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The loafer is not afraid of spring fever germs.

It looks as if the harem skirt were to be hobbled.

The trouser skirt is not popular even on the Paris stage.

The silk hat is threatened, but threatened hats live long.

In catching a street car a harem skirt has a hobble skirt skinned a block.

There ought to be no trouble in getting a little light on the so-called match trust.

New uses are continually being found for radium. All that is needed is some radium.

Sometimes when you think that opportunity is knocking at your door it turns out to be a collector.

The meanest man has been found in Texas. He was arrested for stealing milk from an orphan asylum.

A hospital physician declares that everybody is crazy now and then. So it isn't always the other fellow.

An unusual happening is reported from Connecticut. A woman found \$3,000 in her dead husband's pockets.

To teach the young idea how to swim Chicago educators think it quite as important as teaching it to shoot.

The harem skirt has been causing riots in Rio Janiero, but Buenos Ayres appears to be making an effort to take it tranquilly.

Now we are told that a woman's skirt is her crowning glory. All of which is our notion of no place to wear a skirt.

In parts of Nova Scotia automobilism is allowed four days each week. The rest of the time the roads are perfectly safe.

You can send a day letter by telegraph now, but old-fashioned people will cling to the "arrived safely" and "am well" formula.

A New York physician promises to make bad boys good by proper breathing. It is a far cry from a strap in the woodshed to a breathing exercise.

A foot race has been arranged for one-legged men from Minneapolis to St. Louis. And thus the great work of the twentieth century goes on.

A New York office boy made \$50,000 speculating in Wall street, but they got \$20,000 of it away from him the next day—and he is still fooling around in Wall street.

In New York a woman is trying to prove that she loved a man and she offers in evidence letters in which she called him her "ugly monkey" and her "curly bear." It must be splendid to be loved like that.

By an astronomer it is alleged that because comets are composed merely of dust collisions with them need not be feared. Just the same they give the solar system the appearance of needing a vacuum cleaner.

Winsted, Conn., has a fisherman who claims to have caught a pickerel because the latter mistook his nose for bait and jumped at it. It strikes us that said fisherman must have consumed a vast amount of bait to acquire a nose so brilliant that a pickerel would jump at it.

Under the new law it costs \$10 to carry a pistol in New York instead of only \$2.50. But those who expect to see the difference reflected in a decrease of shooting affrays will probably be disappointed. If the fee was a million, and it was not enforced more strictly than the \$2.50 one, it would be just as ineffectual.

Sir Hiram Maxim is still singing the praises of that great American dish—pork and beans. Some of these days the humble and much-abused pig will find an authority abroad who will suddenly elevate it to the heights, and make us ashamed that familiarity and tradition have made us belittle the hidden sweetness and light we have with us.

A jilted Brooklyn man is suing the fickle fair one for the time lost in courting her. She pleads by way of defense a woman's inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness by changing her mind. In face of this constitutional right the unlucky swain has no case. All the courts appealed to on this issue have hitherto upheld this right, which, indeed, antedates everything but the creation.

King Solutch Chon Fa Ma'a Za-fra-vudh, of Siam, cables thanks for sending an American representative to his late father's cremation. That is nothing. We are quite willing, on general principles, to send representatives to more cremations of oriental potentates, considering that the Orient has such potentates to burn. But it is to be hoped that Siamese court etiquette will not require an American fougue to get twisted around His Majesty's given name.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin has ordered the convening of a special term of superior court for Robeson county at Lumberton, May 15, to continue one week, Judge C. M. Cook to preside. It will be for the trial of criminal cases.

Washington.—Secretary Wilson has notified Representative Webb that he will send an expert to Mecklenburg county in May to investigate the drainage question.

Fayetteville.—While making a break for liberty from the chaingang working near Steadman, this county, John McDonald was shot and killed. McDonald was serving 18 months for larceny, having been sentenced in January.

High Point.—High Point manufacturers say that their sales have been larger for the first three months of this year than during any similar period in preceding years.

Raleigh.—Very handsome new colors for the third regiment, North Carolina national guard, have been received at the office of the adjutant general of the North Carolina guard here from the United States war department. It is regulation design and bears the inscription "Third Regiment N. C. N. G." The colors are of finest silk material and cost \$160 each.

