

Mr. Joseph Letter has wriggled out of another bad corner.

Sir Thomas Lipton appears to have lifted Mr. Schwab, anyway.

That Brooklyn doctor who wants to be vivisected might try running for a public office.

It is said that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has a glucose trust nearly ready for the market.

Of course, the czar has permission to put that Japanese-British alliance in his pipe and smoke it.

The baseball season has opened in Tennessee with one fatality. Football would do well to look to its laurels.

A New York judge has actually decided that theater tickets are not "necessaries" for a Harvard student!

If Queen Wilhelmina had it to do over again perhaps she would pick out a husband with better taste and manners.

Christian Science is now reasonably sure to overrun the German empire. The imperial government is opposing its spread.

The latest Kentucky feud was caused by whisky. Still, who ever heard of a Kentucky feud that was caused by anything else?

Senator Cockrell's fame is secure. History will recognize him as the man that forgot a dinner engagement at the White House.

A West Virginia girl has started on a journey of 13,000 miles to marry an old baron. The chances are that the prize is worth the trip.

If the British could hire a couple of Kentucky feuds for service in South Africa they might bring the war to a close almost any day.

Hand-painted stockings are the newest fad. This is near enough to tattooing to satisfying the most exacting prophet of degeneracy.

It is not improbable that the time will come when the relative consequence of American cities will not be measured by their fire losses.

There is a man at Millbrook, Ohio, who claims to be the champion sugar eater of the world, and probably some foolish girl thinks he is just too sweet too.

Champion Jeffries says he does not like newspaper talk. In the same connection it may be said that the public has no special fondness for prize-fighter talk.

The fearful extent to which the bargain sale virus has permeated the veins and arteries of the nation is shown by the proposition to coin 2 1/2 cent pieces.

Wealthy ladies who go to an "obesity institute" to saw wood in order to reduce their weight regard this method as far more efficacious than doing their own housework.

Japan or Great Britain alone may not look very large to Russia, but when they join forces it must be admitted that they make quite a patch on the face of the world.

The emperor of Germany has celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his service in the Guards. Some people insist, however, in believing that he is still young and flighty.

Senator Platt of Connecticut believes that Providence has appointed America sole agent to civilize the world. It is a pretty large order to handle, but while there's life there's soap.

Time was when an American city that could rise phoenix-like from its ashes was entitled to some distinction, but many successful conflagrations have made the feat rather common of late years.

Once more the British parliament has refused to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister, and, accordingly, British institutions are regarded as safe by the fine old crusty Tories of that country.

The notion that the Germans are wholly practical and materialistic has been completely exploded by the story in the Vienna Neues Tageblatt that negotiations are in progress for the sale of the Philippines to Germany, and that the visit of Prince Henry to the United States is preliminary to the announcement of this conveyance. It would take a pretty lively Parisian journal to beat that.

The Navy Department has modified the order of Commandant Wainwright compelling employes at the naval academy to wear tags. An identification label and the spirit of Americanism are never likely to come together without producing more or less trouble.

Rifles and death are entering into the spectacular difference of opinion over the ownership of the Chicago lake front land which Capt. Streeter claims from the municipality by squatter right. We are falling into the English habit of taking our diversions solemnly.

The News Of the Week

From Washington. Senator Lodge has introduced a bill creating the bureau of drainage, irrigation and highways in the department of agriculture.

Consul McWade, at Canton, China, reports to the state department several deaths from Asiatic cholera in that city but no plague exists.

The postmaster general has issued a general order announcing the increase in pay of the rural free delivery mail carriers \$100 each per annum.

The Illinois Democratic delegation in the house selected Representative G. B. Foster, Chicago, as the Illinois member of the Democratic national congressional committee.

Dr. Jose Vicente Concha, minister of war in the Colombian cabinet, has arrived in New York and will leave for Washington shortly, to succeed Mr. Martinez Silva as Colombian minister to the United States.

The Washington executive committee of the fourth general conference district, Epworth league convention, which will be held in Washington in June, has formulated elaborate plans for the entertainment of the convention.

