

The Rich Hill Tribune.

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RICH HILL, MISSOURI.

No polite person ever looks a complimentary luncheon in the pure food label.

It is a lucky leeman who owns a few ponds somewhere near the north pole this winter.

Europe will regard it as a shabby trick if Japan and the United States insist on being good friends.

It is useless for hold-up men, when they have to give up their revolvers, to ask that the women be deprived of their hat-pins.

Boston will sink into the sea this year, says a calamity prophet. This will be fine for the sacred codfish on top of Faneuil hall.

It is evident that the young Missourian who fell heir to a fortune the day after he enlisted is going to be one of the most popular recruits the army has ever possessed.

The fishermen towed to sea at Ocean City, N. J., by a whale are probably not at all in sympathy now with the movement to preserve the biggest of all animals from extinction.

A German military man says the American army lacks discipline. Perhaps he made his observations in the vicinity of Fort Sheridan before the Highwood saloons were transformed into ice cream parlors.

The New York doctor who left a rubber tube and a safety pin in a Montana man's chest can doubtless recover his goods, besides getting a more or less florid indorsement, by addressing him an urgent letter.

Science should experiment a few thousand years more with alcohol and be certain that it is a food before letting the world in on the secret. If the past is anything to judge by, man will use plenty of it without any information from science as to its merits.

The Boston Herald points out that it is difficult to kiss a girl who wears one of the present fashionable hats. The thing for the true gent to do in such a case is to give the lady proper warning so that she may remove her headgear in a dignified manner as haste permits.

Harden, the German editor, was innocent once and guilty the next time of practically the same offense. Whether he was more innocent than he was guilty, or more guilty than he was innocent is a question which Germany will long debate in private over its beer stein.

Cats have been made to exchange livers under the skillful manipulation of the surgeons in the Rockefeller institute. After this grand work is more nearly perfect possibly when two old men meet one will say to the other: "What'll you give me to boot if I trade livers with you?"

Seventy-five thousand people turned out in New York to attend the funeral of a Yiddish poet. We are not sure whether this is an indication that the Yiddish hold poets in great esteem or whether the demonstration was intended as an indication of the triumph they felt in having one less poet among them.

The Keats-Shelley Memorial association is of English origin, formed to do honor to two English poets. The society has succeeded in raising \$17,500 for its purpose, and of this sum \$12,500 comes from the United States. It seems to be pretty evident which country has the greater admiration for the brilliant geniuses in question.

The total arrivals at the Ellis Island immigration depot in New York during the present year were 1,330,424. The figures from other points bring the aggregate to more than 1,400,000. Classified by countries, it is seen that the largest contributors to the immigration host were Austria-Hungary, Italy and Russia and Finland.

An optimist club in New York which is trying to get members all over the country is sending out verses to the effect that the optimist sees the doughnut while the pessimist sees only the hole. Several learned physicians agree that the pessimist will feel more like an optimist and the optimist more like a pessimist a few hours later if each eats only what he sees.

It is mainly from Africa, America and Australia that the world draws its supply of gold, some \$400,000,000 worth, won regularly every year. Africa leads with about \$150,000,000; next comes the United States with about \$55,000,000. Australia ranks third with some \$35,000,000; while Russia, both in Europe and Asia, Mexico, Canada and several other countries also make up the balance.

Eugene Zimmerman of Cincinnati, father of the duchess of Manchester, who already owns two historic castles in Great Britain, is said to be negotiating for two more. Well, if Mrs. Burnett, the novelist, is to be believed, there is no greater ethical joy than that to be derived from the restoration of an English estate and no better place for the expenditure of American money, regardless of financial stringency at home. In such case, after the restoration of all his estates, Mr. Zimmerman ought to know joy in a quadruple form.

OUR SHIPS ARE GOOD.

Admiral Converse Reports That in Numbers Alone is Our Navy Inferior to the World's Best.

Washington, D. C.—By direction of the president, Secretary Metcalf has made public the report of Admiral Converse on the fighting ships of the American navy, called forth by many criticisms recently published in magazines and otherwise. This report was prepared primarily to satisfy the president as to the exact state of our naval ships compared with those of other navies and its publication is authorized with the design to reassure the American sailors as to the quality of the weapons with which they must go into battle.

