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The market report shows only 28,654 hogs in St. Louis.

One of the best things for a man of forty-five to do is to cheer up and look young.

One Chicago firm has bought 5,000,000 three-cent stamps—but not at a drug store.

Some one advises that the hunters dress in black. In which event the craze should not be omitted.

"Why don't rich women pay their bills?" asks Leslie's Weekly. Probably because they don't have to.

A New Haven doctor watched an operation on himself for appendicitis. It must have been a cheering spectacle.

An Ohio man wants a divorce because his wife smokes his stogies. That's not such an expensive habit, is it?

Los Angeles requests that its name shall be pronounced Loce Ahng-hay-lis. "My, but what a long tall our 'at has."

A steamer carrying 2,200,000 coconuts has arrived at New York and the threatened coconut pie famine has been averted.

Germany is going to have an aerial cruiser that will carry 300 people. No guarantee is given as to how far it will carry them.

Frenchmen's clothes are sometimes abnormal, observes an Indianapolis college professor. So, sometimes, are college professors.

The Chinese rebels have cut off their queues, but a good many of them continue to refuse to tuck their shirts inside their trousers.

Chicago is to have a home for disabled poets. That town is apparently willing to take any risk in order to increase its population.

The breaking of a world's record in an auto race is no small thing; but the point of greatest importance is that no necks were broken.

A Massachusetts physician says that she can tell a woman's age by feeling her pulse. Due to the fact that her age is a secret that lies nearest a woman's heart.

A Chicago saloon keeper was fined \$50 for abusing a policeman who told him to close his saloon after 1 a. m. It never pays to be sassy to a copper, especially in Chicago.

There are boneheads, too, in the burglar profession. Only last week a night prowler got away with \$6,000 worth of jewelry and overlooked several tons of coal in the basement.

A South Carolina prophet announces that the world will come to an end next year. There is no likelihood that it will come early enough to keep us from having a long winter.

A capitalist recently went to New York and got rid of \$10,000,000 in three months. If he had gone to really competent New Yorkers he could have got rid of it in less than three days.

In Cleveland a grocery store is offered for sale, the reason, as advertised, being that "the present owner is dead." This seems to dispose of the old theory that "you can't take it with you."

A professor in France was sent to prison for making a fuss because his train departed ahead of schedule time. Life for the public utilities there must be one long, sweet song.

The dwelling of a man in New York city has been visited by burglars four times in the last three months. He ought to write something hot and indignant to the papers about it.

The rat she wore in her hair caused the death of a Pennsylvania woman. It is now in order for a development of the hobble-skirt fatality. Even then fashion will not have done its worst.

"Ethereal asphyxia" is the name given to drowsiness and dizziness suffered by aviators. But this will not help the high fliers of the grill room. When won't be able to pronounce it when they get home.

A convict in Ohio has contracted tuberculosis from tainted money bills which he slipped in his mouth. This is a terrible warning, but the chances are that given the bills, the majority will consent to risk the germs.

An English physician guarantees to cure blushing. It will be news that the age suffers overmuch from this affliction of superfluous modesty.

"A St. Paul girl drove 12 nails in 46 minutes," says an exchange. We believe she could hammer her neighbors much faster than that, though.

A theatrical journal tells us that there are 5,000 actors out of work. How could it be otherwise with pug lists and baseball players crowding the stage?

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Column of General State News That Has Been Gotten Together From All Over The State.

Raleigh.—Suit has been instituted in Wake Superior Court by Marcus Martin against J. W. Vick, the principal matter involved in the case being false imprisonment. Both of the men are residents of Wake county and Martin will be represented by Attorney R. N. Simms.

Washington.—Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant to citizens of North Carolina of the following patents: R. L. Lowery, Salisbury, lumber-register; W. E. Morton, Shelby, measuring device; G. M. Rushing, Hillsboro, rake; G. W. Shank, Monroe, reversing valve-gear for engines.

Winston-Salem.—During the year 1911, the tobacco manufacturers of Winston-Salem shipped 53,250,064 pounds of manufactured tobacco and paid into the United States treasury for the tobacco stamps thereon the sum of \$4,260,005.18. This is a great increase both in the amount of pounds of tobacco and in amount of revenue.

Shelby.—Mr. H. T. Hudson has resigned his position as recorder for Cleveland county and has accepted a very lucrative clerical position in Washington, D. C. The applicants for the position of recorder to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Hudson are Mr. J. A. Anthony, an attorney of this place, and Mr. W. F. McMillan, until recently of King's Mountain.