President Roosevelt has decided to spend a week in April trout fishing in the Allegheny mountain streams in Garrett county, Md., sixty miles west of Cumberland. The president has engaged quarters twelve miles from Oakland, the county seat.

The United States government is now perfectly satisfied as to the correctness as to Russia's intention respecting Manchuria. The pledges heretofore obtained from Russia have been renewed and reinforced so strongly that they must be accepted as satisfactory unless our government is prepared to deliberately question Russia's integrity, which it has not the least disposition to do.

Unfortunate Happenings. Fire destroyed the sawmill of the D. R. Wingate Lumber company at Orange, Tex. Loss, \$80,000.

Fire destroyed the greater portion of the business district of Thurber, Tex., causing a loss of \$100,000. The loss is covered by insurance to the extent of 75 per cent.

As the result of a collision on the Auburn branch of the New York Central, seven miles west of Auburn, N. Y., between a west-bound passenger train and a steam derrick, four trainmen are dead, two seriously injured and two missing.

The coroner's jury in the inquest over the victim of the Archer avenue explosion at Chicago returned a verdict to the effect that the death of the eleven victims was due to an explosion in a gas main. The city holds the gas companies responsible.

Mis and Sinners. Sheriff Swart frustrated an attempt at a jail delivery at Sault Ste. Marie.

The police of Laramie, Wyo., arrested L. L. King, John Campbell and Ed Raymond. They are charged with holding up Arthur Newland of Woodlawn, Iowa.

While her companion, Jack Kirk, was asleep, Lulu Watta, a variety actress of Nome, Alaska, attacked him in a fit of jealousy and severed his head from his body with a razor.

The remains of Lena May Prendergrass, aged seventeen, who has been missing since Dec. 23, last, have been found at Bonham, Tex. She had been murdered and her body concealed in a hollow stump, being much mutilated in the process.

By a decision of the United States supreme court Gerhard Terlinden of Chicago has lost his last hope of remaining in this country, and he soon will be returned to Berlin for trial on the charge of defrauding several banks of 2,000,000 marks.

Henry Kress of Union Hill, N. J., was beaten with a syphon and is now in a hospital with a fractured skull, because he maligned the Hohenzollerns, and Prince Henry in particular, in the presence of a German bartender. The latter was arrested.

Gov. Stanley, Kansas, honored a requisition from the governor of Arkansas for George Durham and John Dunn, under arrest at Wichita, charged with murdering the sheriff of Johnson county and robbing the Clarkville, Ark., bank, on receipt of a telegraph guarantee from Gov. Johnson Davis that the men would not be mobbed. Dunn is said to be at the point of death from blood poisoning. There is \$11,000 reward out for Dunn.

Foreign Gossip. All immediate danger of the death of Count Tolstol has passed.

There is no foundation for the rumor, which emanated from Budapest, that the king of Serbia had been assassinated.

Hon. William Templeman, senator of British Columbia, was sworn in as a member of the Dominion cabinet without portfolio.

The British government was defeated in the house of commons by one vote on a question involving long hours of service of railroad employes.

The physicians of Queen Wilhelmina recommended her to take a prolonged rest in the south to restore her health. The state's general will be convened to appoint a regent during her absence.

It is reported in shipping circles at Liverpool that the combined International and Leyland lines have secured the control of the Dominion, the Boston and Dominion and the Canadian lines of steamers.

A London dispatch says that Acting President Schalk-Burger and other members of the Boer government were in the laager captured at Noit Gedacht (Transvaal) by a detachment of mounted national scouts under Col. Park, but succeeded in escaping capture.

Lord Kitchener reports that 600 Boers, driving cattle, rushed the outpost line near Bothaberg Transvaal colony, during the night of Feb. 23, and that some of them got through. The Boers left fifteen dead and six wounded on the field.

People Talked About. Ira Remsen has been inducted into the presidency of Johns Hopkins university.

The death is announced in London of Samuel Rawson Gardiner, the historian. He was born in 1829.

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Jno. B. Sherman, founder of the Union stock yards, and former president of the Union Stock Yards and Transit company, died in Chicago, aged seventy-seven years.

