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A Chance to Get Pure Milk.

In the absence of legislation making the examination prerequisite to the sale of milk in the District, Secretary Wilson's offer to test Washington's herd for tuberculosis free of charge to the dairyman is a public good of the highest possible value.

The Irrepressible Conflict.

In New York, Ohio, Indiana, South Dakota, Iowa, and several other Northern States there have recently been manifestations of sharp and irreconcilable differences of view between factions of the Republican party.

These differences are going to increase rather than diminish. The opposing elements in the Republican party are surely lining up for a grand shaking down in the national convention of 1908.

The question is whether or not the opposition to Roosevelt can rid the party of him. Incidental to that arises the question whether or not, without Roosevelt, the party can be kept on the forward march.

Flag Law Upheld.

The Supreme Court of the United States has declared constitutional State laws prohibiting the use of the flag of the country for advertising purposes.

The case in question came from Nebraska, where a couple of men who were engaged in the liquor business were prosecuted under the State law on the charge of selling beer in bottles bearing the Star-Spangled Banner as a part of their decoration.

A large number of the States of the Union now have adopted statutes tending to inculcate respect for the flag and to affix penalties for disrespect.

If the alien who arrives here has not a proper conception of the flag of the Union, and if he is not so constituted mentally or morally as to get that conception as his stay here lengthens, then he should be made to realize what it all means.

Progress in Russia.

The proceedings marking the initial sessions of the new Russian duma indicate that, despite all misgivings and doubts, there is a fair chance that real constitutional government may yet be established in Russia by process of evolution rather than of revolution.

On one side the Czar and on the other the leaders of the new parliament thus far show a disposition to be reasonable, fair, and moderate. The Czar will be forced to yield some things he would prefer to retain, and the radicals of the duma—who, by the way, would be

quite conservative in this country—will not get all they want. But indications are that, by mutual concessions at least, the dissolution of the duma may be avoided, some substantial gains accomplished in the direction of parliamentary government, and both sides further accustomed to the new relationship and its possibilities of usefulness.

It is quite evident that the Czar's bad advisers have been the cause of much of his troubles with his own people. The grand ducal clique, anxious that their position and prerogative shall not be interfered with, and below them the landowning nobility in general, are and will continue to be opposed to the aspirations of the people, and will bolster whatever resolution the Emperor may have to oppose. But in the end there will come the inevitable alliance between the sovereign and the people; the alliance that finally gave parliamentary government to the people of England; the alliance that in one form or another has achieved that end in almost every country that has worked out parliamentary government for itself.

The achievement may not be possible under the present Czar. Perhaps many more years are to be spent in marking time. But it has been made plain in the last two or three years that revolution is impossible in Russia under present economic conditions. The people have nothing but their hands to fight with. The government's financial strength is in its debts; its present creditors must see it sustained. The Russian people cannot fight the Russian army, and hope that the army will ever revolt seems illusory in view of its loyalty throughout recent troublous times.

So the people, being convinced that revolution is impracticable, and the Sovereign, being likewise satisfied that his menace is not so great as was supposed immediately after the Japanese war, may take up and adjust their differences; the people may be given a real voice in government, and parliamentary rule, albeit sadly limited and hampered in the beginnings, may be established. After that it can be relied upon to grow safely and surely.

The Sun's Cleverness.

The District of Columbia is the subject of an extremely entertaining editorial in today's New York Sun. With characteristic cleverness, the editors of that paper have been able in short six inches of space to make the following charges against us and give them the aspect of fact: That official Washington and a complacent press are "disposed to believe that it will give pleasure in high quarters to take another and a still shrewder twist in the tail of railroad insolence," and that, therefore, we are asking for smokeless locomotives to the new Union Station.

That the District Commissioners, and presumably all the people of Washington, "wink at the swarming automobiles which ravage every thoroughfare, filling the air with offensive smoke and distilling, as they pass, a malarious and penetrating perfume of gasoline."

That this is, in brief, the effect of the Exalted Example, meaning the President, of course, in a pursuit of the Octopus. Amusement is the one good effect of such writing as this. It depends altogether on premises which the Sun could have disproven to itself by a moment's quiet reflection or half an hour's searching of files. The plain truth of the matter is that the Sun has been run away with by its own smartness.

For, first, the regulations which it is proposed to extend to the railroads are not special legislation, conceived or aimed by the President or anyone else at the double-track Octopus exclusively. On the contrary, it is a tardy attempt to bring the Octopus under regulations which everyone else in the District is already made to observe.

Again—the expenditure of millions on the new Union Station has not been confined to the railroads. They have only done their part. And a larger percentage of the cost of the terminals is being paid by the government of the District—ten times larger than New York is paying for similar conveniences. There is surely no pursuit of the Octopus here, save to give it money.

Again—Washington has either more comprehensive regulations for the government of automobiles than New York or its government enforces its regulations with more determination. For the "offensive smoke" from auto-vehicles and "malodorous and penetrating perfume of gasoline" are at par of roses here compared with the corresponding ebullitions on Riverside drive. As a matter of fact, the gasoline car is no more of an offense in Washington than a horse and cart—perhaps not so much.

Finally—if the Sun can find any detail of our city government which is as generally unsatisfactory as the corresponding feature of New York's city administration, it will find also a matter on which the press of Washington will be decidedly not so

complacent as the paper once edited by the distinguished Mr. Dana.

Germany finds the proposition of colonizing in Africa about as heavy as the United States has found it in the Philippines; and to make matters worse, Germany isn't in the cheerful position of having the price.

The melancholy days are come, the saddest we shall know; when we spend four boxes on garden seeds, assured they'll never grow.

Governor Hughes is finding the New York Legislature fully as hard to manage as Mr. Roosevelt finds Congress, while he discovered that his Cabinet is a lot harder to reorganize than that of the Federal Chief Executive.

The statistics, running out to fractions of a cent, indicate that the young men at Yale smoke little, drink less, and are a mighty saving lot of chaps. Those statistics will have to be made over or Yale will lose all her scholastic standing.

New York proposes to become the most artistic, convenient, and beautiful metropolis in the world. New York should take to smoking another kind.

It is proposed in New York to pass legislation that will tax street sign boards out of existence. It seems as if beautiful Washington ought to get in on that law.

Russia is to send cruisers from the Black Sea to the far East to watch the Japanese poachers. If the poachers don't steal the cruisers it will be Russia's most distinguished naval achievement.

Castro is reported better, which is always taken to mean worse.

Boss Reuf is having a Reuf time of it since Schmitz got back to little old San Fran.

YOUTH'S PRAYER.

Let me live out my years in heat of blood! Let me die drunk with the dreamer's wine! Let me not see this soul-house built of mud. Go toppling to the dust—a vacant shrine!

OFFERS \$20,000 FOR THE RETURN OF MISSING SON

Father of Boy Kidnaped From Delaware Farm Seeks Officers' Aid.

KITTS HAMMOCK, Del., March 7.—"I will give \$20,000 reward for the return of my child, or I will give \$20,000 to the detective if they will bring my boy safely home," said Dr. Marvin, father of the missing four-year-old child who was kidnaped Monday from his home here.

Uses Watch Chain to Hang Himself.

Ship Surgeon Found in Time to Give Him Chance to Repent.

BRITISH COLLIER ON FIRE OFF ISLAND OF ST. LUCIA

PROGRESS IN RUSSIA.

Mrs. Cortelyou Collects Photographs of Husband



GEORGE B. CORTELYOU, Secretary of the Treasury, who, since 1906, has been Secretary to the President, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, and Postmaster General.

At Every Stage of His Promotion She Has Him Sign Picture—Got Second Signature as Secretary of Treasury.

When George B. Cortelyou was sworn in as Secretary of the Treasury his first signature was that attached to his oath of office. Then a sweet-faced woman came quickly to his side. A few of the chiefs who had gathered to honor the new Secretary knew that she was Mrs. Cortelyou, but they did not know that her celerity in getting near her husband was to make sure that his second signature in his new official place was on a photograph of her remarkable collection.

Her Four Photographs.

With the pride that only the wife of a remarkable man can feel, Mrs. Cortelyou told the friends who were with her that this made the fourth important picture that her husband had signed for her in a few years.

COMING TO THE THEATERS

National—"Forty-five Minutes From Broadway."

Chase's—Polite Vaudeville.

Majestic—"The Boy Behind the Gun."

Lyceum—"The Star Girls," and Cuning, the Jail Breaker.

Belasco—"The Tourists."

Playgoers Select Plays for Mantell's Repertory.

Columbia—"In the Bishop's Carriage."

British Collier on Fire off Island of St. Lucia.

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COREA HONEYMOON RUDELY DISTURBED BY WAR'S ALARMS

Nicaraguan Envoy Forced to Get Back to His Work.

His Country's Danger From Allied Republics Considered Grave.

The Best Laid Plans—

The marriage had been planned to take place earlier in the season, it now develops, but when war clouds began to soar over Central America, the minister thought best that it be put off to a later date, or until the situation at home appeared more tranquil.

Remarkable Career.

At Every Stage of His Promotion She Has Him Sign Picture—Got Second Signature as Secretary of Treasury.

DISTRICT MILITIA'S ANNUAL MANEUVERS

Will Join Coast Artillery, Possibly at Jamestown, This Year.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 7.—After the physicians at the University Hospital had twice failed their efforts to supply a new nose to patients who had met with accidents, a senior student of the dental department has succeeded in this delicate work.

BIGAMY CHARGE AGAINST YOUTH

Twenty - Two - Year - Old Pennsylvania Marries Too Often.

STROUDSBURG, Pa., March 7.—Luke Whitaker, of Marshall's Creek, this county, is charged with bigamy.

OLDEST INHABITANTS HEAR FINE LECTURE

SLEPT FOR FIFTY DAYS; AWOKED DEAF AND DUMB

DENVER, Col., March 7.—William H. Schabel, who has been asleep fifty days, recovered and awoke deaf and dumb. To all appearances he is well, and communication by writing shows his mind and other faculties normal. Schabel was in good health until early in January.

STATE CAN'T AID IMMIGRATION.

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WAR VS. LOVE

Diplomat's wedding to Miss Fleming postponed once because of threatened hostilities.

Wedding during lull in fighting. Honeymoon tour abandoned because of war.

Now honeymoon itself is interrupted.

Later, the arbitration movement came abruptly to an end and hostilities were renewed. President Zelaya, cold, stern and grim-visaged warrior, had no time nor sympathy for affairs of Cupid, and the minister found himself obliged to remain within easy reach and communication with the Washington Government, inasmuch as President Roosevelt had taken the initiative for peace and important diplomatic work might be required of the bridegroom at any moment.

Arrangements were made with diplomatic friends of the minister to keep him full advised, and bride and bridegroom hid themselves away to the magnificent country home of the Flemings—the house occupied by President Cleveland during his honeymoon.

Since the outbreak of hostilities, however, the latter part of last week, Senator Corea's presence within easy reach of the State Department and the Central American legations became expedient. During this time he had received little information, except through the newspapers, and when he read yesterday of the latest developments and of the apparently serious position of the forces of his country, he came quickly to town with his bride, taking her to the legation in O street. Then he called at the Central American legations, the Mexican embassy and the State Department to learn all the particulars of the situation and once more entered actively into the game of diplomacy concerning the war.

HAS FALSE NOSE OF HARD RUBBER

Flesh-Colored Imitation Is Held in Position by Glasses.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 7.—After the physicians at the University Hospital had twice failed their efforts to supply a new nose to patients who had met with accidents, a senior student of the dental department has succeeded in this delicate work.

DAVISON LODGE, No. 36, reported one successful cure held and a theater benefit to be given in the week of March 28. Chairmen of other lodge booth committees also reported encouraging contributions of cash and merchandise.

LAFFAYETTE LODGE, No. 32, is to have charge of the lunch room at the fair. Everything will be sold on ordinary dairy lunch room prices. Hart Mousen is chairman of the booth committee of this lodge. H. S. Selden, manager; J. H. Olcott, secretary; W. H. Wanamaker, treasurer; J. L. Marshall, chairman of the ladies' committee; and Walter J. Bennett, chairman of the publicity committee.

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