

Spelling reform seems to have literally fallen thru itself.

"Extreme civility" covers a multitude of sins, though it is not specifically mentioned in the decalogue.

Many women are among the wanderers in Venice. The men object and are organizing unions against them.

The most despicable cocaine and opium fiends are the ones who sell the stuff to evident victims of the habit.

During the year 1906 20,000 deserted wives have been relieved by the Berlin poor law officials at a cost of \$125,000. A great majority of cases of matrimonial troubles resulted from drunkenness, which breaks up homes, at least temporarily.

A Berne doctor has discovered that tea made with melted snow is a cure for nervous disease. The doctor declares that he has cured people with this elixir when all other remedies have failed. He melts the snow over a slow fire, and then boils the water.

It is said in London that Lord Curzon might have been the head of the British legation in Washington had he so willed. His peerage, being only an Irish one, leaves him eligible to sit again in the house of commons, and it is probable that he will return when a safe seat offers.

Down in Georgia the supreme court decided that an engineer is not justified in acting on the presumption that a child of tender years on a railroad track will appreciate its danger and use the discretion of an adult in getting out of the way of an approaching train.

The mayor of Huddersfield, England, offered a prize of five dollars for every child born during his term of office which lived at least 12 months. Though several epidemics occurred, the mortality was reduced from 122 per thousand to 44, largely by the aid of women who instructed mothers.

Count Tolstoy neither drinks, smokes nor eats meat. It is his boast that he could not possess a single article he does not possibly dispense with; and he has even refused to receive a bicycle as a present, on the ground that it was a luxury. His recreations are chess and lawn tennis, at both of which he is an expert.

Astronomers long since came to the conclusion that the moon's surface is very hot during the height of the lunar day, and very cold during the lunar night, which is equally long. These extremes of temperature reach their height at the lunar noon and midnight, and are greater than any natural temperatures on the earth.

Many large employers of labor—textile manufacturers, steel mills and railroad companies—have raised the wages of their workmen without pressure on the part of labor. This is one of the signs of prosperity. Since a dollar does not buy as much as it did, the increase of wages gives a share of the prosperity to labor.

If John D. Rockefeller, whose income is placed at \$60,000,000 a year or \$190 a second, were compelled to carry home his income in silver dollars every day the old man would have to tug at more than five tons of the metal any morning after he happened to take a day off to play golf with Dr. Digger.

There are still some persons who are not anxious to have an automobile. Two well-known residents of Madrid started from that city on a journey to Paris last month mounted on asses. In protest against the reckless speed of the automobile drivers, each ass was named after a noted auto maker, and the riders carried banners inscribed, "Donkeys are better than automobiles."

Another crop statistician has been figuring, and he swells the corn crop of 1906 to unprecedented proportions, putting it at 3,011,000,000 bushels. This is to be a year of bounty such as was never known before, an able expert employed for the purpose placing the value of all the grain, fruit and other vegetable products of the country at \$7,000,000,000. Uncle Sam is not only the greatest manufacturer, but the greatest farmer on earth.

President Roosevelt saluted the Porto Ricans as "fellow citizens." They are not really that, nor under the judicial decisions are they aliens; yet they must be naturalized to become American citizens. But in spite of their anomalous position among the peoples of the earth, they are in a real sense under the American flag. Meanwhile they can take courage from the president's expressed intention to use his efforts to secure to them actual citizenship.

In a suit brought against him recently in New York by a former workman claiming wages, Nikola Tesla said, in answer to a question by the lawyer of the plaintiff that he was not a promoter and had never received a fee, and added "I am an inventor, and rank among the foremost men of the age."

In some parts of England the practice prevails of displaying a flag from a schoolhouse roof when every pupil is present. The children take great pride in this, and the rivalry between schools is found to improve the attendance.

JAPANESE COMING HERE

TWO THOUSAND ON THEIR WAY FROM MEXICO.

Flocking to Hawaii in Large Numbers, Many of Them Ex-Soldiers with Their Uniforms.

Washington—Reliable information has been received here of a prospective influx of over 2,000 Japanese into the United States from Mexico. Some of these have arrived and others are expected to arrive at Mazatlan, Mex. They were given free transportation from Japan, and were to be employed in the development of important interests in Mexico. Those who have arrived have become dissatisfied with their conditions and surroundings, and already some have started for the Mexican border. If they are found mentally and physically and the other requirements of the immigration laws are met, there is nothing to prevent them from entering the United States.