Admiral Converse characterizes the criticisms as "prepared by persons whose knowledge of the subjects discussed was limited and incorrect." There was, he says, ample justification for the adoption of the battleship designs which have been followed. "It is not claimed that mistakes have not been made," he adds, "or that our ships are without faults; but in view of the then state of the art of battleship building this fact is not to be wondered at. It is remarkable that the mistakes were so few and that none were really serious. In this respect our record will compare favorably with that of foreign services."

"The quality of the material of our navy is inferior to none; in quantity of vessels alone we are lacking. With an increase in number of ships, the American navy will have been supplied the only feature necessary to make it second to none in all that tends toward fighting efficiency. And when the stress of actual combat, if such should ever unfortunately come brings the only really practical test, our country need have no misgivings or fears, but that our battleships will give an excellent account of themselves and prove themselves all that we have designed them for and know them to be."

"The personnel of our navy, in ambition and professional knowledge, is second to none in the world."

TEACHERS TO SEE EUROPE.

Five Hundred or More Will Go to Inspect the Methods of Teaching There.

New York.—Five hundred or more American school teachers will visit England, Scotland, Ireland and the continent of Europe next autumn for an inspection of schools and methods of teaching in vogue there. This announcement was made Sunday by the National Civic Federation which has just completed arrangements for the expedition. The plan which was adopted is much the same as that followed by J. Alfred Mosely, who brought a large number of English teachers to America in 1904 and 1905. Mr. Mosely will co-operate with the National Civic Federation in the present movement.

The expedition will be confined to schools of secondary and elementary grades, manual and industrial training schools and to institutions for the training of teachers. The teachers will be selected from those engaged in a similar work in the United States. Invitations are about to be sent by the National Civic Federation to boards of education, school superintendents and principals throughout the country to make appointments of teachers to participate in the trip.

The formation of the expedition will be under the supervision of an advisory committee of which Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, is chairman. The committee includes well known teachers and educators from all over the country.

A Sunday Lecture by Bryan. Indianapolis, Ind.—William Jennings Bryan addressed more than 4,000 men here Sunday afternoon. His subject was "The Prince of Peace." His address was given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Takahira Returns. New York.—Declaring that war between the United States and Japan would be "the most inhuman event in the world's history," and was "too hellish" to be thought of, Baron Kogo Takahira, the new Japanese ambassador to Washington, said Sunday, upon landing in New York from the steamer Etruria that the Japanese people know absolutely nothing of a break in the cordial relations which have been historic between the two nations.

Torpedo Boats at Talcahuano. Washington, D. C.—The navy department was officially advised Sunday of the arrival Saturday of the American torpedo boat flotilla at Talcahuano, Chile. The flotilla reached Talcahuano four days ahead of the schedule and will stay there five or six days before sailing for Callao, Peru. It is expected that the flotilla will arrive at Callao about March 4.

The "Jim Crow" Law in Effect. Oklahoma City, Okla.—The "Jim Crow" law went into effect here Sunday on street cars and railroads alike.

Morse Was Arrested. New York.—Chas. W. Morse, financier and promoter of many large combinations, including the so-called "ice trust" and a merger of nearly all of the coastwise steamship lines, returned Sunday from his brief trip to Europe, was arrested in his stateroom when the steamer Etruria reached quarantine in the lower bay, held in custody until the ship was docked and then was whirled away in an automobile to the home of Justice Victor Dowling of the supreme court, where he gave bonds in the sum of \$50,000.

NOTHING NEW AFTER ALL.



Shade of Balboa—"Well! Well! What's All This Fuss About? I Discovered This Ocean Centuries Ago."

CHEERED THE BATTLESHIPS

People of Chile Gave the Fleet a Rousing Reception.

President Montt Received the Ships as They Passed Through Valparaiso Harbor—Exchanged Salutes.

