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"The war may be regarded as approaching its conclusion," said King Edward in alluding to the South African affair. Has England made up its mind to surrender? asks the Washington Post.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw's twelve toes are a source of much comment at Washington, but, suggests an exchange, the fellows with the nimble fingers are those who make the surplus tremble.

The Illinois Central Railway is putting in telephone lines that are to be used for running trains as they are now run by telegraph. All told there will be 5,400 miles of such lines. This is a novel experiment, the outcome of which will be watched with interest.

The Washington Post very correctly says: "It is not longevity that has swelled the pension list from twenty-five to a hundred and forty million dollars." If only fighting soldiers were on the pension list the annual appropriation would long ago have begun to decrease.

When farmers reach the point of raising their own home supplies and producing as much on one acre as they do on two or three, then they will be in a condition of independence and prosperity such as The Gold Leaf has long wished to see them occupy.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

We believe the Durham Herald about sizes the matter up in the following: "What the country needs is a railway commission appointed by congress that will have the power to fix the rate the same a-coming and a-going. As the matter stands the smaller towns and cities are discriminated against."

Even the average person can see that the suggestion of Governor Cummings, of Iowa, that all capital stock of corporations should be in cash or its equivalent is a good one and would remove at least some of the objectionable features about combinations of capital.—Greensboro Telegraph.

Dr. Parkhurst is after Low's "reform" administration with a sharp stick. Among other thrusts, Dr. Parkhurst says: "There is not much to choose between a Tammany administration that has bad principles and a reform administration that has good principles but is afraid to use them." It is impossible to please some people anyway.

The ship subsidy bill having been patched up and reported, the preparations for a legalized steal of the century may now be considered complete. It only remains to see whether the brigades can be held up in the senate. Strength to the lungs of every Democratic member of that body! If the project can be defeated at this session it will be killed for good and all.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

The census bureau gives out the interesting statement that the value of the cotton crop of the United States for 1900, including the seed and its available crude manufactured products, was \$419,208,296. This is a great deal of money to have all been made on one crop in ten southern states and Oklahoma. But we sent pretty much all of it north for merchandise—including cotton goods—life and fire insurance and pensions, says the Charlotte Observer.

Brass.
Brass is an alloy of tin and copper, and analysis of the earliest existing specimens demonstrates that it was formerly manufactured in the proportions of one part of tin to nine of copper. A notice in Genesis fixes the discovery and use of both these metals, according to the Bible, at between 4,000 and 1,655 years before the Christian era.

The Last the Worst.
"Don't you think the first year of married life the most trying one, Mr. Benedick?"
"I did at the end of it, but since then I have given each recurring year the credit."—New York Herald.

Daily Thanks!
And now one of the professors says it will be 10,000,000 years before the sun goes out. Thanks! We are in need of just that sort of consolation every time we're called on to settle the gas bill.—Atlanta Constitution.

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HEROISM AT A FIRE.

The Result When Neither Girl Would Climb Down First.

Not long ago a hotel was partially burned and was the scene of some sensational escapes as well as of more than one death. A young woman was telling of her experiences on that night, when she and a friend occupied a room on the third floor. They had been talking until a late hour, when they were startled by the cry of "Fire!" "We jumped up," said the girl, "and rushed to the door. Flames filled the corridor. The elevator shaft and the fire escapes were quite cut off from us, and nothing remained for the people on our side but to use the windows. As Kate and I stared out at the red glow in horror one or two people passed the windows, letting themselves down by the ropes. We looked out at them, dazed for a moment, and the crowd below shouted, 'Don't jump!' Then my brain cleared. I am pretty good at climbing, and somehow the idea of my being injured never entered my head. I said to Kate: 'Quick! Take the rope and let yourself down!' Kate turned to me and said quietly, but firmly: 'I am stronger than you. You go first.'

"I won't," said I, with insinuating contempt. "You know I can always take care of myself."

"I shan't go first," said Kate. "Then we both lost our tempers. 'Kate,' I said, 'your chief fault always was obstinacy.'

"Oh," said she in withering scorn, "and you're not at all obstinate, staying up here to burn!"

"One form after another passed the window. The flames shone brighter than ever. I was furious at Kate and she at me. We shook our fists at each other. The crowd shouted, 'Don't jump!' and I shrieked back at them: 'I'm not going to jump, you idiots! It's Kate's fault!'

"Really, when I think of the names we called each other, standing there with death creeping closer every moment, I blush. The crowd yelled frantically. 'I won't go first!' I shouted at Kate.

"I won't stir an inch!" she shrieked at me.

"Then we'll die!" I cried melodramatically.

"Don't be a fool! Take the rope!" she yelled.

"No!" I shouted. Just then there was a great shove at the door, and the firemen shouted in the corridor. "It's all out!" Kate and I fell into each other's arms hysterically. We vowed never to speak of our idiocy, but we have a sense of humor, and so we've both told the story of our heroism.—New York Tribune.

The Women of Belgium.
No one can travel in Belgium without being struck by the extraordinary activity and prominence of the women. Over the doors of shops of all descriptions the name of the owner or owners is frequently followed by "Sœurs" or "Veuves." You find them proprietors of hotels and restaurants. They are often custodians of the churches. They are employed to tow the boats along the canal banks. They out up the meat in the butchers' shops, and they are even...
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