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After all, icebergs are not half as tangerous as automobiles.

The rattle of the lawn mower now makes life merry in the suburbs.

The male mosquito does not bite anyone. He gives precedence to the lady.

"Women first" should be the rule in the street cars as well as on the twners.

Much poetry will have to be rewritten if the 24-hour clock is to come into general use.

An Indiana farmer is planning to sow his oats by aeroplane. Wild oats, presumably.

No, Bellinda, it is not from economical motives that statesmen strive to wve the party.

A New York tailor says motoring enlarges the chest, but he does not mean the money chest.

It takes more than a mere court decision to disturb the steady clicking of the faithful gas meter.

An American woman piloted the first airship across the English channel—the first one by a woman.

A Connecticut youth has played the piano continuously for 65 hours, which gives the endurance record to his neighbors.

A Chicago woman is seeking divorce because of her husband's fondness for onions. Sour pigs' feet are, however, worse still.

Charles Frohman, who is in a position to know, would have us believe that tall chorus girls have run short of popularity.

A doctor says that card playing stupefies the mind. Evidently the doctor never sat in a game with two good poker players.

A Chicago judge has ruled that a man is not competent to help select his wife's gowns. Hooking them is man's speciality.

A man who was once a railroad president is now a beggar in New York. Couldn't he get a job as a calace car porter?

While the unsinkable ship gets them once in awhile, the revolver that was not loaded adds steadily to the mortuary statistics.

An inventor has produced an apparatus for broiling 700 steaks in six minutes. It is, however, useless unless one can dynamite a bank safe.

A bird in New York robbed a woman of her feather torn from her hat by the wind. If ever there was a case of retributive justice, this was one.

A Chicago citizen has been arrested for dancing on the street in a costume consisting of nothing but a hat. Chicago policemen never did care for classic dancing.

An Ohio farmer is said to have recovered from an attack of blindness when two of his teeth were extracted, but it probably was the dentist's bill that opened his eyes.

An aviator claims that he was forced to descend by an attack of seasickness, but if he had been a real dyed in the wool nature faker he would have made it flying fish.

The spring robin is shot down south and frozen to death up north. His life is short and full of trouble.

The cotton manufacturers still cling to the idea exemplified in that suggestion of boosting the market by getting Chinese to lengthen their shirts. Now they want women to widen their shirts.

The Englishman who had a walking stick made of the love letters he had received during his courtship possibly would be peeved if the young woman borrowed it and wore it out over his shoulders.

A New York court holds that a man with an income of \$160,000 a year is not in affluent circumstances. At the same time, he is able to buy a square meal occasionally, and hand the waiter a modest tip.

A New Jersey woman got a verdict from a sympathetic jury against an ungalant man who called her "an old maid." It is necessary to impress the fact that old maids in these feminist times are as extinct as the dodo.

The tailor who has discovered that automobiling enlarges the chest evidently forgot to measure the head.

The reason why a ship is called "she" appears to be because the ship is always alleged to be "the last word in naval construction" and never turns out to be.

A New York couple waited eight years before they were joined in the holy and everlasting bonds of wedlock. Plenty of time to think about the fatal step.

FEARS OF CUBA QUITED BY TAFT

PRESIDENT WIRES GOMEZ THAT U. S. DOES NOT WANT TO INTERVENE.

PEOPLE OF CUBA PLEASED

Mobilizing of Warships is a Precautionary Measure and Does Not Mean Intervention.

Washington.—President Taft replied to President Gomez' telegram regarding the attitude of the United States toward Cuba. He declared the American government's activities in mobilizing war vessels at Key West and dispatching the Prairie with marines to Guantanamo was not in any sense an intervention move.

The following is the text of the message:

"I am sincerely gratified to learn of your government's energetic measures to put down disturbance and to know that you are confident of being successful. As was fully explained to the Cuban charge d'affaires here, this government's motive in sending ships to Key West, just as sending the Prairie to the Guantanamo naval station, was merely to be able to act promptly in case it should unfortunately become necessary to protect American life and property by rendering moral support or assistance to the Cuban government. As was made quite clear at the time these ordinary measures of precaution were entirely disassociated from any question of intervention.