Valparaiso.—The great American fleet of 16 battleships passed Valparaiso Friday afternoon and continued on its voyage northward for Callao, Peru, the next stopping place. A. Valparaiso and thousands of persons from every city in Chile witnessed the passing of the fleet. President Montt and the other high officials of the republic came out from shore to greet the battleships and almost the entire Chilean navy exchanged salutes with them as they swung around Curauilla Point and into Valparaiso bay in single file, headed by the Chilean cruiser Chacabuco and five Chilean torpedo boat destroyers.

Turning sharp around Curauilla Point at ten minutes after 2 o'clock Friday afternoon the Chacabuco and the five Chilean destroyers led the fleet into the view of the thousands who had awaited their appearance since dawn. The day was perfect and the spectacle of the fleet stretched in a great semi-circle as seen from the high hills around the bay was magnificent.

President Montt and other Chilean officials embarked on the training ship General Baquedano and took a position well out in the harbor. Around the Baquedano the fleet swung at a speed of four knots, firing the presidential salute as they passed in review. It was one hour from the time the head of the fleet entered the bay until the last vessel had passed the president's ship and turned toward the open sea.

Then the Baquedano lifted anchor and escorted the fleet well out of the bay and on its way to the north. It was a view such as has never before been seen in Valparaiso bay, and one that will long be remembered by the people of Chile who came miles to see it.

Ridgely May Resign. Washington, D. C.—It is stated on what is believed to be good authority that W. B. Ridgely, the comptroller of the currency, has decided to accept the presidency of the re-organized National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City, which suspended payment during the late financial stringency. Mr. Ridgely is now in New York arranging certain matters, it is believed, preparatory to his taking active control of the bank.

Lower Freight Rates in Kansas. Topeka, Kan.—The state board of railroad commissioners Wednesday ordered the Kansas railroads to put the scheduled maximum freight rate tariff into effect February 14. The new rates will be made effective immediately but the roads will have 30 days to determine whether they will contest the rates or obey them. The new schedule will make a reduction of about 20 per cent.

Judge Wallace Would Be Governor. Kansas City.—Judge William H. Wallace, of the criminal court of this city, who recently has been making a vigorous campaign for Sunday observance, Thursday announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor of Missouri. His platform declares for "the state wide and permanent enforcement of our Sunday and liquor laws."

Instructed Delegates for Roosevelt. Lincoln, Neb.—Following the indicated preference at Thursday's primary vote the Republican County convention here Friday evening adopted a resolution declaring for Theodore Roosevelt for president and instructing its delegates to the state convention to work to that end. The two men endorsed respectively for delegate-at-large and district delegate to the national convention were instructed to support Roosevelt and in turn pledged themselves if chosen to vote

The Packers Will Fight. Lincoln, Neb.—Swift & Co., in an answer filed Thursday in the county court, asserted that the state law, requiring the branding of net weight on ham and bacon packages, was unconstitutional. After describing the methods of wrapping such packages, the packing company declares accurate branding is impossible. Suits were filed against the packers about two months ago by Food Commissioner Johnson who charged that the net weight was not stamped on meat packages.

ROBBED A MISSOURI BANK.

Bandits at Rich Hill Dynamited Safe, Damaged Building and Escaped With \$20,000.

Rich Hill, Mo.—Twenty thousand dollars was secured by robbers early Wednesday morning from the Farmers and Manufacturers' bank here. The robbery, as far as can be learned, was committed by three men who escaped. They wrecked the safe, vault and damaged the building badly with dynamite. The bank carried insurance for \$20,000.

J. W. Jameson, cashier, gave this story of the robbery. It was committed about 12:30 Wednesday morning. There were two or three explosions. The first evidently was sufficient to open the vault and safe. The safe contained \$23,000, \$20,000 in currency, \$5,000 in gold and \$3,000 in silver. They took all but the silver and when citizens who were attracted to the scene by the first explosion arrived, the men were then in the act of making their escape. A moment later there was a second explosion, more severe than the first. This demolished the safe and vault and caused \$2,000 damage to the building. The second explosion seems to have been set off by the robbers to cover their escape. The robbers made toward the railroad tracks and are believed to have escaped on a handcar. They got away before any concerted move to follow them could be made and it is not even known in what direction they went.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Gov. Folk Wednesday offered a reward of \$300 each for the capture of the men who robbed the Farmers and Manufacturers' bank at Rich Hill early Wednesday. Likewise the governor offered a reward of \$400 each for the capture of the five men who robbed the bank at Willard Tuesday morning. The Rich Hill bank was looted of over \$20,000 and the Willard bank of \$10,000.