Come by Thousands from Hawaii. Washington—Japanese immigration to the Hawaiian Islands during the past 18 months aggregated 16,749, a large portion of whom subsequently came to the United States.

Bring Their Uniforms. Honolulu—Although most of the 750 Japanese arriving here on the Chikua Maru were classed as laborers, in search of employment, none have gone to the plantations. It has been discovered that many of them who are ex-soldiers brought their uniforms. All are now scattered in the oriental quarters.

What a Methodist Bishop Says. Los Angeles, Cal.—Bishop M. C. Harris, head of the Methodist church in Japan, says: "The statesmen of Japan do not regard war with this country as a possibility. They are cultivating the arts of peace, and the relations between Japan and America are to become more and more friendly. Why, Admiral Togo and his men would sooner commit hari kari than turn their ships against our navy."

Segregated Coal Lands. Oklahoma State May Make an Attempt to Own and Operate. Guthrie, Okla.—The constitutional convention has authorized the appointment of a segregated coal and asphalt commission, whose duty it shall be to investigate the value and extent of the segregated coal and asphalt land in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, and make negotiations for the purchase by the state of all these lands. The commission is a permanent one, appointed by the president of the convention, and its members are to report to the future governor of the state. It is believed that the state will make an attempt to own and operate all of the segregated coal lands in Indian territory.

Found Dead Under a Bridge. A New Yorker Murdered by Robbers in Portland, Ore. Portland, Ore.—The body of Dr. Philip Edward Johnson, a physician of New York, was found under the Jefferson street bridge. An examination of the body revealed the fact that the doctor had been robbed and his body cast over the bridge. The body was horribly mangled, and was only identified by cards in his pocket. Johnson resided with his wife at a fashionable hotel. The couple came here from New York a short time ago. Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of a former governor of Ohio.

Pension Fund of His Own. Rockefeller Will Provide for Superannuated at University of Chicago. Chicago—Announcement is made by the University of Chicago trustees that John D. Rockefeller would, in the near future, endow the university with \$3,000,000, for the purpose of maintaining a fund for pensioning superannuated professors of the institution. The exclusion of the University of Chicago, because it is a denominational school, from sharing in the \$10,000,000 Carnegie pension fund, is said to have caused Mr. Rockefeller to decide on a pension fund of his own.

Respite for Frank Hottman. Follows Granting of Appeal to the Federal Court to Mrs. Myers. Jefferson City, Mo.—Following the granting of an appeal to the federal court by Judge Phillips, of Kansas City, in the case of Mrs. Aggie Myers, convicted of the murder of her husband, Gov. Folk has granted a 90-day respite to Frank Hottman, convicted as Mrs. Myers' accomplice. Both were under sentence to be hanged Jan. 10.

Telling a Different Story. Washington—Engineer Hildebrand of the "dead" train in the Terra Cotta wreck, admitted, when recalled, that he failed to observe any signal at Takoma Park on the night of the wreck, as he thought station "dead."

Groff Dies of Melancholia. Washington—Samuel A. Groff, 39 years of age, who was released from the Mountville (W. Va.) penitentiary last September after serving three years for complicity in the postal frauds, died of melancholia here.

A "BIG STICK" THAT WILL HELP.



PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR

WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION WAS A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

FEWER NEGROES IN LINE

Boy with Skates Cordially Greeted and Girl with Big Teddy Bear Creates Laugh.

Washington, D. C.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt's New Year's reception at the White House was a brilliant function, and was attended by about 8,500 persons. The members of the diplomatic corps, officers of the army and navy and representatives of the national and District governments and of the citizenry public attended.

Fewer Negroes. It was generally remarked that the proportion of negroes in the line was smaller than in previous years, but a number of negro civil war veterans and Spanish war veterans joined with military and patriotic societies in extending greetings to the president.

There was an unusually large number of children, and all were greeted cordially by the president. One of the most amusing figures was a ten-year-old boy with soiled hands and clothes who carried a pair of roller skates thrown over his shoulder. The president laughed heartily as he wished the little fellow a happy new year.