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

The state department emphatically declared that the present Cuban situation in no sense made intervention necessary. No American troops, other than the marines already on their way to the island, were expected to be ordered out, it was stated. It was shown that the fund available for the transportation of troops has run low, with the approach of the end of the fiscal year, and any attempt to move troops from posts in this country to Cuba would be costly.

Havana.—The receipt of President Taft's message declaring that the naval concentration at Key West and the dispatch of gunboats to Cuban waters were merely precautionary and in no way indicative of intention to intervene, was a source of much gratification to the Cuban government.

The impression is general that the removal of the fear of intervention will greatly strengthen popular support of the government.

President Gomez, replying to President Taft, says:

"I am exceedingly grateful for your cablegram, which is appealing to Cuban patriotism, because of the assurance that the action of the government, under your worthy presidency, is limited to the observance of events, in order to be ready should it be necessary to protect the lives and property of American citizens, and morally to support the Cuban government without having to land American forces on our territory, unless both governments agree upon such an extreme necessity."

DISTRESS FOLLOWS FLOOD

Louisiana Flood Refugees Clamor for Food and Need Medicines.

New Orleans.—Stories of dire distress among 1,400 flood refugees in the vicinity of Jena, La., in LaSalle parish, were received here by Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the Louisiana state board of health, in a letter from Dr. Newhauser Mayer, special inspector of the board, who is in charge of the medical and sanitary work among the refugees in the Black river section.

Doctor Newhauser said he had just completed a trip of 25 miles up Black river and that some 1,400 refugees were clamoring for food and are in need of medicines.

Doctor Newhauser states that scattered about in the swamps within a radius of nine miles of Jena there were 950 negroes and 450 white people, among whom 120 tents had been distributed. Most of the refugees, however, had built themselves wooden huts, but the sanitary conditions were reported bad.

Permanent Home for Maine Pennant.

Chicago, Ill.—The pennant of the battleship Maine has a permanent home in Memorial hall here. It was presented with appropriate ceremonies to the Grand Army Hall Memorial association by the United Spanish War Veterans. The latter organization received it from George C. Magee, who came into possession of the pennant soon after the Maine was blown up. Mr. Magee was in Florida at the time and was given the pennant by a sailor after he had rescued it.

Brazil Resents Coffee Trust Suit.

New York.—The recent visit of Secretary of State Knox to ten of the Caribbean republics on a mission of fraternal greetings from this country was pleasantly recognized by the Pan-American Society at its international banquet here. The Brazilian ambassador was greeted with cheers, but startled the assemblage with a strong protest at the action of the United States government in recently seizing nearly a million bags of coffee belonging to the so-called Brazilian coffee trust.

REP. A. P. GARDNER.



Congressman Gardner of Massachusetts, who vainly challenged Colonel Roosevelt to a political debate, is a son-in-law of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. Formerly he was a warm admirer of Roosevelt.

MORSE MAY LIVE YEARS

FORMER ICE KING SAYS HIS TRIP TO EUROPE BENEFITED HIM GREATLY.

Banker Morse's Health Improved Very Rapidly After His Release From Penitentiary.

New York.—Charles W. Morse and Mrs. Morse, who sailed for Europe February 14, shortly after Morse's sentence in the Atlanta penitentiary was commuted by President Taft, returned. Mr. Morse talked freely with the newspaper men. As to whether he intended to return to the business world, he said that would depend on how his health keeps up.

The former banker declared he gained a great deal by his rest in Europe, and his looks confirmed his statement. He spent the latter four weeks of his trip at Wiesbaden, taking the baths. A physician there told him that, with careful attention to his diet, he would live "quite a while."

"He did not say what 'quite a while' meant," said Mr. Morse. "It might mean years, or it might mean months. I do not know. I have only tried to get well while I have been in Europe. I have paid no attention in the business of course. Now I can walk about easily without a cane and I feel greatly benefited by the sojourn in Europe."

When he was told that the citizens of his native town, Bath, Maine, had planned a demonstration of welcome for him, he expressed pleasure, but said that he had made no plans to go there soon.