A RACE OF 20,000 MILES.

Six Automobiles Leave New York for Paris by Way of Behring Strait.

New York.—The six automobiles contesting in the New York-to-Paris race started from Times Square, Forty-second street to Broadway, at 11:15 a. m., Wednesday, cheered by a throng of several thousand people. Accompanied by more than 200 motors of all descriptions the racing machines made their way up Broadway and Riverside drive to the city limits, where they turned north on the road to Albany. From that city the route to San Francisco, which is the objective point of the first stage of the trip, lies across New York state to Buffalo, thence through Cleveland and Toledo to Chicago—Omaha, Cheyenne, Ogden, Reno, Goldfield, San Luis Obispo and San Francisco.

Estimates vary as to the length of time the race will require. From six to nine months, it is believed, will be consumed. All the drivers are confident of reaching their destination through the frozen fields of Alaska and Siberia. Steamers will transport the machines from San Francisco to Valdez, Alaska, and from Nome to East Cape, Siberia, across Behring Strait.

Mobbed a Kansas Negro. Salina, Kan.—George Washington, a negro, charged with a brutal assault on his wife, was taken from the jail at Ellsworth, Kan., by a mob of 100 masked men Wednesday and threatened with hanging. He was released after a horsewhipping was administered to him and as he was leaving town he was shot in the shoulder by a member of the mob. He made his way to Wilson, Kan., where he received medical attention. He will recover.

Bonds Sold Well. New York.—Exceeding the most optimistic predictions and indicating the strength of the investment demand after the monetary crisis, the \$50,000,000 issue of New York City 4 1/2 per cent bonds, the largest lot ever offered for public subscription by the city was over-subscribed six times Friday.

Tornado at Tyler, Tex. Tyler, Texas.—Tyler was swept by the most disastrous tornado in its history Friday morning about 4 o'clock. Coming up from the southwest the storm swept over the main residence section of the city, leaving a trail of death and devastation. Four people were killed and six injured.

Bristow a Candidate. Topeka, Kan.—J. L. Bristow, of Salina, Thursday night said he would issue a statement in a few days formally declaring his candidacy for United States senatorial nomination. He denied existence of any deal between himself and W. R. Stubbs, candidate for governor.

Omaha Car Ran Away. Omaha, Nebraska.—One man was killed and two seriously injured when a Tenth street car dashed down the Hancock street hill because of slippery rails and was wrecked at the bottom of the hill.

Conditions in Alaska. Washington, D. C.—A report of a startling nature, in regard to interior conditions in Alaska, was received by the senate Thursday from United States Judge Gunnison at Juneau. He said that the impossibility of making natives understand contagion constituted a menace to the entire population of Alaska, including the whites. The report showed that tuberculosis and trachoma as well as other contagious diseases are common among

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ECONOMY VS. DECENCY.



Old Hubby—Dear me, Ella! You might have that dress made a little higher in the neck.

Young Wifey—I'll have it altered if you like, but this stuff costs three guineas a yard.

Old Hubby—H'm!—well, it doesn't matter.

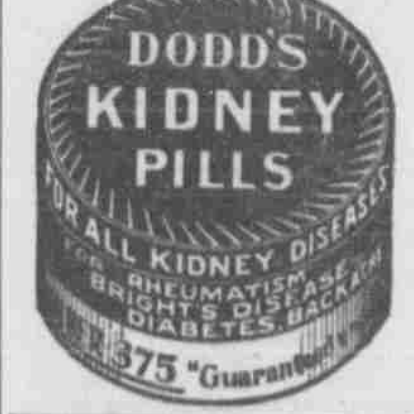
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At the Church Fair. He paused at the booth where the prettiest girls were in charge. They greeted him with winning smiles.

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"We have no change," they chorused. "And I have no ten," he reluctantly murmured.

Then he moved away.



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