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John Queen, the well known minstrel, is dead at St. Vincent's hospital, New York, of consumption. He is the third great fun-maker of the stage to pass away in the past fortnight. He was the author of many popular songs, among them "Goo-Goo Eyes."

Herman A. Braun, sixty-seven years old, known throughout the country as "Corporal" Braun, died at his home in Milwaukee of septicaemia superinduced by a variety of ailments, most of them resulting from diseases contracted during the eighteen months he was confined in the Confederate prison at Andersonville during the Civil war.

Otherwise. A run on a Detroit bank was started by a silly joke.

Trade conditions of the week have been favorable.

McGovern and "Young Corbett" have been signed to fight.

"Denver Ed" Martin won the decision over Childs in Chicago.

Grasshoppers in thousands interrupted Chicago school classes.

There is talk of consolidating the various passenger associations.

Terry McGovern knocked out Dave Sullivan in the fifteenth round.

Chicago co-eds protest against the food served in the dormitories.

Cornell sophomores kidnapped the toastmaster of the freshman banquet.

Daughters of the American Revolution go on record as opposed to polygamy.

The widow of Capt. Jacob Vanderbilt married a forger just released from prison.

An eloping couple at Springfield, Ill., rode forty-five miles on the front end of a baggage car.

A St. Bernard dog in New York State finds a frezzing babe, drags it to his kennel and enlists human aid.

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An Ohio farmer has been reunited to his kidnapped daughter, after twenty-seven years, by a matrimonial advertisement.

Tom Tracey of Australia was given the decision over Rube Ferns of Kansas at the end of the twentieth round at Portland, Or.

The volcano Kilauea, in Hawaii, is showing signs of renewed activity. Visitors to the crater last week found newly-risen lava and great heat.

News from the sealers which have been sealing off the California and Oregon coast tells of stormy weather with wrecks and a poor catch. The winter season promises to be the worst in years.

Officials of the Burlington railroad have started a campaign against intoxicants with a view to eradicating their use by the employes of every department not only on duty, but also while off duty.

The agreement to voluntarily advance the wages of mill operatives at Fall River, Mass., received its full quota of signers, and the increase will go into effect in April.

The Rock Island railroad will probably build a cut-off ninety miles long from Fairbury, Neb., to Herrington, Kan., making a direct line from Omaha to El Paso, and cutting off 100 miles between there and Herrington.

The National Association of Letter Carriers, until recently with headquarters at Washington, is on the verge of a split, and carriers in cities of less than 75,000 population are now planning to effect a separate organization.

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Judge Thomas G. Johnson of Montgomery, whom President Roosevelt lately appointed United States district judge of Alabama, has accepted the invitation to deliver the oration at Gen. Grant's tomb in New York city on Memorial Day.

A NATION'S GUEST

PRINCE HENRY CORDIALLY WELCOMED TO THE LAND OF THE FREE.

NEW YORK'S WARM GREETING

NOISY DEMONSTRATION IN HONOR OF GERMANY'S SAILOR PRINCE.

PAYS VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT

MR. ROOSEVELT EXPRESSES A WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE NATION.

Greeted by Roosevelt. Washington, Feb. 26.—Prince Henry of Prussia and suite, accompanied by the welcoming delegations from both the president and the German embassy, arrived here at 10:20 o'clock yesterday morning, promptly on schedule time.

Attired in the uniform of an admiral, Prince Henry entered an open carriage with Secretary of State Hay and Rear Admiral Evans, the latter occupying the front seat.

The sun shone brilliantly and it was as balmy as a day in May as between the lines of the national guard standing at attention the brilliant cortege moved along the famous Pennsylvania avenue to the White House.

Behind the lines of soldiers were solid masses of people extending to the building lines, while the windows of all buildings were jammed with people.

As Prince Henry's carriage swung into the East gate the White House Marine band played "My Country." The carriage stopped under the great portico and the party alighted. Maj. McCawley and Capt. Gilmore

Conducted the Prince back into the long state corridor, then to the left into the East room. The prince's suite remained until he had concluded his interview with the president. In the green room the members of the cabinet and their ladies were gathered. Prince Henry passed them, gracefully bowing.