Washington.—In an interview on the dairy industry of the South, Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture refers to a remarkable improvement of conditions in a North Carolina community. Mr. Wilson, it is understood, had in mind the work done by a party of farmers, led by Messrs. Shuford and Robinson, two enterprising young farmers of Catawba county.

Raleigh.—State Food Chemist W. M. Allen has returned from Washington, D. C., where he attended a meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of food officials, of which he is secretary. Dr. Allen also attended the meeting of the American Chemical Society which was in session, and was elected a member of the executive committee of the food division of the society.

Greensboro.—The body of Sam Simpson, a negro, was found in the pond at Proximity mill, in which he had evidently thrown himself with suicidal intent. The negro had been missing from home for two or three days. His coat was found on the bank and officers dredged the pond and located the body. Sickness in the family and depression were the cause of the act.

Siler City.—The shipment of rabbits from Siler City for the week ending November 7 was 887. For week ending November 14 3,323. For week ending November 21, 3,024. For week ending November 28, 2,822. For week ending December 5, 3,186. For week ending December 12, 2,389. For week ending December 19, 1,334. For week ending December 26, 1,267. Total to date 18,222.

Charlotte.—It is a matter of interest to North Carolinians when one of her sons meets with success in another state. The news has been received that Dr. John Berry, an Orange county boy, has been recently elected deputy director in the Pennsylvania State South Mountain sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis, located at Mount Alto, Pa., the second largest institution of its kind in the world.

North Wilkesboro.—Mr. J. T. Parler lost a fine horse in a singular way. A boy went to the stable to catch the horse and made a motion at it as if he were going to seize it and the horse threw its head to one side striking it against the sharp point of a plank making a small wound on the side of the head. Later blood poison set in and the horse died from the effects of it.

Raleigh.—The program is arranged for the big railroad celebration by the commercial organization of Raleigh in honor of E. B. and C. B. Barbee, John A. Mills and E. C. Duncan, who have engineered railroad developments that have greatly extended the commercial scope of the city, and this long anticipated affair is to be in the Yarrowborough hotel.

Raleigh.—The Governor pardoned Richard Neville of Alamance county, who was convicted at the March term, 1910, for larceny, and sentenced for five years in the state prison. The judge, who presided at the young man's trial, had grave doubts of the prisoner's guilt, and urged pardon.

Statesville.—The people in this section are welcoming the fair, cold weather after the rain and mud. It is said there is more mud in Iredell now than there has been seen for years, and the roads are in a terrible condition. Necessarily the road work will be delayed.

Raleigh.—A reward of two hundred dollars was offered by Governor Kitchin for the capture of Henry Patterson, charged with the murder of Ernest Torry at Shannon, Robeson county, on the eighteenth of November.

Raleigh.—Joseph L. Sewell, the newly-appointed clerk of the North Carolina Supreme Court, succeeding the lamented Col. Thomas S. Kenan, announces the appointment of Weldon T. Smith as assistant and stenographer. Under the new order of things there will be no deputy clerkship.

LA FOLLETTE HITS SOUTHERN POLITICS

LA FOLLETTE SAYS SOUTHERN SENTIMENT OPPOSES POPULAR GOVERNMENT.

CAMPAINING IN MICHIGAN

"Aristocrats Control Southern Democracy and They Despise Poor White Man and Negro."

Saginaw, Mich.—After speaking at Flint and Bay City, Senator Robert M. LaFollette wound up his first day's campaign in Michigan in the interest of his "Progressive" candidacy for the Republican nomination for president with an address at the Masonic temple here. He discussed the trusts and their relation to the tariff, the money trust as the climax of all and the necessity of returning the government, as he said, to the hands of the people, he asked the support of all, Republicans and Democrats alike, in doing this.

The Dingley tariff law, he said, by raising the tariff high enough to eliminate foreign competition, opened the way for the trusts. In describing their rapid growth since 1897, when the Dingley law was passed, the senator said trust capitalization had increased over 54 per cent, during the four years of the preceding administration, despite the fact that a number of prosecutions had been begun.

"Alexander Hamilton, Henry Clay and William McKinley," said Senator LaFollette, "would never have spoken of the tariff as they did if there had been no competition. The stand-patter today is the worst enemy of the protective system."

He declared that a few men in Wall street who have no politics, but who are interested only in business, control the affairs of the country, and that the big progie know is to return control to the people.

"If I did not believe the Republican party was the best instrument for getting control into the hands of the people," he said, "I would leave it. If I believed the Democratic party was a better instrument I would join it. If I thought a new party would be more effective I would form it. But I think the Republican party is the best instrument there is."

