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THE GRAND DUKE.

The Grand Duke Nicholas was canned some eight or seven months ago; his ill-found soldiers could not stand against the well-armed, full-fed foe. His men were armed with rusty guns, and had no powder and less shot; they could not face the fighting Huns, nor yet endure the German swat. Remarkable the Russian ruler then, "Grand Duke, you fall to cut the grass; I'll send you with a bunch of men to guard some lone-some mountain pass." "All right, my liege," the grand duke cried, before the monarch bending low, "your orders I'll obey with pride, for what you say must always go." A tinhorn duke might well have cussed, and nursed a sore and aching head, and vowed his treatment was unjust, and groused around till he was dead. But, smiling, Nicholas retired, and led his bunch of also-rans, a group of has-beens, worn and tired, to play before the bush league fans. But, oh, how Nicholas came back, and led his has-beens to the front, and gave the Turks a deadly crack, till Russia gloried in his stunt! Say, do you sit around and curse, when you've been taken down a notch, or grandly rise above reverse, till all the world your smoke must watch?

Over Moore

THE RAILWAY OUTLOOK.

Howard Elliott, president of the New Haven, recently delivered a discouraging address on the condition of the railroads. The burden of his argument was that they required capital. "Probably the most important factor in the investment of money in railway securities," said Mr. Elliott, "is the item known as net operating income, for out of this must come the return paid upon invested capital." He thereupon gave some figures applying to the year ending June 30, 1914—a year peculiarly black for the transportation business. Were Mr. Elliott to make an address today he might have occasion to change his sentiment: According to a statement by the interstate commerce commission, the 138 principal lines of the country made substantial gains in revenue during January. There were gratifying increases for the seven months ending January 31, but the gain in January was phenomenal.

The January net revenue for all the railroads reported was \$61,979,586. That of those east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio was \$24,626,611. This was practically twice as large as their net revenue in January, 1915. The western and southern railroads are sharing in the prosperity. The movement of goods, which first affected only the north Atlantic seaboard, has gradually been extended so that now revival of the lumber trade has caused business on western and northwestern roads to improve. All these things, together with some increases in freight and passenger rates last year, have caused a great difference in the situation.

The railways have also been economizing. This is possibly best illustrated by the 1915 report of the Pennsylvania, which in the face of increasing business has been able to continue its reduction in expenses. "This decrease in the transportation expenses," says the report, "was due to an accounting change \* \* \* and to increased efficiency." Business generally has reason to feel encouraged by the railway reports. Increased returns ought to attract needed capital to the railways.

THE NAVY.

Many people who have been somewhat disturbed by the extreme accounts that we have had of the weakness of the American navy will be surprised and gratified by the testimony of Admiral Fletcher before the house naval committee. He said that with three new dreadnoughts and four battle cruisers we should have a fleet equal in fighting strength to the present German fleet, and "could reasonably expect to make a good defense although not an absolute one" of both coasts against any combination of two powers that did not include Great Britain.

Of course, this proposed addition to the fleet is to be regarded as a minimum. But the point is that we cannot be said to be in a desperate condition when only seven new ships are required to make us practically safe as against a two-power attack on both coasts. It is to be noted, further, that we already have 42 battleships. Many of these, it is true, are old, and some of them are at the present time in bad condition, but the important thing is that Admiral Fletcher counts them all as part of our fighting force.

In such a matter as naval preparation the American people are much more likely to act in the light of real facts than in response to a "scare." They are not jealous of their navy, or afraid of it. Free peoples never have distrusted naval power. Naturally the American people do

New Strength for Lame Backs and Worn-out Conditions.

Dear Mr. Editor: I suffered from lame back and a tired, worn-out feeling. Was unable to stand erect and scarcely able to get around. It would usually come on at first with crick in small of my back. I took one box of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets and my back commenced to get better soon after starting to take them. I did not have to walk doubled over as I did before using the "Anuric." It is the best remedy I have ever taken for what it is intended to relieve. I hope those who are in need of such a remedy will give these Tablets of Dr. Pierce's a trial. Yours Truly, A. G. DRAKE.

