

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1844—Shirvanoff sailed from New York against the Swedes on the South or Delaware river.
1852—The first play performed in America by a regular company of comedians at Williamsburg, Va.
1862—The first battle of the American Civil War, the Battle of Blood Run, took place in the Shenandoah valley.

the native material to the best advantage the company has already had the contract for the erection of a rubber plantation on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, the proposed cost of which is about \$300,000.

These two factories each produce twenty-five tons of rubber a day. It cost about \$200,000 to build them. It is proposed to erect a twenty-ton rubber factory at San Tiburcio, State of Zacatecas, which will cost about \$200,000.

One ton of the guayule shrub will produce about 150 pounds of rubber. When the manufacture of rubber from this new source was first begun the product sold for \$100 a ton. It is now selling for \$175 a ton.

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ROGER C. SULLIVAN

Out of the victory of Roger C. Sullivan, the dominating influence in the recent Illinois Democratic convention swept away William J. Bryan's demand that he resign from the national committee, may grow a family far in the Democratic party that will require a lot of Bryan's political genius to smooth.

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MR. BRYAN AND THE PARTY

Do not and Four Weeks There Were Hope and Alms—An Effort to Evaluate the Last Traces of Jeffersonism.

There is no more ancient theme than the vestry of human wishes, but never has it had a more signal example than the contrast between the present situation and the recent spectacle of the Democratic party.

The situation so pointedly raises the query whether Mr. Bryan belongs to the Democratic party or whether the Democratic party belongs to Mr. Bryan.

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GREAT RICHES IN RUBBER

MEXICO SCENE OF EXCITEMENT. Craze Following Discovery of Oil in Texas. Several Years Ago Has Far Alleed in Mexico Over Finding of Shrub Containing Valuable Rubber Properties—One Landowner Has \$400,000,000 in Sight on a Tract Held at 25 Cents an Acre—Americans Interested.

The excitement which followed the discovery of oil in Texas a few years ago has its parallel in the craze which is now sweeping over northern Mexico over the discovery that the guayule shrub contains valuable rubber properties.

The guayule shrub covers many million acres of land upon the plateau of northern Mexico and its habits are such that it can be cut for a distance of 150 miles. The shrub grows to a height of about four feet.

It has been heretofore considered a nuisance to the landowner who is bothered with cattle grazing. It grows upon land worthless for agricultural purposes. This land had very little value before the discovery was made that the guayule shrub was worth something.

Much of the land could have been purchased for 25 cents an acre two years ago. To-day each acre of the land is producing at least two tons of guayule, which is selling for as high as \$100 Mexican currency or \$50 American money a ton.

Francisco Madero of Parra, Mexico, is the owner of 4,000,000 acres of guayule producing land. He is said to be the richest man in the world and owner in northern Mexico. He estimates that his land will produce at the first cutting not less than 5,000,000 tons of guayule.

PENALTIES OF AUTHORITY

Samples of Queer Epistles Received by Miss Beatrice Harraden. Grand Magazine.

Miss Beatrice Harraden is the recipient of many curious letters from unknown correspondents, a large proportion of whom are men. Shortly after the appearance of the German edition of "Ships That Pass in the Night" she received a letter from a German officer claiming to be the author of the book.

Men may humble themselves in the dust to lady novelists, but not so the American woman, especially when she chances to be a writer herself. She counts to be in the front rank of all risks.

Arab! Cashier Old and Friendless. Fall Mail Gazette.

In a little house up by street of the Mohammedan quarter, old, friendly, less broken, lives the man who might have ruled Egypt.

Dog Assaulted a Murderer. Valencia Cor in London Mail.

The animal returned to its master's house, and by barking and running to the door induced the dead man's eldest son to follow. The dog made its way straight to the grave, and began scratching up the earth.

NO LONGER A PROPHECY

The Prediction That Brought Obed Small Into Discredit. Youth's Companion.

There had been years when Obed Small had given the town the benefit of his weather predictions; the former resident of Bushy remembered the prediction of a heavy rain for the day of the picnic.

Hunters Mauled by Lionses. London Express.

A fight between two hunters and an infuriated lion is reported in the mail from British East Africa.

Credited to Sir Boyle Roche. London Tribune.

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