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WORLD GLIMPSE.

The Hague—The international tribunal that has its headquarters at The Hague will of necessity have to dictate terms for the control of vessels doing international passenger business. It is against the laws of the nations now to shoot negroes, Indians, or other people with dum-dum, or soft nosed bullets; and it surely looks as if it were only right that carriers of human life should be required to provide reasonable conveniences for their safety. Many of us have ridden on vessels and have wondered when, if ever, the life-saving apparatus would be used, and possibly many a boat carries for years the equipment unused; but no one knows, and its best always to be on the safe side of danger.

Newfoundland Banks—These banks are a colossal channel house. For all the years since the fearless Saxon, whether Norseman or Englishman, has been sailing the stormy Atlantic, these regions have lured the mariner to death. They are of peculiar nature, being formed as lateral moraines and terminals of land glaciers. The iceberg is only a glacier at sea. Like its dry land brother it carries rocks, sand and other detritus from the mountains of its birth and drops this material in the ocean as it melts. For untold ages this has been going on until vast plains of under sea country have been made. The ice king of the north moved out bravely to meet the sunning, but the former yielded to the lat-

ter and melting dropped his handfuls of earth.

The Gulf Stream—Clouds of mystery have ever attended the life and the history of the Gulf Stream. That it exists is no dream or phantom. The warm waters of the tropics are carried in a sharply defined road far north and the icebergs often cross its path; where this is done there is a fogging necessarily, and this gives rise to the dangers on the Newfoundland Banks.

True Heroism—Could a martyr walk to the stake with calmer heroism than Mrs. Isador Straus showed when she stepped back from the life-boat after she had discovered her husband could not go, and said: "Husband, we have lived together a long while, and we shall not separate now."

The Coward—If Ismay is not a coward it is up to him to prove to the contrary. Possibly he is the neggardly curmudgeon who is reported to have said: "We will show you rich Yankees you are not running this boat," when the brave Americans were trying to find places for the women and the children irrespective of nationality or race. A millionaire can be brave. A true American is always a gentleman, whether prince or pauper.

Their Death Song—What was ever more solemn than the scene when the marine band on board the Titanic played "Nearer, my God, to Thee," while the great hulk was slowly settling into the waves. It was their own requiem. The chilly waters covered their feet, and crept up, and up, and up, till hungry ocean swallowed them all.

Practical Nobility—Who knows of a deed nobler than this? A perishing man who attempted to grasp a loaded raft was told if he did he would imperil all on board; he pushed himself away, saying, "God bless you, good luck!"

Deeds Rewritten—If all the acts of emprise of the past were forgotten, from King Leonidas of Thermopylae to the sweet story of Damon and Pythias, and all the tragic tales from that of Shamus O'Brien back to the Argonauts be lost, yet in the lives of moderns their equal could be produced. So long as man and woman remain human, so long will there be tales galore of brave doings.

The World's Mail—If up-to-date intelligence of things current is a good policeman, the world surely is improving, for we read an enormous amount. With the Titanic went down, possibly more than a million letters. When the first trains were moved from Omaha after the recent Mississippi floods, 350 tons of mail came westward for San Francisco alone. To be sure much of this was for the Orient. This was carried on a special train made up of 17 cars, carrying 34 clerks, and would take on no more additional stuff enroute.

Mexicans Mutilating Americans—This may be fun for the doers, but some sweet morsels have a bitter taste after they are swallowed. The peon rule down there may plead ignorance, or inability to control its people; all the better reason then why such government be wiped from the face of the earth and a safe one substituted. Our mutual treaties presuppose and include the safe treatment of any and all Americans. Mexico must deliver the goods.

A New Religion—Twelve college youths are said to be formulating a new religion at Cornell, Ithaca, N. Y. Surely they must be sophomores, for one would think only people with very immature judgment would try to get a better system

than the one founded on the Ten Commandments.

American Scholar—Mr. Wellington Koo, a Chinese youth educated in this country, has been appointed private secretary to Hon. Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic. That laud is becoming Americanized.

What Does "T. R." Stand for?—Really in these latter days it begins to look as if T. R. stands for: Taft Relegated, and Teddy Renominated; or, Taft Recalled and Teddy Re-called.

"This Date in History"

1813—Gen. Zebulun M. Pike, American soldier and explorer, killed in battle with the British near Toronto. Born in Lambertton, N. J., Jan. 5, 1779.

1822—Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, born at Point Pleasant, O. Died at Mt. McGregor, N. Y., July 23, 1885.

1863—Ship Anglo-Saxon wrecked off Cape Race, with loss of 237 lives.

1878—William C. Macteady, famous actor, died at Cheltenham, Eng. Born in London, March 3, 1793.

1876—Queen Victoria declared Empress of India.

1892—British house of commons rejected a bill for the extension of the parliamentary suffrage to women.

1911—President Taft in an address at New York urged Canadian reciprocity.

"This is My 44th Birthday."

James K. Flemming, James K. Flemming, premier of New Brunswick, was born in Woodstock, N. B., April 27, 1868. As a young man he taught school for several years, afterwards engaging in mercantile pursuits. For a number of years he has been prominent as a manufacturer and dealer in lumber. His political career dates from 1895, in which year he was an unsuccessful candidate for the legislative assembly. He was elected in 1900 and re-elected in 1903 and 1908. He entered the Hazen administration in 1908 as provincial secretary and receiver general. When Mr. Hazen resigned last fall to enter the Dominion cabinet Mr. Flemming succeeded him as premier of New Brunswick.

