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Women outnumber men in both New York and Philadelphia.

Concerning that Red Sox victory, why not drop it? Snodgrass did.

That restored Venus of Milo proves to be a southpaw with good curves.

They say the new ten-dollar bill is a work of art, but it can't be at that price.

A baby was born in New York on the elevated. Starting life pretty high.

A London swindler sold dried peas for liver pills. Probably just as effective.

"Women's dresses are to become tighter." Roller skates next and a boy behind to push.

London is shocked over the way the British nation is taking to gum chewing. But they stick to it.

Medical science is constantly discovering hundreds of new reasons why people should call in the doctor.

Before ordering your split pea soup you should patriotically inquire if the pea was split in Germany or America.

A London specialist says that modern dress is killing women. Yet most women desire their gowns to be killing.

According to a scientist, all men will be baldheaded in 500 years. It's a cinch they will if they live until then.

Somebody claims to have discovered black snow in the Alps. But any writer he can find a lot of it in Pittsburgh.

Plants and vegetables are to be raised by electricity. As far as fruits are concerned, we already have electric currants.

A New York man was robbed of his pearl necklace, worth $50,000, on an ocean liner. Where was his chaperon?

Women certainly are obstinate creatures. One in Boston is contesting the dictum of three courts that declared her dead.

Our pupils are found to be weak in the three R's. The old-fashioned spelling bee might profitably be revived, it seems.

Kissing is forbidden in public places in Switzerland. Undoubtedly on the ground that there is more than enough danger there without it.

An eastern man wrote a tragedy and the manager turned it into a comedy. It is but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous, after all.

Chinese women are said to have the most beautiful complexions in the world. Still, it depends on whether it is orientally considered.

Now the German scientists have discovered a means of producing artificial milk. Why not invent a way to grow eggs on the egg plant.

"Resolve to live a hundred years and you can do it," says a St. Louis physician. But the majority of good resolutions are broken in a short time.

There used to be made in this country copper-toed shoes that the small boy could not kick out in one month. Ah, those were happy days for parents!

Infantile paralysis has appeared among the Eskimos in Alaska. The backward races must often sit down and wonder whether civilization really pays.

Physicians are now discussing whether incurables should be killed. Which brings up the question: "How can physicians agree on who are incurables?"

An eighteen-pound lobster has been caught in Long Island Sound. Still, a chorus girl can catch a bigger one than that on Broadway any day in the year.

In Baltimore a police justice has arranged mirrors in his court room so that drunks and disorderlies will have to see themselves. Justice should have a little pity.

To be simple and to be without guile is to triumph over all. Is there not the case of the young woman who when congratulated upon the quality and strength of her perfumery said that she was glad he had noticed it?

A London gentleman, opposed to tipping, let his whiskers grow rather than bestow a honorarium upon the tonsorial artist. Wonder if the new style whiskers have anything to do with this latter day crusade against tips?

It is doubtful if Andre de Fouquieres will succeed in his announced purpose, to persuade us to dress after the French fashion, since American men have a rooted prejudice against wearing corsets and hoopskirts with their frock coats.

WAGE BODY URGED TO AVERT STRIKES

ARBITRATORS IN ENGINEERS' DISPUTE ASK LAWS TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC.

30,000 GAIN PARTIAL VICTORY

General Increase on All the Roads Held Not Warranted—Morrissey Intimates Fight Will Be Renewed on May 1 Next.

Washington.—Thirty thousand locomotive engineers on fifty-two Eastern railways gain a partial victory in their demand for more wages under the award announced by the board of arbitration.

In its decision, however, the board holds that the public, which has no voice in the controversy and no choice but to abide by the decision, has more at stake than either engineers or railroads and the report emphasizes the necessity of public ownership, the public against the possibility of a labor strike, which commissioner Neill depicts in sombber hues.

It would be difficult to substantiate the seriousness of such a calamity, reads the report. It is safe to say that the arm, either of the East or West, and the service of many millions of dwellers within a week. If so important a commodity as milk, they would have to move, and a city supply. If a strike of the character had set in a single week, the suffering would be beyond the power of description. The interests of the public so far exceed those of the parties to a controversy as to render the former paramount. To this paramount interest both the railroad operators and the employes should submit."

To prevent such a strike beyond the realms of probability, the board advocates the creation of federal and state wage commissions. These commissions, the board suggests, should be vested with practically the same powers over organized labor as public utilities commissions now exercise over quasi public corporations.