Albany, N. Y.—Activity in road building all over the country for which great sums have been expended last year is summed up in a condensation of state highway reports given out here. Georgia spent \$3,000,000 and North Carolina \$800,000.

Washington.—Fuller Wishart, a young man of Charlotte, whom Mr. Webb, of the ninth district appointed to a position as page during the last congress, has been promoted to chief page, a very responsible position for a boy of his age.

Washington, N. C.—The recorder's court for this city, which started February 20, has already made good. From February 20 to April 1 Recorder W. D. Grimes has tried 59 cases, out of which there were only six acquittals. There has been turned into the county treasury during this time by way of fines \$225.

High Point.—The twenty-second annual session of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers' association will be held in this city Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 2, 3 and 4. The sessions will be open to the public.

Washington.—The department of justice filed a motion in the Supreme Court of the United States asking for an early hearing in a case involving a review of an unsuccessful indictment against Conrad A. Plyler of North Carolina. In that case the point is argued or not it is a fraud on the government to forge a signature to an application for rural letter carriers.

High Point.—Through their pastor, Rev. M. Luther Camp, the Woman's Memorial Evangelical Lutheran church of this city has just been informed by Mr. Andrew Carnegie's secretary that Mr. Carnegie will contribute one half of the amount \$1,400 which is necessary to pay for the handsome pipe organ which is to be installed in this church. The organ will have a two manual attachment and electricity will furnish the motive power.

Laurinburg.—The good roads spirit has visited other parts of Scotland county since the voting of bonds by Williams and Stewartville townships two years ago. The last legislation re-enacted the same law for the other townships of the county and petitions are now being circulated to the board of county commissioners for the calling of an election. It is reported that Spring Hill township will ask for \$20,000 in bonds.

Washington.—Mr. Varner was told by the Southern railway officials that a representative of his paper would be cared for on the special good roads train which will start from Mobile, Ala., on May 23 and will make trips to every city in the South during the summer and fall.

Shelby.—It has been made public that Mr. Andrew Carnegie has consented to give \$1,250 to the First Baptist church of Shelby if an equal amount will be raised by the congregation. Several gentlemen have guaranteed that this amount will be subscribed locally.

Wilmington.—There is every reason to believe that the berry crop will be as large as last season, when 1,580 cars of berries were shipped and it may be that the crop this year will be some larger. Estimates by those connected with handling the crop place the number of cars at between 1,600 and 1,700.

Atlanta.—One hundred and forty-eight new banks with aggregate capital of \$110,040,000 were organized in the 10 Southern states between January 15 and April 15 of this year. Twelve were organized in this state with \$1,230,000 capital.

Winston-Salem.—The Socialists will put out a municipal ticket in the Winston election. Candidates for mayor and nine members of the

Winston-Salem.—At the approaching commencement of Salem college, a diploma will be awarded to Mrs. R. L. McWhorter of Georgia, who finished her course in the institution 63 years ago. Mrs. McWhorter is now more than 80 years old. When Mrs. McWhorter was graduated, diplomas were not given. She will travel to Winston-Salem in a private car, provided by her son, a prominent railroad lawyer.

FIGHT IS PLANNED ON FREE LIST BILL

REPUBLICAN MINORITY IN HOUSE WILL TRY TO BLOCK DEMOCRATIC PLANS.

WOOL SCHEDULE OPPOSED

It is Said Senator Bailey Will Aid the Republicans in Their Fight.

Washington.—Following the consideration of the Canadian reciprocity bill, the ways and means committee will report other tariff legislation. The next bill will provide for radical reduction in the wool schedule, admitted to be the most indefensible schedule in the whole list. Even in his Winona speech praising the Payne-Aldrich tariff, President Taft admitted that some of its schedules might be a trifle high, particularly in the wool schedule.

Not only will the duty on woolen manufactures be greatly reduced, but it is proposed to put raw wool on the free list. This latter step is a radical departure, and it is expected to stir up the farmers of the middle and far west, Texas and Wyoming.

Free raw wool will be bitterly opposed by a faction in the Democratic party headed by Senator Bailey of Texas and by the Republican Insurgent, led by Senator Warren of Wyoming, who is himself the owner of hundreds of thousands of sheep. The annual wool clip from the ranches of Senator Warren probably equals that of any other wool grower in the United States. Free raw wool can only be secured after a bitter fight, if at all. A lively fight will be made on this provision, nominally in the name of the farmer.

