clallam, new and presumably staunch, had been suddenly overwhelmed, even while assistance was close at hand.

Another chapter to the marine horrors of the coast has been added.

Such a terrible disaster, following so closely upon the heels of the Iroquois holocaust and the two frightful train wrecks of the last fortnight, is well calculated to set the public pulse to beating with renewed apprehension. No place seems to be safe. The fact is vividly brought home to all of us that those who go down to the sea in ships, as well as those who travel upon the land by rail, take great risks. Even the usually peaceful Sound has shown that it can, upon occasion, become a raging monster, seeking all whom it may engulf.

There seems to be no way of averting these tragedies. Men with all of their ingenuity seem to be unable to provide means for lessening materially the risks of travel. The day may come when ships and trains will travel securely, but it seems to be a long way off as yet.

Sympathy for the relatives of the many who lost their lives on the Clallam will be deep and spontaneous, while unavailing tears will flow for those who were yesterday so full of life and hope and now lie cold and stark beneath the waters.

The Seattle "P.-I.," describing a suicide, said yesterday: "He took a last long look at Mt. Rainier, put his hands out before him and jumped head first into the lake."

A local paper, quoting this news, says: "He took a last long look at Mt. Tacoma, put his hands out before him and jumped head first into the lake."

Perhaps it was a double suicide, or a single suicide in which the victim "saw double." It is more probable, however, that the man with "the last long look" was suffering from that hallucination of the brain which sometimes imagines a Mt. Rainier standing where Mt. Tacoma has always stood.

But it matters not. The man is dead.

NO REPRESSING A NOVELIST

Mr. Speed Mosby, late deputy clerk of the supreme court of Missouri, who was abruptly dismissed from office because he had written a novel, threatens to devote the rest of his life to novel writing.

Thus once more is the public indirectly made to bear the punishment intended to be inflicted upon an individual. The abused wife who has her brutal husband consigned to jail must toil day and night and starve herself to support and warm her children, while the man supposed to be punished is loafing comfortably in his steam-heated cell and taking his three bountiful meals a day.

Of course, the analogy between the man who writes novels and he who beats his wife must not be carried too far, but in one respect the similarity is striking and painful.

So far as indications go, there had been no great demand for Mr. Speed Mosby's novel prior to his loss of the deputy clerkship. But the advertisement it has now received arouses gloomy apprehensions. The fact of his dismissal from office is apt to so excite an artificial demand for his book as not not only to induce him to devote the rest of his life to writing novels, but to stimulate him to fiendish activity.

There is Lieutenant Bilse, who, since he was recently retired from the military service of his imperial majesty the German emperor, because of his having published a volume of his opinions on various critical and delicate subjects, is not languishing in the obscurity to which he was supposed to be consigned, but is feverishly engaged in dramatic composition.

There are two sides to the problem. If every man engaged in the public service knew that he would be summarily discharged in case he should write a novel, it might seem that the output of fiction must be greatly curtailed, to the infinite relief of the public.

But here are two cases in which the opposite result has followed, and two men are now industriously pursuing as a business what they had undertaken merely as a pastime.

The proper punishment of a Missouri novelist is a deep problem.

The Indiana plan of sending its most inveterate novelists to the legislature, in order that a part of their time and energies may thus be withdrawn from novel writing, seems not to work badly. It is to be noted that it is the exact opposite of the plan pursued in Missouri.

The Home

BY CYNTHIA GREY

TO ABOLISH THE WORD "SPINSTER."

LONDON.—Bachelor women in London have combined to banish the hated term spinster from their midst. A club has been formed by some half a dozen unmarried society ladies, and spinster is shortly to disappear from all the legal documents and finally from all British dictionaries.

The club had its origin in a Bond street tea shop, where a party of women met to discuss the hated word and to form a committee to adopt drastic measures for stamping it out. A ladies' bachelor club was the result.

