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MOST DISTINGUISHED TRAMP IN WORLD HERE ON YESTERDAY

"A No. 1" the world's most noted tramp arrived in this city yesterday. This is his second visit to Washington. He was here about 18 years ago.

He advises all young boys to never take up the life of a tramp. He is well known to most all railroad men, yet no one ever heard his story, nor that his fame rests on facts.

He makes his living by selling a book, "The Life and Adventure of A No. 1" written by himself. It is an illustrated book and contains some wholesome advice to boys who are not satisfied with their home.

He has hoboed since 1883, 481-120 miles, and has spent only \$7.61 on railroad fare. He has been around the world four times. He is a linguist; speaks and writes in four languages.

How did he adopt this queer name? That is a story too. When he first started on the road it was with an older man. The latter was attracted by the ingenuities of the younger companion by his bright ways, his natural aptitude for a life in box cars, and riding the rods beside the grinding wheels underneath the heavy freights which release for a moment of the bar of iron would have meant a horrible death.

He showed the Daily News man a memorandum book full of cards and letters given him by railroad officials. Several of these state that he has prevented the possible loss of human life and property, by telling train operators, when beating his way, of broken car wheels or other disarrangement, he has prevented serious wrecks and disasters. He has been in four wrecks but, luckily has never been hurt.

He also has an autograph letter from Jack London, the author, telling of their companionship on the road together in 1894.

During his travels "A No. 1" has learned four languages—English, German, French and Spanish. His parents were of the French and German nationality, but he was born in San Francisco, California.

His toilet set is complete though it takes little room to carry it. It consists of a tooth brush, soap, shaving soap, comb and a few other necessities. His carving tools are two knives kept very sharp. Blacking and shining rags occupy a part of his pockets, also a pocket edition of Webster's dictionary, a rather strange book for a tramp to carry.

He was asked why he had not written his book sooner, as it is an illustrated and highly interesting story and he stated, lately, after 26 years of roving he has come to the conclusion that the dangerous, senseless and pitiful life he has led, all these years have been wasted and perhaps by telling his own pitiful experiences he might possibly prevent others from following his steps.

He said, that to force a boy after he once started to wander, to stay at home who never knew the filth, misery and danger a tramp comes constantly in contact with, yet cannot resist the call to wander. Had these lads read a book like his or Jack London's or Joseph Pluta showing the pitiful, dark side of tramp life, perhaps they would not have left their home and happiness in exchange for a roaming, restless existence. When asked why he did not stop he replied:

"Do you know that the call to wander is so irresistible that often on dark and rainy nights I find myself walking about railroad yards looking for a chance to move on?"

"You would not believe me, yet it is a fact, that I realize that my end will be the same as that of 90 per cent of all tramps—an accident. This is why I have at least provided for a decent burial. In 1894, I received \$1,000 cash and this beautiful medal from the Police Gazette for tramping from New York to San Francisco in eleven days and six hours, and with \$750 of this prize I bought a tombstone in a cemetery at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania. Seems strange that almost every night that silent white monument seems to beckon from yonder green hillsides in my dreams entreating me to stop my roving. This I have tried to do many times, but in vain, and my epitaph which I hope, will be a silent everlasting warning to others who seem to be afflicted with this strange longing to roam, very aptly called 'Wanderlust' is simply:

"A No. 1, The Rambler At Rest at Last."

AIRSHIP LINE FOR OUR CITIES

Atlantic City, N. J. Nov 29.—Melvin Vaniman, chief engineer of the Wellman aerial expedition, admitted today that he expected to submit plans for an enormous dirigible passenger-carrying balloon to ply between New York and Boston. According to the promoters of the project, America will have its first inter-city air line service within a year, probably within six months.

If the Vaniman design is satisfactory, construction of the dirigible will probably begin before spring and the passenger service will be in full swing next summer. The aerial route scheduled by the navigation company covers 458 miles, the greatest single stretch being from Boston to New York, 233 miles which is to be made without stops. The distance from New York to Washington is 226 miles and it will be interrupted by two stops—one at Philadelphia and the other at Baltimore.

The "open door" policy is a poor one for primaries.

HUSBAND IS TOO LANKY

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Nov. 29.—When John Dedenus of Fairview stands up straight the top of his small and delicately modelled head is six feet and three inches above the level of the sea.

His contour is that of a lead pencil, but he has a good heart and can reach anything that is on the top shelf without standing on a chair.

