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Cheeseparing and Politics.

The Democratic party may attempt to make political capital out of the admission that with better business methods the government may be run more economically, but it is very doubtful whether the public will pay much attention to the matter from a political point of view. No one party is responsible for the expensive bureaucratic system which has become a part of our governmental machinery. The situation is one which is due to the growth of the government, and because in the past the business spirit has been lacking.

In addition to this, experience has shown that the policy of cheeseparing does not appeal to the American people. They are, as a rule, broad-minded, liberal and generous, and they do not begrudge the money necessary to run the govern ment in an efficient manner. Extravagance and waste are, of course, to be deplored, ever, subject to criticism; nor is it occa- provement of the Anacostia River. sion for adverse comment when large expended for national benefit.

pathy for a policy which cripples and push the work to completion. itself without support.

Mr. Ade Hands the Editor One.

sparkling near-operatic gem, "The Sultan of Sulu," and so forth and so on, has soured on the editorial writers of the land and pronounces them "punk." Mr. Ade thinks there is no uplift in the editorial page; that it bears the same relation to the newspaper as a whole that the after-dinner speaker does to the usual banquet-that both, at best are to be rated no higher than necessary evils. People accept an editorial leader, says Mr. Ade, as they accept the orator incident to an occasional good feed-the former to get the other stuff that goes along with it; the latter to get the

We suppose there is precious little doubt that Mr. Ade is an approximately ultimate authority in matters of this kind: hence we should hesitate to dispute if true. On the merits of the proposition, to order! we are decorously and, perhaps, discreetly dumb. We do venture respectfully to suggest however, that Mr. Ade be not too harsh in his criticism of the editorial writers. They do the best they can. As a rule, they do not ride in automobiles; generally, indeed, they walk, or for a quarter, moreover. If what they say merely "gets a hand from the gallery"-to borrow one of Mr. Ade's picturesque expressions-they are glad. The editorial writers realize that they cater, ordinarily, to audiences "small, but select and appreciative," and not, like Mr. Ade, included. "On the contrary, quite the reverse," as one of Dickens' well-known characters would say with respect to the latter. Or is it one of Mr. Ade's characters who so expresses himself? Probably it does not matter. What is the difference between friends, anyway?

Mr. Ade has presented the editorial was about to pass it-right then, writers a "lemon" they will not relish but which, for reasons best known to themselves, will not be hurled back defiantly, nevertheless. It calls to mind a successful, and very much self-impressed King." London tailor. The King and his loving subject were fellow-guests at a social function given by a recently ennobled politician. "A pretty party, this," said the loving subject. "But it is a pleasure to greet your majesty, surely. One meets so many kinds of people here, you know." "Tut, tut, man!" said the King. "Make

Mr. Ade should be charitable. Not all editorial writers could have written those "Fables in Slang," nor yet "The Sultan

of Sulu," of course. Besides, inasmuch as that other scintillating "Yankee Doodle" genius, Mr. George M. Cohan, never turns out a box-Mr. Ade be content to let it go at that, and twinkle grandly among the fixed stars, without freighting his mind with thoughts of those humble ones hopelessly "lost in the shuffle" along the editorial Milky

A New York paper thinks that Mayor for admission to college at the age of From Cornell Widow. Gaynor may speedily develop into "an- seventy." says the Rochester Union and

Junetime home-coming is pulled off!

The Protection of Titles.

here are, strange to relate, such to be on the part of Mr. Vardaman. found in this town-are making a great o-do over the fact that he may get on security of inactivity by way of his own corps, that of civil engineers of the navy. the end in the way of pay. The objection it, presumably.\$6,00 per year is put forth that Peary ought not to be .40 cents per month a retired rear admiral. It seems somehow to endanger the title because he has never discharged the duties of a rear admand of a fleet.

> The whole title business in the navy is a wearisome affair and about as silly as something which entitles him to credit, and his achievement in reaching the banks. north pole compares very favorably, indeed, with the work which has been done list. As a matter of fact, when it comes So what's the use? to protecting the title of rear admiral by confining it to those who have displayed the flag of fleet command, it will be found miral and who hold that rank on the retired list, precious few of them ever commanded anything above a small ship. So that in the end there need be no great alarm felt within the service, and less apprehension on the part of the public, that Peary will do damage to any of the traditions of the service, even if he be came a rear admiral without reference to preference to their ears. the corps of civil engineers. He will probably be retired as a civil engineer with the relative rank of rear admiral, which circumstance will be sufficient pro tection to all the sensibilities of the naval personnel. But it will be the same thing in the end, and, either way, need cause no distress of mind or keep the naval personnel awake at night.