The club is to welcome members who are eligible under these conditions: Girls who have received proposals of marriage and are bachelors from choice, not necessity; young women brave enough to confess they never have enjoyed an offer of marriage. Engaged girls are allowed and nearly every variety of the unmarried woman. Marriage is regarded as a possibility, so the club members who desert the ranks pay no fines and are subject only to a loss of membership. It was first suggested that the new club call themselves an anti-spinter crusade, but this was giving an unfair prominence to the libelous word they meant to abolish, and bachelor was chosen instead. Why bachelor, with an original meaning of cowherd, is so much to be preferred must sumply be an association of ideas.

One of the original members of the club, which has been formed with all seriousness, has influence in high quarters and intends to make a valiant effort to see that spinster no longer makes hideous census returns and other official documents.

They hope their efforts at passive resistance will have the co-operation of their American bachelor women cousins.

CURLS OF 1804 AND 1904.

History repeats itself in fashion as in fact. The side curls of 1804 are worn today with a simple little dinner gown very like the tea gown of 100 years ago. The curls are stripped of a flower or two, however.

TO PREVENT SOURING OF MILK.

Experiments in Sweden have shown that the well known effect of thunderstorms in souring milk may in a great degree be avoided or counteracted by artificial heat in the dairy. The plan is to start a fire in the room where milk is kept whenever a thunderstorm is seen approaching. This is done even in hot weather, the purpose being to drive out the excess of moisture. The explanation given is that during the approach of such storms the atmosphere becomes loaded with moisture and the damp, moist, heavy air resting upon the milk produces acidity and spoils it.

TO AVOID SORE THROAT.

Chronic sore throat may be cured by sponging the chest and rubbing daily with cold water, rubbing briskly with a coarse towel and applying alcohol. Do not wrap up the throat too warmly, but accustom it to do without superfluous neckwear. This will render one much less susceptible to colds.

A WHITE APRON.

MEALS FOR A DAY.

BREAKFAST.
Dates and Figs.
Cereal, Sugar and Cream.
Minced Mutton on Toast.
Fried Potatoes.
Coffee.

LUNCHEON.
Bananas, Whipped Cream.
Bread and Butter Sandwiches.
Layer Cake, Orange Filling.
Cocoa.

DINNER.
Cream of Pea Soup.
Baked Ham.
Scalloped Potatoes.
Corn Oysters.
Chocolate Bread Pudding.
Sterling Sauce.
Coffee.

Corn Oysters.—To 1 cup canned corn, add 1 egg, 3 tablespoons flour, salt and cayenne. Cook on hot, well greased griddle. Make siz of large oysters.

Minced Mutton on Toast.—Put cold boiled mutton through meat grinder. To 1 pint white sauce add 1 cup of the chopped meat. Season with salt, cayenne, celery salt and lemon juice. Serve on pieces of toast.

Chocolate Bread Pudding.—Soak 1 cup dry bread crumbs in 1 pink milk 30 minutes; melt 1 ounce chocolate, add 1-3 cup sugar and ¼ cup hot water, add to soaked bread, with 1 egg, dash salt and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Bake 20 minutes in moderate oven.

FROM PRIVATE TO CHIEF OF STAFF

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—Lieutenant General S. B. M. Young, having reached the age limit prescribed by the regulations, was today retired from active service and Major General Adna R. Chaffee was sworn in to succeed him as chief of the general staff. The formal ceremony took place in the presence of Secretary of War Root and a number of the highest officials of the war department and prominent officers of the army. Subsequently the new chief of the general staff was taken on a tour of the department and formally introduced to the heads of the various bureaus.

Lieutenant General Adna R. Chaffee, the new chief of the general staff, has the distinction of having risen from the ranks to the head of the army. His rise may be attributed to the constant display of soldierly qualities, blended with rare good fortune. He came into special prominence as commander of a brigade that took a leading part in the battle of El Caney during the war with Spain, and later he distinguished himself as commander of the American troops in China in the troublous times following the "Boxer" uprising.

