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IF MORGAN SHOULD DIE.

A circular has been sent out recently from Wall Street the authors of which raise the point that there is great danger in placing in the hands of one man such vast powers as have been intrusted to Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan.

To the casual observer this circular has very much the appearance of a bear movement. Certainly it is calculated to arouse doubts and anxieties.

If precedent furnishes a safe guide for estimating future contingencies, there is no reason to apprehend that the demise of the great captain of industry would be followed by any disastrous results in the money market.

OPPOSITION TO THE CANAL.

President Roosevelt insists that there must be some legislation in relation to the construction of an isthmian canal before the present session of Congress comes to an end.

When the proposition to build an isthmian canal was in its academic stage, little or no objection to it was heard. So soon as it assumed definite shape and passed from the field of mere discussion to that of legislative effort obstructions were placed in its way at every stage of progress.

An exceedingly peculiar feature of the situation is the overwhelming sentiment, both in the Senate and House of Representatives, favoring the canal. The popular branch has given expression to this sentiment by passing the Hepburn bill.

On one point all, except the combination referred to, appear to be agreed: There should be legislation authorizing the commencement of the work.

CURRENT PRESS COMMENT.

Turkey Wabbling. Atlanta Journal—It is impossible to see how Turkey can maintain an independent national existence much longer.

More Tools. Omaha World—Carré Nation is now in a place where a saw would do her a great deal more good than a hatchet.

Better Not. Nashville News—A headline in a local paper reads: "A Woman's Unusual Feat." The deadly typewriting machine did not dare scribble with the last word.

Kipping Again. Denver Republican—Kipling says the United States has "the dearest little army in the world." Possibly, because no poet has ever been allowed to run it.

Combination. Chicago Record-Herald—Adams has been running for Congress in Minnesota. There is another mixture of literature and politics.

Last Art. Atlanta Journal—Judge Sheffield, in his charge to the grand jury of Terrell county, noting the death of indictments for gambling, complained that power seemed to be a last art in that community.

A Caution. Cincinnati Tribune—Fugitive Boers who have fled to South African wildernesses to found a new republic ought to be careful to avoid settling in the neighborhood of gold mines if they want to be let alone.

"Of Two Evils." Albany Journal—The argument is advanced that the growing scarcity of coal will so seriously affect the various ramifications of industry that the operators will be compelled to make concessions to their employees.

Personal Notes About Washington People. Chief Justice Fuller and Miss Fanny Fuller left yesterday to join Mrs. Fuller at Sorrento, Me.

Justice and Mrs. Beckham will spend the summer in the Adirondacks, at Esopus Lake.

Mr. Moses J. Beckham has recovered from his recent illness, and as soon as he is able to stand the fatigue of an ocean voyage will take a trip abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson E. Smith have sold their home in Alexandria to Mr. Harold E. Stuart, of that city.

Justice Starlin and family left yesterday for Murray Bay, Canada, for the summer months.

Mr. John M. Janson, Jr. will engage in business in Atlanta, Ga. and will leave for that city this evening.

Among the diplomatic contingent who sailed for Europe yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. von Callenberg and family and Lieutenant Commander de Farmmond.

Mr. B. D. Gordon and family, who have been spending the winter at 1615 K Street northwest, have returned to their North Laurel home.

MOST PRACTICABLE ROUTE FOR THE ISTHMIAN CANAL

By Representative CALDWELL EDWARDS, of Montana.

For several years I have read with a view to informing myself as to which was the best and most practical route for an isthmian canal. As a result I settled on the Nicaraguan route as absolutely the best one.

In fact, the French have made such a signal failure of the Panama route makes me look with suspicion upon that particular route now, although from the voluminous reports that have been made to Congress on the subject I incline to the opinion that it is a very difficult matter for the average layman to form an opinion on a question of this kind, that is based absolutely upon facts.

A conviction has forced itself upon my mind that reports are too much in the nature of a soap advertisement to be of any material value.

I still, however, hold to the opinion that the Nicaraguan route is the best and the most practical, and I sincerely hope the United States Government will not only build an isthmian canal, but own it and control it.

THE PEOPLE ANXIOUS FOR AN ISTHMIAN CANAL.

By Hon. R. M. NEVIN, Representative from Ohio.

I think there ought to be an isthmian canal, but I confess frankly that I have not made up my mind which is the better route of the two—Nicaragua or Panama.

I voted for the Hepburn Nicaraguan Canal bill which passed the House of Representatives, in order that when it got to the Senate a full discussion could be had on the merits of the two routes, and the better one of the two determined upon.

That being done, I am heartily in favor of passing it as soon as it can be reached in the Senate, and it ought to be passed at this Congress, for the need of such a waterway across the isthmus of Panama is apparent to all, and the sooner the work of construction is commenced the better.

Both political parties indorse an isthmian canal, and all the people in all sections of the country seem to be in favor of it.

A Ruined Garden.

By MAUDE BERRICK MARQUIS.

