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Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, March 22, 1909.
The Democrats in the House seem determined to punish Representative Fitzgerald for his bolt from their ranks on Monday. A minority caucus was held in the hall of the House on Tuesday, and after a lengthy debate a resolution was adopted appointing a committee of fifteen to frame rules for future caucuses, and at the same time determine what shall be done to Fitzgerald, and with the committee assignments not approved by Champ Clark, the new minority leader.

Democrats and Republicans alike were delighted with the message of President Taft, and at the conclusion of its reading, which took hardly five minutes, the Democrats in the House joined in the loud and prolonged applause. Just twelve years ago President McKinley sent to Congress a message three times as long when he called Congress in extra session on March 15, 1897, to pass a new tariff bill.

The Democratic members of the full committee on ways and means made every effort, during the hearings which preceded the deliberations of the Republican members, to bring to light every important fact regarding the articles named in the tariff which are produced in the South, though the Southern States are not represented on the subcommittee which framed the tariff bill. In fact the securing of protection for the industrial in the southland formed one of the features of the hearings, and sugar, peanuts, lumber, mica, clays, rice, sea island cotton, southern fruits, were all subjects for interesting discussion and all seek protection at the hands of the government.

It is estimated that there will be fifty-six car loads of government exhibits taken to Seattle for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exhibition, including the mint and life-saving service outfit, and the work of loading these exhibits has already begun. The official of the Treasury department, in charge of the shipment, said yesterday that he expected to have all the government exhibits in place by the time the exhibition opens, June 1st, next.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is unusually active these days and color is given to the belief that the new tariff bill will contain clauses reenacting the stamp taxes, levied during the Spanish-American war period, by the fact that machines are being installed for the printing of stamps, and the entire printing force is working overtime. Millions of stamps for future sale have been printed within the last ten days, and the belief obtains that the bureau officials have received an intimation from the Treasury Department that the task to produce adhesive stamps for use on proprietary medicines, perfumery, chewing gum, on checks, notes and other commercial paper, will fall on the bureau.

In view of the fact that the War Department is simply deluged with applications for headstones for graves of soldiers, the quartermaster general of the army has made an effort to obtain from the commissioner of pensions information as to the death rate of civil war soldiers and others whose graves are entitled to be marked at government expense. In many instances, of course, the headstones furnished by the government are never applied for, but some idea of the demands upon the department may be obtained from the fact that there are destined to be somewhere in the neighborhood of 25,000 applications for headstones during the present fiscal year, about 7,000 more than can be purchased out of the funds available for such purpose. In view of the increasing demands for headstones, about \$75,000 will be required to meet them during the next fiscal year.

Tentative plans for the two new battleships authorized by the last Congress have been completed and the department is making every effort to complete the plans and specifications with the least possible delay, that contracts may be placed within the next three months. It is believed that if bids are called for soon enough there will be sharp competition, with better prices, as there is great

slackness of work in the private shipyards at present. Bids will be called not only for the two battleships, but also for the five torpedo destroyers and the collier, authorized by the new law. Wyoming and Arkansas have been selected for the names of the two battleships, and this leaves only two states, Nevada and Oklahoma, for which battleships or armored cruisers have not been named.

REPAIRING HUMAN BODIES.
Surgeons of the Future Will Replace, Repair and Patch Human Frames.
From "Marvels of Surgery" in March Technical World Magazine.

The family physician of the near future can be pictured in the mind's eye making out a work sheet for the guidance of the surgeons to accompany a hypothetical patient to the hospital, which might read something like this:

"Amputate rheumatic right leg and graft on a new one."
"Cut out kidneys which are developing Bright's disease and transplant sound ones, preferable from a healthy young hog."
"Reverse circulation of the blood in the thyroid gland" produce hyperaemia and thus reduce diseased conditions.
"Overhaul circulatory system, replacing unserviceable veins and arteries with new ones. Put in a new heart only if absolutely necessary."
"Overhaul the intestines and patch where needed. The rest of him is hardly good enough to stand the expense of a new set."
"Cut out stomach. It is completely worn out and has a well developed cancer. Besides, he won't have much use of it hereafter, as it will take all his earnings for a long time to come to pay his hospital bill."