Anacostia River Improvements.

Congress may wisely, as Chairman Galand reckless expenditure is little less linger, of the Senate District Committee. than criminal. Appropriations made for urges, appropriate sufficient money at once the proper conduct of the government, in- to meet the public demands for the reclacluding the army and navy, are not, how- mation of the Anacostia flats and the im-

The sum of \$150,000, proposed in the sums are expended for the improvement House bill, is wholly inadequate. It would of waterways and for the reclamation of mean, it is true, a continuation of the troi of the waterways. Isn't it a bit nervy for the desert lands. The American people do not work now under way, but by piecemeal, complain when the government funds are Far better, as Mr. Gallinger suggests, to roads? make a sufficient sum immediately avail-On the other hand, there is no sym- able-\$1,000,000 is none too much-and then

embarrasses through false economy. Any Needs of navigation and public health political organization which merely ex- call for the improvements. Engineer offiploits a reduction of expense will find cers of the army and the District Commissioners have strongly presented the needs. Congress has recognized these From the New Orleans Times-Democrat. Mr. George Ade, author of those illu- limited and meager. At the present rate suspicion points unwaveringly in the direction of must please their customers. They differ after the Senator from Idaho. minating and entertaining "Fables in of progress the completion of the work Slang," producer of that uplifting and will not be reached in years. Since it is obviously an improvement that must be From the Seattle Post-Intellige

made, why defer it? Apart from the needs of navigation and the development of the facilities of the port, the reclamation of the flats is essential to the city's health. The beautiful Potomac Park illustrates what can be done and should be done with the water front to the east. President Taft, in his speech to citizens last spring, looked into the future and saw the day when this waste land would be redeemed and form a part of the beautiful environment of the Capital City. Let us have a realization of the splendid project!

Chairman Gallinger's proposition is born Ballinger, he's not too zealous. He has no such of wisdom, and Congress will do well to weakness. The idea is evidently to weed out of the outset. adopt it.

The Columbia (S. C.) Record of Monday From the Philadelphia Press. last carried a stinging roast of "Senator his assertions, even though we inclined to Heyburn." On behalf of "Uncle Pete," a "scrap." What he says is important, we call our South Carolina contemporary

> George, King of Greece, who managed to sit pretty tight on his throne for several weeks just past, has resumed abdicating at the same old stand.

An Indiana town has changed its name from Cook to Pearysville. A very foolish thing to do, moreover, in view of the inpatronize the street cars-at six tickets thing to do, moreover, in view of the increased cost of ink.

> A great many people watch much more anxiously for the first book beer goat of springtime than for the first robin red-

No matter what the outcome of the to S. R. O. at all performances-matinees Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, we never expect to see a Guggenheim Presidential country.

American suffragettes have much to bill in the Senate a few days ago, they thought that august and honorable body

The speech from the throne is all over and Parliament is at work on its job English statesmen may now proceed with of the members can be trusted, though, the debates minus a haunting fear of be- and from the present frame of their story of his most gracious majesty King interrupted every little bit, moreover, Edward VII and a very fashionable, very by inopportune "messages from the

> There could hardly be more difference of opinion as to what disposition rightfully should be made of Mr. Peary if it were a proposition calling for solution exclusively at the hands of the Democratic party.

That near-poet who said "Roosevelt's Chinaman's shirt? the most of it. Remember, we cannot departure takes all the wind out of Africa's sails" promulgated an opinion that defies immediate positive analysis.

> If Philadelphia really were the sleepy city the jokesmiths allege, doubtless it would imagine itself in the middle of a frightful nightmare now.

Oh, yes; if George Washington were however, he would know they might be from last spring."

chickens at 75 cents each look like spar- year's magazine, leans back in his chair tionalist. rows.

"A Missouri man has made application other Theodore Roosevelt." Impossible! Advertiser. He is to be congratulated.