General Chaffee was born in Ohio in April, 1842, and entered the service as a private in the Sixth cavalry in July, 1861. Two years later he was commissioned second lieutenant, becoming a first lieutenant in February, 1865. He won his first lieutenancy on the battlefield of Gettysburg, and was moved up to the grade of captain for gallant service at Dinwiddie Courthouse. Subsequent promotions to the rank of major and of lieutenant colonel, successively, were earned in engagements with Indians in Texas and Arizona. He also served at one time as inspector general with General McCook, and later still as sub-director of the cavalry school at Fort Riley, Kan.

INSTALL OFFICERS OF BEN HUR LODGE

Tacoma court No. 2, Tribe of Ben Hur, installed officers in their hall in the Odd Fellows' Temple building last night. The ceremonies were conducted by E. L. Hiberly, deputy supreme chief of the state. Following the installation a program consisting of literary and musical selections was rendered.

The main feature of the evening, however, was a floor drill by the ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Henry.

The officers installed were: Past chief, William R. Westlake; chief, John Pengilly; judge, Miss Bessie Hoffman; teacher, Mrs. Mary Hoska; scribe, R. H. Lund; keeper of tribute, Mrs. M. A. Henry; captain, Arthur B. Eaton; guide, Mrs. Guyer; keeper inside gate, J. M. Gloyd; keeper outside gate, Frank Richardt; Ben Hur, E. L. Hiberly; Rabbi Joseph, James L. Howie; master of ceremonies, William Sulser; mother, Mary A. Henry.

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DR. JORDAN IN TROUBLE

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—Dr. Eugene Jordan of this city is being sued in the superior court for $50,000 by Henry E. Oldt, editor of the Pacific Coast Sportsman. The doctor is charged with alienating the affections of Oldt's wife.

Mrs. Oldt left her husband early in December on the steamer Queen for San Francisco. During the trip, despondent over her trouble, she is said to have jumped overboard with her little daughter.

The complainant alleges that Dr. Jordan and Mrs. Oldt were seen together the day she left for San Francisco and he holds the doctor responsible for the loss of wife and child.

Dr. Jordan denies that Mrs. Oldt is dead and claims that the affair is a scheme to blackmail him.

The Seattle police are working on the theory that Mrs. Oldt left the steamer at Victoria and is now hiding somewhere in the East. The case is attracting a great deal of attention here.

TO EXHIBIT THE QUALITIES OF RADIUM

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 9.—A concession to exploit radium at the World's fair has been applied for by Alexander Forbes of Glasgow, Scotland. The applicant asks for a space of at least 100 square feet, and incloses a circular of an exhibit he is at present conducting at the East End exhibition in Glasgow. The possibilities of the concession are shown in a few sentences from the circular, which says in part:

"The riddle of radium. This new element is valued at 700,000 sterling per pound. To buy a ton of it Pierpont Morgan, Carnegie and Rockefeller would be required to realize on all their stocks and make a common purse of the proceeds. Even with this they might have to borrow a few millions.

"Rays are shot out from radium at the rate of 120,000 miles per second, forming a new record between matter and motion. The rays are 100 times faster than the fastest meteor known. A piece of radium is calculated to continue in full activity for two million years. Radium without being energized in any way gives out light, heat and motion. The machinery of the future will be hitched to radium. Such is the wondurful luminous power of radium that Sir William Crookes was able to read a newspaper by the light given off by the letters of the word 'radium' written in a solution of radium on a plate of zinc-blende."