"It is the belief of the board," continues the decision, "that in the last analysis the only solution is to qualify the principle of free contract in the railroad service."

From this suggestion, P. H. Morrissey, the representative of the engineers on the board, dissents.

While the award increases wages on some railroads and for some classes of service, it holds that a general increase on all roads is not warranted. The award dates back to May 1 last, and will hold for one year from that date.

Morrissey, representing the engineers, already has indicated doubt as to its renewal. In the past, with several notable exceptions, the contracts between the roads and the engineers have been renewed annually.

Free Mail Cost $3,250,000.

Washington.—Statistics compiled by the postoffice department show that campaign documents sent through the mails postage free during the last campaign by senators and congressmen would have netted the government $3,250,000 if stamps had been affixed.

Would Kill Wilson, Is Held.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Declaring that he will kill President-elect Wilson if he ever gets a chance, John Cohan, a one-armed man, arrested here, is being held by the local police. If not wanted by the government, his mental condition will be examined.

Mexican Ambassador to Retire.

Mexico City.—Manuel Calero will resign his position as Mexican ambassador to the United States early next year, according to an announcement by Foreign Minister Las Curain. Senor Calero will devote his time to private business.

Nebraska Prairie Fire.

Kimball, Neb.—A prairie fire originating in Banner county, Neb., swept across the whole north part of Kimball county. It was started by a threshing outfit, and fanned by a 50-mile-an-hour gale, was checked with difficulty.

Progressive Senator Wins.

New York.—Henry Salant, candidate for state senator on the Progressive ticket in a New York city district at the recent election, was elected by a plurality of 59 votes, it appeared with the completion of the canvass.

Chicago.—Grover Nielson, structural iron worker, employed on a building in course of construction, plunged nine stories and suffered a broken little finger.

Two Killed in Wreck.

Alexandria, La.—Passengers on a Texas & Pacific express escaped death when the train crashed into two locomotives pushing a Southern Pacific freight, near here. Two trainmen were killed and two others were hurt.

Pension for Canalejas' Kin.

Madrid.—The ducal title and annual pension of $6,000 were conferred on the family of the late Premier Canalejas, who was assassinated on November 12. King Alfonso has signed

OLD WALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

This is a part of the ancient wall that still encloses a great part of Constantinople, but which, despite its massiveness, would offer little resistance to modern artillery. It was built in the fourth century and extends from the Sea of Marmora to the Golden Horn.

$20,000,000 FREE MAIL

61,377,000 POUNDS FRANKED BY DEPARTMENTS.

Postmaster General Hitchcock Has Long Urged Restrictions to Prevent Great Waste.

Washington, D. C.—Political campaign material transmitted free of postage through the mails accounted, according to postoffice department records, for the difference between a postal surplus and a postal deficit for the last fiscal year, ending June 30.

An account of franked mail forwarded for congress, the executive departments and other government establishments shows that postage at the ordinary rate on this matter would have netted the government nearly $20,000,000. About $3,250,000 of this would have been paid on political documents.

The postal service handled during the year 316,246,000 pieces of franked mail, weighing 61,377,000 pounds. This was 1.8 per cent of the total weight of all domestic mail carried.

All Political Documents.

During the presidential and congressional primary campaign in the last quarter of the fiscal year, as disclosed by comparison with the amounts of free matter sent during corresponding periods of previous years, an extraordinary amount of franked matter was sent through the mails at public expense.

This matter consisted of political speeches, reports and documents of all kinds and even of one complete political campaign book, all of which had been made technically frankable by insertion in the Congressional Record.

It is computed that the total weight of this franked matter was between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 pounds, all of which was transmitted as first-class mail.

Commenting upon these figures, Postmaster General Hitchcock, who has long urged that restrictions should be thrown around the use of the franking privilege, said:

PENSION FOR EX-PRESIDENTS

Carnegie to Relieve Future Former Executives from Pecuniary Cares —Widows Provided For.

New York, N. Y.—Future ex-presidents of the United States are to be pensioned in the sum of $25,000 each annually by action of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The grant is provided for with the idea of enabling former executives of the nation to devote their unique knowledge, gained in public affairs, to the public good, free from pecuniary care. A similar amount is to be paid widows of ex-presidents as long as they remain unmarried.

The pensions are to be promptly offered to the ex-presidents or their widows, so that no application will be required from them. Payment is to be continued as long as the recipients "remain unprovided for by the government."

Found Dead in Mill Pond.

Providence, R. I.—The body of Miss Nora Garvin, daughter of former Governor Garvin, was found in the mill pond about a mile from her home at Lonsdale. It is believed she committed suicide.