Democratic leaders refer with pride to the achievement of passing the bill for popular election of United States senators and the campaign publicity bill in two legislative days, and to bringing before the house the Canadian reciprocity agreement with assurances of its ratification by an overwhelming majority by the middle of this week. To all these features of the legislative program, however, little opposition has developed. The wonder of it to the experienced observer was the demonstration of the smoothly running Democratic machine.

ENGLISHMEN MOB MORMONS

John Bull Won't Stand for the "Latter Day Saints."

Birkenhead, England.—The anti-Mormon campaign led to serious disorders here. An organized demonstration against Mormonism was carried out and an ultimatum was issued requiring the Mormon missionaries to quit the town within eight days. Later a great crowd attacked the Mormon meeting house and stoned and smashed windows. The police had great difficulty in restoring order. Two persons were injured and five were arrested.

In January W. P. Monson, chief of the Mormon missionaries in England, addressed a letter to the home secretary, Winston Spencer Churchill, recording the request of certain English clergy that the home office investigate Mormonism in England. Monson declared that the Mormons were being persecuted. An anti-Mormon campaign was organized at Liverpool by the bishop of Liverpool and other prominent churchmen. The object was the expulsion from England of the Mormon missionaries, who were charged with sending many recruits, chiefly girls, to the United States. The movement was taken up by the clergy of other cities.

Life Sentence for Doctor Pearce.

Anniston, Ala.—Dr. John E. Pearce, who has been on trial here for several days on the charge of killing Shell Kennedy in this county on January 14, was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Pearce's plea was one of self-defense. Cross Pearce, who is alleged to have killed Sarge Kennedy, a son of Shell Kennedy, and William and Ada Kennedy, father and sister, respectively, of Shell Kennedy, and also alleged participants in the conspiracy, will be tried in May.

Forty Rebels Killed.

Chihuahua, Mexico.—Forty or more insurgents were killed and over one hundred were wounded in a battle fought between Sauz and Santa Clara canyon, about fifty miles north of here. Couriers brought orders to have hospital cots ready for the Federal wounded. The Federals report five killed, but later developments may change the figures. A number of women and children are believed to be among the killed. Coming across from Casas Grandes, with prisoners, the Federals were attacked.

Diaz Wants Volunteers.

Mexico City.—A general call for volunteers to serve for a period of six months was posted in this capital. The call is made to all citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 years who desire to lend their services to the country. The pay offered is one peso (50 cents) a day, besides clothing and equipment. The customary increment of advancement in rank and pay to those who prove worthy is included. The activity in the war department overshadows the much talked of plans for peace.

JUST BUBBLES



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RECIPROCITY BILL ADOPTED

MAJORITY MEMBERS OF HOUSE MEET IN CAUCUS AND DECIDE ON MEASURES.

Measures Adopted by the House Democrats May Fail in the Senate.

Washington.—The Democrats of the house in caucus agreed upon the initial steps in tariff revision. By a vote of 128 to 29 it was decided to pass the Canadian reciprocity within the next week without amendment.

The following articles are to be put upon the free list as a sop to the farmers along the Canadian border who will be adversely affected by the reciprocity agreement, though the effect of the action will be widespread. Agricultural implements, including plows, harrows, reapers, binders, mowers, boots and shoes, harness and saddlery, barbed-wire and other fencing, cotton bagging and ties, coarse sacks, burlaps, flour, dressed meats and meat products, salt, sewing machines, seed and hardware. Another caucus will probably be held within the next two weeks to decide what shall be done to the woolen and cotton schedules.

The biggest single item for the Southern farmer is free bagging and ties, which, it is estimated, will save him \$1,000,000 annually.

President W. B. Thompson of the New Orleans cotton exchange figured that at the present duty of .027 cents per bale for steel ties, the total cost of a 12,000,000-bale crop would be \$324,000. The present duty on jute bagging amounts to .04 1-4 cents a bale, or \$630,000 on the whole crop, making \$954,000 annually the farmers are required to pay.

