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Rhode Island can't pay its governor's salary because it hasn't got the funds. Which makes a sorry example for other states to avoid.

The double attempt at train wrecking on the Rutland railroad yesterday deserves a double dose of punishment. Hope the guilty parties get it.

A gypsy stole \$15 from an ex-mayor of a New Hampshire city but was arrested and forced to disgorge. That is the kind of a pest which New England has to deal with at present, along with the tent caterpillar.

While New York City is undergoing one of the greatest police investigations in history, Mayor Gaynor is attacking the "end-seat hog" on street cars. Anyway, District Attorney Whitman doesn't seem to need Mayor Gaynor's assistance.

The wealthy residents of Gloucester, Mass., who secured a court order to check the noise of granite finishing and planing machines and to secure damage for noise already made near them, do not realize how the jingling of their coin disturbs others.

President Benton of the University of Vermont easily takes first place in the baccalaureate discourse race, being scheduled to give fifteen school graduation addresses, besides delivering the annual baccalaureate at his own institution. He may be pardoned for some repetition, no doubt.

President Wilson's action in taking the senators into his confidence as to the appointments of ambassadors and ministers smacks of that "happy family group" which he undoubtedly wishes to make out of the officials in Washington. It is far better than gum-shoe tactics which generally go with little minds.

About time to renew that fly-swating campaign which the May winter stopped. It is difficult to arouse much sympathy for Jack Johnson, who has been sentenced to a year and a day and to pay a fine under the "white slave" act. Johnson's apparent disregard for some other laws has not helped him in this instance.

It has taken pages and almost literally barrels of ink to tell to the world that Bishop Brent, Episcopal bishop of the Philippines, came across the water from a European tour in the steamer of a certain ship and to that add that Bishop Brent found the occupants of the steamer quite human. It may be put down as one of the remarkable discoveries of modern times—for some people.

The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, is to summer at Dublin, N. H., but he'll not find it a rocky road. In fact, New England offers places to other of the diplomatic service in Washington and to all officialdom there to make as smooth selections of summer resorts as President Wilson and Sir Cecil have done. New England can take care of all of them and would be pleased to do it.

THE MERCHANTS' PLAY-TIME.

The plan inaugurated by the Barre Merchants' association to have an automobile run and get-together banquet at some point within easy riding distance of Barre is to be commended because it serves to bring the members into closer touch with each other and to get the benefit of such more intimate

acquaintance. Therefore, it would seem to be a good policy to continue the arrangement at intervals during the summer whenever the convenience of the most members can be accommodated.

NO TIME TO FLOAT BOND ISSUES.

The slack condition of the money market at the present time was more surely indicated than by the failure of the city of Baltimore yesterday to float an issue of \$5,500,000 four per cent. bonds, there being less than \$600,000 subscribed and at prices going as low as 87.91. The only way for municipalities to do, therefore, in the present situation is to refrain from trying to float bonds and, back of that, to refrain from making the expenditures which call for flotation of bonds. When the great city of New York is beginning to wake up to the necessity for retrenchment in expenses, it is time that smaller cities follow the example.

THE FORCE OF CONSCIENCE

By DONALD CHAMBERLAIN

"This man Veilliers, I understand, has found another victim. This is the eleventh notch he has made on his stick."
"What victim?"
"This time it is a countryman of yours—Arthur Whitney."

This brief dialogue occurred in Paris between a Parisian and a South Carolinian named Louis Glenwood. The time was before the middle of the nineteenth century, when dueling was more common than now throughout the world and far more in earnest in France, where a semblance of the custom still lingers. Glenwood had no special acquaintance with Whitney, only knowing him as the affianced husband of Muriel Ellison, an American girl whom he, Glenwood, secretly adored.

"Some one must stop these murders," he said with intense emotion.
"That cannot be done," replied the other; "at least, not in any ordinary way—not by the duel, because Veilliers is so skilled in all weapons that he can defeat any antagonist. There is but one way in which he can be worsted—through his nerve. If one could find a way to break through that Veilliers' skill would not be available."

A few days later Veilliers was dining at a cafe on the Champs Elysees when a man entered who attracted attention at once from a malicious, sardonic look he wore on his face. He strode straight toward the table where Veilliers was sitting and deliberately slapped him on the cheek.

Veilliers, who had noticed the man, looked up into the face of one whom he had never seen before and whose expression startled him.

"What means this insult, monsieur?" he asked. "I do not know that I have any quarrel with you."
"You are used, monsieur," said the other, "to offer these insults. I choose to offer this one myself."
"Who are you?"
"I am the united embodiment of all your victims, and I have come to make you my victim."

While the speaker's eyes showed different emotions, his face retained the same invariable sardonic expression.
"Very well, monsieur," he said. "Will you kindly refer me to any friend of yours who will receive a message from me in your behalf?"
"Friend? Are not we—those you have killed—La Tour, Desnoailles, Mercier, La Rouge and the others, including your last victim, the American—all my seconds? Come, monsieur; I have arranged for a private room in the fencing academy of M. Meydieu. Let us proceed there."

