

### A Mystery In A Freight Car

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I am a brakeman on a freight train. One day during the winter season, when we had come to a stop, I was walking alongside the train and saw a thin smoke coming out from under one of the cars. Thinking it to come from a hot box, I stooped to examine the truck, but the running gear was as cool as a cucumber. Then, looking up, I noticed a small tin pipe protruding from the bottom of the car, through which smoke was coming in little puffs.

"Well, I'll be jinged!" I said to myself. "Here's a freight car, sealed with lead, that hasn't been opened since it started three days ago, and a steam engine in it. Am I in my right mind, or have I tumbled off the brake wheel, where I was sitting a spell ago."

I stooped a trifle lower and craned my neck in a little further in order to get a better view. There was the pipe, evidently a part of a leader from a gutter belonging to the roof of a house. It extended a few inches downward, then turned with an elbow, the second part extending about a foot rearward. As I looked the puffs continued as regular as those coming from a locomotive making a steady gait.

What to do I didn't know. I was afraid to notify the conductor for fear I'd find out that I'd had a stroke and saw things that didn't exist. Something occurred just then that made me think I'd surely gone daft. I heard a girl's giggle.

There wasn't any connection between a steam engine and a girl shut up in a box car, especially a sealed box car, but there was a good deal to excite curiosity. I stopped worrying about myself and began to wonder what there was inside that car. I stood off, looked at it and walked all around it. A freight train is made up of different kinds of cars, and this car was especially different from the others. It looked as though it might have been a caboose turned into a box. The thing most noticeable about it was a door at one end. Why I hadn't noticed this before I don't know unless it was because the end was only about two feet from the end of another car.

I saw that there was or had been a lock on the door. There wasn't any knob, but a nail had been put through the screw hole of the steel piece on which the knob had been fixed. I climbed up on the coupling and tried to turn the nail to open the door. I didn't succeed. I listened, but everything was still. But I didn't forget that giggle, and pretty soon I knocked. In a few moments I heard whispers within. Then all of a sudden the door was pulled open, and there stood a boy and a girl.

Besides these, I got a view of the car. There was a carpet on it, the horse for wear; in one corner was a mattress with bedclothing; in the center was a pine table, and at one side was a cook stove. And I noticed that the stovepipe was run down instead of up or horizontal and passed through a hole in the floor.

"Please don't give us away," said the girl, going for me with a pair of blue eyes not many could resist.

"You'd better let me come in," I answered. "If the conductor or any of the train hands should come along there'd be no need of giving you away." I went inside and shut the door after me. Then I asked, "Will you be good enough to tell me what this means?"

"We're a bride and groom," said the young fellow, who couldn't have been over seventeen years old.

"On our wedding trip," the girl added.

"A bride and groom on your wedding trip?" I exclaimed. "How did you get in here?"

"I'll tell you all about it," said the boy. "We're not only on our wedding trip, but we're a runaway couple."

"Are you sure you're not a pair of escaped lunatics?"

The girl laughed; the fellow looked kind of queer and talked on.

"We were engaged, but neither had had nor mine would let us get married till we were older. I had a clerkship in a railroad freight house, and I managed to get hold of this car, and one night when you men were making up this train I give the engineer a signal to hook up against it, and the next time he backed up against a car this was in the train. I'd fixed the door and put in the bridal furniture."

"The bridal furniture?" I said, looking around. "So this is a bridal chamber, is it?"

"Well, it's all we got," he answered.

"What have you had to eat?" I asked.

"Bread, bacon, eggs and a few other things. There's our stove. We get a good enough draft when the train's moving."

"And when it isn't moving you fan the fire?"

"Just so."

Hearing some one coming, I put my finger to my lips, and when the sound had passed I went out and shut the door. That was the most original wedding trip I ever saw or heard of, and I wouldn't have given the children away for a farm. I couldn't make up my mind whether they were really on a honeymoon journey or playing they were married, as children do.

When we got to the end of the run they disappeared, and I never found out what had become of them.

**Movement For Taft.**

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 20.—A movement looking to the organization of Nebraska for President Taft, whereby he may be assured of the delegation from this state to the national Republican convention, were launched at Lincoln at meetings held yesterday afternoon and last night.

## DISSENSION IN TURKEY

### Parliament is Torn by Hostile Factions

### OTTOMAN FORCES IN TRIPOLI

Without Ammunition—Supply Shut off by Action of Kitchener—England Occupies a Small Slice of Eastern Tripoli.