"Cut out left lung. It is so far gone with tuberculosis that it is good for nothing and only endangers the rest."
"Trim off fifty or sixty pounds of fat. With reduced stomach and lung capacity he can't carry so much ballast."
"Make all minor repairs needed to keep him going for ten or twelve years more."

Nonsense, you say?
Not a bit of it. Perhaps no one man can stand it to have quite all these things done to him at one time but the surgeons could do their part all right. They know they could, because they have already performed all these seemingly impossible feats and a great many more besides. Unbelievers may find at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York some living circumstantial evidence in support of these staggering assertions.

Dangers of Pneumonia.
A cold at this time if neglected is liable to cause pneumonia which is so often fatal, and after the patient has recovered the lungs are weakened, making them peculiarly susceptible to the development of consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar will stop the cough, heal and strengthen the lungs and prevent pneumonia. La Grippe coughs yield quickly to the wonderful curative qualities of Foley's Honey and Tar. There is nothing else "just as good." Graham Drug Co.

THE HORSEMAN.

The time for training the colt is when he is young. The lessons he learns at this early age are the ones that will stay with him. It is never best to match strength with him, for once he breaks loose he will always remember it, but if he does not get away in the first few days of his life he will grow to full size believing that he must obey.

Spavin and Ringbone.
Here is an experienced breeder's remedy for spavin and ringbone: Turpentine, three-quarters of a pint; wood alcohol, three-quarters of a pint; tincture of iodine, three-quarters of a pint; camphor gum, six ounces; crude petroleum, one and one-half ounces; oil of thyme, one-half ounce. Cut the camphor into small pieces and dissolve it in the alcohol and turpentine, mix it in the alcohol and the other ingredients. Then mix in the other ingredients and shake thoroughly. Before applying wash the parts well with strong soap, taking care to wash off any discharge. For ringbone cut off the hair and rub the remedy in for fifteen minutes every other day. For spavin rub for the same time every day.

THE VOICE IN THE DARK.

A Memory of Pickett's Brigade and a Night Attack.

Some years after the civil war a gathering of veterans of both sides was exchanging reminiscences at a banquet given by the board of trade of New York, writes Mrs. La Salle Corbell Pickett in Lippincott's. The presiding officer was Colonel J. J. Phillips of the Ninth Virginia regiment, Pickett's division. He was speaking of night attacks and recalled one in particular, not because of its startling horrors, but because of a peculiar circumstance, almost resulting in the compulsory disobedience of orders—the obeying, as it were, of a higher command than that of earth.

"The point of attack had been carefully selected," said Colonel Phillips, "the awaited dark night had arrived, and my command was to fire when General Pickett should signal the order."

"There was that dread, indescribable stillness, that weird, ominous silence, that always settles over everything before a fight. You felt that nowhere in the universe was there any voice or motion."

"Suddenly the awesome silence was broken by the sound of a deep, full voice rolling over the black void like the billows of a great sea, directly in line with our guns. It was singing the old hymn, 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul.'"

"I have heard that grand old music many times in circumstances which intensified its impressiveness, but never had it seemed so solemn as when it broke the stillness in which we waited for the order to fire. Just as it was given there rang through the night the words:

"Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing."
"Ready! Aim! Fire to the left, boys!" I said.

"The guns were shifted, the volley that blazed out swerved aside, and that defenseless head was 'covered' with the shadow of his wing."
A Federal veteran who had been listening looked up suddenly and said:

"I remember that night, colonel, and that midnight attack which carried off so many of my comrades. I was the singer."

There was a second of silence. Then "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," rang across that banquet board as on that black night in 1864 it had rung across the lines at Bermuda Hundred.

Rosini's Resting Place.
For years Rosini's body rested in Pere Lachaise, and then city of Florence asked that it might be transferred to the Church of the Holy Cross in that city, where the bodies of Gallei, Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Alfieri and other great Italians are entombed. Consent was received from the municipality, but the master's widow, Dona Olympia, would consent to the translation only on condition that when her time came her body might be placed next to that of her husband. This request was bluntly denied, for the reason that only Italians "who had achieved greatness" could rest there. In 1878 the widow died and before her death consented in writing to the removal of her husband's body to Florence, provided her body be placed in the grave from which his would be taken in Pere Lachaise, and after a long time for consideration this was done.