Congratulations to: John R. Wilkie, chief of the United States Secret Service, 52 years old today.

William Lorimer, United States senator from Illinois, 51 years old today.

Frank Gotch, world's champion wrestler, 34 years old today.

Philadelphia Nationals have had more men out of the game on account of injuries, so far this season, than any other club in the major leagues.

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NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

Washington, D. C., April 27.—Massachusetts promises to furnish the most interesting political news of the coming week. Presidential preference primaries will be held there to select all delegates to the coming national political conventions. The primaries in the Bay state will offer a test of sentiment different from any that has gone before, inasmuch as they will not be complicated with local fights of any kind. They are called for the sole purpose of electing delegates to the national conventions and they will not affect a single state or county office. They will not be indicative even of sentiment affecting the governorship, or national issues, for that matter, for the state convention is eliminated and the Massachusetts delegates to Chicago and Baltimore will not be governed even by a platform. The names of Taft, Roosevelt and La Follette will appear on the republican ballot in Massachusetts. Both Taft and Roosevelt have visited the state several times during the past two months, and it is generally admitted that the race between them will be close. On the democratic ballot will appear the names of Clark and Wilson, though it is understood that the Massachusetts delegates at Baltimore will vote for Governor Foss on the first ballot. The primary results will determine who is to be second choice of the Massachusetts democrats. Both Taft and Roosevelt are fighting for the New Hampshire delegates, who are to be selected by the republican state convention which will meet on Tuesday in Concord. Pennsylvania republicans are to meet in state convention in Harrisburg Wednesday to nominate candidates for auditor general, state treasurer and four congressmen at large and to select 12 delegates to the national convention. Encouraged by their success in the recent primaries the Roosevelt followers are laying plans so that their control of the convention may be unquestioned, and also with a view of overthrowing Senator Penrose and to completely wreck his political machine. Other events on the republican calendar for the week will include the state convention in Tennessee and the state convention in West Virginia. Tennessee is claimed by the Taft managers, while Roosevelt is believed to have the lead in West Virginia. The democrats will be even busier during the week than the republicans. In addition to the presidential preference primaries in Massachusetts there will be similar primaries for the democrats in Georgia and Florida and the state conventions in Colorado, Connecticut and Delaware. The contest in the Florida primaries will be confined to Woodrow Wilson and Oscar W. Underwood and the same situation is believed to be virtually true in Georgia. Connecticut democrats are expected to instruct for Governor Simeon E. Baldwin, while Harmon, Wilson and Clark will fight it out in Colorado. If Delaware instructs it probably will be for Wilson. Events of the week outside of the field of politics will include President Taft's visit to Georgia, the celebration of the Louisiana centennial at New Orleans, the great parade of woman suffragists in New York, the unveiling of a statue of Archbishop Carroll at the Georgetown university, and the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which is to assemble in Minneapolis on Wednesday.

Astor Heir to Receive Body.

Portland, Me., April 27.—In a locked private car, refusing to see anyone, Vincent Astor, son of Colonel John Jacob Astor, who went down with the Titanic, and heir to the Astor millions, passed through the city today en route to Halifax to take charge of his father's body, when the coffin ship, the Mackay-Bennett, arrives there laden with the bodies recovered from the scene of the disaster. Young Astor will take the body to New York.

Teple Pillage Ends.

Mexico City, April 27.—After gaining a partial control of Teple, the capital of the territory of that name on the west coast of Mexico, and robbing and burning several sections of the town, 2,000 Zapatistas were defeated today by a force of 4,000 fed- erals and today driventoashrdruetoc ernals and driven from the city. In a fight which raged all morning it is reported that 200 rebels were killed.

Ladd Canyon News.

Ladd Canyon, April 27.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Braden, who are now making their home in La Grande spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braden. Mr. and Mrs. Harley McClure are here from Pendleton visiting Mr. McClure's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McClure. Master Lester Huntley of La Grande visited a few days here last week with his grandmother, Mrs. Marie Larm. Frank Counsell, who has been in very poor health for over a year left Monday morning for a visit at Freshwater and Milton with relatives. He contemplates remaining there for some time, hoping that the warm climate may prove beneficial to him.

BIDS WANTED.

Notice is hereby given that the district school board of school district No. One of Union county, Oregon, will receive up to 7:30 o'clock p. m. of May 3, 1912, sealed bids for weather-stripping the windows (except in basements and commercial room) of the High, Central and Fourth Ward school buildings. Bidders to furnish all material and perform all labor. Specifications for same to be furnished with bid. All work to be done during summer vacation and completed by August 20, 1912. Bids to be left with school clerk. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS, School Clerk.

Prohibitionists Get Gift.

Chicago, April 27.—The largest gift ever received by the National Prohibition committee has been announced. It is \$10,000 given by Rev. W. M. Nicholson Taft, of San Diego, Cal., a relative of the president.

SEEDS IN BULK GARDEN and FIELD ALFALFA SEED 16c GOOD QUALITY. Waters-Stanchfield Produce Co. Main 706 Hay, Feed, Flour, Poultry Supplies, Wood, 1527 Jefferson Avenue.