"There is quite a Progressive sentiment all through the North. I don't know of any Progressive sentiment or any Progressive legislation in the South and the strength of the Democratic party is in the South. If the sentiment of the Democrats of the South were the same as that of the Democrats of the North, I think it would be as good an instrument as the Republican party."

"A true American believes in democracy. He believes men and women are equal and entitled to an equal chance. But the Democratic party of the South is not by inheritance that sort of organization. All the strength of the party in the South is in the aristocracy."

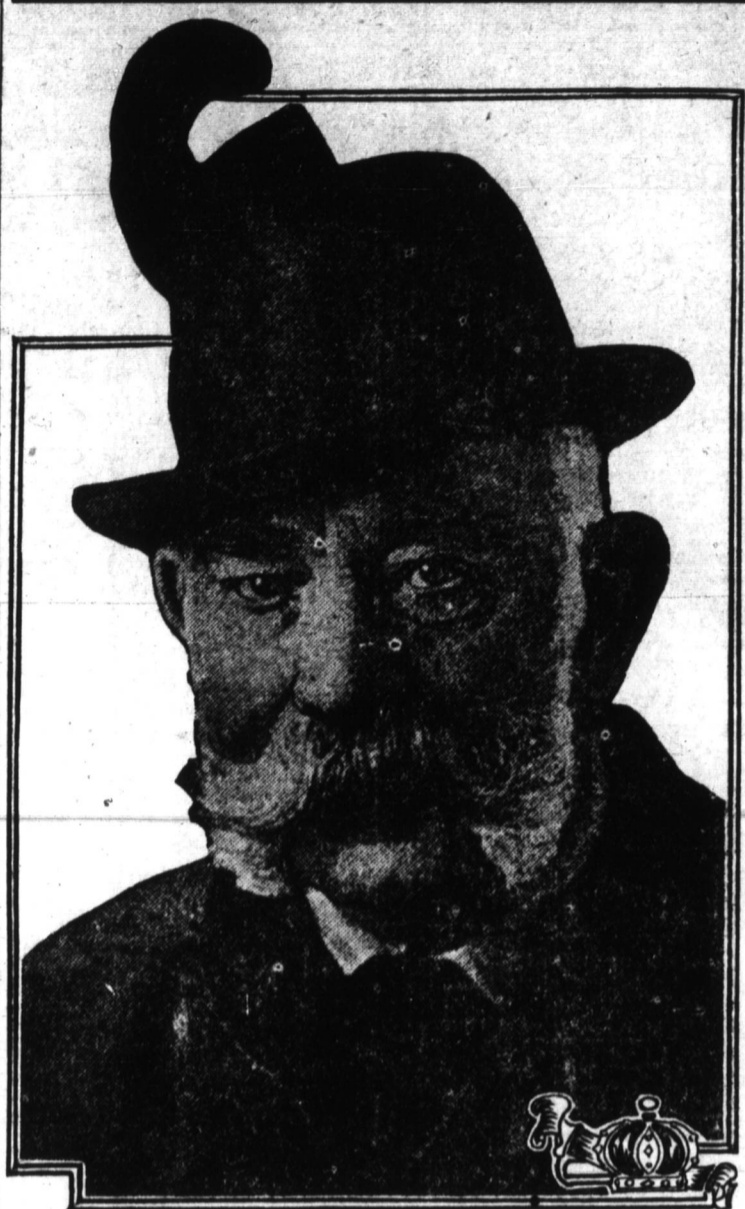
Baby Emperor Quits Capital. Washington.—Although without formal advice on the subject the state department officials are inclined to believe that China's infant emperor, probably the last of his dynasty, already has been spirited away from Peking by his father, Prince Chun, and is now being conveyed to the summer residence of the court at Jehol, about 150 miles northeast of Peking, in the province of Chihli, or is bound for the ancient Manchurian capital of Harbin. The place of residence chosen for the young emperor is important.

New Year at the White House. Washington.—The greatest throng that has passed the portals of the white house at any new year reception of recent years greeted President and Mrs. Taft at the third public reception given by them since entering the executive mansion. When the long line had passed the official "counter" said that 8,092 diplomats, officials and citizens had shaken hands with the president. Dr. Mary Walker, in silk hat, frock coat and trousers, was among the first of the citizens to greet the president.

Governor Aids Convicts. Little Rock, Ark.—Scores of men in the convict camps in Arkansas will be liberated if Governor Donaghey carries out the threat he made to free them if contractors do not use methods more humane in handling them. "I give notice to the contractors," the governor indignantly declared, "that I will depopulate every convict camp in the state if this cruelty is not stopped. I will turn the prisoner out as fast as they are brought in unless conditions are changed," he exclaimed.