Constantinople, Dec. 20.—The parliamentary situation is becoming critical. The members of both parties are at high tension over the proposed modification of article 23 of the constitution, and this led to a personal encounter between a Unionist deputy and a member of the Opposition on the floor of the House. The former tried to strike the Opposition deputy with a chair, but was prevented from doing so by the intervention of several of the members. A tumultuous scene ensued, and the president was compelled to suspend the sitting. The Union party held a majority and decided to provoke a dissolution of the chamber at all costs.

### KITCHENER SHUTS OFF SUPPLIES.

Ottoman Forces Without Ammunition and Can Get None by Way of Egypt.

London, Dec. 20.—The continued advance of the Italian troops towards the interior of Tripoli and away from the environs of the coast towns without meeting a serious resistance seems to prove the correctness of recent information that the Turkish troops and their Arab allies have withdrawn to the hills. They are practically, it is reported, without ammunition. Their only chance of renewing the supplies has been shattered by Viscount Kitchener's action in sealing up all the possible points of leakage along the frontier between Egypt and Tripoli. This action was taken by Viscount Kitchener in order to keep Egypt entirely neutral. The Italian forces now concentrated in the former Turkish province of Tripoli number 80,000 and military experts are of the opinion that so soon as their means of transport have been perfected there will be apparently nothing to prevent the effective occupation of the annexed territory by the expeditionary forces.

### THE PREDECESSORS OF DYNAMITER ARE SOUGHT

Government After the Men Who Blew Up Property Before Ortie McManigal.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 20.—People who unknowingly lived for weeks near dynamite enough to blow up the neighborhood and whose children skated over floors in a vacant house where nitroglycerine had been spilled, testified yesterday in the government's investigation of the dynamite conspiracy.

Witnesses from Muncie, Ind., testified that McManigal stored nitro-glycerine in a vacant house and when it was deserted school children skated over what seemed grease spots on the floor.

Later it was ascertained that the "grease" was nitro-glycerine, and experts were called to destroy its explosive powers.

D. Jones, a farmer living near Indianapolis kept in his barn a piano box in which J. J. McNamara told him he stored his records. The box really was filled with dynamite whence McNamara replenished his supply for dynamiting expeditions.

Detectives who visited the Jones farm the day John J. McNamara was arrested, found 25 pounds of dynamite still in the box.

It has been learned that these witnesses told the grand jury the circumstances under which the places were rented and who paid the rent.

The intention of the government to find out who, if anybody, assisted the McNamaras in plotting explosions before Ortie McManigal appeared on the scene as a regular employed dynamiter, was made evident yesterday when more employees of the International Association of Bridge & Structural Iron Workers were called before the grand jury.

McManigal, according to his confession, did not go into the dynamiting business for J. J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the association, until July, 1907, but more than a dozen explosions, all directed against structures erected by firms employing non-union men, took place in the two years previous to that time.

McManigal's employees, including Miss Katherine Gallagher and Louis Meyers, stenographers, armed with records dating back to 1905, were before the investigators. Their presence was in connection with the tracing of the movements of men whose identities have not yet been made public.

### "OH THIS AWFUL ITCHING"

WHAT ECZEMA SUFFERERS SAY—THEY CAN NOW GET RELIEF.

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### AGAINST DIRECT FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Said Representative Underwood of Alabama, in an Address Last Night Before the Catholic Club at New York.

New York, Dec. 20.—Representative Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, chairman of the House committee on ways and means, was guest of honor at a dinner of members of the Catholic club here last night and as principal speaker he delivered an address declaring his opposition to movements toward a more direct form of government.

"If there are evils in our government as it exists to-day," he said, "it is not in its organic form. It is due to the failure of those in office to honestly, fairly and justly perform the duties imposed upon them."

He pointed to the failures of direct democracies and drew the contrast between them and the successes of a representative democracy responsible to the will of a majority, but checked by the constitution, from exercising a brutal force which might destroy the liberty and property rights of the individual.

The proposal to abandon in part this scheme of the revolutionary fathers, with a tendency to place the power of law-making in the hands of all the people, would place constitutional guarantees of individual liberty subservient to the will of the majority through political compulsion, he said.

Those who urge a change, he argued, do not reflect that at times they may misjudge real public sentiment, that the representative who acts as the instrument of the government is at fault and not the basic principle of the government itself.