neils often get sore and sleep is disturbed two or three times a night. This is the time you should consult some physician of wide experience—such as Dr. Pierce, of the Invalida Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. Send him 10 cents for large trial package of his new discovery—"Anuric." Write him your symptoms and send a sample of urine for test. Experience has taught Dr. Pierce that "Anuric" is the most powerful agent in dissolving uric acid, as hot water melts sugar. Being so many times more active than lithia, it clears the heart valves of any sandy substances which may clog them and checks the degeneration of the blood-vessels, as well as regulating blood pressure. "Anuric" is a regular insurance and life-saver for all big meat eaters and those who deposit lime-salts in their joints. Ask the druggist for "Anuric" put up by Dr. Pierce, in 50-cent packages.—Adv.

not care to waste money, but they are entirely willing to pay whatever is necessary to provide an adequate naval defense. Admiral Fletcher, it will be noted, does not say that the increase suggested by him is all that should be made, but that it will do fairly well. With it "we could reasonably expect to make a good defense, although not an absolute one," even were we assailed by two powers on both coasts. Perhaps we should provide for an "absolute" defense, in which case we should build more than seven new ships. Surely we may conclude from this testimony that even our present naval strength is far from being as contemptible as the alarmists would have us believe.

Marrying for Money

By MRS. EVA LEONARD

DRIVEN TO BANKRUPTCY'S VERGE, JACOB TOWNSEND SUFFERS PHYSICAL COLLAPSE.

"What is it, Daddy?" asked Dudley anxiously. Jacob Townsend dropped a letter on his desk and passed his hand over his eyes in a dazed sort of way.

For answer he motioned toward the letter. Dudley picked it up and read:

"Chicago, Illinois, October 11, 19—Mr. J. C. Townsend, Fairport, Kansas.

"Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of October 2, I regret to say that we will not be able to extend the time of payment as you requested. Stringent money market compels us to insist upon a prompt settlement of your account. Your Christmas order will be held up till payment is made.

"Very truly yours, 'JOHNSON AND PEETS.' Dudley laid the letter down and his father said: "That is the first time I was ever refused credit in the thirty-five years that I have been in business."

"Don't take it to heart so. It's the fault of the unsettled condition of business generally. You know what a time you have to collect; I suppose they are in the same boat."

"The point is I cannot make the payment," replied Jacob. "How are we to get goods for our Christmas trade?"

"Can't you borrow somewhere?" asked the junior partner.

"I have not been able to so far. The loan I got at the bank last fall is not paid off, so I can't very well ask for more," was the weary reply.

"You are not fit to think about business today. Go home and rest a while and things will look clearer," urged Dudley, really worried about his father.

Jacob rose and reached for his hat and started for the door. George came up and Dudley whispered: "I am going with him. He is not well enough to go alone. Read that letter," he added, as he hurried after his father.

Leaning on Dudley's arm, Jacob slowly made his way home. He sank into a chair in the hall and Dudley hurried to the kitchen for a reviving drink. With a small tray in his hand he had started back when he heard a heavy thud. Dropping the tray on the table he fairly ran to the hall. His father was stretched on the floor. Ortrude and Mrs. Tupper came running from opposite directions. Dudley knelt on the floor listening for a heart beat.

He rose very pale and motioned to Tupper to help carry him upstairs.

"Call up the doctor," he said coldly to Ortrude, who stood pale and trembling in the parlor door. "I am afraid it is a stroke of paralysis."

Dudley and the housekeeper carried the sick man to his room and got him to bed. Ortrude crept up stairs and into the room as soon as she was assured that the doctor was on his way to the house. Mrs. Tupper dispatched her on errands and assumed full charge of the patient. When everything possible had been done Tupper stole from the room and beckoned to Ortrude to follow, leaving Dudley sitting by the bed holding his father's hand and counting the feeble pulse. Ortrude waited in the parlor for the doctor, looking anxiously down the road. (To be continued.)

Dinner Stories.

"That stringy looking lady going by over there is our well known authoress," triumphantly stated the landlord of the Petunia tavern. "Her contributions are printed in the big newspapers all over the country. She is an old maid. Her name is Miss Classaphine Clatter."

"Strange, but I do not remember having heard anything about her," said the stranger. "What does she write—poetry?"

"Nope; testimonials. She has been cured of 'most all the ills that human flesh is ill to, as the feller said.'—Judge.

Dashaway (nervously)—Look here, old fellow, don't you think you'd better tell them not to call on me? Cleverton—Don't be worried; they won't! I'm quite sure they have all heard you before.—Judge.