\$8,000 Tax to Sell Beer. Griffin, Ga.—One of the biggest taxes ever paid to sell near beer in the United States was paid by J. M. Bassett & Co., who turned \$8,000 over to City Clerk Thomas Nall for a license to conduct a near beer saloon here during the year 1912. In addition to this amount the firm pays a state license of \$300 and a revenue tax of \$20 on the same business. This was supposed to be a prohibitory tax and no one suspected that anybody would attempt to take out a license at that high figure.

ON THRONE SIXTY-THREE YEARS



All Austria-Hungary recently celebrated the sixty-third anniversary of the accession of Emperor Francis Joseph. The venerable monarch, who was born in 1830, is in fairly good health, but appears in public very rarely nowadays and can no longer indulge in the hunting expeditions he so much enjoyed.

RUSSIAN RULE FOR PERSIA

LAST VESTIGE OF INDEPENDENCE WILL BE DESTROYED BY THE CZAR.

Great Britain is Acting as Russia's Accomplice and Englishmen Feel Outraged.

London.—The Russian government has decided to suppress disorders at Tabriz and other disturbed Persian towns. The dislocation of the telegraph lines makes it impossible to get a reliable narrative of the outbreaks. Yet it cannot be doubted that a situation of the gravest complexity has arisen.

As reports of Russian progress in Persia and stories of the indiscriminate killing of natives in Tabriz and Resht, and of the destruction of Persia's constitutional government under Russian menaces continue to reach England, the people are becoming increasingly disquieted at the British government's complicity, which the foreign secretary, Sir Edward Gray, thinks is a matter of policy and compelled by the Anglo-Russian agreement.

St. Petersburg.—A semi-official statement issued says that the Russian government, in view of "acts of foolhardy aggression committed against the Russian forces and institutions in Tabriz, Resht and Enseli, sometimes followed by brutal torture of the wounded and base outrages against the dead," has decided that the severest punishment of the guilty is merited.

Teheran.—It is understood that the regent and cabinet desire the appointment of the American, F. E. Cairns, the principal assistant of Mr. Shuster, as the new treasurer general of Persia. It is more likely, however, that M. Mornard, the Belgian ex-director of customs in Persia, who some months ago made himself prominent by his hostility to Mr. Shuster, will receive the position.

Killed in Hotel Lobby. Rome, Ga.—Douglas H. Harris was shot and instantly killed in the lobby of the Cherokee hotel by Uriah L. Starnes, traveling salesman for a local marble factory. Starnes claimed that Harris wrecked his family, and after giving himself up to the nearest policeman, said that he was the happiest man alive, and assured bystanders that if his victim was not dead he would go back and make a good job. Harris was 25 years old and unmarried. His father now lives in Pensacola, Fla.

Killed Family; Hanged Himself. Benton, Ark.—Despondent, according to a note found, James Grant, a prosperous farmer and merchant, clubbed his wife, five children and stepson to death, and then hanged himself. Grant's body was found suspended to a rafter in a barn, and those of the woman and children about the farm dwelling, their skulls crushed. The note explained that, "owing to deep despair, and that I see nothing for me or my children, who I believe would be better off in heaven, I commit this act."

THE TURKS DEFEAT ITALIANS

Commander of Turkish Troops Reports Garrison Annihilated and Munitions Captured.

Washington.—A twenty-four-hour battle, in which the Turkish troops defeated the Italian force, killing half of it in the rout, is described in an official message from Constantinople, made public at the Turkish embassy. The message was transmitted to the imperial ministry of war at Constantinople by the commander of the Turkish troops from Tobruk, Tripoli, under date of December 22. The report follows:

"We have attacked the fortified posts of the enemy. Notwithstanding the fire from the warships and fort batteries, we entered the fort and the garrison has been annihilated. Ammunition, provisions, war material and a quick-firing gun have been carried into our camp.

"In its forward march, one of our wings cut off the retreat of the enemy, who fled toward the coast. During the retreat the enemy lost half their numbers. The battle lasted all day and night.

TO FIX FORM OF GOVERNMENT

China's Future in the Hands of National Convention

Shanghai.—The peace conference being held here between the representative of the Peking government and the revolutionary party agreed that the form of government to be ultimately adopted for China should be decided by a national convention, whose determination should be binding on both parties. It also was agreed that pending the decision of the national convention, the Manchu government was neither to accept nor to attempt to obtain foreign loans.