REALTY TRANSFER

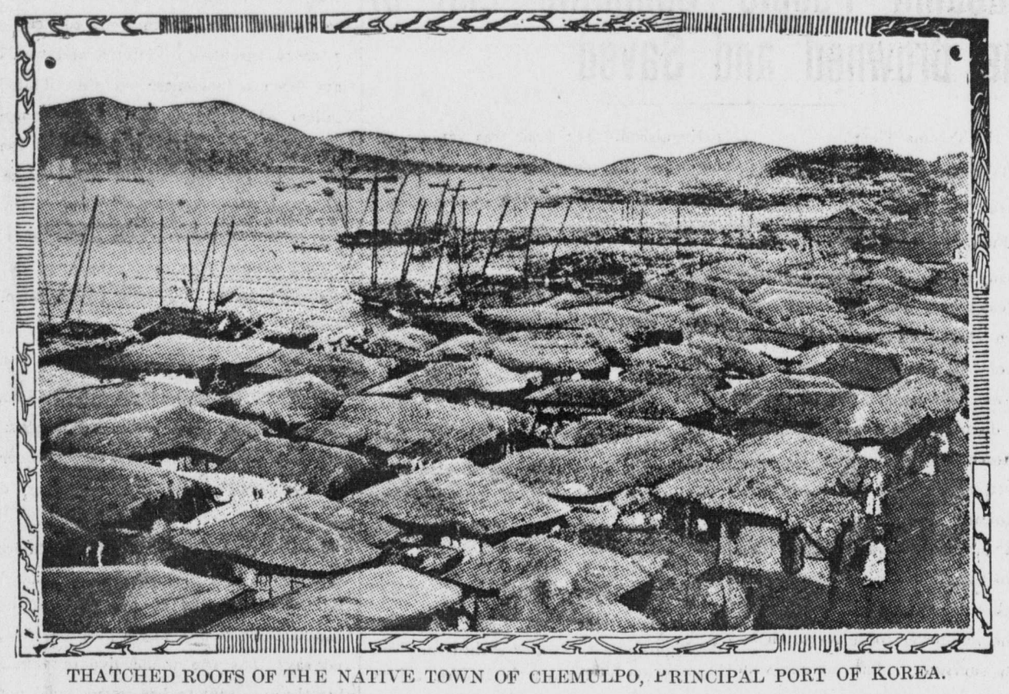
A deed recording the sale of lot 9, block 635, Ainsworth addition, to M. L. Herriott was placed on record yesterday. The consideration was $1,750.

FROZEN EARS--FROZEN TOES

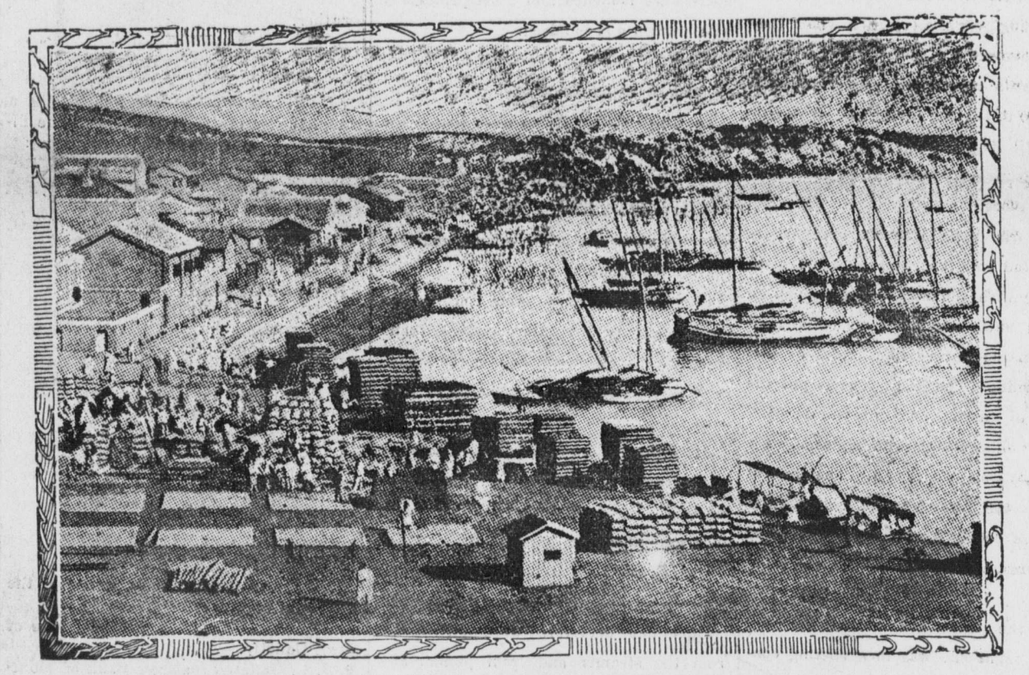
NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Not in many years has New York had so many snow storms as this winter. These have been followed by big drops in the mercury and numerous complaints are heard of cold cars on the local surface and elevated lines. To such conditions is attributed the prevalence of pneumonia. Efforts to remedy the matter have failed, as the New York street car officials cannot be reached by the present laws. Perhaps the legislature will amend the laws so that death-dealing cars will be eliminated.

