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CAPITAL FACTS.

Interesting News Gathered in the District of Columbia.

THE AMERICAN CONGRESS.

Personal Incidents and Important Happenings of National Importance Published for the Pleasure and Information of Newspaper Readers.

Good Scheme to Stop Wars.

A plan to syndicate all the navies of the world, create an international police, and put a stop to the increase of expenditures for war ships and other engines of destruction was brought to the attention of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Monday. A hearing was held on a resolution of Representative Bennet, of New York, directing the President of the United States to consider the expediency of calling an international conference for the consideration of the possibility of limiting armaments of the nations by international agreement, and the feasibility of establishing an international naval police force.

Census Estimates Not Ready.

Enumerators and supervisors have been prohibited from giving out any estimates, and whatever information given out will be directly from the census Bureau. While the bureau will be able to ascertain approximately the population of most cities within a comparatively short time, yet it will be several weeks before any final count will be made.

Fish Commission Observes Sabbath.

After a fight of seventeen years for the proper observance of the Sabbath, the wholesale fish commission of Washington merchants have at last reached an agreement whereby they pledge themselves not to receive consignments or sell fish on Sunday. The agreement will go into effect on June 5, which marks the termination of the shad season, the busiest period of the year for the commission.

Reward for Thief Not Paid.

Jacob Gamermann, of Baltimore, who captured Clarence Howlett, charged with robbing Mrs. Frederick Hughes, in Washington, of \$20,000 worth of diamonds, is worried as to the reward. Despite the fact that two rewards of \$1,200 each were offered for the arrest of Howlett and the recovery of the jewelry, Mr. Gamermann has not received a cent.

Navy Reorganization Plan Fails.

Secretary Meyer must now apparently rely upon some general legislation at this session of Congress to save the operations of his reorganization plan from hindrance. The Senate Naval Committee has declined to put upon the annual appropriation bill a provision for the interchange of appropriations among department bureaus.

Grade Punishment According to Crime.

Criminal lawyers throughout the country are said to be agitated over the action of the United States Supreme Court in inaugurating what is designated as a new era in the punishments to be proportionate to the offense.

"Home Coming Week" Event.

The Chamber of Commerce has been active in preparations for the observance of Home Coming Week in this city in October. A campaign of advertising will be started immediately, and the preparations for making the proposition a success has been for the present left in the hands of the committee.

Flight on White Plague.

More than 6,000 beds for advanced cases of tuberculosis and 14,000 for curable cases have been established in hospitals for the "open air" treatment of the white plague in this country, according to reports made at the opening session of the National Association for Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Protects Army Secrets.

A bill to prevent the disclosure of national defense secrets has been introduced in the House by Representative Hobson, of Alabama. It provides that any person who for the purpose of wrongfully obtaining information goes upon any vessel or enters any naval yard, naval station, fort, battery, camp or factory over which the United States has jurisdiction shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for one year, or both.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

Favors Separating From Other Denominations—Dislike S. S. Lessons.

Baltimore, Special.—The keynote of Thursday's session of the Southern Baptist convention was the development of sentiment favorable to severing all connection with other denominations and to reaching out for a broader field. The first was shown by action looking to the abandonment of the use in Southern Baptist Sunday schools of the International Sunday school lessons, and the second by the apparent intention to admit to fellowship in the Southern body churches in territory hitherto left entirely to the Northern Baptists. The Rev. Geo. W. Daniel of Richmond, Va., said that the Southern Baptists lack organization and adequate system of missions, and can never, under present conditions, become a world power in missions, but rests upon the Laymen's Missionary movement to save the day.

The Lucky Brownsville Fourteen.

Washington, Special.—The War Department is taking steps to carry out that part of the findings of the recently concluded Brownsville court of inquiry, regarding the re-enlistment of the members of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, who were found to have been free from all complicity in the rioting at Brownsville in 1906. There were fourteen of these men, and they are scattered all over the country. The department has notified them of their vindication and of their eligibility for reinstatement in the army under the terms of the Foraker act. Up to date only six of the fourteen have indicated desire to re-enlist.

Colored Methodists Wrangle.

