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NOT ALL THE WORLD MOURNS

That the Titanic horror did not freeze all mankind is told in the following from Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Two socialists of the "red" type were today loudly proclaiming on a crowded street car their joy over the death of men of wealth wreck. They especially gloated and distinction in the Titanic over the deaths of Astor, Straus and Major Butt.

B. W. Stone, an investment broker, was one of the car passengers, and the socialists asked him what he thought about it.

"No man with a drop of true American blood in his veins would say what you are saying," he responded.

"You're a liar," shouted one of the socialists, as he sprang at Mr. Stone.

The latter arose and with a stiff battery of blows changed the fellows face into a disfigured mass.

A policeman, noting the hubbub, rushed into the car, but, when told of the cause of the battle, refused to arrest Mr. Stone, but instead shook him warmly by the hand, saying:

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petitions in the courses leading to a university degree, President Harry Pratt Judson of the University of Chicago would shorten the educational system so that young men might be college graduates at 18, university bachelors at 20 and holders of professional degrees at 22 or 23 years of age.

Instead of spending the best years of one's life in college, President Judson would have students ready to enter business and professional life at a reasonable age. He would cut two years from the eight year elementary course, compressing secondary school work to three years, inserting a junior college course of three years, and giving two years to university branches.

According to this schedule a child would be in the elementary school from six years of age until he was 12; 12 to 15, in the secondary school; 15 to 18, the college; the years following in the university. By the time he was 30 he would be well established in business or his profession, instead of just beginning life, as he is according to present arrangement of educational courses.

There would be variations from this schedule, of course, since many students might not be able to progress so rapidly. But the general scheme is practicable.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

April 23.

1564—William Shakespeare born. Died April 23, 1616.

1662—Connecticut's famous charter granted.

1791—James Buchanan, 15th president of the United States, born at Cove Gap, Pa. Died at Wheatland, Pa., June 1, 1868.

1814—British blockade extended to the whole coast of the United States.

1850—William Wordsworth, English poet laureate, died. Born April 7, 1770.

1851—Postage stamps first issued in Canada.

1852—John Young, governor of New York during anti-rent agitation, died in New York City. Born in Vermont in 1802.

1854—Rev. Josue Marie Young consecrated Roman Catholic bishop of Erie, Pa.

1868—Charles Dickens concluded his visit to the United States.

1894—Pennsylvania republicans nominated Gen. Daniel H. Hastings for governor.

1911—Armistice of five days declared in the Mexican revolution.

"THIS IS MY 59TH BIRTHDAY."

Thomas Nelson Page.

Thomas Nelson Page, the famous writer of southern stories, was born in Hanover county, Virginia, April 23, 1853. He attended Washington and Lee university and later graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia. He practiced law in Richmond from 1875 until 1893, when he definitely abandoned the law for literature. Mr. Page has made a marked success in depicting the beauty and chivalry of the south in the days before the war, though he was only a lad when the war ended. His first successful work was "In Ole Virginia," which was published in 1887. Among his other famous stories are "The Old Gentleman of the Black

Stock," "Marse Chan," "Two Prisoners," and "Red Rock."

THERE WAS NO ANSWER.

The Welsh Member's Question Was a Puzzle to Parliament.

Some years ago a question was under discussion in parliament as to the need of having county court judges in Wales who could speak the Welsh language. Some of the English members contended that there was not the slightest necessity for it. An English speaking judge would in all cases do exactly as well as a native, they said. Mr. Abraham, a Welsh member, bearing this, at once sprang to his feet.

"Very well," said he; "let us consider the matter. Here we are in the county courthouse at Ynysmaengwyn. I'm the plaintiff. The attorney general is the county court judge. He, in the course of the case, asks me if I am prepared to swear that the boots delivered to the defendant, for the price of which I sue, were rights and lefts, or both lefts, as the defendant alleges.

"That is a delicate question which I, with my partial knowledge of English, do not trust myself to answer except in my native tongue. Therefore I say: 'Cymmer daubwecch, ar gwastad clawdd lloest twich; pen-dre pistyll bylich dwy hafodral tech wedd Ysptyry?'"

"Now," he thundered, while the house held its breath and a cloud of embarrassment stole over the face of the disturbed but very attentive attorney general, "what does the honorable and learned gentleman say to that?"

The honorable and learned gentleman had no further objection to make.—London Globe.

HARDY SERI INDIANS.

They Can Outrun a Horse and Go For Days Without Food.

