

**THE TRUE DEMOCRAT.**

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The pleasantest way in which a warship can be sunk is to be sunk "constructively," for then the sailors get their feet wet only "hypothetically."

Two years ago Great Britain, Germany and Italy gave the world a lesson in "pacific blockades." Norway has now given it a lesson in "pacific revolutions."

If Russia had a navy that would float, an army that would fight and a government that would govern, she might in time become a great world power, declares the Louisville Post.

There are so many heartaches and so many tears, so much grief and so much sorrow, so many heavy crosses to be borne by disheartened men and frail women, that it ought to be the pleasure, as it is the duty, of their stronger fellows to lend a hand, asserts The Commoner.

The people of Philadelphia are standing erect, masters of their own civic destinies. The gang and their machine lie wrecked and ruined and the penitentiary yawns for the grafters. Such a demonstration of the power of an aroused public sentiment has not been given since the fall of the Tweed regime, concludes the Portland Eastern Argus.

The four most successful plays of the past season were by American authors, and of these the two most successful dealt with American life and conditions, says the Boston Transcript. Although many managers still remain unconvinced, it looks very much as if the playgoers are quite agreed that there's no place like home, sweet home.

We have sufficient self-control to get along with our neighbors, but not enough to get along with our wives, avers Life. We are able to be civil to those we meet only now and then, but we have not as yet acquired the finer strain which should make us able to be civil to those with whom we are constantly and intimately associated. In a word, we are only about half civilized.

A report of the British Lightning Research Committee, recently published and prefaced with a note by Sir Oliver Lodge, contains some new and valuable information upon the protection of houses from thunderbolts. As summarized by the Electrical Review, the report points out that the problem of adapting lightning rods to houses has to deal not only with the quantity of electricity to be discharged, but with the electrical energy, and hence "it is advisable that lightning conductors should have a moderately high resistance, so as to dissipate the energy slowly, quietly and consequently safely." Even with this done it is important that the artificial path provided for the lightning to follow should be straight, concludes the New York Herald.

Writing in Public Opinion, W. J. Bryan says: The time is likely to come when those who grow rich by immoral methods will be denied the prestige which some now secure by ostentatious liberality. Greed for gain has raged like a fever, but there are signs of abatement. The standard of measurement has too often been wealth—no matter how secured—but there is evidence of a return to higher ideals. Many have been "hood-winked into believing" that what Carlyle calls "loyalty to the money-bag" is a noble loyalty, but he speaks the verdict of history when he says: "Mammon, cries the generous heart out of all ages and countries, is the basest of known gods, even of known devils. In him what glory is there, that ye should worship him? No glory discernible; not even terror; at best detestability, ill-matched with despicability!" And in the days to come—may they draw near!—we shall learn anew that "thought is stronger than artillery parks," and that "the beginning of all thought worthy of the name is love."

**ENVOYS ATTEND CHURCH.**

Sunday Conference Was Called Off With Status of Peace Negotiations Still in the Air.

The envoys of Russia and Japan held two conferences Saturday, one in the morning and the other lasting from 3 to 7 o'clock p. m.

At the morning session the answer of Russia to the demands of Japan was given to the mikado's representatives, who, after considering it, returned for the afternoon conference.

The afternoon conference adjourned for the day at 7 p. m. Both the Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries went at once to the Westworth hotel in automobiles. Mr. Witte and Ambassador Rosen preceded the Japanese suite.

Shortly after 5 o'clock, Mr. Berg, one of the Russian attaches, was handed a message by Mr. Witte's secretary for immediate transmission to St. Petersburg.

The Japanese plenipotentiaries, having studied the Russian answer to the conditions, the conference opened at 3 o'clock to proceed to the discussion of the articles, clause by clause. The session was finished at 7 o'clock.

The session of the plenipotentiaries, which was to have been held Sunday afternoon, was postponed by mutual agreement out of reverence to the fact that it was the holy Sabbath, which is universally observed in Russia as a day of rest.

The Russians had not been anxious for a Sunday session, and the Japanese took the initiative, and, through the intermediary of Mr. Pierce, it was decided to postpone the sitting until Monday morning.