At the door of the Blue parlor Maj. McCawley and Capt. Gilmore parted from the prince, who proceeded alone. He had scarcely crossed the threshold before President Roosevelt, who was waiting, stepped forward and grasped him by the hand. The greetings were of the most cordial nature.

At 11:40 President Roosevelt returned Prince Henry's visit.

The visit of Prince Henry and his suite to the capitol yesterday afternoon must have been not only a gratifying experience to the royal visitor on account of the warm and flattering reception he received at both the house and senate and of the opportunity it afforded of meeting personally the leaders of both houses.

The dinner given to Prince Henry by President Roosevelt at the White House in the evening closed the honors bestowed on the royal visitor by official Washington yesterday.

Launching of the Meteor. New York, Feb. 27.—The Meteor was the only thing needed to make complete the otherwise successfully carried out and brilliant program arranged for yesterday when the announced purpose of the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to this country, as the representative of his brother, Emperor William, was accomplished, and the Kaiser's yacht Meteor launched and christened by Miss Alice Roosevelt, attended by her father, the president.

The launch on Shooter's island, took place in the morning and the program carried out without a hitch took up something less than an hour. Sponsor, prince and president were the center of a brilliant assemblage of guests privileged to witness an interesting exchange of international courtesies.

The Meteor moved down the ways at 10:35 a. m. amid a scene of great enthusiasm. The launching proper was without a mishap and presented a graceful and beautiful picture, although it was accomplished in a drizzling rain and other inauspicious atmospheric conditions.

In the evening Prince Henry, his suite and the presidential delegates were the guests of the mayor of New York at dinner at the Manhattan club and the day was brought to a close with a wonderful performance at the Metropolitan opera house.

Dined and Wined. New York, Feb. 28.—The luncheon given yesterday in honor of his royal highness, Prince Henry of Prussia, by twelve New York gentlemen and a German government official, to about 100 Americans from all parts of the United States who are of eminence in the finance, commerce and industries of the United States, at Sherry's, was in some respects the most notable function of its kind ever held in this city. There were 137 persons seated at eleven tables.

In the evening Prince Henry dined with 1,000 of the men who make American newspapers. He was the special guest of Herman Ridder, proprietor of the New York Staats Zeitung, who gathered at his table a majority of the leading figures in American journalism. They came from the four quarters of the country and made the most noteworthy gathering of their profession ever assembled in the United States.

Washington, March 2.—Prince Henry's visit to the national capital had a fitting culmination last night in a splendid official dinner given at the German embassy and later a tremendous outburst of popular enthusiasm from the German residents of Washington, as the imperial visitor was about to start for his Southern and Western tour. The dinner was given at the embassy at 8 o'clock, his royal highness being the guest of honor, and was invited to meet him was representative of the highest official and diplomatic society.

During the afternoon Prince Henry enjoyed one event not in his official itinerary when he and President Roosevelt went in a rafterstern on a horse-

back ride of an hour and a quarter through Rock creek valley and the suburbs in the northwestern section of the city. The ride was arranged personally between them during one of their talks at an official function. The ride was through the northwestern suburbs and rain fell a large part of the time, but both riders seemed to enjoy the outing.

Visits Naval Academy. Annapolis, Md., March 1.—Prince Henry of Prussia yesterday visited the naval academy and met the cadets under instruction there. He saw them at work and at play, and at the close of his visit addressed them in a complimentary speech, expressing his confidence that they would do their duty if their country called.

Indianapolis, March 4.—Prince Henry of Prussia went up Lookout mountain yesterday, and after viewing the ground where the Union and Confederate armies met in conflict and hearing a fresh story of the battle, resumed his journey to the North and West. Leaving Chattanooga over the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad, his train ran through a corner of Alabama, and then turning to the north, hurried across Tennessee, with a short stop at Nashville, through Kentucky, with brief stays at Louisville and Bowling Green, and up into Indiana to another brief halt at Indianapolis. At Indianapolis the course was changed to the westward again, and on the tracks of the Vandavia line his train went on toward St. Louis. His reception in the South was hospitable and demonstrative. The negroes manifested great curiosity to see the prince, and they interested and amused him. He got an opportunity to hear their singing at Nashville and