Morse walked down the steamer's gangplank briskly, but with a limp, leaning on his wife's arm. The couple took a taxicab to their residence.

CARING FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

United States Government is Feeding Homeless People Daily.

New Orleans.—With the Mississippi river and tributaries steadily falling and no further disastrous crevassees in the levees anticipated, interest in the devastating flood that swept millions of acres of Louisiana's lowlands and stretches of fertile fields in Mississippi and outeastern Arkansas, now centers in the gigantic task of caring for the tens of thousands of people who have been made homeless. More than \$1,000,000 in cash and a still larger amount in clothing and supplies have been devoted to the refugees and there is almost \$500,000 in sight for their urgent needs.

From some sections of the flooded districts have come stories of distressing conditions, but the United States army relief corps and local relief committees have been prompt in every instance in dispatching food and medical supplies, and the various refugee camps are declared to be in fair to good condition. Only a few deaths have occurred.

She Says: "No Vote, No Tax."

Chicago.—Miss Belle Squire, president of the "No Vote, No Tax League," refused to fill out a personal property tax schedule. Instead, she wrote this letter in a blank space and mailed it to the assessors: "Gentlemen: Just so long as the county of Cook hands me a tax schedule on the ground that I am a citizen of Illinois and must pay my share of the common expenses, and then refuses me a ballot on the ground that I am a woman, just so long will I refuse to be voluntarily on your lists."

Dies Aflaid of Roosevelt.

Washington.—In one of the most remarkable speeches of the present session of congress, Representative Dies of Texas, Democrat, assailed former President Roosevelt in bitter terms and referred in almost as bitter fashion to the leaders of his own party, including Speaker Clark and Governor Wilson. Mr. Dies foresaw the crumbling of the republic, the eventual rule of the mob and assigned as the causes the growth of demagoguery and influx of ignorant immigrants from southern Europe.

BATTLESHIPS SENT TO CUBAN WATERS

ARMORED CRUISER WASHINGTON AND 4 BATTLESHIPS LEAVE N. Y. FOR KEY WEST.

MANY MARINES ON BOARD

United States Takes Steps to Stop Rebellion in the Island Republic.

New York.—The armored cruiser Washington, flagship of Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, and four battleships of the fourth division sailed south, supposedly for Key West, on hurry orders, a few hours after arrival in port from Provincetown, Mass. The battleships following the flagships were the Ohio, Missouri, Mississippi and Minnesota.

The gunboat Yankeet accompanied the squadron to serve as a dispatch boat. The battleship Delaware of the first division remained in port all day taking aboard her complement of marines and field equipment, and together with the battleship Solace, was expected to sail during the night.

Havana.—President Gomez sent a cablegram to President Taft, in which he protests in friendly but firm terms against intervention by the United States.

"It is my duty to say that so serious a resolution alarms and hurts the feelings of a people who love and are jealous of their independence," he says.

"I appeal to you," he continues, "as a loyal friend of Cuba, respecting her rights, that you will be convinced that this government is capable of and sufficiently supported by the valor and patriotism of the Cuban people to deal promptly with a few unfortunate and misguided persons without reason or flag."

"If you understand these conditions you will perceive that it is not the part of a friendly government to contribute, under such circumstances, to the embarrassment of a government and people such as those of Cuba, placed, it is true, in unfortunate conditions, but not lacking in patriotism and courage."

Key West, Fla.—The battleship Nebraska arrived off Sand Key, where it was reached by wireless and ordered to Key West, where it was anchored in the harbor at sundown. Because of the Nebraska's experience in running aground in Southwest Pass, below New Orleans, recently, Captain Wood hesitated about entering the harbor.

There has been great activity around the naval station. The coal hoists have been busy filling barges, and 1,100 tons will be delivered immediately to the Nebraska, in addition to other supplies. Captain Wood has been advised that 150 marines, coming here by special train, will be embarked on the Nebraska.

A large number of volunteers were enlisted by the Cuban consul here for service in Cuba.