The revenue from imported bagging and ties is now only \$100,000. There is no doubt that the house tariff program makes the American farmer a separate class and legislates in his favor to an extent not known or practiced in years. Practically everything he buys for his farm, his house and his table is put on the free list. The only schedules that affect him which were not touched are the woolen, cotton and the steel schedule under which is listed cutlery.

PROBE FOR WICKERSHAM.

Department of Justice Will Be Investigated.

Washington.—Trouble is brewing for George W. Wickersham, attorney general in President Taft's cabinet. All Washington is agog over a resolution introduced in the house by Representative Rainey of Illinois, which is aimed directly at the attorney general. Mr. Rainey's resolution calls for an investigation concerning the proceedings instituted under the Sherman anti-trust law and subsequently dropped and as to whether Attorney General Wickersham has "outside employment," which would disqualify him for his position in President Taft's cabinet.

Florida Wants Income Tax.

Tallahassee, Fla.—The income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution was made the special order for consideration in the house of representatives. Favorable action upon the amendment was recommended by the judiciary committee. A bill calling a state constitutional convention was favorably reported to the state senate. Among the bills introduced was a measure in the senate designed to regulate the fire insurance business and the writing of insurance policies.

Rogers Kidnapers Arrested.

Las Vegas, N. M.—Implicated by the confession of Joe Wiggins, a former life convict, Will and John Rogers, uncles of little Waldo Rogers, were arrested for complicity in the lad's abduction. For his return \$12,000 ransom was paid. Will Rogers acted as agent for Mrs. Rogers. Disclosures have aroused the city to a degree of excitement that authorities fear may result in a demonstration against the prisoners. The accused are in the county jail, which is guarded by a large force of deputies.

SUGGESTION OF LIVERPOOL

Bankers and Railroad Men Accept Plan of English Cotton Men.

New York.—The establishment of a "central office" or clearing house in this city is the latest plan evolved as a means of settling the long-existing differences over bills of lading between American shippers and European buyers of raw cotton.

Representatives of the sub-committees of the bills of lading committee of the American Bankers' Association held a protracted meeting here with traffic agents of the southeastern and southwestern railroads and with European interests, as represented by a member of the Liverpool bills of lading cotton conference.

The plan adopted was proposed, according to report, by the Liverpool cotton buyers. Local bankers are of the opinion that its acceptance will point out a definite way out of existing difficulties and obviate the "bank guarantee" originally demanded by London and continental bankers after the issuance of last year of a number of forged bills of lading by the Southern cotton brokers.

The meeting was deemed expedient in order to formulate plans which "would make it possible to handle the coming cotton crop without friction," and a committee was appointed to outline a system under which the proposed "central office" may be established, giving all factions representation.

Among the railroads represented were the Rock Island, Illinois Central, Louisville and Nashville, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, the Southern railway and Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

TORNADO SWEEPS 3 STATES

Cyclone Traveled Over Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Kansas City, Mo.—Twenty-three persons are reported dead, at least a hundred injured, two towns practically swept away, scores of buildings demolished and thousands of dollars' worth of property damaged as the result of a tornado that raged in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

The tornado was accompanied by rain, hail and lightning. Many buildings were struck by lightning and burned. Western Missouri was visited by a rain and hail storm, but this section was not in the main path of the tornado.

Telegraph and telephone wires were rendered useless in the worst stricken sections, and it is probable that the complete report of the death toll and the property damage will prove much greater than they now appear.

The tornado levied its greatest toll of dead at Big Heart, Okla., where eight persons were killed, ten injured and almost every building in the town wrecked.

At Powhattan, Kansas, a woman and child were killed. A high school building was wrecked at Eskridge, Kansas, a number of houses damaged and from fifteen to twenty persons injured.

At Hiawatha, Kansas, a schoolhouse was blown down, an 8-year-old boy named Pelton was killed and several buildings were struck by lightning. Several persons are known to have been hurt at Netawka, Kansas. A boy was killed at Manville, Kansas.

Iowa Elects Senator.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Judge William S. Kenyon (Rep.) was elected United States senator to succeed the late Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver, on the sixty-seventh ballot in the Iowa legislature. He received 78 votes, just enough to elect, against 26 for Supreme Court Justice Horace E. Deemer, his Republican opponent. The deadlock has existed since January 17, when the first ballot was taken. Judge Kenyon was born in Elyria, Ohio, on June 10, 1863, and received his education at Grinnell, Iowa.