Yearning For Light.
"When it comes to consuming gas in large quantities blind people can beat their seeing brethren all hollow," said an inspector of the gas company. "I know two families where both husband and wife are blind. Every jet is turned on full light in their homes at night and is kept going at that rate clear up to 11 o'clock. Light and darkness are all the same to the afflicted ones, but they insist upon illumination brilliant enough for a reception. And that partiality for light is not a whim peculiar to those two couples. Most blind people feel that way. They demand the light, and in all private homes and institutions where the blind are cared for the gas bills vouch for the strange fancy."—Exchange.

Mary's Wedding.
A Maryland man recently married his fourth daughter, the ceremonies touching whose wedding were given much attention by the "society editors" of the country papers in that region.
A week or two after the wedding a friend who had been north for some time met the father, to whom he made some jocular reference in regard to the recent "event." "I saw by one paper," said he, "that Mary's wedding well nigh beggared description."
"Well," said the old man, "I don't know about that, but I do know it well nigh beggared me!"—Lippincott's.

Snubbing a Snob.

Jasmin, the Gascon poet and barber, once treated a rich snob and barber, once treated a rich snob to the snubbing he deserved. Jasmin had been reciting his poems for the benefit of the poor and had afterward been escorted in triumph to the hall of the hotel. Next morning while he was still in bed some one knocked at the door, and a vulgar nabob entered and installed himself without invitation in a chair.

"My dear Jasmin," said he patronizingly, "I am a banker, a millionaire, as you know. I wish you to shave me with your own hand. Please set to work at once, for I am pressed for time. You can ask what you like for your combate."
"Pardon me, sir," said Jasmin, with pride. "I shave for pay at home only."

"What do you say?"
"It is true, sir. I shave for pay only at home."
"Come, come! You are jesting. I cannot be put off. Make your charge what you like, but shave me."
"Again I say, sir, it is impossible."
"How impossible? Isn't it your trade?"
"It is, but at this moment I am not disposed to exercise it."

In spite of renewed bribes and entreaties Jasmin remained firm, and the millionaire went away unshaved.

Cricket Fighting.
Cricket fighting, a national sport in the Celestial Kingdom, is odd to see. Crickets are trained. They are exercised and dined, and daily, before a match, smaller, weaker crickets are opposed to them that they work out for themselves good fighting systems. In matches the battling is very high. The Chinese, who are tremendous gamblers, often lose fortunes over crickets, as American millionaires lose fortunes over race horses. A good cricket fight will last half an hour. The opposing crickets, each in a tube like a box stall, are dropped into a ring with a wall around it about six inches high. A combatant to win must throw his rival over this wall clean out of the ring. They bells are rung by the seconds. These bells have a peculiar time and excite the crickets to a very frenzy of fighting. A cricket with a good record will sell for \$5 or \$10, while champions often fetch \$50.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Gentle Hint.
A lady who suffered from a neighbor's fowls that overran and spoiled her garden politely asked her neighbor several times to keep her pets at home, but no attention was paid to her grievance. Finally she hit upon an ingenious method of protecting herself. She prepared grains of corn by tying to them with a strong thread small cards bearing the words, "Please keep your chickens at home," and distributed the grains about her flower beds. The chickens came to feast as usual and greedily swallowed the corn, not perceiving the thread until the card was against their beak. Then they could neither swallow the card nor rid themselves of the swallowed corn. Twenty or thirty of the marauders run home, bearing the polite request to their culpable owner, who, struck with the method of the hint, promptly cut the threads and cooped up his fowls.—Bombay Times.

Drinkers' Logic.
"Men drink," said a temperance lecturer, "because they are happy, because they are sad, because they are too cold, is there any logic in that?"
"When I see men drinking I think of a little boy at the seashore."
"This little boy, at play with his bucket and shovel in the sand, suddenly ran to the edge of an advancing wave and, scooping up a handful of salt water and foam, drank it greedily."
"Oh, don't drink that," said his nurse, "it will make you thirsty."
"What if it does?" said he. "There's plenty more!"