Republicans Looking for Dark Horse

Washington.—Having found the G. O. P. elephant bearing the "T. R." brand, Theodore Roosevelt is now endeavoring to claim ownership and ride that noted beast into the whitehouse lot. If the Republican national committee decides against Mr. Roosevelt there will be a bolt. If Mr. Taft seems in danger of defeat, there will be another conservative candidate. Of the dark horses Mr. Justice Hughes of New York continues to be the most persistently groomed. Senator Cummins of Iowa is another.

Negro Lynched in Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn.—Jake Samuels, a negro, charged with criminally assaulting the wife of Walter Ramsey, a Robertson county farmer, was taken from officers by an angry mob of citizens and riddled with bullets. Farmer Ramsey left his wife and two small children at home alone at night to go to Orinda. En route he met the negro Samuels. Knowing that she was alone, it is alleged, the negro went direct to her home and assaulted her.

Democrats Plan Fight for House.

Washington.—No matter what the result of the presidential election is next November, the Democratic leaders of the house believe, the party will be able to retain control of that body if a little hard work is done. There are now 230 Democrats, 160 Republicans, one self-styled "Progressive Republican" and one Socialist in the house. The leaders believe it will be easy to keep the Republicans from regaining their lost ground, even if the drift should be the other way next fall.

Senate Plans Adjournment.

Washington.—Longer daily sessions of the senate this week with a view to expediting legislation and speeding adjournment of congress as much as possible. Republican leaders like Lodge of Massachusetts and Smoot of Utah are trying to bring the sessions to a close by the latter part of June. Others cling to the possibility of an adjournment by June 15 which the house Democratic leaders are pressing, while many senators say that early adjournment is not only impracticable but absurd.

MRS. MATTHEW T. SCOTT.



Mrs. Scott is president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

DIXIE SCHOOLS GET \$700,000

THE ROCKEFELLER EDUCATIONAL BOARD APPROPRIATES MONEY TO COLLEGES.

\$25,000 Goes to Peabody College for Establishment of School of Country Life.

New York.—Nearly \$1,000,000 was contributed to the cause of education by the general education board founded by John D. Rockefeller, at its meeting here. Of this sum \$700,000 was appropriated for distribution among five colleges, the largest contribution, of \$250,000, going to the George Peabody college for teachers of Nashville, Tenn., for the establishment of the Seaman A. Knapp school of country life.

The sum of \$210,000 was set aside for demonstration work in agriculture in the Southern states, for professors of secondary education in state universities of the South, and to aid the work of Negro education in the South. The demonstration work appropriation is \$133,000.

The miscellaneous appropriations were:

For professors of secondary education in the several state universities of the Southern states, \$33,100; for supervision of Negro rural schools in Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia, \$9,000.

To three negro schools—Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.; Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., and the Spelman seminary of Atlanta, Ga.—the sum of \$35,000.

BLACK REBELLION SPREADS

Negro Revolutionist Destroying Valuable Property in Cuba.

Havana, Cuba.—Reports received from Oriente province and emanating from other than governmental sources leave no room for doubt that the insurrectionary movement in the eastern end of the island, the main theater of the insurgents, is growing at alarming rapidity.

The government professes ignorance of the destruction by insurgents of the railways between San Luis and Guantanamo and the latter place and Boqueron, on Guantanamo bay. It also says nothing is known of the wires on these roads having been cut, but admits there is some interruption in telegraphic communication. It is impossible to communicate with the American naval station, at Guantanamo from Havana.

To Prevent Waste in Shipping Cotton.

Washington.—An effort to organize cotton growers in the South to remedy the present wasteful conditions and marketing of cotton has been begun by the bureau of manufacturers, according to a report issued. Commercial Agent John M. Carson has been assigned to visit the principal points for the concentration of cotton in the South and confer with the men engaged in authority with a view to ascertaining whether a plan for the more economical preparation of cotton for the market could be devised.

Betting on Presidential Race.

New York.—Prospects of a thrilling race, a wide latitude in betting, and promise of the best "field" that has been entered in a "presidential handicap" for many years, have finally awakened New York's betting spirit, and it is reported that money is being freely offered in wagers as to whether Taft or Roosevelt or a dark horse will gain the Republican nomination. Another betting chance is the contest on the Democratic side, with the finals between the two parties as a climax.