A pretty little girl carried a great white Teddy Bear past the receiving party, and provoked a hearty laugh from the crowd gathered in the blue room.

Next to the president's reception in interest, possibly, was that of Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks. Secretary and Mrs. Root entertained the diplomatic corps at breakfast, a custom which was inaugurated by the first secretary of state.

GANS KNOCKS OUT HERMAN.

A Jolt on the Jaw in the Eighth Round Does the Business. Tonopah, Nev.—Joe Gans knocked out Kid Herman, of Chicago, Tuesday, in the eighth round by landing a vicious hook on the point of Herman's jaw. The battle was witnessed by 3,500 persons, including many women.

At one time a great actor said that the cruelest thing that could be said of a performer was that he tried hard. Without wishing to be cruel to Kid Herman, it must be said that if any fighter tried hard to win a fight it was Herman. He, however, was not equal to the occasion and Gans systematically beat him down until he had to be taken out of the ring.

At the beginning of the eighth round the negro, feeling that he was safe from a chance swing, attempted to finish the job with a will. He followed Herman to the ropes several times, but was unable to make connections with sufficient force to put the Ghetto champion down.

Near the end of the round he forced the Kid to the ropes and landed a straight right-hand punch to the body that forced the Kid to drop his guard, and Gans sent a stinging hook to the jaw, knocking Herman to the floor face downward, where he was counted out. It was the cleanest knockout ever witnessed.

Three Suffocated in Hotel Fire. Delhi, N. Y.—During a fire that destroyed the American hotel here, William Winter, Mrs. Anna Winter and John O'Connor were suffocated.

Panama and Costa Rica Boundary. Washington, D. C.—The state department received a dispatch from Panama stating that the national assembly had been called in extra session to consider the boundary question between Panama and Costa Rica.

Effect of Harriman Inquiry. New York, N. Y.—The impending inquiry into the relations of the Harriman group of railroad properties by the interstate commerce commission is the occasion of some depression in the stock market.

IN CONGRESS

The House.

The house convened after the holiday recess and adjourned after a session of 15 minutes.

Immediately after the approval of the journal the credentials of W. F. Englebright, of the First California district, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of James Morris Gillett, and Charles G. Washburn, of the Third Massachusetts district, vice Rockwood Hoar, deceased, were read, and these two gentlemen proceeded to the bar of the house, where the speaker administered the usual oath.

No quorum being present, and no committees being ready to report, adjournment was taken until Friday.

The Senate.

After two weeks of vacation the senate sat for two and a half hours and then adjourned until Monday. The session was devoted entirely to the further discussion of President Roosevelt's order dismissing the negro troops of the Twenty-fifth infantry (or "shooting up" Brownsville, Tex. Senator Culberson, of Texas, defended the president, and Senator Foraker, of Ohio, replied, asking speedy action of his resolution for an investigation. No action was taken, the case going over until Monday.

Senator Gearing gave notice that on Monday he would call up his resolution that negotiations be entered into with Japan for a modification of the existing treaty with that country.

Senator Nelson introduced a bill to prohibit the sale of lands on which are situated beds of coal, lignite, asphalt, petroleum and natural gas in the government domain until such deposits have been exhausted.

Provisions is made for leasing for terms not exceeding one year for the purpose of having them explored. Persons making explorations and discoveries are to receive the preference in the right to lease and work the deposits.

METCALFE AS AUTHOR.

Well-Known Newspaper Man Brings Out Book. Lincoln, Nebraska—Richard L. Metcalfe, the talented associate editor of Bryan's Commoner, has just issued a neat book of 200 pages entitled "Of Such is the Kingdom." The book is a story of stories, and at once, doubtless, will enjoy a big run. It is made up of writings by Mr. Metcalfe turned out while engaged in daily newspaper work—human interest editorials—stories that will now, and have, touched the heart strings of humanity and make music in places dark and light. Few books have appeared in the past decade to compare with Mr. Metcalfe's maiden effort, and letters of congratulation are being received by the author from newspaper workers and others from all over the country.

THE SULTAN OF MOROCCO.