Both the Russian peace commissioners attended service at Christ Episcopal church Sunday morning. When the Russians reached the church the two envoys were escorted to the very front pew. On arrival, the rest of the party were shown seats immediately behind those of their chiefs. When the plates for the usual Sunday offering were passed each Russian brought forth a bill, and the congregation given an impressive illustration of the liberality of the Russians.

A somewhat strange coincidence in the service, and one which was to the moment startling to the Russians, was the sudden burst from the organ of the Russian anthem, the music to hymn No. 497, which, by chance, formed a part of the prescribed series of Sunday services.

To the national anthem, the Russians sang:

"God save the czar, strong and powerful;

Reign for glory;  
Reign to the terror of the enemy.  
O, Orthodox Czar! Long live the czar!"

The words in the Hymnal, however, were, in part, these:

"See barbarous nations at Thy gates attend;

Walk in Thy light and in Thy temple bend;

See Thy bright altars thronged with prostrate persons,

While every hand in joyous tribute brings."

Minister Takahira, the Japanese minister, accompanied by Commander Isham Takahira, the naval attaché of the Japanese legation at Washington, attended the evening service at the Christian church in Kittery, Maine.

It had been announced that Takahira would attend vespers at Christ Episcopal church, where the Russians had been in the morning, and because of inability of the choir to remember the Japanese national anthem, arrangements had been made to sing the British national anthem out of courtesy to the distinguished visitors. But the congregation looked in vain for the Japanese minister. It seems that at the last minute, thinking his going might attract attention, Mr. Takahira decided to go to the Christian church in Kittery, some five miles away, where he was not recognized. The Japanese minister participated in the service.

**GEORGIA SHOWS GREAT PROSPERITY.**

Increase in Tax Values Expected to Reach Forty Million Mark.

The state tax returns for Georgia have increased \$33,903,871 to date. One hundred and twenty-two counties have sent in their digests and only fifteen more remain to be heard from. The counties which have not yet sent in their digests are Baldwin, Burke, Cobb, Early, Floyd, Franklin, Glynn, Greene, Gwinnett, Lee, Marion, Tattnall, Walton, Ware and Wayne. Capt. Harrison of the comptroller's office states that in his opinion the increase will reach \$40,000,000.

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No one ever understood the foibles of stage people better than did the late Kirke La Shelle, and of the ruling passion of actors he used to tell this story. I won't mention the actor's name, but he is a star of considerable reputation. Mr. La Shelle met him on the Rialto one day and noticed that he was wearing a mourning badge on his arm.

"It's for my father," the actor explained. "I've just come back from his funeral. It was a sad affair."  
Mr. La Shelle expressed his sincerest sympathy. The actor's grief was obviously real and great.

"A thing like this a man doesn't get over soon," he went on. "I attended to all the funeral arrangements. I did the best I could. We had everything just as father would have liked it."

"Many there?" asked La Shelle.  
"Many there!" cried the actor, changing from grief to animation. "Why, my boy, we turned 'em away."  
—Washington Post.

**Columbus.**

A school teacher was trying to impress upon his pupil's mind that Columbus discovered America in 1492, so he said, "Now, John, to make you remember the date when Columbus discovered America, I will make it in a rhyme so you won't forget it: 'Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492.' Now, can you remember that, John?"  
"Yes, sir," replied John.

The next morning when he came to school his teacher said, "John, when did Columbus discover America?"  
"Columbus sailed the dark blue sea in 1493."

**Improved Ship Propeller.**

A new ship propeller, patented by R. S. Crawford, carries an ingenious setting of the blades on the screw, which is claimed to give a better grip on the water, with less slip and less broken water. The blades are not arranged perpendicularly to the shaft axis, but are "inclined aft from root to tip," being curved circumferentially. The tip of one blade overlaps the base of the next. The result seems to be that the equivalent of one old blade is made up by a set of the new ones, perhaps catching more water, and releasing it with less back suction.—London Engineer.

**HEART RIGHT**  
When He Quit Coffee.

Life Insurance Companies will not insure a man suffering from heart trouble. The reason is obvious.