Eminent specialist—Your trouble is with the alimentary canal. Member of congress—Great Goethals! More Culebra cut, I suppose.—Judge.

"How can you expect to marry my daughter when you have no money?" "How could you expect me to marry her if I did have?"—Judge.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. First application gives relief. 50c. adv-Tu

The Great Dot Mystery

The cream was sour that morning, and Tommy was sorely peeved. He found that it was impossible to enjoy his breakfast food, and when his mother came into the dining-room she found him almost in tears.

"What is the matter, dear?" she asked. "Matter enough," said Tommy. "I'm sick and tired of living in a city. We've been here ever since I can remember, surrounded by nothing but noise. I'm tired of eating my meals in a dining-room where the only window looks out on an air-shaft. And now we have sour cream. I wish I could go out on a farm and have a—"

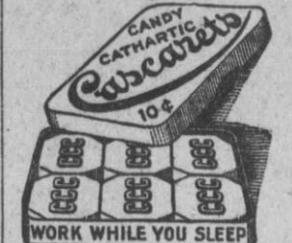
A large dot-matrix puzzle grid with numbers and a small illustration of a man's face. The grid consists of numbers arranged in a pattern that can be connected to form a picture. The numbers range from 21 to 89. A small illustration of a man's face is visible in the lower right corner of the grid.

To find out what Tommy wanted, join the dots with a pencil line, beginning with dot No. 1 and taking them in numerical order. Then cut out and paste each day's picture in a scrap book, and when the last one is printed, you will have "The Dot Farm" story complete in permanent book form. KAISER AND—CUT

BEST LIVER AND BOWEL LAXATIVE FOR FAMILY USE

"Cascarets" Regulate Women, Men and Children Without Injury.

Take When Bilious, Head-achy, for Colds, Bad Breath, Sour Stomach.



Instead of nasty, harsh pills, salts, castor oil or dangerous calomel, why don't you keep Cascarets handy in your home? Cascarets act on the liver and thirty feet of bowels so gently you don't realize you have taken a cathartic, but they act thoroughly and can be depended upon when a good liver and bowel cleansing is necessary—they move the bile and poison from the bowels without griping and sweeten the stomach. You eat one or two at night like candy and you wake up feeling fine, the headache, biliousness, bad breath, coated tongue, sour stomach, constipation, or bad cold disappears. Mothers should give cross, sick, feverish or bilious children a whole Cascarets any time—they are harmless and safe for the little folks.—Adv.

DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

One Hundred Years Ago Today. 1816—General Montgomery D. Corse, celebrated Confederate commander, born at Alexandria, Va. Died there Feb. 11, 1895.

Seventy-five Years Ago Today. 1841—Floods of unprecedented extent caused a total suspension of railroad traffic throughout the greater part of Georgia and the Carolinas.

Fifty Years Ago Today. 1866—Jared Sparks, eminent Unitarian clergyman, historian and former president of Harvard university, died at Cambridge, Mass. Born at Willington, Conn., May 10, 1788.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today. 1891—Citizens of New Orleans lynched 11 Italians, accused of murdering Chief of Police Hennessey.

Ludwig Windthorst, the principal leader of the Catholic party in the German Reichstag, died in Berlin. Born Jan. 17, 1812.

One Year Ago in the War.

March 14, 1915.—German cruiser Dresden sunk by three British cruisers off coast of Chile; several British and French steamers reported torpedoed by the German submarine U-29; British government decided to organize industries of the country in order to increase output of ammunition.

Cut This Out—It is Worth Money.

DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for lagrippe, coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for lame back, weak kidneys, rheumatism, bladder troubles, and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, for constipation, biliousness, headache and sluggish bowels. T.-H.-S-adv

Quickest, Surest Cough Remedy is Home-Made

Easily Prepared in a Few Minutes. Cheap but Unequaled

Some people are constantly annoyed from year to year with a cough, which is wholly unnecessary. Here is a home-made remedy that gets right at the cause and will make you wonder what became of it. Get 2 1/2 ounces Pinex (50 cents worth) from any druggist, pour into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Start taking it at once. Gradually but surely you will notice the phlegm thin out and then disappear altogether, thus ending a cough that you never thought would end. It also loosens the dry, hoarse or tight cough and heals the inflammation in a painful cough with remarkable rapidity. Ordinary coughs are conquered by it in 24 hours or less. Nothing better for bronchitis, winter coughs and bronchial asthma.