There is but one, and can be. If you however, for his willingness to admit to not believe that, just wait until that that he has at last found out just how little he does know.

Mr. Vardaman says he will try, try again, notwithstanding. That evidences, The opponents of Robert E. Perry-and perhaps, more courage than judgment Same old tiresome daffodlls.

A Chicago firm advertised with great he retired list of the navy as a full- success for "one dozen plain girls." Even fledged rear admiral. There is less ob- at that, however, many an applicant may jection, apparently, to his attaining that a distinct mental reservation or two.

Ex-Miss Anna Gould &c., is now a with only the "relative" rank of rear "serene highness." The title came high, admiral, amounting to the same thing in but her serene highness just had to have

It is predicted that Premier Asquith will have great difficulty carrying out his platform pledges. It may ultimately be come necessary, indeed, for him to prove miral, such as "flying his flag" in com- that they did not mean what the voters thought they did, anyway.

"The Rivers and Harbors Committee be returned if unavailable, but stamps may well be imagined in all the subjects must think the Mississippi River is bigger of service agitation. Peary has done than the whole Atlantic ocean," says the Baltimore American. Well, it is, from the point of view of those cities along its

> "A short wood pile makes a long winby some of the naval officers who hold ter," says the Portland Oregonian. And the rank of rear admiral on the retired a short ice supply makes a long summer.

> Mr. Champ Clark is lukewarm toward the Clark Presidential movement lately started in Missouri, but not, we take it that of the nearly 150 officers who are because he thinks he could not run the now drawing the retired pay of rear ad- government better than it is being run.

> > "The Atlanta Journal wants to know 'What makes a mayor?' " Old "Jim" Woodward can tell the Journal what un makes a mayor.

Joe" for a preacher evidently is one of those persons who believe their eyes in to loaf all winter?

That man who recently mistook "Uncle

that he is merely considered amusing." says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. trouble is, he so seldom discovers it.

CHAT OF THE FORUM.

Of Course It Does Not, From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The country rejoices to hear that Ben Tillman is covering his voice.

Why Either? From the Indianapolis News.

Republicans have won in Philadelphia by a swee ing majority. Are you surprised, or are you mere

Interstate Commerce Trespass, From the Philadelphia North American.

The Interstate Commerce Commission wants co on to trespass on the rights of the rail

Politeness in the Senate. From the Atlanta Georgian

'Why am I here?" was one of the question speech the other day, but his colleagues were to polite to hurt his feelings. Pinchot's Foes at Work

Former Chief Forester Pinchot has been mentione Mr. Taft's Strenuosity.

The way in which President Taft is proing th laited States Senate to do some real work has doubtless convinced at least one group of men that the present Executive is as strenuous as his prede

The Stone-Hadley Contest.

From the Kansas City Times. In his contest with Clay Hadley Senator Si eems to be in the position of the corpulent Mi sourian who was getting the worst of it in a figh "Hold him till I get my breath," said that di tressed citizen, "and I'll lick the fellow yet."

From the Detroit News. "Glavis is too zealous." said Attorney Wicker sham. Too true, too true. Now, as for Secretary sublic service all the men that are too zealous.

Public Servants Too Zealous.

The Colonel's Whiskers.

A thrilling dispatch from Gondokero, on the Up his whiskers grown while in Africa. This is too is not so favored." had. We had hoped to see him come home with his eth gleaming through a gorgeous russet lambre

Uncle Joe in Vaudeville.

rom the Topeka Capital. Uncle Joe Cannon allows that he "has a fine sing erst. As a matter of fact, Uncle Joe as a vande stunt of that kind.

If Congress Sits Till Summer,

From the New York Sun. go to Washington and see Cotton Tom every day as I am dressing. I have an (Hon. J. Thomas Heffin, of Alabama) in open book on my bureau and learn some were to behold his eighty-four-odd inches else." of white splendor. Victor Murdock, however, is too inflammable. He mustn't don cotton unless he is accompanied by a fire From the Kansas City Star. engine or a water cart, a precaution which he always takes in Kansas. Most tempers and the amount of "campaign ammunition" they are exploding, it would seem that they would be much more comfortable as well as much more fascinatng and attractive if they put on heffin suits now.