Says Shooting of Mother Accident.

Burksville, Ky.—James Wells, 21 years old, was arrested here on the charge of shooting his aged mother, Mrs. Susan Capps. Wells admitted shooting the woman, but claimed it was an accident.

173 HELD IN U. S. NET

GOVERNMENT STARTS RAID ON VENDERS OF MEDICINES.

New Move Follows Ruling That Fake Cures Are Largely Immune Under Pure Food Laws.

Washington, D. C.—With a drag net out for every kind of "quack" doctor using the mails and manufacturers of illegal remedies, the United States department of justice ordered the arrest of 173 persons in 72 cities in 22 states.

The government officials had made careful preparations to begin wholesale arrests simultaneously, and reports of those wanted being taken, began to come in almost as soon as word had gone out to proceed.

Attorney General Wickersham started the machinery of the department of justice last spring against makers and distributers of "quack" medicine and others and, after secret investigation, partly directed to ascertain if an association existed among those treating maternity cases, ordered the wholesale arrests. Simultaneously action was taken to prevent suspected persons informing others and making possible their escape.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has been accumulating evidence for months and inspectors have been investigating the activities of all medical advertisers in the various newspapers throughout the country. It was understood that chemists of the department of agriculture have been co-operating in the gathering of evidence for the crusade.

Practically all of the indictments, it was admitted, either charge the sending of objectionable matter through the mails or using the mails to defraud.

BANK GETS A RECORD LOAN

Mutual Life Furnishes Continental of Chicago Six Million Dollars for New Building.

Chicago, Ill.—A new record for big loans in the West was established when announcement was made that negotiations were closed for the Continental and Commercial National bank to borrow $6,000,000 from the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company.

The money is part of $12,000,000 to be used in the erection of a new bank building which will be the largest in the West.

HYDE FORCED BANK TO LOAN

J. G. Robin, Bank Wrecker, Tells of Former New York City Chamberlain's Financing.

New York, N. Y.—Joseph G. Robin testified at the trial of former City Chamberlain Charles H. Hyde that Hyde by his control of city deposits forced the Northern bank to loan the Carnegie Trust company $130,000 when the latter institution was about to collapse late in 1910.

Stork Visits Duke Palace.

New York.—About the happiest man in New York is James B. Duke, tobacco magnate. His wife presented him with a baby girl. It is Mr. Duke's first child and comes to him in his fifty-seventh year.

May Call Off Turkey Sale.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Mayor Samuel A. Shank is suffering from lumbago and it is likely he will have to call off his "turkey-at-cost" in his personally conducted sale at the city market, scheduled for next week.

TURKS TURN DOWN PEACE

PORTE ORDERS COMMANDER TO BEGIN HOSTILITIES.

Invaders Bombard Tchataldja—Forces Raked by Shell Fire—Naval Battle Fought.

Constantinople.—The Ottoman government has rejected the terms offered by the allied Balkan nations. Nazim Pasha, the Turkish commander in chief, has been ordered to resume operations.

The official announcement reads: "The Porte, finding the Bulgarian conditions for an armistice unacceptable, has ordered Nazim Pasha to resume military operations."

Battle Renewed at Tchataldja.

Constantinople.—The battle at the Tchataldja lines was resumed following the rejection by Turkey of the Balkan allies' terms for an armistice.

Cannonading was reopened with great violence and is plainly audible here.

Terms Not Proposed as Ultimatum.

Sofia.—The terms for an armistice proposed by the Bulgarians are in no way in the nature of an ultimatum according to official circles here. It is open to the Turkish government to make counter proposals.

Naval Battle Fought.

Semlin, Hungary.—An Ottoman naval victory in the Black sea was reported here from Turkish sources, and a Bulgarian success in the same engagement was claimed in dispatches from Sofia.

The Turkish version was that four Bulgarian torpedo boats attacked the Turkish cruiser Hamidieh off Varna and that two of them were sunk and the others badly damaged. The Bulgarian story was that the Hamidieh was sent to the bottom.

SCHRANK IN OSHKOSH ASYLUM

Commission Unanimously Finds Man Who Shot Roosevelt Is Unable to Plan Defense.

Oshkosh, Wis.—John Schrank, who shot Colonel Roosevelt, was placed in the northern insane asylum here today.

The commission of alienists investigating as to his mental condition reported unanimously that he is insane.