Commission Vacates Freight Order.

Washington.—Orders issued by the interstate commerce commission suspending advances in class freight rates from New Orleans to Mobile, Selma and Prattville, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla., were vacated by the commission. This action is taken not because the commission doubts that it had authority to enter the orders, but because it wishes to avoid complicating the questions involved in the case of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad company against the commission.

TITANIC'S DEAD CAPTAIN BLAMED

SENATOR SMITH HOLDS HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE APPALLING DISASTER.

A GOLD MEDAL FOR ROSTRON

A Bill Was Introduced in the Senate Requiring Every Sea-Going Vessel to Be Properly Equipped—Must Have Sufficient Life Boats.

Washington.—The formal thanks of Congress to the steamer Carpathia's officers and crew for the rescue of the Titanic survivors were expressed in a joint resolution passed by the Senate. The House will take prompt action. The resolution is the first of three measures introduced by Senator Smith of Michigan, following his speech in the Senate and the presentation of his report on the investigation of the Titanic disaster. The resolution directs the President "to cause to be made and expressed to Captain Roston of the Carpathia, a suitable gold medal appropriately inscribed, which shall express the high estimation in which Congress holds the service of this officer, to whose promptness and vigilance was due the rescue of 374 women and children and 330 men."

Two other measures were introduced and referred to the commerce committee. One was a bill requiring that every steel ocean or coastwise seagoing steam vessel and every steel steam vessel navigating the great northern and northwestern lakes, carrying 100 or more passengers, must have "a water-tight skin on board from the forward collision bulkhead over not less than two-thirds of the length of the vessels and the bulkheads so spaced that any two adjacent compartments may be flooded without destroying the floatability or stability of the vessel."

Blame for the disaster is chargeable directly to the failure of the dead Captain Smith to heed repeated warnings of icebergs ahead, but responsibility for unnecessary loss of life must be shared by Captain Lord of the steamship Californian, through his disregard of distress signals. This is the finding of the Senate committee which investigated the sinking of the Titanic, as prepared in a comprehensive speech delivered by William Alden Smith of Michigan, chairman of the committee.

Tornado Sweeps Through Oklahoma.

Tulsa, Okla.—Seven persons were killed, three were probably fatally injured and a score or more were less seriously hurt when a tornado swept through the village of Skiatook, 18 miles northwest of Tulsa, and the neighboring farming lands and oil fields. The property loss is estimated at \$75,000. Wire communication was severed and the extent of the storm was not known until messengers arrived here.

Lives Lost in Moving Picture Show

Castellon de La Palma, Spain.—The cinematographic explosion which caused the death of 80 persons in a moving picture theatre in the little city of Villa Real, was even more terrible than at first reported. The theatre was completely burned out and very few of the audience escaped without injury from fire or from crushing in the panic. A large number of the injured are dying. Virtually every family in the vicinity is affected by the 80 deaths.

Developments in Labor Situation.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Deportation of two alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World; the departure for San Diego of about 200 men, all said to be industrial workers and the arrival here of Joseph Meyers, of the San Diego police force, bringing several bombs said to have been prepared as part of a plan to destroy the lives of officials of San Diego; are the latest developments in the Industrial Workers of the World situation in Los Angeles.

Advertisers Wind Up Convention.

Dallas, Texas.—Returning here from their 1,000 mile swing through the center of Texas, members of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America wound up their annual convention. From here they departed for their homes throughout the United States and Canada. In the state tour the Atlanta delegation had a huge banner bearing the words "Atlanta always ahead" fastened to the front of the locomotive drawing the first of the four special trains in which the tour was taken.

Blue and Gray Plan Joint Reunion.

Washington.—Civil war veterans representing nearly every state in the union are gathered in Washington to discuss plans for the blue and gray celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg and to urge upon congress the passage of the proposed peace jubilee bill. The veterans are here as guests of the Pennsylvania Gettysburg commission. If the plans materialize 40,000 old soldiers will meet on Gettysburg field next year to "revisit" the bloody epoch making battle of 1863.