As usual, Bartlett will give no light on a classical quotation. Was it the Hon. J. Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, who pro posed to double the cotton exports by adding one inch to the tail of every

A Good Suggestion.

From Judge's Library. "Why, I declare!" exclaims the trust ing wife, "I won't have to buy any new dresses or hats at all this spring!" "You won't?" asks the crafty husband 'Surely you will need something.'

"Not a thing. I've been looking thre

and smokes and smokes and smokes

Unmistakable Messages

She (icily)-Your breath tells me more more to reveal to ust

A LITTLE NONSENSE. SPRING POEM.

Same old zephyrs, same old rills,

Same old lambkins, same old bees, Same old budding willow trees. Same old robins, same old dew:

Spring has nothing that is new. Same old greensward, Nature's couch

Same old poet with a grouch. A Hopeless Case,

"She is hopelessly bourgeois, I fear." 'What has she done now?" "She gave up bridge for Lent."

"You are a typewriter, I believe?" said the professor. "Yes. sir." 'Very good. Now, my dear young lady, in playing the piano you must not pay

A Different Instrument.

A Mild Old Drama. "There's bound to be a reaction from these modern plays." "That's what. And when it happens I'm going to revive the 'Black Crook' and

toc much attention to your speed,"

take it over the lyceum circuit. Can't Re Prevented. An utter fatalist is he Who this opinion files; Whatever is to be will be, Especially in styles.

Although Eclipsed in Height, "The designers of the Washington Monment builded better than they knew." "As to how?"

'When they made it a one-story building. It will hold that record for a while,

We Miss Their Style, "Do you allow your baseball reporters "Why, no," answered the editor. "The

are still with us." "Then why not let us hear from 'em an earnest and vehement orator to find occasionally? Put some ginger into the society column, fer instance." Smoker Scenery.

scenery on your trip across the conti-"A little. Once I held four kings."

"I suppose you saw some interesting

nent."

WHICH IS THE BEST? The Pretty Waitress, or the Homely but Industrious Kind.

From the Indianapolis Star. The managers of the fashionable cafes left the body. Vice President Sherman of Indianapolis are not agreed on the called him to the chair yesterday. Senquestion of the comparative value of the ator Gordon went to Philadelphia last comely waitress who trips about at her week to witness a performance of the work while all the men gaze in admira- play, "The Gentleman from Mississippi."

attempt to thrash out this problem, but members of the Senate to be his guests the solution seems afar off. Chicago has at a performance in this city next week. one solution and St. Louis another. The Each Senator has received two tickets former has concluded that the big-eyed with Senator Gordon's waitress with dimples in her cheeks is a During his short sojourn in Washington Senator Heyburn asked in the course of his nuisance. The latter is not so sangulne in as a United States Senator, Senator the theory that beauty in waitresses is Gordon has not addressed the Senate in not an asset when the patronage of a an extended speech, but the day Senator business depends upon the ability of the Heyburn went up in a balloon and let

manager to please his customers. Indianapolis restaurant proprietors are Mississippian was restrained only by needs, but the appropriations have been as a candidate for Vice President. The finger of agreed on one proposition. The waitresses much persuasion from sending a bomb as to what pleases

One manager, who did not want to be quoted, said that five out of seven men press gallery yesterday, and while seated who came to his place were cranks. They in the gallery had the pleasure of listenlike to chat with the waltresses, he said, ling to a speech by Senator Beverldge, his and especially to chat with the pretty fellow-Hoosler. Mr. Ade expressed de-

"If they get a little encouragement, he continued, "they will walk nine blocks out of their way to be on hand for luncheon or dinner. The girl with the Palmer House walk is not exactly to my liking. but I have been in this business long enough to know that there is no place for to be served by a woman with a bulldog face is sure to find some fault with the food. If, on the other hand, a girl with some vivacity passes him the menu, his appetite is not likely to be spoiled at the

"The girl who is favored with a grace ful form, an airy carriage, a dimple or two, and delicately curved eyebrows will get more tips, wait on more people, and per Nile, relates that Col. Roosevelt has shaved off bring more patronage than the girl who

The Uses of Poetry.