This Pinex and Sugar Syrup mixture makes a full pint—enough to last a family a long time—at a cost of only 54 cents. Keeps perfectly and tastes pleasant. Easily prepared. Full directions with Pinex.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, rich in guaiacol, and is famous the world over for its ease, certainty and promptness in overcoming bad coughs, chest and throat colds. Get the genuine. Ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces Pinex," and do not accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

DAILY PUZZLE PICTURE



THE HAT-CHASING SEASON. When your hat on the breeze goes a-milling like chaff There's no use in losing your temper and fretting. Just think you are giving your friends a good laugh. Think, too, of the exercise that you are getting. Who is laughing at him?

TRIBUTE TO A WOMAN.

When the Lusitania went down to its watery grave, taking one of our prominent writers and his wife, leading papers published a remarkable literary tribute previously paid by the husband to the wife. This was because she had been such a helpmate to him in carrying out his ideals. Thousands of women have the ambition to be such helpmates to their husbands, but lack the necessary health. Every such woman should remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the one remedy which will restore health and strength, the unrivaled medicine for woman's ailments.—Adv.

SUNSET.

"Sunset" magazine and the Capital News daily and Sunday editions, both for one year for \$6, the regular price of the paper alone. This is surely a bargain. Grasp the opportunity. Phone 234 and a representative will call.

They Let Him Sleep.

H. T. Straygne, Gainesville, Ga., R. R. No. 2, was unable to sleep all night without getting up. "Sometimes only a few minutes after going to bed, I would have to get up, and I tried everything I heard of for the trouble. Finally I tried Foley Kidney Pills and after taking one bottle I believe I am entirely cured, and I sleep soundly all night." Foley Kidney Pills tone up weak, sluggish kidneys, rid the body of poisons, give appetite, energy and refreshing sleep. T.-H.-S-adv

ACID IN STOMACH SOURS THE FOOD

Says Excess of Hydrochloric Acid Is Cause of Indigestion.

A well-known authority states that stomach trouble and indigestion is nearly always due to acidity—acid stomach—and not, as most folks believe, from a lack of digestive juices. He states that an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach retards digestion and starts food fermentation, then our meals sour like garbage in a can, forming acid fluids and gases which inflame the stomach like a toy balloon. We then get that heavy, lumpy feeling in the chest, we eructate sour food, belch gas, or have heartburn, flatulence, water-brash or nausea.

He tells us to lay aside all digestive aids and instead, get from any pharmacy four ounces of Jad Salts and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, while it is effervescing, and furthermore, to continue this for one week. While relief follows the first dose, it is important to neutralize the acidity, remove the gas-making mass, start the liver, stimulate the kidneys and thus promote a free flow of pure digestive juices.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and sodium phosphate. This harmless salts is used by thousands of people for stomach trouble with excellent results.—Adv.

When to Take Chamberlain's Tablets.

When you feel dull and stupid after eating. When constipated or bilious. When you have a sick headache. When you have a sour stomach. When you belch after eating. When you have indigestion. When nervous or despondent. When you have a relish for your meals. When your liver is torpid. Obtainable everywhere. adv

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Start your account at the

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Advertisement for Arrow Collars, featuring an illustration of a white collar and text: "Ask Your Grocer For Stephan's ALOFA BREAD Baked By IMPERIAL BAKERY BOISE, IDAHO"

Advertisement for 'Merely Mary Ann' featuring text: "Last Time Today VIVIAN MARTIN IN 'Merely Mary Ann' ADMISSION 5 AND 10c Tomorrow Only Rupert Hughes' Famous Comedy 'Excuse Me' One Long Laugh From Beginning to End. MUTUAL WEEKLY ADMISSION 5 AND 10c. MAJESTIC"

Advertisement for Gas featuring text: "Gas Is the Cleanest and Most Concentrated Form of Fuel for Manufacturing Purposes There is no waste with Gas Fuel. It does away with smoke nuisance—conserves space, and is far more economical, than other fuels; is never out of order—and is always ready to serve you with the required amount of heat with the strike of a match. The Boise Gas Light & Coke Company. PHONE 537"