CONVENTION IS CALLED

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—Chairman Ellis Morrison of the Republican state committee has issued a call for the convention February 13. The convention must be held before May 21 to elect delegates to the national convention to be held in Chicago. William P. Reynolds is the delegate to the state convention from Tacoma.



THATCHED ROOFS OF THE NATIVE TOWN OF CHEMULPO, PRINCIPAL PORT OF KOREA.



HARBOR OF CHEMULPO, PRINCIPAL PORT OF KOREA.

PRICKLY POINTS

UNCLE HENRY SAYS.

Th' best business men is them 'at keeps out o' jail.

A large crowd was in the court room and they enjoyed it very much when Mr. Turnbull picked ex-Judge Farnley's speech to pieces.—Idaho Times.

THEY CLINKED THEIR GLASSES.

Mr. Bryan is coming home. Now in addition to that dear old line of talk, we'll get a variation like this:

"On Friedrichstrasse, in Berlin, I saw——"

"While I was sauntering along the Boulevard Haussamann, in Paris——"

This is a prophecy. Mr. Bryan is no more proof against the "When I was in Europe" bug, than you and your friends were.

SHE WOULD HAVE HER LITTLE FLING.

The United States may be drawn into war, but thank heaven we have Nels Miles.

"Everybody in the choir is sore," said the leader to the minister.

"Why, what can be the matter?"

"They think you are trying to poke fun at them."

"That I am? What makes them think that?"

"Because you want them to sing 'Just Before the Battle, Mother.'"

A newspaper correspondent predicts that congress will move slowly and accomplish little. That correspondent must "keep a dope book and play on form," for congress never did anything else.

A ROMANCE OF THE OKANOGAN.

We expected a wedding in Happy Bottom today. We saw a young man and a young lady go past our house to a near neighbor's and stop for the preacher. The preacher walked about six miles and wasn't there by a mile and a half, and stopped and didn't come any further and the young couple sent some one to see what was wrong, and when they found him he was stalled, and what do you suppose stalled him? He had on a new coat, and it was one of those long-tailed preacher's coats and it had him just fagged out. So I guess he made it back home. Then the young man that wanted to marry hopped on a mule and lit out on the hunt for some one else to tie the knot. At 8 o'clock the poor girl was still waiting the arrival of her intended husband, and the cake and chicken was ate before the squire came, who proved to be the pennyroyal specialist.—Okanogan News.

Rosa—Sprinkle a little brick dust on it and keep it in a dark place.

HE WAS BOUND TO SAY SOMETHING.

Emigrants, when they land in New York are strong in the belief that you can dig up money in the streets. Nobody can do that but the asphalt trust.

An Iowa mob dispersed at the request of a congressman. Strange people, those out in Iowa.

"I always make a New Year resolution."

"I never do."

"I never fail to make one. It's always so much easier to break than one you make any other time."

CLASSIFIED ADS.

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