From an Old Scrap Book. A girl said to me a few days ago of a friend of hers, "I never in my life knew anybody who had such a flow of languege ing voice," and he thinks he "might draw a large as she has. She is never at a loss for a salary behind the footlights," if worse comes to word of comparison, or an appropriate quotation. How in the world does she do it?" Well, I asked her, and this is

what the good talker said: "When I was a very little girl my great delight was to read and study poetry. I learned poems by heart to recite at school If Congress sits till next summer, or to say to my mother and my brothers even till April, we shall certainly have to I have always kept up that habit, and his most fascinating and attractive suit. thing by heart, even if it is only four Uncle Joe is a Southerner, and the treat- lines. I have never given drawing-room boom spread like wildfire throughout that ment he has been getting lately fully en- recitations, for I know I should simply titles him to be packed in cotton. It bore people, but I have gained a great would set off his strange archaic Assyr- deal of pleasure myself from the habit, ian beauty. And the Hon. Cy Sulloway, and I believe it has done more to give me learn. When Senator Borah introduced a of New Hampshire! What a sight it a good command of words than anything stages of our navy. The American navy

Knew Mule Nature.

mewel natur," said Ephraim Johnson, with an expansive display of ivory. He had been backing two mules and a oad of brick up a small hill on Twelfth depredations. street. It looked unreasonable in Eph,

but it turned out to be the mules. "Dey des wouldn't have it forwards, said Eph. "Hit ain't so much er hill, nuther, but dey didn't like de looks er it back en back, en-

"Whun 'em? Nossa. Dat ain't no way ter hannle er mewel. You gotter onder- order to keep them cool buckets of water Yankees, though so much abused, are stan' mewel natur' to hannle 'em. Dem mewels wanted ter back, en dev didn't required just eleven minutes for Lawlike de looks er dat hill, so I des back rence and his Hornet to lick the Brit-'em up hit."

The New House of Commons, From the Hartford Courant.

The law is not the only learned profesnew House of Commons. At least thirteen medical men-Sir W. Collins, Sir W. I thought that was short enough." this month's fashion magazines that you Foster, Sir G. H. Pollard, Sir R. J. Price, tributary line to Mr. Ade, why should not be better, of course. On the other hand, there isn't the slightest change in style Dixon, Dr. Hillier, Dr. Chapple, Dr. Rainy, Dr. Dillon, Dr. Lynch, and Dr. And the crafty husband, inwardly O'Neill-have seats in the house, The pulgloating over the success of his scheme pit also has a representative there in the Whether the hen is a bird or not, spring to paste a this year's cover on a last person of Rev. Mr. Horne, the Congrega-

> From Salome Downward, From the Boston Transcri Well, at the present rate of "progress" He (gushingly)-Your eyes tell me much, the great dancers will soon have nothing



still some things and some places that are new to the Marylander. Recently, he and the door swung open. A man, dethe destination being Mount Vernen, the home of the "Immortal George." The car was skooting along the road, but Mr. Talbott was uncertain as to the locality. Coming up with a promising specimen of young America, he had the machine Washington?"

"Yes, sir, it is," said the boy, but he continued, "you needn't hurry, he is truder added. dead.'

Uncle Joe is always spoken of and written about as an inveterate smoker, and the cartoonists invariably picture him with a cigar in his mouth. But the Speaker hasn't anything on Sereno E. Payne, the floor leader of the Republicans. Mr. Payne waddles in at the open ing of a session, takes his seat, swings around in the chair and waddles back to the cloak room. There he remains for the cloak room, however. He is within reach if wanted to vote or answer a roll call. Sereno, the big New Yorker, smokes while Uncle Joe works.

"Isn't he cute" and "ain't he grand," remarked the sweet girl who was watching the wheels of legislation grind slowly n the House of Representatives. She referred to little Representative Tirrell, of Massachusetts, and Representative

Clayton, of Alabama. Mr. Tirrell, the cute one mentioned, had charge of the bankruptcy bill. He is the next smallest man in the House to Representative Samuel Smith. He can't be heard more than ten feet away, but his speeches read well in the Record. Representative Clayton, representing the minority, is just the opposite; big, husky, with a voice that can be heard in Statuary Hall. The official stenographers do not have to follow the sturdy Alabamian

around to catch his words. Now that a Senator has been elected in Mississippi, Senator Gordon's stay in the Senate is short. In order to honor the aged statesman, poet, &c., before he He was so taken with the production Chicago and St. Louis have made an that he has extended an invitation to the loose a display of shooting stars, the

> George Ade was a visitor to the Senate than \$50,000 annually in premiums, logical moment.