I stood at the gate as Love passed through. And all the air seemed sweet, I plucked for him my one white rose And threw it down at his feet.

The wine of my life I poured for him. Gave him my heart's red blood. He drank—he dashed the crystal cup And crimsoned my poor white bud.

He passed through my gay, bright garden ground And left the mark of night. My sweet pansies crushed to death—Threw over my roses a blight.

I sit in the place he wrecked and he left. The sound of laughter light; Love sits my neighbor's vines among—Strike! God, and blacken my sight!

I gather my ashes of petal bloom And sink in the ruined heap; Come, rain, fire, wind and hail: My roses and I will sleep.

Dealing With Demented Persons.

In discussing the Bloomington, Ill., Insane Asylum, a paper of that city makes two or three very sensible suggestions to the general public. It recommends that people do not go off on a tangent whenever a charge is made against the attendants of such an institution, but shall reserve judgment until the charge is proved.

There was a time, happily now past, when the insane were treated with actual and monstrous cruelty. In isolated cases there have been, more recently, instances of cruelty due to carelessness or deliberate ill-temper on the part of the attendant.

Suppose, however, that a patient becomes violently and suddenly insane while alone with one of the keepers. What is to be done? Obviously the patient cannot be allowed to run amuck in the ward, obviously the attendant must protect himself and gain control of the maniac.

Humorous Verse. Humorous verse? How is it that the words arouse in our minds so few mirthful associations, and convey, on the whole, a suggestion of boredom or insipidness? The sense of humor is not very uncommon; the trick of composition in metre and rhyme is easily acquired, and it is not essential that the writer should possess any inherent poetic gift.

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A QUESTION OF PRONUNCIATION.

A traveler mentions as one of the most impressive sights he has seen in his journeyings, Senators of the United States who insist on saying "deeep" when they mean railway station. The other impressive sights were the horse-cars and the bread-line in New York, the department stores in Philadelphia, and the dish water running in the gutters in Baltimore.

This matter of the misuse of the word "depo" is one which ought to receive the attention of the great American public, for it is unquestionably true that without reform in this respect the great American public is going to get itself laughed at. Better a little quiet criticism and sarcasm in the privacy of the home circle than the derision of all Europe, and possibly of well educated Orientals.

A railway station began to be called a "depo" when various other French words were lifted or dragged into the language by persons who wished to appear comme il faut and au fait, as they themselves would have said. It came along with "elite" and "amateur" and "guil vive," and "brics-a-brac" and a lot of other French words which sensible people have given up using when a Saxon word will serve the purpose.

Of course, if a man who has traveled in a foreign land is describing his adventures or telling a story of the people, it adds to the piquancy of his narrative if he occasionally uses an untranslated foreign phrase, being always sure that his audience understands it; but for him to use foreign words in an ordinary conversation is no better taste than it would be for him to do jugglers' tricks with his knife and fork at the dinner table.

UNDER THE CAPITOL DOME.

Hoosier Democrats Harmonious.

Representative Robinson of Indiana returned yesterday from the Democratic convention in the Hoosier State. "All the Democratic members of Congress from Indiana attended the convention," he remarked, "to aid in the cause of party harmony. We found all Democrats there of the same mind. With his purpose in view on the part of the delegates the only task was to outline our course for the campaign."

House Members Grow Exclusive.

The House is gradually following in the footsteps of the Senate, and in time the members will insist on exercising a few of the privileges now enjoyed exclusively in the north wing of the Capitol. The latest in this direction is reserving for three hours or the exclusive use of the members the elevator in the southeast corridor on the House side. Yesterday morning, on the cages of the elevator in the southeast corridors, there was displayed a prominent sign, in large, black letters that could be read at a distance.

Mr. Kern and the Library.

"As the Senate put an amendment in the sundry civil appropriation bill providing for the opening of the Congressional Library on Sundays, to take effect after the first of July, I will not, therefore, introduce my resolution requiring the Library to be open on Sundays," said Representative Kern of Illinois yesterday.

"I have always advocated the opening of the Congressional Library on Sunday, and I would also like to see the Capitol open to visitors on that day. There are hundreds of strangers who arrive in Washington on Saturday evening who have but one day to spend in the National Capitol, and they are greatly disappointed when they learn that the Congressional Library and the Capitol are closed to visitors. The Library should be open, by all means, on Sunday. It is a grand building and every citizen of the United States has as much general interest in the building as the people of Washington. I am more than pleased at the action of the Senate, and I feel satisfied the House will agree to the amendment."

Representative Kern is serving his first term. Some time ago he announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election, but the leaders in the district have refused to allow him to step aside and the news received here last night is to the effect that he will be re-nominated by acclamation, in which event he will again make the race for Congress against ex-Representative Rodenberg.

The Whirligig of Time.

Boston Globe—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee little realized thirty-odd years ago that on Memorial Day, 1902, at Birmingham, Ala., he would deliver an address at the dedication of Union soldiers' graves, or that he would withdraw from a parade there because a Confederate flag was carried in it.