Schrank was ordered to be committed to the northern insane hospital by Judge Backus, after a dozen witnesses had offered testimony in connection with the shooting of Col. Roosevelt.

The conclusions reached by the commission are as follows:

"John Schrank is suffering from insane delusions, grandiose in character and of a systematized variety.

"In our opinion he is insane at the present time.

"On account of the connection existing between his delusions and the act with which he stands charged, we are of the opinion he is unable to confer intelligibly with counsel on the conduct of his defense."

SUGAR FIRM SUED BY U. S.

$119,080 Under Valuation Is Charged in New York Suit—Criminal Action Doubtful.

New York.—Suit was brought in the United States district court by Deputy Assistant Attorney General Runyon on behalf of the government for the recovery from the Federal Sugar Refining company of $119,080.88. The government alleges under valuation of 420 cargoes of imported sugar. Whether criminal action is also to be brought was not stated.

Personal service of the complaint was obtained on President C. A. Spreckles of the company. The offenses complained of cover a period between 1902 and 1908.

FAMILY SLAIN WITH AN AXE

Three More Are Sacrificed as Cult Victims in Mississippi Is Theory of the Police.

Philadelphia, Miss.—The bodies of William Walmsley, his wife and 4-year-old child, were found in their home here. All had been murdered with an axe.

The police believe they were victims of the "sacrifice sect," to which they were reported to belong.

Clementine Barnabet, high priestess of the cult, who admitted taking eighteen lives, is in prison at Lafayette, La.

Sane Christmas Society.

Chicago.—Resolutions condemning the Christmas custom of bartering gifts placed the Sane Christmas association of Chicago on record as advocating the abolition of the present-day exchange of presents. The association was formed by women who are pledged not to give costly Christmas gifts.

Three Railroads Indicted.

Chicago.—The federal grand jury found indictments against the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, the Big Four railroad, the Chicago & Indiana Southern railroad and the O'Gara Coal company.

Bathtub Criminal Trial in January.

Washington.—The retrial of the criminal anti-trust suit against the so-called "bathtub trust" will be called at Detroit in January, according to present plans. The first trial resulted in a disagreement of the jury.

AFTER HE HAD COUNTED THEM

His Companions Safe, Philadelphia Man Was Satisfied That He Had Really Shot Buck.

Thomas Martindale, the Philadelphia moose hunter, said, apropos of the opening of the deer season:

"Buck fever is a strange disease. The victim of it does some remarkable things.

"A Philadelphian was deer hunting in Maine. He shot four or five shots into a thick copse, and then he shouted:

"'All of you come out of there!'

"Half a dozen sportsmen issued from the copse hurriedly.

"'Are you all out?' said the Philadelphian. 'One, two, three, four. Where's Jake? Oh, there you are, Jake. Are you all out, sure?'

"'Yes,' they answered. 'We're all out; the whole party's out.'

"'Hurrah, then!' shouted the Philadelphian. 'Hurrah! I've shot a buck!'"

Frontier Medical List.

In good old frontier days castor oil was the principal medical beverage—good full measure, too. Only the biggest person could hold a whole dose—one-half a dipperful, with half a dipperful of New Orleans molasses added to help slick it down and make it taste good, only it didn't taste good. In those historic days every old woman was a doctor and gathered her own "yarbs" in the woods and knew how to mix up medical messes that would stir the vitals of a brass monkey or a cast iron dog. All backwoodsmen believed in "yarb" doctors. Something in "yarbs," at that.

Turkish Counting of Time.

Through the center of the mosque of St. Sophia runs the theoretical meridian which gave the Turks true local time—one hour and fifty-six minutes fifty-two seconds fast on Greenwich—until, two years ago, the new government fell in with the standard system of time zones, and came into the eastern European zone, exactly two hours ahead of Greenwich time. For religious purposes, however, 12 o'clock always happens at sunset, and noon thus wanders with the seasons all round the clock.—Westminster Gazette.

A DIFFERENCE.

Mr. Hall Roome—Billboards are very annoying.

Landlady—They don't worry some people I know, half as much as board bills.

New One.

"When I saw Speedem today he was on the qui vive."

"What make is that?"

Their Class.

"How would you describe these letters of a chiropodist?"

"I'd class them as foot notes."

Not the Same.

"You used to call your wife 'Kitten.'"

"I know, but she has grown since then."—Judge.

Before marrying a poet a girl should have her appetite amputated.

A Treat Anytime

Crisp, delicately browned

Post Toasties

Ready to serve without further cooking by adding cream or milk.

Often used with fresh or canned fruit.

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