Primaries will be held in North Dakota forced his way to the top. His brother next June for a successor to Senator Mc- went through the same experience. Cumber. The deliberate speaking Senator was getting just a little uneasy, and he went home to patch up his fences one with web feet. The fellow who is here and there. He has returned, and from the smile that covers his counteselection of himself as his successor.

What Every One Knows.

From the Houston Post. angels swing them to sleep.'

A BOLD, BAD MAN. Undertakes a Hold-up with a Spoon for a weapon.

From the Kansas City Star. German-fried potatoes were on the nenu of the Kenton family, of 1618 the dita are stopping at the Arlington for a Paseo, last night, and O. C. Kenton, few days. The purpose of her visit in this father of the two children who consti- city was to have an operation performed tute the rest of the family, was in the on her young son Rafael, who was suffer-Representative Talbott, of Maryland, has kitchen at his twice-a-day occupation of been around these diggings for many cook. The children had left the house of the Cuban Legation, called to present for a moment. Mr. Kenton was alone. his respects. The knob of the kitchen door turned took an automobile trip with a friend, termined of face and rather heavy of body, came from the darkness of out-ofdoors and the kitchen light was reflected

from a shiny object he held in his hand. "Hold up your hands!" the man from without ordered in a stern voice, and in Chicago. Mr. Takito, like all his counwhile the German-fries spluttered, up trymen, was as talkative as the proverstopped and hailed the boy, "Hey boy, is went the hands of Kenton. The glint bial clam when asked about business in this the road to the home of George of light on the shiny object sent them Japan, politics, and other questions. He

"Now, where's your money?" the inhe thought of the pay envelope he might with America just yet for a while, probmiss later in the week, and decided to ably, possibly, maybe, already yet,

argue a bit. "Now, looky here," he sald, "I'm an old man, nigh on to fifty-four. You to decipher messages which have puzzled aren't going to hold me up, are you?" "Where's your money?" insisted the other.

Kenton argued some more. Then his eyes traveled to the shiny object again. Incidentally the eyes grew larger, for hours with his cigar, smoking and smok- Kenton saw that what he believed to be ing. He doesn't get farther away than a revolver was only a spoon, table size. unless it has been altred by preconcerted "Well," said Kenton, with more con- | signals, fidence, moving toward an inner door, "if you're going to act that way about it. I'll get my revolver.

The hand that held the spoon traveled to a hip pocket that was empty. A second later where the bold, bad man had stood there remained only emptiness and an open door. The "hold-up" was over and Kenton was once more attending to the German-fries.

WORTH \$5,000 A POUND.

Coal Company's President Insured at that Rate by His Firm. From the Richmond Virginian.

How valuable are you to the company for which you work? Are you worth \$5,000 a pound for every bound you weigh? There is one man in the United States who is regarded as

That man is John H. Jones. The Pittss president, has insured his life for \$1,000,000. There is only one other person now known to carry so much in one policy. That man is George W. Vander-

because of its regard for his ability to stroyed after printing." produce results. The coal company feels hat it would suffer just \$1,000,000 loss should John H. Jones die. John H. Jones and his brother, David a Canadian navy, said that the idea of

competitive field. The Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company has insured the lives of all its officers. David G., secretary-treasurer, is insured for \$100,000. Another brother, T. P. Jones, vice president of the company, is insured

John H. Jones has worked himself up from a boy in the mines to the head of one of the biggest coal producing companies in this country. When he was light at having arrived at the psycho- ten years of age John went to work in the mines at Greenock, Pa. He learned the business thoroughly, and gradually

The Right to Plunder.