Blind to his goodness but resentful of his excessive slenderness, his wife left him after one week of married life. Her parting words were:

"You are too slim."

Dedenus was disconsolate because of the hitting of his wife and he searched for her until he found her in a local hotel. He brought Alderman Donohue to intercede for him.

Alderman Donohue soon found that Mrs. Dedenus prejudices against her husband were firmly grounded.

"When we walked out together," she said "I looked like a step-ladder against the side of a 26-story building. Whenever I wanted to talk to him I had to raise my voice or he could not hear me. He is so thin that I lived in constant fear that he would fall down and cut himself."

"There, there," murmured the Alderman consolingly, "he might be worse. He might be too fat."

"I like fat men," said the caustic Mrs. Dedenus.

"Well, you married this man," said the Alderman, "and it's in the contract that you must forget the others. Will you live together for six months and try to get along?"

"I will," said a voice in the sky. It was Dedenus.

"I take a chance," said his diminutive wife, "but something tells me it will be a failure."

KILL HARGIS MEN ONE EACH MONTH

Paris Ky., Nov. 29.—Light on the feud situation in Breathitt county, where according to reliable reports, followers of the late Judge James Hargin are being killed at the rate of one a month, is expected to result from a trial which began here today.

The case is that against John Davidson, Hacker Coombs and Jason Deaton, charged with the assassination of John Abner, a Hargis man in Jackson last June.

The case was transferred from Breathitt county on the state's plea that it could not get a fair trial there. Abner, according to confessions of alleged companions, helped to murder Dr. H. E. Cox, James Marcum and James Chevrolet after being hired for that purpose by Hargin and Ed Callahan.

Whether the present trial will result in an exposition of the situation in Breathitt county will depend largely on the willingness of the state's witnesses to talk.

Several of them have said that threats have already been made against them.

Attractive stores in Washington. Washington stores are now being made attractive by the numerous Christmas novelties.

They are being displayed and the numerous customers are taking advantage of their opportunity to secure bargains before the rush comes on.

The weather man evidently does no bird shooting.

VARIOUS IDEAS ABOUT ISSUES

Washington, Nov. 29.—What is the great question of the hour?

Nearly every politician will answer that it is the tariff, while a few assert that the most important matter is "Progressiveness" under that word may be grouped the policies of the last administration.

Sometimes the word "movement" is used and includes everything that "progressiveness" means.

At all events, there are terms enough and reforms enough to overwork both words, and those who are identified with "progressiveness" or the "movement" say that all other issues and subjects dwindle into insignificance, although a few say that the reduction of the tariff is to be included in their work.

EXPENSES AND COST OF LIVING. Reform in expenditures is another big question, and it is observed that the Taft administration is working earnestly in that direction.

High cost of living is regarded by many as a problem of vital importance, while others insist that good roads for the country would go a long way to bring about the happiness and prosperity for which all are striving.

The general belief of all is that something is wrong and that it should be righted.

The exceptions are those who believe that the present conditions are original and satisfied stand pat men in politics and business.

WHAT THEY DREAD. It is the idea of becoming "has-beens" that haunts the defeated senators and representatives. For years they have been watching the other fellows go out and get into that class without an idea that their own time was coming.

A report is promised early in the session upon cold storage and its relation to the high cost of living. It is to be made by Senator Heyburn, from the committee on manufactures, which handles food legislation.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO CONDUCT SERVICE. The Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church will have charge of the services at the First Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

A most interesting and entertaining program is being arranged by the committee.

Several valuable papers will be submitted and the music promised will be of high order. There will be no services at night.

PRAYERMEETING IN ALL THE CHURCHES TONIGHT. There will be prayermeeting services in all the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour to which the general public is cordially invited.

Cotton Market. Seed cotton 5.50. Lint cotton 14.30. Cotton seed per ton, 29.00.

INTERESTING ATTRACTION FOR MONTH OF JANUARY. The next attraction in the Lyceum course will not take place until January.

The next number is being looked forward to with pleasure by all music lovers.

It promises to be the most interesting of the course for the season.

When Oklahoma casts twice as many, and New Jersey three times as many votes as Virginia there must be something wrong with conditions in Virginia.

ADVERTISE IN THE NEWS.

EXAMINE FLUES STOP FIRES

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 29.—"Let the citizens of the state look into the condition of their flues and they will save fire losses to themselves, to their neighbors and the losses of taxable property to their state and their towns," declared Insurance Commissioner Young today in discussing the situation in this state as to fires at the present time.