Augusta, Ga., Special.—After deciding to elect no bishops in one vote by a majority of nine, the general conference of the African Methodists finally decided to elect two bishops. It took a whole day to settle the question. The decision was reached only after a lot of filibustering by the bishop faction. The majority report of the committee on credentials finally won out by a vote of 121 to 117, which stood for the election of two bishops. The anti-Phillips-Brown faction is now making a strong effort to concentrate all its strength on either Dr. John W. McKinney, or Dr. M. F. Jamison, of Texas, in an effort to beat Dr. R. T. Brown. Bishop Lane, who was presiding Thursday, vacated the chair to Bishop Williams.

Good Provision in Postal Bill.

Washington, Special.—The distribution of the national debt among the people of the United States is the object of a new provision just incorporated in the postal savings bank bill, which, it now appears probable, will soon be reported from the House Postoffice Committee.

As tentatively decided, the bill provides that 50 per cent of the money deposited in postal savings banks shall be invested in government bonds valued at \$25 each, the remaining 50 per cent to remain in the locality where the money is deposited. The \$24 bonds will be used by this plan, to take up \$65,000,000 worth of 3 per cent bonds on call.

Sugar Investigation Postponed.

Washington, Special.—President Taft has sent a special message to the House of Representatives to tell why he considers a congressional investigation of the sugar frauds in the customs service inexpedient. It is because "a congressional investigation at this time would embarrass the executive department in the continuance and completion of the investigation of the appraisers and other offices of the customs service."

27-Inch Mother Dead.

Toledo, Ohio, Special.—Mrs. Janie Foster Shaw, seventy-four years old, of Steubenville, Ohio, known as the "smallest mother in the world," died at Fort Myers, Fla., according to information received here Thursday.

Mrs. Shaw was twenty-seven inches tall and was born here. She has three children.

Lion Snatches Baby.

Cleveland, Tenn., Special.—A lion being exhibited here suddenly snatched a baby from the arms of its mother and carried it to the back of the stage. Licking the blood from the wounds on the baby's head the lion crouched as if to spring upon its prey, when a crowd who had been attracted by the screams of the mother of the child, succeeded in rescuing the baby. The baby was terribly lacerated and may die. The keeper finally succeeded in getting the lion back into his cage.

THE NEWS MINUTELY TOLD

The Heart of Happenings Carved From the Whole Country.

The Florida is the largest battleship yet launched in American waters. She is 510 feet long, will displace 21,000 tons (estimated), and driven by engines of 28,000 horsepower should attain a speed of 20.75 knots an hour. Her main battery consists of ten 12-inch rifles mounted in five turrets with a broadside of sixteen 6-inch rifles. Her complement is 60 officers and 594 men.

Mr. Grindell Matthews, a Gloucestershire man, who, ever since he was ten years of age, has been experimenting with electricity, and who, on reaching the years of discretion, became an electrical engineer, claims to have invented a telephone which will work as great a revolution as the method of communication as the Martini system has accomplished in telegraphy.

Prof. Henry C. Emery, chairman of the Government Tariff Board, has left New York for a month's stay in Germany and England. Germany recently has taken an industrial census, and Mr. Emery's object in visiting that country is to make firsthand observation of the results accomplished and the methods followed in gathering tariff data.

Whatever other sentiment may be entertained by the thousands of women attending the biennial Convention of Women's Clubs at Cincinnati, their composite opinion is that if women traveled more, leaving their husbands at home, men would be better able to appreciate their wives.

Married in their teens, divorced 27 years ago, each taking another mate a short time afterwards, only to come back to each other and be married again in South Bend, Ind., is the experience of Henry Ranstead, a retired farmer, 81 years old, and Jane Frame, 77 of Terre Coupe, Ind.

The Carnegie hero fund commission has a wide scope and maintains in the field as special agents investigating cases a number of men whose duty it is to make investigation into any and every case of extraordinary bravery that reaches the ear of the commission.

Abraham Levy, a Patterson, N. J., newsboy, has left New York on roller skates with San Francisco as his objective point. He is accompanied by Max Brody, another youthful enthusiast, who will follow him on a bicycle, carrying the necessary equipment.