From the Dayton News. If one is interested in the study of human nature, he may learn a great deal nance it is to be understood that he feels about it from a study of the trusts. He pretty good; in fact, he is assured of the can see men who would not think of going into an alley and waiting for a man to pass, to knock him in the head and rob "Talk about beginning the sessions of him, as cruelly taking people's money the Senate at 2 o'clock instead of 12," re- laway from them through a trust. It is marked a visitor in the gallery. "Why, if one way of making peace with your conthey don't soon find something to do, science and your God. There are lots of they might as well take a holiday for men in the churches who would be ashamed to look their fellows in the face if they were to rob them, yet by hiding behind a creature of the law, a trust, they can rob their fellows and still look "A New York woman tells her woman these fellows in the face without blushhearers to go to bed nights and let the ing. It simply shows what men will do when they can do it without running any "How absurd. There aren't enough risk of getting in the penitentiary, and angels in New York to swing a baby to while still retaining the respect of their

Battle of the "Hornet" and "Peacock"-Feb. 24.

There was a little sea engagement | was heavy, but the Americans lost more brushed off ninety-three years ago to- men trying to save the British sailors day, just east of the Southern coast of from drowning than they did in the acthe United States, which has gone into history as an incident to show the prowess of the American sailor in the early had in its list of sea fighters the Wasp, fight theirs single-handed. The Amerithe Hornet, the Viper, and other names with a "sting" to it. The British vessel Peacock had been haughtily prowling "Hit's all in de onderstandin' ob de about the Southern coast of the United ficer, gives one of the many evidences States during the early part of our war that about this time British contempt for with England, and the gallant Capt. American naval prowess was rapidly Lawrence decided to put a stop to her

It was late in the afternoon of February 24, 1813, that Lawrence sighted the Peacock off the Carobana Banks, and gave chase. The little Englishman was take her. Yankees fight well, and are game and stood her ground. The battle gentlemen in their mode of warfare. en e'vey time I druv 'em at hit, dey des was on, the vessels being almost within pistol shot of one another. The Amer- 'Sir, you have used it so well I should and safety. ican guns were fired so rapidly that in were constantly dashed over them. It really fine fellows."

> In his official report Lawrence is recorded as saying that the British vessel duration of the action fifteen minutes. rence, "as my clerk got it down 'fifteen' When the Peacock surrendered she

only slightly damaged. The British loss a complete outfit.

tual battle. In commenting on the bat- were its chief sufferers. tle a Halifax paper of the day said that "a vessel moored for the purpose of experiment could not have been sunk sooner. It will not do for our vessels to cans are a dead nip." Writing home from Bermuda in 1813, Sir Charles Napier, the British naval of- disease,

turning into respect, if not fear: "Two packets are quite due, and we be ashamed to take it from you.' These

After the battle Lawrence made every exertion possible for the comfort of his was a perfect Chesterfield. He furtherwounded prisoners. Such was their ap- more looked after my wants with as much preciation of his generous treatment that care and consideration as if he had been on arrival in the United States the Brit- my personal servant. When he had given surrendered at 5:40 p. m., making the ish officers published a letter of gratitude. me the final brush-down and I was about They said: "We cannot better express to leave the car, I merely thanked him sion that has been drawn upon for the This was a mistake, "but," said Law- our feelings than by saying we cease to and did not hand him a tip." consider ourselves prisoners." The sailors of the Hornet, knowing that the Peacock men had lost everything, made con- it, str. It's a pleasure to wait on you. office winner without its appreciative alive to-day, he would think things might brought home for me, and I find that Sir G. S. Robertson, Dr. was so riddled with bullets that the cap- tributions from their own scanty kits Honestly, I-tors found her sinking. The Hornet was and supplied each of the Englishmen with

> February 24, 1868, the bill was introduced to impeach President Johnson; you president for life!" it is the birthday of George Frederick Handel, the composer (1684): Charles Lamb, the distinguished English essayist (1775): John Burgovne, the English general of the Revolutionary war (1723); the day on which John Keats the poet, died (1821); on which Francis Duke of Guise was assassinated in 1563; on which the Court of Claims, Washington, was established, and the day on which Pompeli and Herculaneum were destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius in

AT THE HOTELS.