"My experience as a legislator," he continued, "leads me to believe that the Congress of the United States will ultimately respond to the enlightened and matured sentiment of the people." He pointed to instances wherein it had done so—in railroad-rate legislation, pure-food laws, campaign fund publicity, national quarantine, irrigation of the arid West, and the building of the isthmian canal.

"The response may not be rapid," he said, "but it is probably more permanent and there is certainly not as much danger of enacting hasty, ill-considered or bad legislation."

"Cannot a committee of the Congress, composed of representative men, initiate legislation, within the limitations of the constitution, guard against excesses and abuses, protect the rights of the minority, voice the wishes of the majority, as well or better than the partisan friends of a measure who in order that they may accomplish one result are tempted to reach so far that they leave a wake of destruction as to collateral matters the measure touches?"

"If there are evils in our government as it exists to-day, it is not in its organic form. It is due to the failure of those in office to honestly, fairly and justly perform the duties imposed upon them. The remedy is plain and the way is clear. The people should drive from the places of power and responsibility the unfaithful servant and elect those who will be faithful and true to the trust imposed upon them."

"You tell me the people cannot elect honest and faithful servants. I tell you that the masses of the people are far better judges of men than they are of measures, and are far more likely to select an honest man than an honest measure."

"Let us elect honest men to public office, men who have the courage to stand for the true interest of the constitution they represent, regardless of what effect it may have on their personal fortunes. There then will be no demand for a change of the fundamental principles of our government."

### CONFLICT IN LORIMER CASE.

Taylor Tells of Talk With Brownback; Brownback Doesn't Know Taylor.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Leslie J. Taylor of Taylorville, Ill., told the Lorimer senatorial investigating committee yesterday of an alleged conversation he had in 1899 with D. D. Brownback, a Republican member of the Illinois legislature who voted for Lorimer. Brownback has told the committee that he did not know Taylor and had never spoken to him. Taylor told the committee that Brownback told him he was ashamed to say how much money he had spent to be elected to the legislature, and that he intended to get it back.

"He told me that I would see that when a senator was elected he (Brownback) had voted for the right man and that he would get his," Taylor said. Brownback had talked about changing the judicial district in Macon county, Ill., and said it "could be done for \$500." Brownback is now in business in East St. Louis, Ill., and swore before the committee last week that he would not know Taylor if he saw him. The committee will recall Brownback to confront Taylor, whose testimony caused something of a sensation.

## IN LOCAL MARKETS

Potato Prices Firm at 75c and 80c per Bushel

### DRESSED PORK IS EASY

Fowls Priced at 14c, Chickens at 17c and Turkeys at 27@28c—Creamery Butter 35@36c, Dairy 32c.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 20, 1911.

Dressed pork easy. Potato prices are firm.

Wholesale quotations:  
Dressed pork—8c.  
Dressed veals—10c.  
Lamb—10@11c.  
Fowls—14c.  
Chickens—17c.  
Turkey—27@28c.  
Butter—Creamery 35@36c, dairy 32c.  
Fresh eggs—40c.  
Potatoes—75@80c bushel.

### RICKER'S MARKET REPORTS

Milkers \$5 to \$10 Lower—Poultry Is Higher and Beef Steady.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 20.—W. A. Ricker's market reports veal steady, hogs 1/4c lower, beef steady, milkers \$5@810 lower, while poultry shades better. Receipts for the last week were:  
Poultry—500, 8@9c.  
Lamb—120, 3@5c.  
Hogs—75, 5@5 1/2c.  
Cattle—25, 2@5c.  
Calves—125, 3@7c.  
Milk cows—30, 8@10.00.

### IN BOSTON MARKETS

Butter Prices Rising Again, Egg Market Firmer, but Prices No Higher.

Boston, Dec. 20.—The price of butter is on the rise once more in the local market, as a result of a strongly upward tendency in other markets. In New York the market has advanced 2c from what it left off last week, while in Chicago an advance of a cent is noted. These advances mean that the local dealers will have to pay more for supplies and encourage the asking of more money for the goods on hand. For fancy northern creamery in tubs 36 1/2c is quite generally asked and had; these prices represent an advance of about 1/2c on a pound over recent quotations.

The egg market also is firmer, though not quite so high, as receipts are not as large as expected and the demand is rather brisk, resulting in a closely sold-up market. The movement of cheese has often been livelier, but the lack of activity is not an element of weakness, owing to small stocks and high replacing costs in other markets.