L. D. Rader, formerly prominent in Washington politics, at one time member of the legislature, died after fasting 39 days. Rader had been suffering from stomach trouble and upon advice of a woman physician decided to take the "starvation treatment."

Representative Underwood contends that Canada and other countries have been given large trade advantages by means of the granting of the minimum rate without the United States having received proper concessions in return.

Asserting he can no longer be a member of an organization that believes taking a quiet drink is a crime, T. V. Powderly, former commissioner of immigration, resigned from the Petworth Citizens' Association at Washington.

As the crowd was leaving the arena at Saltair, Utah, after a prize fight, a section of platform gave way and precipitated at least 100 people into the lake, most of them were taken out unhurt, but seven or eight were drowned.

Alma Kellner, of Louisville, who was kidnapped last winter, has been found at Grays, Ky., with a gypsy fortune teller.

Resolutions favoring an amendment to the Constitution, so that United States Senators may be elected by direct vote of the people, were passed by the Massachusetts House by 116 to 110.

Half a dozen drinks of whiskey in a day will produce the same effect of fatigue on brain and body as a day's hard work, according to deductions made by experiments of Dr. William J. Wick, of Chicago.

On a visit to Frederick, Md., Mr. John C. Watkins, a prominent citizen of Anderson, S. C., discovered among the Confederate dead in Mount Olivet Cemetery the grave of his father, Lieutenant-Colonel Watkins, a gallant Confederate soldier, and a member of the Twenty-third South Carolina Infantry.

That the United States will receive 1,000,000 immigrants during the fiscal year, ending June 30, is the prediction of government officials.

One thousand drinking cups for dogs will be placed in different parts of Chicago to lessen the danger of rabies in the hot months.

Hebrew immigrants will be diverted from New York to southern ports if the plan of Stanley Bero, representing the Hebrew emigrants bureau of Galveston, Tex., are carried out. Rochester, N. Y., was selected as the next meeting place of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. There were six invitations extended.

Forty-five men received diplomas Tuesday in the 98th annual commencement of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

The Alabama Episcopal diocesan convention voted not to divide the state in two parts, which would necessitate the creation of another bishop.

Herbert Booth, of London, youngest son of Gen. Booth, founder of the Salvation Army is no longer officially connected with his father's organization.

It is stated in Washington that William Lorimer had decided to give up his seat in the United States Senate and would tender his resignation to Gov. Deneen, of Illinois.

Balloon Tourists Shocking Fall

Center, Ky., Special.—Numbered by a snow storm encountered at an altitude of 20,000 feet and dropped rapidly to earth from a considerable height, because of inability to control the balloon, A. Holland Forbes, of Bridgeport, Conn., vice-president of the Aero Club of America, and J. C. Yates of New York, suffered severe injuries after a flight of 400 miles from Quincy, Ill.

Freedom of City for Roosevelt.

London, By Cable.—It is announced that the entertainment of the municipality of London to Col. Roosevelt on May 31, when he is to receive the freedom of the city in a gold box, will not be postponed.

Roosevelt Represent U. S. at Funeral.

Washington, Special.—Official announcement is made of the appointment of Col. Theodore Roosevelt by President Taft as special ambassador to represent the United States at the funeral of King Edward in London, May 20.

Seven Bishops For Colored Church.

Augusta, Ga., Special.—"He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God," was the text of the ordination sermon preached by Bishop Charles H. Phillips Sunday at the consecration of the newly elected bishops. With the elevation of Bishops M. F. Jamison and C. W. Stewart, the colored Methodist Episcopal Church now has seven bishops on the bench. The conference will adjourn Wednesday or Thursday.

No Rule on Tobacco.

Asheville, Special.—The reports of the committee of the Methodist General Conference on temperance and other social and moral questions, on the subject of the use of tobacco brought about considerable discussion. The minority report, which compels young men entering the ministry to abstain from tobacco, was lost by three votes. The majority report, which recommended that young men entering the ministry be advised not to use tobacco, but which recommended no legislation against it, prevailed by a small majority.

For Old, Worn-Out Preachers.