Thanks President for Appointment of Gummere. Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt has received a letter from the sultan of Morocco expressing his gratitude for the appointment of Samuel R. Gummere as American minister to Morocco. The letter is written in Arabic. The sultan addresses the president as "The Most Cherished, The Exalted, The Most Gracious Friend, Most Honored and Excellent President of the Republic of the United States of America, who is the Pillar of Its Great Influence and the Director of Its Most Important Affairs, the Most Celebrated Preserver of the Ties of True Friendship, the Faithful Friend, Theodore Roosevelt."

TRAIN IN A WASHOUT.

Portland Express Ditched Near Comstock, Ore. Portland, Ore.—The Northern Pacific passenger train No. 14, northbound, known as the Portland express, ran into a washout near Comstock, 25 miles south of Eugene, Ore. According to information received here, the engine and mail car went into the ditch. The engineer is reported missing, a mail clerk seriously hurt and several passengers injured.

THE IRON INDUSTRY

FULL WORK AND GOOD PRICES DURING 1907.

TREMENDOUS CONSUMPTION

Western Roads Ordering for 1908, and San Francisco Demands Structural Material.

New York, N. Y.—The conviction is general throughout the iron industry that the present tremendous rate of consumption will continue during the first half of the current year, coupled with prevailing generally profitable prices. There are many who are acting on the belief that work for full capacity at present or even better prices is assured for the whole of the year 1907.

Caught Unawares.

The iron industry is passing again through one of its frequent experiences of being caught unawares by a rapidly-expanding consumption followed by a feverish activity to provide adequate producing facilities which at first fall in line disappointingly slowly, and then make themselves felt surprisingly suddenly. That may make its appearance during the second half of 1907.

Crops, Betterments and Money.

In its last analysis the course of events in the second half of 1907 will depend first on the crops, and secondly on the ability of our country to finance the betterments and enlargements of its producing and transporting facilities. Time only can tell as to the first, while, as to the second we may have ample warning through long-continued tightness of the money market.

Large Orders Reported.

The report is current that two western roads have placed orders aggregating 90,000 tons for 1908 delivery, which may be interpreted as meaning that so much rolling capacity has been engaged.

Among the sales of structural material is a lot of 4,500 tons for five buildings in San Francisco. It is believed that during the current year a large tonnage will be required for the stricken city. This is in line with the earlier expectations that the true demand would not develop until a considerable time after the disaster.

RAISULI RAN AWAY.

Sultan's Troops Capture His Stronghold Without Fatalities. Tangier—Zinat, Raisuli's stronghold, was virtually destroyed by fire, and fell into the hands of the troops of the sultan at noon Sunday after a short and almost bloodless fight.

Raisuli and his 700 followers succeeded in escaping to the mountains, despite the elaborate plans of War Minister Gabbas.

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning the artillery opened on the town. The Moorish gunners showed utter incapacity in handling their guns, and the infantry fired haphazard. Two shells dropped inside the fortress without reply, and thereupon a body of the sultan's troops charged, shouting, and reached the walls amid desultory shots from the surrounding brush.

The town gates were open, but there were no occupants of the place except 15 prisoners, included among whom were four Portuguese. A detachment of the government troops continued firing in the direction of the mountains where Raisuli and his followers were observed fleeing.

Meanwhile the other government troops pillaged the stronghold. No fatalities in the fighting are reported. It is thought probable that Raisulites carried off their dead. Minister of War Gabbas, who has not left Tangier during the operations, is expected next to move against the pretender to the throne.

TEMPS ON IRELAND'S SERMON.

Says the American Prelate Placed His Finger Upon National Weakness. Paris.—The Temps, reproducing the full text of Archbishop Ireland's recent sermon concerning the French Catholics, considers that the American prelate placed his finger upon the national weakness when, "sparing neither republican, reactionary, nor anti-clerical Catholics, he reproaches all alike with their traditional hereditary inability to comprehend the meaning of true liberty."

"Liberty will not be established in France," continues the Temps, "until the state and every citizen recognize that the question of going or of not going to mass concerns the conscience of the individual and not the government."

REPUDIATE EARTHQUAKE LOSSES

British Insurance Companies Will Not Stand for Valparaiso. London, Eng.—All the British insurance companies have repudiated their liabilities arising from the earthquake at Valparaiso last year.

At a meeting of the Royal Insurance Co. of Liverpool, the chairman said the terms of the Valparaiso policies differed from those of San Francisco. The companies, he added, had all agreed to resist the Valparaiso claims.