He says that he is receiving an unusually large number of reports of fires from many parts of the state, the big increase marking the beginning of the resumption of regular winter heating.

He says that very many of these reports show that the fire losses are due to defective flues and stove connections.

He urges that every citizen controlling a building have it examined as to the flue and stove conditions at once as a great many of the fires that are occurring now are preventable and the losses represent the grossest sort of inexcusable fire waste.

BLAMES THE IMPURE CANDY. Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—Fifty per cent of the pupils in the eighth grade of the public schools fail in their examinations. What is the matter with the child that fails?

At a meeting of the Home and School Association of the Newton Girls' School, Mrs. Joseph R. Wilson, president of the association, declared that there must be something radically wrong with the educational system and the home training of children to make such a record of failure possible.

"It is the duty of this association," she said, "to find out, what is the matter. If our meetings are to be devoted to entertainment, lemonade and chat we might as well give up and go out of business. We are here to help the child, and the best way to do it is to give it a chance to put its knowledge into practical use. If parents give serious consideration, they can do much to avert failure in school.

"The child must be sent to school in a happy frame of mind. An unhappy child is not in any state to study.

"Stop quarrelling before your children.

"Little ones will sink off to school depressed and without breakfast if they hear angry retorts from their parents.

"Do not correct your children angrily during meals. This is one of the most fruitful sources of dullness and indigestion.

"Give them a quiet well lighted room to study in free of pettifogging pianos and telephones.

"See that they go to bed in time, that they bathe regularly and are called early enough in the morning to dress and eat their breakfast without bolting it.

"Do not hem your children in with too many petty rules.

"Give them freedom with their play."

Mrs. Wilson declared that cheap sweets, made with deleterious ingredients, are one of the sources of dullness and mental sluggishness in children.

She suggested that the public schools exhibit the materials that go to make up these sweets, in order to show the child that they are poisonous, products and not fit to eat.

"There is no surer way than this, she said, "of ridding the nation of this pest, which is claiming hundreds of victims annually."

TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AT ELIZABETH CITY. Several of our citizens are contemplating attending the annual conference of the M. E. Church now in session at Elizabeth City.

Washington will ask that the next session of this body convene here.

Paving Sidewalks. Work commenced this morning paving the sidewalks on Water street.

THE POPE INTERESTED

Rome, Nov. 29.—During an audience which he gave today to Most Rev. Francis Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, the Pope showed much interest in the approaching British election.

He inquired especially regarding the probable results both in connection with the house of lords' controversy and the question of home rule for Ireland and the likely effect of the latter upon the situation of Catholicism in the United Kingdom.

THE CHALLENGE IS ACCEPTED. Washington, Nov. 29.—Louis D. Brandeis, attorney for the railroad shippers, in answer to a telegram from O. L. Dickerson, president of the Western Association of Railway Presidents, who made the attorney an offer of \$250,000 annually if he would conduct the railroads and show them how to save a million dollars a day, today accepted the challenge and offered to serve without compensation.

He suggested that the eastern and western railroad presidents hold a conference at which he can explain the principles of the scientific management of railroads.

A bleak picture of prospects for the railroads unless they are allowed to raise their rates was painted before the Interstate Commerce Commission today by C. C. McCay, chairman of the Truck Line Association of New York, an organization of eastern carriers. He declared that the wages of thousands of employees and the whole railroad industry had been threatened by the involuntary reduction of rates.

The major portion of his testimony had to do with the diminished purchasing power of railroad earnings.

"Railroad wages and the prices of materials have increased," he asserted, "and this has resulted in a decrease in the value of money. An adjustment is necessary and this should be made through a compensatory advance.

"The involuntary decrease in rates has gone so far as to threaten the whole railroad industry."

E. E. Williamson, an officer of the Receivers and Shippers' Association of Cincinnati, was next cross-examined as to previous testimony on the indebtedness of eastern railroads. His testimony was mainly technical.

Reports are coming to this city stating that the wild geese are plentiful in the river and sound. Hunters are taking advantage of this news by endeavoring to bag some of this much sought for game.

OPTION. I have option upon house and lot on East Second street, No. house 234, 8 or 9 rooms, water, gas, electric lights. House would cost two thousand dollars to rebuild today; practically new, large and deep lot, lot alone is worth seventeen hundred dollars. If sold in the next ten days goes for \$2,750, you pay for the new pavement of sidewalks, now being built. If location of house is worth anything you can take this in consideration. For any information call at Baker's Studio.

Lawyers, like children ask a lot of embarrassing questions.

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