Making It Last.
A young man was lately leaving his aunt's house after a visit when, finding it was beginning to rain, he caught up an umbrella that was snugly placed in a corner and was proceeding to open it when the old lady, who for the first time observed his movements, sprang towards him, exclaiming, "No, no; that coat you wear shall I've had that umbrella twenty-three years, and it has never been wet yet, and I am sure it shan't be wetted now!"—London Express.

An Annoying Error.
That was a very annoying typographical error that crept into the papers the other day, telling how a prominent society man had been held up by highwaymen and "robbed of his watch and other valuables." The editor has come out with an explanation that the last word was not valuables, but valuables.—Judge.

"The Pied Piper."
A New York normal school examination had among its questions, "What is the educational value of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'?" A woman, who is teacher answered, "The Pied Piper teaches children to be kind to animals, especially rats."—New York Times.

The Good Fat Men.
Jones—You never hear of a fat criminal, do you? Bones—Certainly not. Look how difficult it would be for a stout person to stoop to anything low!—Kansas City Independent.

No one deserves to be praised for goodness unless he has strength to be bad. All other goodness is most often only sloth or weakness of will.—Le Rochefoucauld.

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According to a special from Fayetteville to the Charlotte Observer a white man at Fayetteville Sunday afternoon a week gave Matthew Ferris, a negro, \$1 to buy him some liquor. For diversion while the negro was gone after the blind tiger liquor the white man enlivened things by ringing the fire alarm bell, and was locked up for his foolishness. When the negro returned with the whiskey he did not find the white man right away so he proceeded to drink it himself. He died 15 minutes later.

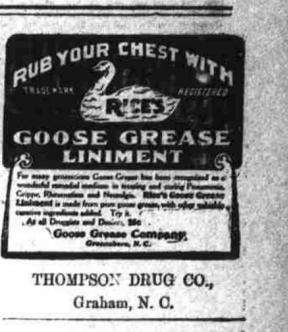
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Swedenborg in Ruffles and Wig.
Swedenborg was a great deal in London, where he was known and admired and had several good friends, but his small knowledge of English and the impediment in his speech precluded him from any real intimacy. His slight figure, with its fine features and hazel eyes, was well known in the neighborhood of Coldbath fields, where he lodged, and he was often seen stopping to talk to the children, for whom he used to carry sweetmeats. He was always dressed in an old fashioned suit with lace ruffles and wore a full bottomed wig, carrying a sword and a gold head case. On Christmas eve, 1771, he had a stroke of apoplexy, and on March 20, 1772, the day he had foretold, he died at the house which he had himself named—Occult Review.

Antiquity of Tea Smoking.
"With your tea cigarettes," said the antiquary sternly, "you young ladies tickle yourselves very modern and decadent. But look here." He took from a portfolio a French print of the seventeenth century that portrayed two men, with cumbersome pipes, charging the same from a box of China tea.
"This shows you," the old man said, "the antiquity of tea smoking. It was a common thing in France 250 years ago. Blaguet mentions it, and Grand d'Assassy in the 'Histoire de la Vie Privee des Francais' describes it in detail. An old vice, a dead vice—the French found that tea smoking raked the nerves—how very foolish you girls are to have revived it!"

Where He Was Defeated.
"Well," said the western lady who was visiting her cousin in Boston and wished to establish friendly relations with the infant son of her hostess, "I hope so is a good little boy." "What did you do for Thomas? Tom, tell Tuzias Maffan all about it."
"Maffan," replied the child, "if you will be good enough to talk English, it may be possible for me to catch the drift of your meaning. I am conversant with Greek, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Hebrew and modern Italian, but I have not as yet had time to take up the study of Choctaw."—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Winner.
An Irishman, becoming interested in the local excitement over cockfighting, decided to enter a bird in whose prowess he evidently had great confidence.
On the eventual day Pat arrived at the pit with a fat, sleek cock under his arm and, proudly setting it down before the slim adversary, remarked: "Divil a bit can you thrup him up. Look at that fat!"—Short Stories.



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