Blood \$25 a Quart.

New York.—Two hundred men called at Mount Moriah hospital here in answer to an advertisement offering \$25 for a quart of human blood. Most of them were penniless and all declared that the monetary reward was their sole consideration in applying. G. J. Allen, a sailor, was selected, and for half an hour blood flowed from his arteries into the veins of Mrs. Rosie Reiser. Mrs. Reiser, who had lost blood through an internal hemorrhage, is on the road to recovery.

UNITED STATES TO CALL MEXICO TO ACCOUNT

FOR DEATH AND INJURY OF AMERICANS CAUSED BY STRAY BULLETS.

REBELS SHOW SHREWDNESS

Protracted Conference Held at Washington By President and Members of the Cabinet.

Washington.—The Mexican government, according to the view at the state department, will be held accountable for the loss of life and injury to Americans of Douglas, Ariz., during the fighting between federals and insurgents at Agua Prieta.

No matter whether the fire of the federals or that of the insurgents inflicted the injury it will be the federal government to which the United States will look for reparation.

As soon as official reports upon the fighting and the casualties sustained by Americans shall have been received, representations will be made to the Mexican government, it is said, and in due course the claims of those injured will be presented. It is pointed out, however, that in some cases Mexico will have a counter claim of contributory negligence on the part of injured Americans.

As a renewal of fighting at Agua Prieta is looked for, it is expected that formal notice will be served upon both federals and insurgents that American lives and American property on this side of the border must not be endangered.

Insurrecto shrewdness is recognized in the fact that they attacked from the north of Agua Prieta, so as to force its defenders to fire toward Douglas. The apparent ruse has aroused comment here. The rebels are believed to have scented the possibility that such a movement might result in complications and the entanglement of the Mexican government with that of the United States.

Secretary of State Knox was at the White House consulting with the president about the situation arising out of the battle of Agua Prieta. The conference was a protracted one.

At the meeting of the cabinet the situation may be discussed by the president with all of his advisors.

PUBLICITY BILL PASSES.

Fight Over Extent to Which Campaign Publicity Should Be Applied.

Washington.—The passage of the campaign publicity bill by the house today by the overwhelming vote of 303 to 0 makes the second important measure passed in two days.

The party, however, met its first serious trouble in the house. At the close of a session marked by insurgency in the Democratic ranks, by reason of which the Republicans narrowly missed scoring a triumph, the house passed the Rucker bill.

The fight arose over the extent to which publicity should be applied. But for the vigorous use of the Democratic party whip an important Republican amendment extending publicity to the individual receipts and expenses of candidates for congress would have been retained in the bill when it finally passed.

As it was, the amendment was adopted over the protest of the Democratic leaders by the support of fifty-two of the Democrats, who voted with the solid Republican strength. Resort to a parliamentary move enabled the Democrats later to get rid of the amendment, but twenty-eight of their number refused to change their attitude and stuck with the Republicans in opposition the Democratic majority.

Aero Club Wants "Joy Ride" Law.

New York.—Profiting by the experience of the public with automobile joy riders, the Aero club of America, is considering the framing of a bill making it a misdemeanor for any person to use an aeroplane not owned by himself without the consent of the owner. The matter is in the hands of the law committee of the club, which will draft a bill similar to the automobile laws recently passed in several states covering similar conditions with the automobile.

Imprisoned For "Conduct in Election."

New Orleans, La.—Paul Felix, former mayor of Kenner, La., and W. W. Stiles, deputy sheriff, both from Jefferson parish, were sentenced to pay \$1,000 fines, Stiles to also serve eleven months and Felix six months in the parish jail at Convent, La., when the United States circuit court of appeals refused a rehearing on the charges of interfering with a federal election. On election day in November, 1908, the defendants, according to testimony, assaulted Col. E. A. O'Sullivan, clipping the latter's beard.

Flags Flying in Honor of Lincoln.

New York.—Flags are flying from all buildings and from many office buildings and residences here in token of the 36th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's assassination, which occurred on Good Friday.

Police and Strikers Clash.

Marselles, France.—Workmen engaged in digging the Rhone canal, who went on a strike, clashed with the police. During the melee one policeman and seven workmen were wounded.