Terse Telegrams

Mayor of Fayette, Mo., succumbs to wound received while hunting supposed burglar in his home.

Military reception and dance held by Governor and Mrs. Folk, according to custom, is brilliant function.

Conference between Hill and Harriman representatives reported to have resulted in settlement of all differences.

Passage of railway employees' limited hour bill will be urged by Senator La Follette, who will cite wreck near Washington.

Bulls and bears of Wall street are to inaugurate devotional services on the curb at opening of business daily.

President McCrea of the Pennsylvania, who takes active charge today in Philadelphia, is expected to make many changes in the personnel.

Rev. Dr. S. J. Nicolls, St. Louis, in sermon, says the signs of the times indicate the approach of Christ's kingdom.

Gov. Folk gives an intimation that he will commute death sentence of Aggie Meyers, who is under sentence to be hanged Thursday.

The federal soldiers' home at St. James, Mo., likely will be investigated by Gov. Folk, following superintendent's resignation.

Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis Catholic diocese, asserts that hope for France lies in a united Christendom.

Purdy's report on Brownsville riots is favorable to Roosevelt.

Suit is entered at Jackson, Miss., to nullify the bonds of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley line, now a part of the Illinois Central system.

General demand for wage increase and an eight-hour day will result from conference in Chicago of the chiefs of railway brotherhoods.

The western lines are opposed to the reciprocal demurrage movement, and shippers' associations in convention favor a federal law for its enforcement.

Representative Alonzo Tubbs' famous anti-tipping measure is introduced in the Missouri house and is numbered "23."

Inquiry into operation of railroad block-signal systems is instituted by interstate commerce commission.

President Roosevelt announces that he will be unable to deliver an address at Missouri state university commencement next June.

The Rev. Father Richard Stevin, formerly of St. Louis, is appointed to presidency of Detroit college.

Shippers call far-famine conference, and grievances against roads will be discussed in Chicago.

Assistant Attorney General Purdy, at San Antonio, Tex., secures names of two men missing from Fort Brown barracks during raid at Brownsville, Tex.

Western lines' managers continue conference with engineers' committee, but reach no settlement of the eight-hour demand.

Missouri supreme court elects Judge James B. Gantt chief justice.

Mississippi cotton men re-elect Clark president, notwithstanding his desire to retire.

Western Fruit Jobbers' association to ask federal investigation of express company shipping methods.

President George Gould of the Missouri Pacific has left St. Louis to inspect the southern lines. He can see nothing but prosperity ahead.

James McCrea, of Pittsburg, succeeds the late A. J. Cassatt as president of the Pennsylvania, and announces there will be no change in policy.

Wisconsin Central said to be arranging for close traffic alliance with all the Hill lines.

Interstate commerce commissioners condemn policy of big dividends, regardless of service rendered, and declare need for intelligent railway management.

Fight to continue against Cortelyou. Morgan said to urge confirmation, while Rockefeller enters opposite.

Gov. Hughes, of New York, recommends in message to legislature a recount of votes cast for mayor of New York city.

Mayor McClellan refuses to appoint Tammany candidate; says he cannot recognize existing control in organization and will not tolerate relations with Murphy.

Mrs. Potter Palmer's tender of her mansion as meeting place for labor conference in Chicago is accepted.

Roosevelt decides to let tariff rest; Brownsville incident expected to be absorbing topic in senate.

Two "conscience" contributions are received by United Railways, in St. Louis, one of \$300 from conductor in company's employ.

Judge Overpowers Insane Assailant. Chicago, Ill.—A desperate effort was made to shoot Judge Charles S. Cutting of the probate court by Frank F. Ellerbrock of this city, who is believed insane. Judge Cutting escaped injury as if by a miracle. He overpowered his assailant after a fierce fight. The incident occurred at the entrance to the court room.

An Army Corps Equipment Destroyed. Portsmouth, Eng.—The fire which broke out among the camp and equipment stores on gun wharf here caused damage, according to the official estimates, to the amount of \$1,250,000. The entire equipment of an army corps was destroyed. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Railroad Man Kills Self. City of Mexico.—W. K. McDougal committed suicide by shooting in the head. McDougal was well known in railroad circles.