"But there is the selection of weapons, besides other terms to be settled. As the challenged party you have the right to choose—"

"Terms! Weapons! Do the dead need to dispute about such things? They are for you to decide, not us."
"Us?"
"Yes; you are to fight a representative, not an individual. But we will

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not waste words. Come; let us be off."

Veilliers rose, and the stranger slipped his arm through that of his antagonist, keeping his face turned toward him all the while. Veilliers shook him off, but the stranger walked beside him, those who had been dining with the latter following to the fencing academy, where they were shown into a private room. Veilliers chose foin, and the fight began.

By this time the duelist showed signs of unsteadiness. The stranger's confidence, his indifference as to terms and weapons, his talk about representing Veilliers' victims, and, above all, his sardonic smile, had produced an effect. The duelist, as soon as he began to fence, strove not to look at his opponent. But he must keep his eye on that of his antagonist, and he could not do this without the smile being constantly before him. Indeed, do what he would, it drew his sight from that feature on watching which his life depended. The unknown, observing this, waited till his enemy's gaze was diverted, then made a quick lunge and ran him through the breast.

The next morning all Paris knew that the famous Veilliers had been killed in a duel by an American named Glenwood. But few knew that Glenwood had relied almost entirely on breaking down his antagonist's nerve through his conscience. The South Carolinian's face had been painted by a skilled artist and so delicately done that the paint could not easily be discovered. It was assurance backed by this device that enabled Glenwood to win the world of the duelist.

Miss Ellison, who had gone into mourning for her lover, was one of the first to hear of this remarkable duel. When she learned the name of the conqueror her surprise was great indeed. He had long been her friend—a sort of brother—but she would not have expected him to endanger his life to avenge her. She sent for him to come to her at once.

"Why did you do it?" she asked.
"Do not ask me now," was the reply; "some time in the future I may tell you."

"Suppose your effort to work on the man's nerves had failed?"
"I should have been another victim."
Miss Ellison never asked again why she had been avenged. Glenwood could not conceal it from her. Within a year after the duel they were married.

How Mark Twain Introduced Himself. "Ladies and Gentlemen—By the request of the chairman of the committee I beg leave to introduce to you the reader of the evening, a gentleman whose great learning, whose historical accuracy, whose devotion to science and whose veneration for the truth are only equalled by his moral character and his majestic presence. I allude, in these vague and general terms, to myself. I am a little opposed to the custom of ceremoniously introducing a reader to the audience, because it seems unnecessary where the man has been properly advertised. But, as it is the custom, I prefer to make it myself—in my own case—and then I can rely on getting in all the facts! I never had but one introduction that seemed to me just the thing, and the gentleman was not acquainted with me, and there was no nonsense. He said: 'Ladies and Gentlemen—I shall waste no time in this introduction. I know of only two facts about this man—first, he never has been in state prison, and, second, I can't imagine why!'"

The Brigand Chief. Not many years ago the highways of Mexico and especially that of Guadalajara, were infested with brigands, who usually stopped all travelers whom they met. Whenever a conveyance entered the capital with the curtains removed it was taken for granted that the victim of the brigands had taken them to use as a substitute for his own garments of which he had been deprived. The situation at length became unbearable, and a daring robbery having been committed, the authorities sent out troops to pursue the malefactors. The leader of the gang was captured, bound, placed on a mule and escorted to the city. The president sent for the chief of police. He was not forthcoming.

Does any one know where he is to be found? asked the president.
"Why, yes, sir," the men replied in chorus; "he is on the mule!"

Its Only Use. Grinder—I see that a fellow over in England has invented a wire netting guard that will prevent automobiles from splattering mud on pedestrians. Grouch—But what's mud for?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

If thou faint in the day of adversity thy strength is small.—Book of Proverbs.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Canopy top parasols at Abbott's. Suits and coats marked down at Knight's.

Special gauze hose 2 pairs for 25c, at Vaughan's. Thirty-nine cent silk hose just received, for few days 25c per pair, at Vaughan's.

Auction sale of cows and other personal property at the Fred LaBounty farm, South Barre, Saturday at 1 p. m. sharp. A. Martenetti. See ad.

The Cuban Giants are the best colored baseball team playing in America to-day. Don't fail to see them in action for the last time. Game starts at 3 o'clock, Intercity park, on Saturday.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Dent gloves at Abbott's. Three-in-one combination suits at Abbott's.

It will pay you to come to Perry's on Saturday. Free lecture, accompanied by pictures. Worthen hall Friday evening at 8 o'clock; "Rise and Progress of Mormonism."

Remember the auction sale of building lots at Shepard's farm Saturday at 2 p. m. See ad., page 7. C. F. Smith, auctioneer.

Be sure to see the Verdi club line up against the Italians Saturday as they will have a fast bunch of ball players. Winkler and Fowlie will be their battery.



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