Chicago, Special.—Officials of the Northern Baptist convention, in session at Bartlett gymnasium University of Chicago, inaugurated a movement to raise \$1,000,000 for the support of aged Baptist ministers and those dependent upon them. It is proposed to incorporate the foundation, which will be one of the largest of the church's enterprises, as soon as the form of administration of the sum can be determined.

Made to Eat His Editorial.

Quiman, Miss., Special.—R. L. Page, Jr., who edits a weekly paper, published several days ago an editorial on a dance of society folks. He called the dancing "public hugging," and intimated that no virtuous woman would indulge in such practices.

After an absence of several days Page returned Thursday. He was met by prominent citizens and forced to eat a clipping of the editorial.

Finally he got away and left town.

I drink up a dollar and there goes a good cotton hat, doesn't it? I drink up 75 cents and there goes my shirt; \$2, and there go my shoes, and I drink up \$3 and away goes my breeches—and I ain't going any further.—Ex-Gov. Glenn of North Carolina. Democratic simplicity, comments the New York World, that wears \$3.00 breeches and a good "cotton hat" costing a dollar is welcome in this town. We need more of it.

Opportunity is a good knocker, admits the Commoner, but there are others.

WORD CONTEST FOR FARM

State of Missouri Inaugurates Popular Advertising Scheme.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.—The State of Missouri, through the Immigration Board, has offered a five-acre farm to any person in the United States who makes the greatest number of words out of the words "Missouri homes." The winner will be announced by Governor Hadley at the Land Congress, at Ironton, Mo., May 25. The farm is situated 60 miles from St. Louis, in the Arcadia Valley.

Heinze's Acquittal Costly.

New York, Special.—Fritz Augustus Heinze was acquitted in New York Friday of charges of misapplying the funds of the Mercantile National bank while he was president of the institution in 1907, and he was cleared of the charge of over-certifying the checks of his brother's firm, Otto Heinze & Co.

Thus failed the federal government's attempt to hold Heinze responsible for financing during the panic of three years ago alleged to be in violation of the national banking laws.

Heinze, jubilant, issued this statement after his acquittal: "I am greatly pleased with the verdict but not at all surprised. The thing I most regret is the long delay in bringing the case to trial. This delay has cost me between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000."

Kill Direct Primary Bill.

Albany, Special.—Gov. Hughes' direct nomination bill, which would abolish the party convention, was killed in the assembly after a nine-hour debate by a vote of, aye, 67, noes, 77. The assembly then passed the Meade-Phillips bill, prepared by the legislative committee appointed last December to investigate the operation of direct primaries in other States.

"False and Nasty Treaties."

New York, Special.—Mayor Gaynor Thursday became a censor of the stage. As a result one of the biggest theatres in Broadway is closed for an indefinite period. "The people of this city have had enough of false and nasty theatres," the mayor wrote to Police Commissioner Baker, who, acting under the mayor's orders, refused to renew the license for the theatre.

Health Sold for \$1,500.

Washington, Special.—In reward for his services in acting as a subject for yellow fever tests, the Senate has passed a bill granting an annuity of \$1,500 to John R. Kissinger, of Indiana. He is one of the soldiers who were used in demonstration of the theory that mosquitoes transmit fever. Senator Shively said that Kissinger has become a hopeless paralytic.

Southern Textile Association's Meet.

Augusta, Special.—Preparations for the next meeting of the Southern Textile association to be held in Augusta on Saturday, July 2, are now well under way, and the prospects seem favorable for making this a most pleasant and profitable occasion for all who can possibly make their arrangements to attend.

Who Wants to be a Miner?

Manchester, Eng., By Cable.—One hundred and thirty-seven miners lost their lives Thursday in an explosion in the Wellington coal mine at Whitehaven. Rescue parties succeeded in saving four men, but fire had broken out in the workings, leaving practically no hope for those still entombed. The workings extends for five miles under ground.

Husband Can Defend Wife.

Atlanta, Special.—That a husband has a right forcibly to defend his wife from insult—or at least that a court has no right to charge otherwise—is the burden of a decision handed down Thursday in the court of appeals in the case of Frank Rossi, of Rome, found guilty there of voluntary manslaughter for the death of Edward Harris.