From an ethnological standpoint one of the strangest peoples in the western hemisphere is that tribe known as the Seri Indians, living in the western part of the state of Sonora, Mexico, along the shore of the gulf of California and on the island of Tiburon in that gulf.

From time immemorial Seriland has remained practically unexplored, partly because it lies behind a desert barrier and partly on account of the warlike reputation of its fierce and blood-thirsty inhabitants.

These Indians are of superb physique, able to run down feet game and to capture half wild Mexican horses without rope or projectiles; able to run across the desert, waterless and foodless, so rapidly as to escape pursuing horsemen; able to abstain from food and water for days; able habitually to pass barefoot through cactus thickets and over jagged rock slopes without thought of discomfort.

They speak a distinct language and strictly practice monogamous marriage. Their hatred for alien peoples is hereditary. The remains of ancient ruins in Seriland indicate that the inhabitants have always kept their country free from foreign invasion and that for centuries their customs and arts, which are crude and stumpy, have remained unchanged.—Detroit Free Press.

Nothing Wasted in China.

The Chinese never waste anything. A shopman puts up parcels with half the paper and string used by Europeans. Servants collect and sell match boxes and things which seem to us to be useless. In the country you will see a boy in a tree beating down a single leaf with a stick for fuel. Women when too old for any work collect dry grass for the same purpose. A man collects his fowls and then beats old, damp mats or matting. Cockroaches and other vermin jump out, and the fowls have a meal that costs nothing. You give a coolie an old coat that you are ashamed to wear, and he will probably get a tailor to transform it for 30 or 50 cents into two pairs of excellent trousers for himself.—Detroit Free Press.

The Old School at Its Best.

It was in the early days of the rail road, and Aunt Ruth had boarded the train for her first trip. The maid had neatly arranged her carpet bag, hand box and reticule around her, but there was some trouble with the engine, so that the train did not start at once. Aunt Ruth had spread out her ample skirts like an open fan, and her little feet were daintily perched upon a foot stool. Just then the conductor passed through. Touching him lightly upon the arm, she said, "You may tell them I am seated and am ready to go now."—Woman's Home Companion.

Biggest Thing in the World.

"Fighting Bob Evans," said a naval veteran of Washington, "had, like most fighters, a tender heart. "Fighting Bob" had a specially tender heart toward children. I once heard him say as he held his little grandchild's hand: "'A child is the biggest thing in the world. A ragged, emaciated hungry child is to me bigger than a battleship.'"—Exchange.

POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

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name has been mentioned for vice president on the democratic ticket, declares he is not a candidate for any political office.

New Hampshire democrats have decided to hold their state convention in Concord, May 14, for the selection of delegates to the national convention at Baltimore.

Senator Gronna of North Dakota is regarded as the man who will present Senator La Follette's name for the presidential nomination at the Chicago convention.

The Maryland democratic state committee has called the state convention for May 16. Prior to that date the delegates to the state convention will be instructed at primaries for choice of president.

Charles M. Haskell, former governor of Oklahoma, has begun his speech making campaign for the seat in the United States senate now occupied by Senator Robert Owen, whose term will expire next March.

Judge Thomas L. Bond, a resident

of Salina, and a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for United States senator from Kansas.

Congressman Morris Sheppard of Texarkana, who recently announced his withdrawal from the contest for the seat of United States Senator Bailey, has re-considered his decision and has again entered the race.

Two hundred cities of the United States have now adopted the commission form of government. Despite their distribution over 34 of the 48 states, more than a fourth of them are in the two states of Texas and Kansas.

Two veteran republicans of New York who attracted much attention at the recent state convention of their party in Rochester were Chauncey H. Depew and Frank Hiscock. Each of the two has represented the state of New York in the United States senate.

Thomas R. Shipp, formerly general

secretary of the National Conservation association, and well known as the assistant of Gifford Pinchot in his conservation work, is seeking the republican nomination to congress in the Seventh Indiana district.

Newell Sanders is the third republican to represent the state of Tennessee in the United States senate. The first was Joseph S. Tyler, union-republican who was in the senate from 1865 to 1871. The other was William G. Brownlow, who was senator from 1869 to 1875.

Lawrence Y. Sherman, the choice of Illinois republicans to succeed Shelby M. Cullom in the senate, is a native of Ohio but has resided in Illinois since early infancy. He educated himself in the law and within a few years after his admission to the bar was recognized as one of the leading attorneys of Central Illinois. In 1904 he was elected lieutenant governor of his state after having served two terms as the speaker of the Illinois house of representatives.