Jobbing quotations:  
Butter—Fancy northern creamery, tubs 36@36 1/2c, boxes 37@37 1/2c, prints 37 1/2@38c, fancy western creamery, spruce tubs 36@36 1/2c, ash tubs 35 1/2@36c, fancy storage creamery 35@36c, good to choice creamery 31@33c.  
Cheese—New York twins, fancy 10 1/2@17c, fair to good 16@18 1/2c, Young Americas 18@18 1/2c, sage 18@19c.  
Eggs—Fancy henney 49@51c, choice eastern 44@46c, fresh western extras 40@42c, choice 35@36c, storage 26@28c.

### EUROPE SENDING POTATOES.

Local Shortage Creates Unusual Movement of Tubers.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Foreign potatoes are pouring into Boston to meet the present shortage and, if possible, shatter prices. Yesterday the Bohemian brought 10,503 bags from Liverpool, the heaviest single shipment of the season. The Iberian, from Manchester, Eng., had 1,106 bags. And more potatoes are consigned to Boston from Ireland, England, Holland and Germany.

Thus far nearly 65,000 bushels have been received here. Upwards of 100,000 bushels are expected to arrive within the next few weeks.

### GETS POTATOES FROM SCOTLAND.

New York Receives 1,590 Tons on the Liner California.

New York, Dec. 20.—Fifteen hundred tons of potatoes grown in Scotland reached New York yesterday on the liner California and will be placed on the market, it is said, to break the high prices charged for the Long Island tubers. Duty amounting to \$750 was paid on the consignment. Dealers declare that there is a shortage in the crop and prices greatly in excess of last year's market, they say, prevail. Other shipments from Scotland will follow the initial cargo.

### Gardner There.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 20.—United States Senator and Former State Senator Chas. Gardner and Mrs. Gardner, who have attended 23 annual state sessions, are attending the 38th annual convention of the Maine state grange, Patrons of Husbandry, which was formally opened yesterday.

### The Muse of Parody.

To fairer muse the high-browed bard May lift a liting song.  
But Muse of Parody, dead pard,  
My heart for thee is strong;  
Let others twang the golden lyre,  
And hit the topmost C—  
The second-hand poetic fire  
Is good enough for me.

Grim hours there are when nothing swims

Into the rhymer's ken—  
When frantic effort merely dims  
The thinking powers of men;  
Tis then the bard may turn unto  
Something that's made a hit—  
"The Raven" is often made to do—  
And parodize a bit.

"Maud Muller"—may she always wave  
With rike and deathless hay;  
Full many a poet may she save  
From losing job and pay;  
And "Danny Deever" and the rest  
On whom so much depends,  
Long may they live among the blest—  
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—Denver Republican.

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### Scholars or Athletes?

Two interesting, not to mention significant, sets of statistics have recently been given out by Harvard college. One of them discloses that a very large percentage of the men who are entitled to wear the coveted "H" are the product of the private preparatory schools.

### Enjoying One's Work.

When only fifty out of an audience of more than fourteen times that number at Ford hall last night responded with a show of hands to President Faunce's request that all who enjoyed their work would declare themselves, the speaker regarded the result as discouraging and expressed the opinion that under such conditions civilization could not endure. But really there was no reason for pessimism in the showing. Ask almost any man whether he really enjoys his work and the proposition is one concerning which he feels that he needs time for reflection. He has to balance the drudgeries, the irritations and many other things with the affirmative offsets, but when he has been given an opportunity to weigh all considerations, in the majority of cases he will

### decide that he does enjoy his work, that it is one of his greatest blessings and that between his work and no work there is no comparison to be made. There are thousands of men who grumble over their business worries and cares who are the very ones that upon retirement experience a longing to return to what they have laid down. Then they know that they did enjoy their work. President Faunce need not despair of the republic for this reason.—Boston Transcript.

### Eliot Very Ill.

Columbe, Ceylon, Dec. 20.—Although the physicians in charge of Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, who was recently operated on for appendicitis, report a slight improvement to-day, they consider his condition as still serious.

### Oracular.

First Turkey—What is a good motto for Christmas  
Second Turkey—Stuff not, that ye be not stuffed.—Philadelphia Record.

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Fresh Roasted Peanuts, three quarts for...	25c	Pure Ribbon Candy, two pounds for .....	25c
Sweet Florida Oranges, 16 for .....	25c	Golden Vale Bananas, per dozen .....	25c
Fancy Floridas, per dozen .....	25c, 30c, 35c	Malaga Grapes, two pounds for .....	25c
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