This is a serious matter to the husband or father who is solicitous for the future of his dear ones. Often the heart trouble is caused by an unexpected thing, and can be corrected if taken in time and properly treated. A man in Colorado writes:

"I was a great coffee drinker for many years, and was not aware of the injurious effects of the habit till I became a practical invalid, suffering from heart trouble, indigestion and nervousness to an extent that made me wretchedly miserable myself and a nuisance to those who witnessed my sufferings."

"I continued to drink coffee, however, not suspecting that it was the cause of my ill-health, till, on applying for life insurance I was rejected on account of the trouble with my heart. Then I became alarmed. I found that leaving off coffee helped me quickly, so I quit it altogether, and having been attracted by the advertisements of Postum Food Coffee I began its use.

"The change in my condition was remarkable, and it was not long till I was completely cured. All my ailments vanished. My digestion was completely restored, my nervousness disappeared, and, most important of all, my heart steadied down and became normal, and on a second examination I was accepted by the life insurance Co. Quitting coffee and using Postum worked the cure." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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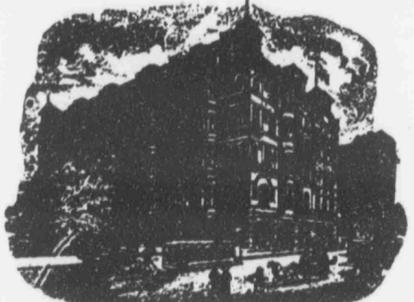
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2:55p	3:23p	7:23a	12:12a	Lv W. Phila.	Ar. 4:21a
5:07p	5:25p	9:42a	2:37a	Lv Baltimo.	Ar. 1:48a
7:25p	10:50a	4:30a	Lv Wash'ton	Ar. 11:50p	8:36p
11:00p	2:20p	9:10a	Lv Richmond	Ar. 5:30p	4:55p
11:40p	2:57p	10:02a	Lv Pet's'b'rg.	Ar. 4:42p	4:09p
1:45a	5:10p	12:45p	Ar .Norlina	Lv 2:10p	1:40p
33	41	38	32		
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily		
9:30p	9:25a	Lv Portsmouth	Ar 5:30p	7:50a	
10:02p	9:54a	Lv Suffolk	Ar. 4:54p	7:13a	
1:20a	1:20p	Ar .Norlina	Lv. 1:40p	3:30a	
1:57a	5:13p	1:40p	Lv .Norlina	Ar. 1:15p	1:35p
2:25a	5:37p	2:10p	Lv Hend'son	Ar. 12:37p	1:10p
9:00a	4:10p	Ar .Durham	Ar. 10:05a	6:00p	
4:15a	7:00p	4:00p	Lv .Raleigh	Ar. 11:00a	11:50a
6:20a	8:55p	6:16p	Lv So Pines	Ar. 8:30a	9:45a
7:15a	9:55p	7:30p	Ar Hamlet	Ar. 7:30a	8:50a
7:35a	10:15p	Lv .Hamlet	Ar 7:10a	10:00p	
9:10a	11:55p	Ar .Monroe	Lv 5:40a	8:35p	
Daily	9:15a	12:01a	Lv .Monroe	Ar 5:35a	8:30p
10:30a	1:20a	Ar .Chester	Lv 4:06a	7:14p	
2:53p	11:47a	2:45a	Ar .Clinton	Lv 2:45a	6:00p
3:41p	12:33p	3:35a	Ar Greenwo'd	Lv 1:56a	5:15p
4:08p	12:57p	4:02a	Lv Abbeville	Ar 1:33a	4:50p
4:45p	1:25p	4:32a	Lv Cal. Falls	Ar 1:00a	4:21p
5:23p	1:52p	5:05a	Lv .Elberton	Ar 12:28a	3:55p
6:35p	2:50p	6:08a	Lv .Athens	Ar 11:23p	2:57p
7:20p	3:26p	6:46a	Lv .Winder	Ar 10:43p	2:23p
7:55p	3:55p	7:20a	Lv Law'ville	Ar 10:10p	1:57p
9:20p	4:55p	8:40a	Ar .Atlanta	Lv 9:00p	1:00p

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