Eight Young People Drowned.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Special.—Eight high school students, six girls and two boys, lost their lives Friday while boating on what is known as the Old Harper mill dam at Huntington Mills. The boys ran away and left the girls to their fate.

Thirteen Find Watery Grave.

St. Louis, Special.—Thirteen persons, seven of them passengers, lost their lives in the sinking of the steamer City of Saltville in the Mississippi river at Glen Park, Mo., Thursday night. The boat was thrown against a rock by the swift current two hours after her start from the wharf here.

GIFT TO HOME MISSIONS

Farmer Slagle, of Macon County, N. C., Gives 600 Acres of Land.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—The identity of the donor of six hundred acres of valuable farm lands to the Presbyterian home missions board was made known Monday when it was announced that M. Slagle, a farmer of Macon County, N. C., had given half of his life's earnings for the erection of a boys industrial school at Franklin, N. C. The offer was made to the Asheville Presbytery in session at Montreat last month and was accepted.

Progress in Ditch Digging.

Washington, Special.—On May 3, the sixth year of American construction of the Panama canal ended and the canal record has presented an interesting review of what has been accomplished. Altogether 195,888,072 cubic yards of earth and rock have been removed. That leaves to be taken out of the water approaches to the canal 29,232,052 cubic yards of material, while the steam shovels have to dig out 38,827,617 yards of solid earth and rock.

Ex-Governor and Family Arrested.

New York, Special.—Frank W. Rollins, former governor of New Hampshire, and now a banker with Boston offices, his wife Catherine, and his son, Douglas, were charged Saturday in the sworn complaint of a customs inspector "with conspiring to smuggle into the United States wearing apparel and jewelry and souvenirs without paying or accounting for the duties legally due thereon."

Would Suppress Prize Fights.

Washington, Special.—Representative Smith, of Iowa, bulged out in the House Saturday with a bill to suppress prize fighting. It provides that no pictures, nor any description of a prize fight or pugilistic encounter may be sent through the mails or otherwise sent from one State or Territory to another, including the District of Columbia, or imported into the United States.

California Wants Panama Exposition.

New York, Special.—San Francisco will raise \$10,000,000 to secure the Panama Canal Fair. Gov. James N. Gillett of California declared Monday in expiating on the advantage of his State for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915 to celebrate the opening of the great waterway, San Franciscans, he said, already had subscribed \$5,000,000 towards the exposition.

Louisiana Negroes Form Colony.

Poplarville, Miss., Special.—For the purpose of forming a colony of negroes to engage in farming, merchandising and manufacturing, 120,000 acres of land near Poplarville have been bought by members of that race, incorporated under the name of the Colored Realty Company.

Refuse Request of Congress.

Washington, Special.—Because a grand jury already is investigating the alleged plot in cotton, Attorney General Wickersham Saturday refused to furnish the house with the facts in the possession of the department of justice on which the investigation was based.

Comrades to Welcome Rough Rider.

New York, Special.—It will be to the strains of "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," the song that is said to have inspired the American troops in their charge up San Juan hill, that Col. Theodore Roosevelt will be welcomed back to New York on June 18. That welcome will come too, from the men who heard it played with him on the battlefield, the Roosevelt Rough Riders.

Pittsburg Grafters Get Punishment.

Pittsburg, Special.—Sentence was imposed today in criminal court on six of the men who pleaded no defense to charges of graft in connection with pittsburg municipal affairs. One banker and five former councilmen faced four judges and learned their fate. The sentences ranged in length from four to eight months in jail. In addition to the jail sentences fines are also imposed.

Hotel Waiter Kidnapper Free.

Philadelphia, Special.—The last echo of a sensational escapade was heard here Saturday when the grand jury ignored a bill of indictment charging Ferdinand Cohen, the hotel waiter with kidnaping Roberta B. De Janon, the 15-year-old heiress, couple, after being missing a week, were found in Chicago.

Robert Buist, the millionaire grandfather of the girl, engaged private counsel when the runaways were found to press the charge made against Cohen, but it is understood the action of the grand jury is agreeable to counsel for Mr. Buist.