Senora Tomas Estrada Palma, wife of the late President of Cuba and her two sons, Tomas and Rafael, and Miss Caning from adenoids. Immediately upon her

J. M. Takito, of Kobe and Yokohama, accompanied by Mrs. Takito, is at the Raleigh. Mr. Takito is a manufacturer and importer of Japanese goods and has factories at Nagoya and Kyoto and stores freely admitted, however, that Japan is on excellent terms of friendship with the United States, and that there are no At first Kenton did not answer. Then prospects of his country going to war

"Code makers are frequently called upon their recipients," said Dr. Herman B. Valentine, of New York, a cipher and code expert, who was seen at the New Willard, "and they usually succeed in making a sensible interpretation. Indeed, they are able to read any cipher,

"This is one reason," continued Dr. Valentine, "why business houses require absolute secrecy on the part of the experts they employ to make their codes. and why the books are so carefully guard-

ed thereafter, "Since the early days of cabling business men have found it convenient and economical to convey information by means of single words or phrases. Such a word as 'Jones' might mean 'the price of wheat has gone up,' and contain other facts regard the grain market. But these codes were crude as compared with those to be developed later, and now a man may have a little book weighing a half pound or less representing millions of ex-

pressions. "It is estimated that 300,000 persons in this country use codes regularly, and some firms pay \$100,000 and even \$250,000 worth exactly \$5,464.50 for each of his 183 a year for cabling. Thus the code expert's profession is important and it is necessary for him to be able readily to burg-Buffalo Coal Company, of which he grasp the details of a business when he begins to evolve a code for its requirements.

"In order to insure absolute secrecy in the compilation of its code a firm will sometimes require an affidavit from the However, the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal code maker stating that all sheets and Company did not insure the life of its papers bearing memorandums have been president because of his avoirdupois, but delivered, and that the type has been de-Lewis George Weir, of Toronto, Canada,

who is at the Arlington, in speaking of

G. Jones, are two of the "big" men at- building a Canadian navy, or rather the tending the joint conference here of the enthusiasm for doing so, has lost much coal miners and operators of the central of its fervor since the fact has transpired that there is absolutely no danger between England and Germany. "There was much talk before the Parliamentary election of a war between Germany and England," said Mr. Weir. "and there has been much talk since for \$100,000. The company is paying more that the talk about an invasion of England by the Germans, is rot and nonsense . In other words, it was, as you Americans would call a 'false alarm.' Germany has no idea of going to war

with England, and those British politi-

clans who spread the rumor of Germany's hostile attitude toward England knew when they made these statements that they were not telling the truth. They were politicians, purely and simple; they wanted more shipbuilding contracts, irrespective of the consequences. "Canada will have a navy she gets ready for it," added Mr. Weir. "We have been fooled once, but we will not be hoodwinked again. We have gone to considerable trouble and expense, and have even incurred the suspicion of the United States in making preparations for a navy, which we might offer Great Britain should danger arise. Americans may argue that our navy is meant to be used against that country, and that the Monroe doctrine protects Canada from attack by foreign powers. If the Monroe doctrine means one thing, it also means that the United States has a right to determine whether any of the countries on this hemisphere has a right to build a navy to be used by a European power

against another European power." Discussing smallpox and vaccination, Dr. G. R. Webber, of Philadelphia, who was seen at the Cochran, said that smallpox was introduced to America by the Spaniards in their conquests, and in the eighteenth century was widely spread, becoming a great scourge. "At a certain period one out of every three deaths was due to smallpox," said the physician, "In a single century, the eighteenth, it is said, it had 60,000,000 victims, France at one epoch losing 30,000,000 lives through

this cause. Children under five years "Jenner discovered vaccination in the eighteenth century. Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse, of Boston, was so impressed with the news from England that he vaccinated three of his sons and sent them to the smallpox hospital to test the value of the discovery. None of them took the

"Vaccination is a most efficient preventative, and as such is recognized everywhere. Germany requires two vaccinations of children; one in the first year of life and one at twelve: Japan requires fear that they have been taken, for the three." Dr. Webber said that as to re-Yankees swarm here, and when a frigate quiring vaccination, this country was in goes out to drive them off by force they a state far from desirable. More supervision and greater insistence as to forms were necessary. Money and costs were Decatur refused Carden's sword, saying: not to be weighed against public health

A Genius. From the Birmingham Age-Perald. "I once found a Puliman porter who

"What did the porter do then?" "He smiled, and said: 'Don't mention

"What's the matter?" "I'm going down town and call a special session of the Liars' Club to elect

"Hold on! Hold on!"

How He Won Fame:

From the St. Louis Star

"I understand that he is responsible for many bright and clever savings?" "Yes. His wife's witty remarks are always made at his expense."