Another agreement reached is that all Manchu troops in the provinces of Shan Si, Shen Si, Huh Peh, Nghanwei and Kiangsui shall evacuate their present positions.

Richeson's Condition Prevents Trial. Boston.—The physical and mental condition of the Rev. C. V. Richeson is so unfavorable that his trial on January 15, the date set, will be an absolute impossibility in the opinion of his counsel. "Perhaps his wounds may be in a favorable condition," says a statement from his lawyer, "but his general and mental condition is far from favorable, and I believe an early attempt to put him on trial at so early a date would cause a collapse which would delay the trial indefinitely."

Labor Unions Prosecuted. Kansas City.—In what they believed to be the first prosecution instituted by the government under the Sherman anti-trust law against a labor union, three officials of railway unions, whose men are on strike on the Harriman lines were ordered to appear in the Federal court at Danville, Ill., on January 1. The officials are: M. F. Ryan, general president of the Railway Car Men of America; J. A. Franklin, international president of the Brotherhood of Boiler-makers; A. Hinzman, vice president.

BUSINESS IN 1912 BOUND TO BE GOOD

PRESIDENT ELECTION WILL NOT SERIOUSLY AFFECT CONDITIONS IN COUNTRY.

COUNTRY ON FIRM BASIS

Real Business of the Country Is On a Firm Basis, Say Well Informed Men.

New York.—"Not even a presidential election will be able to make business bad in 1912," declares a close observer of business conditions. "There may be surries in Wall street," he continued; "speculation may be hampered and Wall street may not enjoy the year as much as it might, but the real business of the country is on a firm basis and is going to be good."

And this pretty well represents the general idea among men who are in touch with conditions throughout the country.

The big crops mean good business for the railroads; this in turn goes a long way toward insuring the steady demand for steel. With the railroads and steel mill profitably busy, hard times would be difficult to bring about.

Then the copper business is in fine shape and the other great underlying industries of the country face a good outlook and money is in plentiful supply for legitimate purposes. Taken altogether there is good ground for optimism.

Warehouses throughout the city report that business in nearly every line of trade is now more active than it has been in several years.

As the warehousemen diagnose the condition, they have their fingers on the pulse of the business world—this revival is not local, but quite general.

CONGREGATION MOBS PASTOR

Tampa Minister Roughly Handled by Members of His Church.

Tampa, Fla.—At the conclusion of services Rev. R. E. L. Kirkland, pastor of the First Congregational church, was the storm center in a near riot in which the police interfered, arresting six persons.

In a written statement he declared he had been kicked by some of the women.

The cause of the outburst was an attack made by Reverend Kirkland in his sermon on a former pastor in connection with alleged misappropriation of church funds. Reverend Kirkland's subject was "If Christ Lived Today, Would He Be a Socialist?" His text was "My Father's house is a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves."

Strained relations have existed between Reverend Kirkland and members of his congregation for some months.

INDEPENDENTS ARE IGNORED

Tennessee "Regulars" Will Not Meet With Party Splitters.

Nashville, Tenn.—Indications are that "regular" Democratic state committee men will ignore the opportunity to name the three "regular" Democrats on the committee of seven to hold the state primary called by the independent state committee for April 30. Under the plan of the latter, the primary representatives of the "regulars" are to be named by Chairman O. C. Barton of the Independents, since the "regular" organization members have not acted.

The committee to hold the primary is to be composed of three Independents, three "regulars" and a seventh, selected by the six. The primary committee must organize not later than January 1.

Crippled Torpedo Boat Arrives.

Washington.—The crippled torpedo boat destroyer Warrington, which was run down off Hatteras in a gale on Wednesday night by an unknown ship, was safely towed into Hampton Roads. The revenue cutter Onondaga brought in the destroyer's crew.

Taft Refuses to Help Morse.

Washington.—It was announced at the white house that the report of the army medical officers who have examined Charles W. Morse, convicted New York banker, serving sentence in the Atlanta, Ga., Federal penitentiary, does not warrant immediate interference by the president and the pardon will not be granted at this time. The physicians made a physical examination of Morse in the military hospital at Fort McPherson, where the banker is being treated under guard.

Politics Barred Rural Carrier.

Washington.—Several thousand rural free delivery letter carriers are barred from active participation in politics by an executive order signed by President Taft. The order forbids the rural letter carriers from pernicious activity in politics and empowers the civil service commission to dismiss any of them to be so engaged. The rural carriers are not to be denied the right of political belief and discussion of political issues, but their active participation in politics again will be stopped.