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One fact is exceedingly apparent. The trusts are not afraid of Roosevelt nor alarmed over his recom- its provisions.

The effect of public clamor in securing free coal involves the lesson that more tariff revision can be forced by the people getting up and howling.

'The fellow who "saw it first" of course bobs up again. Augustus C. Carey, of Boston, claims to have operated a wireless system of telegra- feated. phy on the Marconi plan as early as

If Chili is disposed to part with her prize warships, it would hardly seem likely that she would dispose of them to a power that is bullying the United States into a fight over this country's right to defend South American re-

According to the opinion of many officers in the United States navy Americans need not go into spasms at the possibility of our ships having to fight these of Germany. An officer in the Brooklyn navy yard has this to say: "The German navy looks great on paper, but it is not as formidable as is generally supposed. Leaving aside any question as to the torpedo fleet, I have found on examination that nearly 68 per cent of the cruisers, battleships and other large vessels are unable to go more than 600 miles from home because of the ina- Dixon, Ills., was wrecked by a dynability to carry sufficient steaming mite bomb, and wife and child incoal. This is not imagination. It is tured, an epitome of official figures."

An unintimidated member of the Kansas legislature has introduced a bill subjecting all able bodied bachefors and spinsters to an annual tax of \$25. No doubt this proposition will be denounced as impertinent and unjust, and some may even go so far as to declare that it violates the constitutional provision against cruel and unjust punishment. But may not the honorable member who proposes it plausibly contend that it is rather complimentary than censorious, inasmuch that implies that every bachelor might be a husband if he wanted to be, and that every spinster has chosen to remain unmarried? If that line of argument is promptly adopted and gallantly maintained, the author of the bill may at least escape premature baldness, even if he fails to augment the revenues of the state.

### A "Conservative" Trust Bill.

It is reported in Washington that an understanding has been reached upon trust regulation legislation. A measure "which will contain nothing drastic or radical" is to be passed. The trust lobbies will not fight the bill, being satisfied that some sort of legislation must be enacted to pacify public clamor, but they will see to it that it is not inimical to their interests. This report may be open to suspicion, but there are many circumstances which give it color. A bill for the regulation of trusts containing "nothing drastic or radical" and satisfactory to the trust lobbies is certainly not what the public has the right to expect. It means that the new bill will be "safe" from a monopolistic standpoint and therefore valucless as a remedy for existing evils. If it is the intention of congress to attempt to fool the people in this way it must fail.

What the public is interested in particularly is not legislation, but effeets. If the new bill does not produce results the public will be very quick to see through the scheme, and the consequences may not be satisfactory either to the trust lobby or its congressional marionettes.

The country expects congress to make good and it will judge by re- running his eye over the bill of fare. sults. There is no possibility of detion on the trust issue.

## Poor Mr. Morgan and the Tariffs.

J. Pierpont Morgan believes in protection in some things but not in others. He thinks it is right to put a of art in general on the free list but the moon?" put high duties on wool, shoes, coal and other articles that come into gen-

Mr. Morgan recently spent a large fortune abroad in art treasures. He but I know that it is far enough away arranged to ship them home, but to be outside my beat even when it's an in her home on the banks of the found the duties were so high that it | full."-New York Times. would cost another fortune. So he rented a warehouse in London where he will store his treasures until con- Argus.

gress takes off the duties on the rich man's luxuries. There is no occasion Published Daily and Weekly at 1634 Second for sympathy for Mr. Morgan. He is Avenue, Rock Island, Ill. [Entered at the one of the sponsors for a proscriptive tariff. He is willing to tax the many but complains when the same tax is addled on the few.

And just now Mr. Morgan is attempting to convince the assessor would have in it an important element that he has no taxable personal property-but on the contrary is heavily have occurred-that is, a woman who in debt. What a glorious thing it old age in the enjoyment of her honors. could be to be Pierpont's creditor.

### NEWS IN OUTLINE.

A. R. Van Nocker, a shoe manu-

Herr von Delbrueck, honorary Prussian minister of state, is dead.

of cholera.

defeat the isthmian canal trenty be. proclivities of both. Captured by the cause he doesn't approve of some of Indians when a boy, he had become

The melting of the snow has caused Scotland. The Hill of Tara, so rich in his-

toria memories, will shortly be sold at auction in Dublin. Columbia defeated Yale in a 300 rards relay swimming face in the New

by ten yards. The strike on the Netherlands railways has ended, the company being de-

A joint resolution has been introduced in the house proposing an amendment to the constitution prohibiting

The Southern Pacific has reached an agreement with its firemen on the question of wages.

The Denver and Rio Grande railroad has voluntarily increased the wages of all machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, tin workers, inspectors, car repairers and their helpers.

Andrew Cullickson, a farmer of Sterling, Wis., was butted to death Saturday by a large dehorned bull. The ice yacht races Saturday at Kalamazoo, Mich., were failures-no race

finished in the time limit. Mrs. Marguerite Allen, the oldest woman in the state of Washington, is dead at the age of 104 years.

President Diaz has received the Boer generals cordially and said that Mexico would welcome the Boer colonists. The house of Frank Gleffner, near

# **EMBLEMATIC**

White man, what you doin' A-loadin' up de gun An' stahtin' in foh battle Jes' de same as if 'twas fun? Nebber stop foh singin'. Nebber stop fon play; Does you see de cullud people

Actin' dat a-way? De cullud man's complexion It isn't out of place; Dar's got to be some black folks In dis here human race.