DOINGS IN THE WORLD OF SOCIETY

Miss Gertrude Livingston and Mr. James Hamilton Married at St. Margaret's Church.

The Jenner-Schneider Nuptials on Wednesday—W. J. Dwyer Marries Miss Blanche T. Herold—Dinner and Dance Precede Marriage Ceremony.

Pretty Church Wedding.

Pink roses adorned the chancel of St. Margaret's Church last night for the wedding of Miss Gertrude Livingston and Mr. James Hamilton, of Boston, which was solemnized at 8 o'clock.

The guests formed one of the most distinguished assemblages ever gathered at St. Margaret's Church, there being a conspicuous showing from the army circle, with which the bride's family is so prominently identified.

The bride passed up the aisle with her father, Col. La Rhett L. Livingston, by whom she was given in marriage. She is tall and of distinguished carriage, and was regally handsome in bridal robe and tulle veil that was caught with blossoms to her golden brown hair.

The groom, attended by his brother Mr. William Hamilton, of Boston, awaited his bride in the chancel, and the ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. Leighton Coleman, bishop of Delaware, an old friend of the Livingston family, assisted by Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Church.

Mrs. Livingston, the bride's mother, wore an elegant toilette of black satin, with effects in white lace and jet. Mrs. Stuart's gown was of black crepe and jet, showing touches of lavender.

Mrs. Hamilton was formerly of the Third Artillery, but is now practicing in Boston. With his bride he will divide the summer between that city and the northern coast resorts, and go to the Adirondacks in the autumn.

Mrs. William H. Fowle Beckham, who went to Winchester Wednesday to attend the closing exercises of the Virginia Female Institute, will return today, when she will have as her house guests J. T. Beckham, Miss Carrie Fowle Beckham and Miss Caroline Bradford, of Virginia.

Exercises at West Point. Mrs. Sheridan will leave today to attend the exercises at West Point. Her son will be one of this year's graduates. Afterward, both will go to Nonquitt, their summer home in Massachusetts.

Hanna Looked To for Relief. "Senator Hanna is not only the man of the hour—he is the man of the minute to the thousands of coal miners in the Pennsylvania anthracite region," said J. P. Bellamy, of Scranton, at the New Willard hotel last night.

Bellevue Storer, United States minister to Spain, and Mrs. Storer are registered at the Shoreham. Indications are that Mr. Storer will be given the post of United States ambassador at Berlin in the event of the retirement of Dr. White, who reaches the age of seventy years this fall.

Gordon-Briley Nuptials.

Mr. Peyton Gordon, Assistant United States Attorney of the District, and Miss Evelyn B. Briley, of East Newmarket, Dochester county, Md., were married Wednesday at Christ Church in Cambridge, Md.

The Rev. Thomas Carter Page officiated, assisted by Dr. James L. Bryan. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. W. B. Briley, of East Newmarket. She wore a gown of white crepe de chine over white tulle, with tulle veil caught with orange blossoms.

Married on Wednesday. A pretty wedding of Wednesday evening was solemnized at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Ogram, 717 Thirteenth Street northwest. The bride and groom were Miss Mabel Jenner, the attractive young sister of Mrs. Ogram, and Mr. Charles F. Schneider, of this city.

The Rev. Dr. Turner, of All Souls' Church, performed the ceremony, which was attended by a small company limited to relatives of the two families. The reception held afterward from 8:30 until 10 o'clock was attended by about 200 guests.

Will Dwyer Married. The marriage of Miss Blanche T. Herold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Herold, to Mr. William J. Dwyer, was solemnized at the Church of the Immaculate Conception yesterday morning at 9 o'clock.

The main and side altars were beautifully arranged with white blossoms and palms amid which burned clusters of waxen lights and the sanctuary railing was entwined with flowers and vines. Rev. Stanislaus F. Ryan, pastor of the church, officiated at the ceremony and nuptial mass which succeeded it.

One to Canada for Summer. Mrs. Grant has closed her visit to Atlantic City, and gone to Canada for the summer.

Mrs. Miles Recovered. Mrs. Miles has recovered from the effects of her recent fall, and left town yesterday morning to visit her son at West Point.

GOSSIP AND CHAT HEARD IN WASHINGTON HOTEL LOBBIES

May Go to Berlin.

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A Popular Pastor.

Rev. E. D. Barrie, of Solon, Iowa, is in the city on his way to England to witness the coronation of King Edward. The citizens of Solon are greatly in love with their pastor, and have conferred upon him many honors. At the time of the late President McKinley's death, the mayor, J. S. Hittner, won him to represent their city at the funeral. Mr. Barrie is a native of England, but has been in the United States for nineteen years.

At this time the citizens are again sending him to visit his old home and witness the coronation at the same time. Rev. Mr. Barrie is a member of the Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is one of the prominent young pastors. He is a graduate of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, the alma mater of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw.