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Ambition is the rooted nettle of the selfish soul.

A good man and cause is never finally defeated.

Dollars are born so and not made by the schools.

Japan, having looked about the world a bit, knows that cabinet crises are harmless.

Morocco, having had a taste of general disorder, will not be satisfied until it gets the whole jug.

France is buying so many airplanes that it looks as if the French government desired to start a museum of inconclusive inventions.

Cuba may as well begin planning to celebrate its newest Fourth of July, for Uncle Sam is going to give it another chance to be good.

Chinese claim to have discovered "graft" prior to any other nation. Their political system might well serve as a horrible example.

No, inquiring reader, the language talked by grip victims is not Esperanto, but it is certainly some kin to a universal tongue this winter.

The czar may send editors to Siberia, but is powerless to prevent an enormous number of uncensored novels from circulating around the globe.

There are 80,000 more women than men in Massachusetts. It will be necessary for the leap year girl who expects to succeed in that state to start early.

The Mosquito Indians are indulging in an uprising, and the people who believed they were harmless individuals will probably feel that they have been "stung."

Gradually the recalcitrants are becoming reconciled to the absence of the motto that formerly adorned the new coins. Anyhow, they are making less fuss about it.

If this money scarcity in Germany keeps up much longer some peerless leader over there will be tempted to propose the free and unlimited coinage of frankfurters.

A convention of scientists has another peculiarity, if we mistake not. You don't have to take up a collection to defray the expenses in order to induce it to come here.

Dr. Siebel has discovered how every human body can make its own electricity. Now let him show how every body can be his own patent medicine and make us all happy.

A superficial investigation might lead one to wonder if somebody had not been making a bunch of graft from the purchase of hose for the New York fire department.

Count Witte and Gen. Kuropatkin are fighting over the war between Russia and Japan. It is not expected, however, that either of them will succeed in taking Manchuria.

A famous Mexican volcano is for sale. It would not be a bad idea for some of the fire-eaters in congress to invest in its sulphurously eruptive qualities as an aid to their oratory.

A man in New York committed suicide because his wife stayed out late at night. It is a pretty good thing that the average woman is not affected to such an extent by a recreant husband.

"Lord Curzon would like to sit in the house of lords," says the Chicago Post. Meanwhile Ireland, which is expected to assist in the process, shows some disposition to sit on Lord Curzon.

Sir Thomas Lipton rises to remark that the spicy breezes which blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle misrepresent the facts in the case when they say he is about to challenge for the America's cup.

Seventeen prophets have predicted that the world will come to an end during the present year. Inasmuch, however, as 26 prophets declared that doom would crack last year we decline to be frightened.

A French paper says: "American men marry for love, but the women for money." In France all hands marry for money, and they bargain and haggle beforehand like pugilists wrangling over the weight question.

A chair pusher at Atlantic City found a purse containing \$400 and received a reward of 12 cents for returning it to the owner. What did he expect? It didn't take him more than a minute to find it, and at 12 cents a minute that amounts to \$7.20 an hour, which is pretty good pay for these times, particularly on work which does not require a long course of training to fit one for.

Now a German military expert is criticizing our volunteer system and our National Guard. Those of our foreign critics who profess to see military weakness in the system which has served so far very well, forget, or rather do not appreciate, the value of individual intelligence and practical patriotism as against a large standing army of trained human automata. They forget, too, how the forced conscription laws and the burden of standing armies are handicapping the resources of Europe, compared with our own vast industrial development.

SHOT PRIEST IN CHURCH.

Italian Anarchist Kneaded at Altar Rail and Murdered Father Heinrichs While Administering Sacrament.

Denver, Col.—Father Leo Heinrichs was shot and killed when administering the sacrament at early mass in St. Elizabeth's Catholic church, Eleventh and Curtis streets, this city, at six o'clock Sunday morning. Kneeling at the altar rail, between two women, Giuseppe Guarnaccio pressed the muzzle of a revolver against the body of the priest, after receiving from him the consecrated wafer, and shot the man of God through the heart. Exclaiming "My God, my God," Father Leo fell prone in front of the altar and died without uttering another word.

With an inarticulate scream of triumph which the communicants describe as the yell of a demon, the assassin sprang into the aisle and waving the smoking gun about his head dashed to the church door. For a moment the hundred or more people in the church were dazed. Then a woman shrieked and the congregation became panic stricken. Some women fainted and many became hysterical. Several men rushed to the aid of the priest and others started in pursuit of the murderer. Among the latter was Patrolman Daniel Cronin, who overtook the fleeing Italian on the church steps. Guarnaccio attempted to shoot the policeman and was foiled and overpowered only after a desperate fight in which several men had come to the assistance of the officer.

BRYAN'S TOPEKA SPEECH.

Talked to 4,500 Men at Auditorium—Introduced by Gov. Hoch—Some Lonesome Financiers.

Topeka, Kansas.—William J. Bryan addressed an audience of men only here Sunday afternoon which completely filled the large auditorium including standing room. Mr. Bryan spoke for two hours and held his audience almost to a man. There were probably 4,500 present. The speech was one of the regular lectures, "The Prince of Peace." The speaker was introduced by Gov. Hoch.

In his speech Mr. Bryan touched on the money question and said: "A short time ago the Christian churches were in a big controversy over whether or not they should accept money from some of the great financiers. Many men spend a part of their lives getting money, a second part trying to keep other men from trying to get it away from them, and, recently, a third part in trying to give it away. I think the time is coming and coming soon when many of these great financiers who have got their money by dishonest means will be made the most lonesome men on earth by being left alone without friends and with nothing but their money."

Mr. Bryan left for Lawrence, where he spoke Sunday night under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in the Kansas University gymnasium.

Yates Would Be Governor.

Springfield, Ill.—Former Governor Richard Yates Sunday night announced his candidacy for governor, in the following statement: "I have decided to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor at the general primary election on August 6, 1908. I do this because, after full investigation, I believe that there is now an opportunity for the first time in this state, for an effective and real 'appeal to the people' (instead of to conventions and committees) under the provisions of the new, direct, plurality, primary election law, which was not approved until a few days ago."

Sedalia Shops Closed.

Sedalia, Mo.—The Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad shops here, employing 500 men, have been closed until March 2. The shops of the whole system are to be kept idle as much as possible to reduce expense.

Railroad Men Take Action.

Atlanta, Ga.—Fifteen hundred railroad men, representing all of the different labor unions whose members find employment with the railroads centering here, met in mass meeting Sunday and adopted resolutions endorsing President Roosevelt's action in ordering an investigation of the reported cut in wages to be made by railroads when the so-called nine-hour law goes into effect March 4. Another resolution denounces the attempt of the railroads to reduce wages.

An Operation Upon Edison.

New York.—Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, is a patient at the Manhattan eye, ear and throat hospital, where Sunday night he underwent an operation intended to relieve him of trouble in the left ear.

To Tell About Fleet Plans.

Washington, D. C.—Gov. James N. Gillette of California arrived here Sunday for a week or ten days' stay. Governor Gillette will confer with Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, regarding the reception which California proposes to give to the battleship fleet.

An Aged Woman a Suicide.

Cleveland, O.—Mrs. Augusta Strey, 73 years old, committed suicide Sunday by setting fire to her clothing. The aged woman considered herself a burden upon her grandson, with whom she was living.

Shot Chief of Police.

Payetteville, N. C.—Chief of Police Benton of this city was shot dead in front of his home here Sunday just after the churches had been let out, by a negro, Sam Murchison, crazed with drink.

DANGER AHEAD FOR THE FLEET.



California Girls Are Forming Leap-Year Proposal Clubs.

KANSAS DEMOCRATS MEET

The State Convention at Hutchinson Selected Delegates.

J. H. Atwood Defeated Johnson for National Committeeman—A Synopsis of the Resolutions Adopted.

Hutchinson, Kan.—The Democratic State convention to elect delegates to the National convention and national committeemen met Friday morning. G. W. Harrington of Hiawatha and W. H. L. Pepperill of Concordia were the temporary officers as recommended by the state committee. A resolution endorsing Bryan for president and instructing delegates to vote solidly for him was unanimously adopted.

J. H. Atwood was elected national committeeman over J. G. Johnson by a vote of 371 to 157. W. F. Sapp of Galena, the third candidate who was considered a possibility on a compromise received 65 votes.

Delegates elected to the National convention were: W. H. L. Pepperill, Charles H. Sawyer, J. E. Andrews and W. A. Harris. The alternates are T. U. Gisham, J. H. Hagney, W. H. Ryan and J. A. Whitehurst.

The resolutions were long. They regretted the recent panic but declared they were not responsible. They condemned the asset currency law and demanded a federal guarantee of deposits in national banks and state guarantee for state banks. They denounced the tariff as political graft, opposed a ship subsidy. They claimed the anti-pass law originated with them and demanded a primary law with preserved the secrecy of the ballot and favored the election of all public officers, United States senator and postmasters included, by a direct vote of the people. They said that corporations should not be allowed to issue fictitious stocks and bonds. They wanted county assessors elected by the people and wanted all laws enforced alike. No action was taken on United States senator.

GEN. STOESEL GUILTY.

The Grim Defender of Port Arthur Condemned to Death by a Russian Court-Martial.

St. Petersburg.—Lieutenant General Stoessel was condemned to death Thursday evening by a military court for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese.

General Fock, who commanded the fourth East Siberian division of Port Arthur, was ordered reprimanded for a disciplinary offense, which was not connected with the surrender and General Smirnov, acting commander of the fortress, and Major General Reiss, chief of staff to General Stoessel, were acquitted of the charges against them for lack of proof. The court recommended that the death sentence upon Lieutenant General Stoessel be commuted to 10 years imprisonment in a fortress and that he be excluded from the service.

To Revise Kansas School Laws.

Topeka, Kansas.—In accordance with a request of the state teacher's association to appoint an educational commission to examine the present school laws and draft a more modern set, Gov. Hoch Friday appointed the following board with state superintendent Fairchild as chairman. J. W. Gleed, Topeka; R. F. Knight, Wichita; L. A. Lowther, Emporia; W. D. Rosa, Peabody; W. S. Pate, Cherokee; A. J. Stanley, Lincoln.

A Record of Count Tolstoi's Voice.

Yasnaya, Polyana, Russia.—Count Leo Tolstoi has received from Thomas A. Edison a photograph of the latest and most improved pattern. With the instrument came a letter from the American inventor expressing his high regard for Count Tolstoi and requesting that the Russian author send him a phonographic record of his own voice. Consequently Count Tolstoi will return a cylinder bearing several interpretations of texts of the gospel. He will speak in English, language of which he is master.

THE FLEET AT CALLAO.

Battleships Received Enthusiastic Welcome to Peruvian Port Where They Will Remain Ten Days.

Callao.—The American battleships, looking clean and trim and powerful in the tropical sun, came to anchor in this port soon after 8 o'clock Thursday morning. The booming of salutes announced the arrival of the fleet, but there was no need to send out signals for every resident of Callao and great crowds from Lima, that stands back on the hills, had awaited with expectancy the first glimpse of the advancing column.

Callao was in holiday array, wishing to show that Peruvian hospitality was second to none in South America, and many thousands reviewed from the wharves, the headlands and the ships on the harbor, the imposing scene. Enthusiastic crowds went down the bay on excursion steamers and cheered the American men-of-war.

The battleships will remain here probably for ten days and will be joined by the torpedo boat flotilla near the close of their stay at Callao. Arrangements have been made for festivities of all kinds, including a bullfight, which not less than 5,000 of the bluejackets will see and a regatta for which preparations have been going on for several weeks. President Pardo will give a public reception to the officers Friday afternoon, and Washington's birthday will be made a gain occasion.

MONEY IS PILING UP.

The Kansas City National Banks Show Gain of \$12,000,000 in Deposits in Ten Weeks.

Kansas City.—The total deposits of seven national banks in Kansas City increased nearly \$12,000,000 in the past ten weeks. Statements were called for Friday by the comptroller of the currency showing the condition of the banks on February 14. The last previous statements showed the condition on December 3, the day before the National Bank of Commerce suspended business. On that day seven national banks had a total of \$55,750,000 in deposits. The statements published Friday show a total of \$67,500,000. The same banks a year ago had \$53,750,000 in deposits. Every one of the national banks show a gain, the First National leading with an increase of over \$5,000,000.

The total cash and sight exchange in the national banks now is \$34,750,000, compared with \$25,000,000 in the same banks ten weeks ago and \$23,500,000 a year ago.

The statements show that the banks hold over 51 per cent of their gross deposits in cash and sight exchange.

CAN REGULATE BANKS.

Oklahoma Guarantee Deposit Law Upheld by Judge Houston in District Court at Guthrie.

Guthrie, Ok.—Judge A. H. Houston in the district court here Wednesday morning sustained the demurrer filed by Attorney General Wrist in the 16-junction suit brought by the Noble state bank against the state banking board and the bank commissioner on the ground that there was not sufficient facts in the petition to constitute a cause of action. This is the first test on the Oklahoma guarantee deposit law. In passing on the case Judge Houston states that under the police powers of the state given by the act the defendants have the power to collect the tax as the banks that are allowed to do business in this state are corporations and that they are as much accountable to the legislature as any other corporation which serves the public.

Favorable Militia Bill Report.

Washington, D. C.—The Steiensen bill, to promote the efficiency of the militia, was ordered favorably reported Thursday by the house committee on militia. The bill as amended by the committee divides the militia organizations of the several states and territories into two distinct classes, one to be known as the National Guard and the other as the Reserve Militia.

Kansas Masonic Officers.

Topeka, Kansas.—Justice Henry F. Mason of the Kansas supreme court was elected grand master of the Kansas grand lodge of Masons Thursday. A. K. Wilson of Topeka was re-elected secretary. Fred Washburn of Anthony was elected deputy grand master and Albert Sarbach of Holton grand treasurer.

Missouri Delegates Instructed.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Former Congressman Frank B. Fulkerson of St. Joseph and David Rankin of Tarkio were chosen to represent the fourth congressional district of Missouri at the National Republican convention in Chicago. They were instructed to vote for Taft "so long as his name is before the convention."

Metcalf Will Receive the Fleet.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Metcalf has decided to visit San Francisco at the time the battleship fleet arrives. It is the president's view that the head of the navy should be present to greet the fleet after its long voyage.

Widow of War of 1812 Dead.

East Orange, New Jersey.—Mrs. Elizabeth Barnum, one of the few surviving widows of the war of 1812, died Wednesday at the age of 96. She was born in Vermont.

THE SIXTIETH CONGRESS

A Condensed Account of Transactions at the National Capital.

The Most Important Items Gathered From Each Day's Session of Senate and House.

To Restore the Motto.

Washington.—President Roosevelt was overriden Wednesday by the house committee on coinage, weights and measures, when by unanimous vote it was agreed to report favorably the McKinley (Illinois) bill requiring the restoration to gold and silver coins of the national motto "In God We Trust." During the discussion Representative Knowland of California, being in a facetious mood, moved that the committee further recommend the placing upon all clearing house certificates the Biblical inscription "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Would Classify Consular Service.

Washington, D. C.—The senate committee on foreign relations Wednesday voted to report favorably the bill classifying the consular service. The committee also voted to report the amendments to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, making appropriations of more than \$1,000,000 for the purchase of sites and erection of buildings for the consular establishments in Japan, China and Korea and \$400,000 for the purchase and repair of the building used for the American embassy in Paris.

A Brownsville Vote Tuesday.

Washington, D. C.—The Brownsville question will be voted on by the senate committee on military affairs on Tuesday next according to an agreement reached Thursday. The majority of the committee will vote to in dorse the action of the president in dismissing three companies of negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth infantry on account of the raid on the Texas town. Senator Foraker will make a minority report. It has not been determined how many will join in his view.

Cost of Our Present Navy.

Washington, D. C.—That our present system of naval construction is the best possible is the verdict of Senator Hale, chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs. The opinion was announced in the course of a speech in the senate Wednesday and was given, as he said, as the result of 39 years' experience in naval legislation. In the course of his remarks he said that the new navy as it exists today had cost \$1,200,000,000.

May Send John Mitchell to Isthmus.

Washington, D. C.—That John Mitchell, the retiring president of the United Mine Workers of America may be asked by President Roosevelt to go to Panama and make a report on labor conditions there, is one of the results which may accrue from a conference on Panama Affairs at the White House Thursday.

Cavalry to Protect Parks.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Garfield has made a request that three troops of cavalry be detailed for the protection of the national parks of California, two at Yosemite and one divided between Sequoia and General Grant parks.

AVOID THE ISTHMUS.

There Are More Applicants for Work in Canal Zone Than Can Be Accommodated.

Washington, D. C.—Reductions in force are being made by the Isthmian canal commission in the division of building construction and that of mechanics, also in the clerical force on the Isthmus. Notwithstanding these facts there has been a considerable number of unemployed mechanics and clerks migrating to the Isthmus recently as a result of the commercial depression in the United States but their chances of securing employment are very remote. The commission is anxious that prominence be given these facts, as any vacancies that may have to be filled are given to former employees who have not left the Isthmus. Americans who do come, however, and fail to secure work with the commission can seldom find other employment as the volume of other business is not large and the local supply of skilled labor is amply sufficient to meet all demands.

Negroes Stoned State Officials.

Muskogee, Ok.—Negroes at Red Bird, incensed by the recent enactment of the Jim Crow law, Friday night stoned the M. K. & T. special, bearing state officials and members of the legislature from Guthrie to the Democratic convention here and three members of the delegation were cut by flying glass. The injured were Senator Roddie, of Ada; Representative Stettin and Henry S. Johnson, of Perry. Windows were broken and the train was stopped. The passengers made an unsuccessful attempt to capture their assailants.

Storm in New York Now.

Plattsburg, N. Y.—A northeast storm of such severity as to be unusual even in this blizzard-acustomed section, was raging in Northern New York Wednesday night and rapidly adding to the snow that covered the whole Adirondack region.

Australians Would See Fleet.

Washington, D. C.—An exceedingly cordial invitation to have the American battleship fleet visit Australia has been extended by Hon. Alfred Deakin, prime minister of Australia.