Was Grestly Pleased. at the experience. It was the Glee club of Plisk university that sang, and at the close he asked the young woman who led them to come into his car. He took her hand and congratulated her. There was a great crowd at Chattanooga, and the people presented the prince with a handsome souvenir of his visit. Nashville also made a demonstration of friendliness, as did Louisville and Indianapolis. At every station along the route the people gathered to salute him with cheers. There was much enthusiasm over Admiral Evans as well, and at several points after they had seen and cheered the prince the people called for the admiral. Brief though it was, Prince Henry was delighted with his Southern tour and as he was leaving Nashville, said: "The people have been very kind to me. Everywhere they have received me in the kindest manner, and I very deeply appreciate it. I wish they might all know how thankful I am."

FILLED HIM WITH LEAD. A Drunken Man Uses a Shotgun With Effect. Mattoon, Ill., March 4.—A serious shooting affray last evening occurred at Johnston, ten miles east of here, in which Frank and Thomas Houchin, brothers, were shot by Jack White, brother-in-law of Thomas Houchin.

White did his work with a double-barreled shotgun and eighty-three shot landed in Frank Houchin's arm and side at a distance of six feet. He may die. Thomas Houchin received only part of the charge. He will recover. Anthony Houchin, another brother, just moved away from the muzzle of the weapon as White pulled the trigger. Domestic difficulties were the cause.

White was intoxicated. He alleged that Thomas Houchin had abused his sister, Houchin's wife. The men met in George Crim's saloon early in the evening and there was a row in which bricks and beer bottles figured. White sent home and secured his shotgun. Next he called at Houchin's residence and made such a disturbance that the police were sent for. He climbed them and reached Crim's saloon, where Thomas, Frank and Anthony Houchin were conversing. They saw him coming and bolted the door. White ran to a window, thrust his weapon through and fired both barrels. Several hours later he was arrested and lodged in jail. Frank Houchin is an industrious and respected young man.

TWO BUILDINGS COLLAPSE. Terrible Explosion Causes Death of Three Persons. Reading, Pa., March 4.—A terrible explosion occurred last night in the four-story music store of C. H. Lichty. The building at once completely collapsed. This was followed by the three-story brick umbrella factory adjoining of Mrs. Mary Roland. Both buildings and contents were destroyed. A number of persons were in the building but they were all accounted for except Mrs. Roland and a friend who called to spend the evening, and the watchman in the Lichty building. It is believed these three persons perished. The explosion is said to have been due to a gas which was manufactured by a local company.

REBELLION IS GRAVE. United States Gain on China to Protect Foreigners. Peking, March 4.—The Chinese foreign office now admits that the rebellion in the vicinity of Non-ning, a province of Queng See, seventy miles north of the Gulf of Tonquin, is very grave, though this was denied yesterday. Over 1,000 former soldiers are engaged in pillaging. An edict has been issued commanding the Chinese authorities to afford protection to the missionaries and other foreigners. Mr. Conger, the United States minister, has notified Prince Ching, head of the foreign office, that he expects China will speedily suppress the rebellion and protect the foreigners in that part of the country.

MOCKLEST LEADER AND A FORCE OF ONE THOUSAND ARE COMPLETELY ROUTED AT LA FRIAS. Willemstad, Curacao, March 4.—According to advices from Caracas, the Mocklest leader, Garbira, with a thousand men, nearly all of them Colombians, Feb. 24 attempted a new invasion of Venezuela near La Frías. After a bloody fight at Las Cumbres the insurgents were completely routed and obliged to retire across the frontier, leaving a large number of dead on the field.

QUEEN SAYS SHE'S WELL. Wilhelmina Asks for Denial of Recent Alarming Report. The Hague, March 4.—Queen Wilhelmina has asked the premier, Dr. Kuyper, to announce publicly that the rumors regarding the alleged unsatisfactory state of her health are absolutely unfounded.

ALL UNDER WATER

GREAT DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE SWOLLEN STREAMS IN THE EAST.

PATERSON, N. J., OVERWHELMED

FLOOD TRIES TO FINISH WORK OF DESTRUCTION LEFT UNDONE BY FIRE.

THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS

MANY BRIDGES WASHED AWAY AND RAILWAY TRAFFIC IS SUSPENDED.

Pateron, N. J., March 4.—This city, so recently swept by fire, is now overwhelmed by flood. Three weeks ago the greater part of its business section was burned out and yesterday the quarter occupied by the houses of the poorer class is inundated. Hundreds of families have been made homeless by the overflow of the Passaic river and this country for miles around the city is under water. So far but one death has been reported. The great peril now is that the Spruce street roadway may overflow, in which event a great loss of property in the manufacturing district is sure to ensue.

The fire of three weeks ago, while causing a damage to property to an extent of nearly \$8,000,000, did not create such suffering and widespread desolation as the flood. The district for a mile along the river front, from Spruce street hill to Straight street, and two blocks north and five blocks south of the river, nearly half a mile in width, is covered with water which in many instances reached the second story of the dwellings. In this district are situated the Rogers locomotive works and several silk mills and dye works. In the immediate vicinity of them fully 600 families have been

Driven From Their Tenements. Of these unfortunate several hundred were taken from their homes in boats and barges amid scenes of much excitement. In the absence of Mayor John Hinchcliffe, who is now in Cuba recuperating from the strain of the recent fire, Thomas J. Bergan, president of the board of aldermen, is acting mayor, and with the mayor's secretary, William M. Dill, is doing his utmost to relieve all those who need assistance. In the work of rescue one of the most earnest toilers lost his life. The cry of fire was heard about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and it looked as if the elements were combining to destroy the city. There was a brisk wind blowing, but the blaze was soon controlled.

On Hamilton avenue near the river the foundations of two new buildings were undermined by the flood and the structures collapsed and were swept away in the stream. The Arch street bridge collapsed in the afternoon. All the other bridges are completely submerged, cutting off communication between the two sections of the city. The boilers and engine rooms of several of the big mills are ten feet under water.

WILKESBARRE UNDER WATER. Damage Already Done Is Estimated at Over \$1,000,000. Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 4.—A heavy rainfall and rush of water from its upper tributaries caused the North Branch of the Susquehanna river to rise rapidly yesterday. The high water mark is equal to that of 1865, which has always been known as a record-breaker. The damage to property is already estimated at \$1,000,000. The water is over the banks of the river from Pittsburg to Nanticoke and resembles a vast lake. Nearly one-half of the city is under water. At West-moor, Firewood and Riverside nearly all residents vacated their houses. The water had reached the first stories and was gradually going up to the second. Those who lingered too long had to be removed in boats. Two hundred families living in the lowlands in the town of Plymouth had to leave their homes hastily in the afternoon. At Nanticoke several houses were swept away by the rushing waters and the people living in them had a narrow escape. Several washouts are reported along the line of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. Reports from the mines show that many of them were flooded and it will take some days before they can be pumped out. This will curtail the output of coal. Nine lives have been lost so far. The casualties for the last twenty-four hours were three.

Many Industries Paralyzed. Philadelphia, March 4.—The Schuylkill river is again within its banks and getting to its normal condition. The destruction wrought by the storm was so great that many industrial establishments along the river banks will be unable to resume work for several days. Quite a number of buildings used for manufacturing purposes had their foundations weakened and machinery clogged with mud. All reports from up-river points carry the information that great damage was done. The various towns, now that the water has receded, are rapidly recovering their normal condition.

Much Damage at Harrisburg. Harrisburg, Pa., March 4.—The second and third piers of the famous old camel-back bridge on the Harrisburg side were washed away by high water early yesterday morning. Much damage has been done by the high water in and about Harrisburg.

Worst Flood in Many Years. Wheeling, W. Va., March 4.—Wheeling is in the grasp of the worst flood it has experienced since 1834 with but one exception. In Wheeling, Bellaire, Benwood, Martin's Ferry and Bridgeport scores of factories have been entered by the raging waters, fires extinguished and 20,000 men placed on the list of involuntary idleness that will continue until to-night or to-morrow morning. Wheeling island is two-thirds covered by water and fully 700 families are occupying the upper floors of their homes. South Wheeling and Benwood were hit fully as hard.