When I looks into de paper An' reads dem solemn facts. I reckons we's in mournin Foh de way de white folks acts. -Washington Star.



"Are you fond of lobsters?" he asked, "Nothing I like better," answered the ceiving the people by sham legisla. chorus girl, turning her eyes away and winking. - Philadelphia North Ameri-

The recent civil service examination brings to mind an amusing story which the fleetness of a bird she covered the was told in connection with one of the high tax on the necessities of life but earliest examinations for policemen. cious burden behind the palisades. wrong to tax luxuries. He would The question asked by the examining place statuary, paintings and works commission was, "How many miles to

Pat, a lusty son of old Erin, whose right to a place on the force had never cor arrived, and the lives of all were

before been disputed, answered: "I don't know how many miles it is,

All the news all the time-The and adored by all who knew her.

### DAILY SHORT STORY

A Real Heroine.

If the heroine of a story could be transformed into a real person, her life of happiness. Such cases, vice versa, has shown herself heroic has lived to an

During the American Revolution a

small palisade fort erected on the site of the present city of Wheeling was of the present city of Wheeling was muscles, joints and nerves. Then with the center of a small settlement. The the suddenness of an electric shock, pains dwelling of Colonel Ebenezer Lane stood facturer of LaCrosse, Wis., is dead of about 200 feet from the palisade, and in it were kept many of the supplies of Fire in the United States assay of the fort. One morning-It was Sept. 1, fice at New York was quenched aft- 1777-a man rode up to the place, threw er doing \$2,000 damage, but it put in himself from his horse and excitedly peril for awhile over \$40,000,000 in announced that one Simon Girty, with a large number of savages, was advancing to its capture. This man Girty was descended from the lowest order of The sultan of Maciu, P. I., is dead people, his father having been an outlaw and his mother a disgrace to her

There is danger that Morgan will sex. Simon had inherited the worst one of them, and their savage practices were as natural to him as if he extensive floods and serious damage in had been born an Indian. Such was the man who was advancing at the head of several hundred red men to murder the men, women and children made ready for defense, and Colonel Lane's house, occupying a favorable York Athletic club tank Saturday night | position for resistance, was made a

part of the inclosure to be defended. There were but a dozen men to protect the women and children who were huddled together in the palisade, expecting the worst possible fate.

The party came up, and Girty demanded the surrender of the fort, which was of course refused. Then commenced a fire from besieged and besiegers which was kept up till night, when it ceased. At midnight the negro cook Sam, seeing a flicker of light through a crevice in the palisade, looked for the cause and saw an Indian outside attempting to fire the palisade. Sam shot the man dead and averted the danger.

The next morning the attack was renewed with a hollow log bound with chains for a cannon, but the log burst at the first discharge and killed several of the besiegers. Enraged at the failure, Girty attempted to carry the fort by storm, but the rifles within were true, and he lost many men without accomplishing his object.

It was now discovered that the supply of powder in the fort was about exhausted. There was a keg in the Lane house, but to procure it some one must go nearly 200 feet and return

rirl. Elizabeth Lane-she was nick- than our prices below. named Patty-who had recently returned from school in Philadelphia. From the refining influences of a school | Cement fillings.... in what was then the first city in the land she had been transported to a Platinum filling ...... 500 wilderness and now was confronted Silver fillings...... with savage warfare. There is but one position in which we can imagine such a girl under such circumstances, and that is pale and trembling, eagerly scrutinizing the expressions of those defending her to learn if there is any hope. Patty Lane was the very counterpart of this. She stepped forward as a volunteer, a volunteer to run a gantlet of bullets that would bring almost certain death. Not only did she volunteer, but pleaded to be allowed to go, arguing that the men were all needed for the defense of the lives of the women and children; that not a man's life should be risked in this way, but the life of a woman, who was not fit for hardier service. If she were

killed, she would not be missed. It was not only the offer that was surprising, but the Spartan arguments by which it was supported. The men all knew that they were true. Reluctantly the commander gave his consent. Patty, kneeling for a moment in prayer, arose and, sallying forth, with the fleetness of a fawn cleared the space between the fort and the house before the savages noticed her or had recovered from their surprise. Not a shot was fired at her. Placing the powder in a tablecloth and tying it about her waist, she started on her return

This return was a very different matter from the going. The savages had been warned and were on the alert Besides, the bundle she carried was sure evidence that she was transporting some article contraband of war. Patty ran as rapidly as she could impeded by her burden. Scarcely had she started when a bullet sang by her, then another and another. It was like shooting a bird on the wing. The few seconds during which she was exposed to fire were terribly long to those who were watching her from the fort. There was every chance that she would not make the goal. Half, three-quarters, seven-eighths of the distance was covered, yet she ran. Was she struck and ready to fall the moment she arrived, or was she still unscathed? There was no time to answer, for with last dozen yards and landed her pre-

Then it was discovered that not

bullet had touched her. Armed with the ammunition she brought, the whites fought on till suc-

Patty Lane passed a lifetime as a heroine. She lived to be a very old wom-Ohio river near the place where she had shown the mettle there was in her

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